

HE WON OFFICE, DIDN'T QUALIFY

Thurston County Man Cannot Now Take Place As Commissioner

Walthill, Neb., Feb. 1.—Walter K. Mitchell, who has been one of the three Thurston county commissioners for the last eight years, and who won his election by nine votes last fall, now finds his office declared vacant because he failed to file the required bond during January.

DIVORCE COSTS BEING BOOSTED

Two Wealthy and Aged Nebraskans Made to Pay Heavy Alimony

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 1. (Special).—The high cost of divorce is being boosted by the supreme court. It has just handed down decisions that cost Christopher Tiernan \$40,000 alimony and Samuel White \$17,000.

White is a wealthy Seward county farmer. He admitted having \$200,000 worth of property. He was a widower and married a York school teacher who was under 40 years old.

NORTHWESTERN WARNED ABOUT OVER-CHARGES

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 1. (Special).—Railway Commissioner Randall has written a letter to D. M. Davis, head of the freight department of the Northwestern railroad, notifying him that steps must be taken to insure the issuance of correct freight bills in the future.

Mr. Randall charges that these errors, as represented in complaints to the commission, have been so numerous, as compared with the errors of the other railroads, as to suggest that the men who make out and collect the freight bills have received their instructions from men higher up.

Mr. Davis insists that the officials have given no instructions of the character Mr. Randall intimates, and that no greater number of errors are committed by its agents than by agents of other roads.

NEBRASKA ROAD TAX PLANS BADLY JUMBLED

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 1. (Special).—The good roads association representatives at the legislature have abandoned their plan for a state highway commission to have charge of all the road construction in the state and to map out a six or eight year program.

There will be a two cent gasoline tax. The road committee will be against any exemptions, but the farm bloc is insisting that tractors and cleaning establishments be exempted.

The old question of whether to continue accepting federal aid or not is also to be fought out. The federal government having changed its policy and having decided to deal only with state instead of county units, it is necessary to change the statutes.

EMERSON PIONEER BUSINESS MAN DEAD

Emerson, Neb., Feb. 1.—Word of the death of John L. Davis, pioneer business man here, has been received by Mrs. Rose Waggoner, daughter of the dead man. His death occurred in San Jose, Cal.

IS DEMANDING HIS OLD FARM

Nebraska Man Who Traded For Colorado Soil Brings Suit

Falls City, Neb., Feb. 1.—Roland M. Hill, living near Humboldt, has filed suit to recover 160 acres of improved Richardson county land which he traded for a tract of Colorado land he did not properly examine.

WOMAN HOMESTEADER DEAD; 92 YEARS OLD

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 1.—Nancy Chapman Shaddock, said to be the first woman homesteader in Thayer county, near Davenport, Neb., died here at the home of her nephew, at the age of 92 years.

EXPECT FIGHT FOR THE CHILD

Fremont Authorities Slow To Act on Demand of Her Mother

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 1. (Special).—City officials refused to consent to the removal of Emma Jessup, 12 years old to a home for children at Omaha, pending word from the girl's father, Reuben Jessup, at Carthage, S. D., but the mother of the girl who is separated from Jessup, signed the necessary papers demanded by the home representative.

The child was removed from Ingleswood to a hospital last week at the suggestion of her teacher, Letha Martin, and it was found that she was suffering from frozen feet. Emma told her teacher and the city physician that her feet were frost-bitten when she went to Carthage, S. D., to testify at the trial of men who shot her grandfather and her father on their farm near Carthage.

IT WAS A MAGGIE

Newcastle, Neb., Feb. 1. (Special).—The Ladies' Aid of the Communist Congregational church here added some extra spice to a dinner held in the I. O. O. F. hall by staging a "Maggie and Jiggs" program. The hall was decorated in colors and hearts appropriate for the season and Maggie and Jiggs were so well made up and acted their parts so well, performing with rolling pin, silk hat, cane and cigar, that those who partook of the corn beef and cabbage said it seemed that Maggie and Jiggs were real.

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE DATES ARE FIXED

Madison, S. D., Feb. 1.—The third annual Eastern Educational conference between county and city superintendents of schools, the state superintendent of public instruction, and the Eastern State Teachers college staff will be held at Madison on April 16, 17 and 18, it has been announced here by the committee in charge of arrangements.

OMAHA LEGGERS REMEMBER FEDERAL JUDGE M'GEE

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 1.—Federal Judge John F. McGee, who ended his own life Sunday in Minneapolis, was in Omaha but a few weeks during last June and July, but in that time established a record on the bench which won the acclamation of the church element, spread dismay in the ranks of the bootlegging fraternity, and made his name familiar in every household.

He was called to Omaha to clear an overcrowded docket, and in record time had sentenced nearly 100 persons, in each case dealing punishment which in other cities had won him the name, "Ten-year McGee."

REVEALS REAL NAME

Waterloo, Ia., Feb. 1. (I. N. S.)—Police knew a prisoner's real name today through his attempt at self-destruction. Following an unsuccessful attempt to dig out of jail here yesterday, a man who was "registered" as William Baxter of Chicago, sought to hang himself in his cell.

CONDEMN BANK METHODS USED

Nebraska Supreme Court Gives Stinging Rebuke to Management

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 1. (Special).—Stinging condemnation of the methods of officials of the Gross State bank and of a national bank at Spencer, particularly that of F. W. Woods, head of both institutions, now defunct, is contained in a decision of the supreme court denying the claim of E. A. Oehlerking for reimbursement from the deposit guaranty fund on \$5,000 worth of certificates of deposit he held against the Gross bank, when it failed.

The court says that these certificates were unlawful in their inception and part of an unlawful design to spalliate the deposit fund. The court finds they were issued on the basis of credits that consisted of worthless notes sent by the Spencer bank to the one at Gross, that Woods ordered unloaded at a time when both banks were about to break because of "culpable mismanagement."

Oehlerking bought the certificates from a Lincoln firm that was selling them for the bank. The court says that the law will look through all semblances and forms to ascertain the actual facts and that no liability will attach to the guaranty fund where no bonafide deposit has been made.

INSURANCE COMPANY SAYS IT WAS SUICIDE

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 1. (Special).—It is up to the supreme court to say whether Eugene H. Smith, Page banker, died of self-inflicted heart disease or from self-inflicted injuries. He was found on the morning of July 6, 1920, with his head in a half barrel used as a watering place for milk cows in a pasture. He was dead. His bank never opened afterward, and it was found to be in bad condition.

He carried a \$5,000 policy of insurance in the National Accident of Lincoln, which says that either he died because he could not face the disgrace of a failed bank and so killed himself by sticking his head in the barrel, or else the mental distress accentuated a heart trouble from which he suffered. His widow says that the marks in the mud and the bruises on his face showed he had slipped and fallen against and into the barrel. She said he had been jovial and undisturbed the night before and that the condition of the bank had not lately changed.

BIG LAND DEAL IS RECORDED AT HARTINGTON

Hartington, Neb., Feb. 1.—According to information given by the county clerk of Cedar county, H. A. Schager, a deed was recorded in the office here which required internal revenue stamps amounting to \$528.50, showing that the transaction in real estate involved the sum of \$528,500.

This is believed to be the biggest transaction in real estate which has taken place in northeastern Nebraska in several years. The deed is for a tract of land formerly known as the Gilman land, containing 2,560 acres and leased to W. S. Gilman.

The land belonged to the old Goddard estate and the deed was given by Mrs. Hope Goddard Iselin and her husband, of Glen Head, L. I., to the Hopelands company, of Providence, R. I.

BIG BOND ISSUE IS HELD INVALID

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 1. (Special).—The supreme court has held invalid the issue of \$408,000 worth of bonds that the Gothenburg South Side Irrigation district has issued. Part of the proceeds of the bonds were to be used to buy water rights of an old irrigation company, but the court says that the evidence shows this company has not made use of the water appropriated for its use for more than 20 years and that as it made no objections meanwhile to persons and companies that have since tapped the river there is not enough water left to make the new project feasible, and that if the bonds are issued the money will be wasted and lost.

THEY WERE WEDDED FIFTY YEARS AGO

Coleridge, Neb., Feb. 1. (Special).—Mr. and Mrs. H. S. DeBow celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home here by holding "open house" in the form of a reception for a large number of relatives and friends. A unique feature of the reception was the exhibition of the bride's wedding gown of half a century ago, a dove colored silk dress, with basque and train.

WHITE RIVER BRIDGE REPORTED WASHED AWAY

Vivian, S. D., Feb. 1.—It is reported that the bridge under construction across White river south of this place, near the Anderson ranch, was washed away when a gorge of ice struck it.

The estimate of the loss is placed at about \$500 and it is further stated that the work has been discontinued until spring. The crossing was being put in by Lyman and Mellette counties.

SAY THIS HUSBAND WAS COLD BLOODED

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 1. (Special).—In five years Harold B. Graham of Omaha made \$115,000 out of a \$3,900 investment in the business of manufacturing ice cream, said Mrs. Graham's attorneys in supreme court and in order to deceive his wife and prevent her from securing adequate support made her believe he was in difficult circumstances, carried the stock and credited the dividends in and to the name of a friend.

The Factor of Rents.

From the Christian Science Monitor. The highly important task undertaken by the United States Chamber of Commerce, with the co-operation of Secretary Hoover, to conduct a systematic nation-wide investigation of the reasons for the excessively high cost of distributing commodities, will accomplish little more than all its predecessors in the investigation field unless it goes into the fundamentals of the problem. That there are too many persons in the line between the farmer or manufacturer and the ultimate consumer, each of whom takes some toll for his more or less valuable services, has long been well recognized.

In the course of the forthcoming inquiry, it should be possible fearlessly to examine into all the various items that add to distribution costs, and to recommend the adoption of such changes as would seem equitable and desirable. One of the factors entering into distribution costs is that of the rents of warehouses, storage buildings and retail shops. Whether what is termed "economic rent" enters into the price of goods is an academic question that is not of much importance in this connection. What is important is the question of how far the charges of the various "middlemen" are affected by the rents they must pay for the buildings in which they transact business, and whether it is possible by the wiser direction of taxation to decrease the burden of rent that now is carried.

Visitors to New York City at any time during the past 40 years have seen in the heart of the city's business district two blocks, bounded by Thirty-eighth and Fortieth streets and Seventh avenue and Broadway, vacant except for some old two-story "taxpayers." These valuable lots have been held out of use awaiting the coming of some owner of capital who would pay the high rental demanded for this fortunately located property. Quite recently the southwest corner of the Thirty-eighth street block was leased for an aggregate rental of \$12,000,000 for a term of 63 years.

Helping Trial Marriages.

From the Chicago Journal of Commerce. Not long ago the health commissioner of Omaha announced himself in favor of a law annulling every marriage from which no children had been born within a limited period—two years, as we recall. Now a bill of that sort, but providing for a three-year trial period, has been introduced in the Nebraska legislature by Representative Robert E. Hines—who, incidentally, is the youngest member of the house; and who, incidentally again, is a bachelor. The Omaha health commissioner, when he made his announcement, declared that a law of the kind he described would help end childless marriages. Perhaps they would help end marriages of that kind; but would they help start any other kind? Any no-children-no-marriage law would merely give legal sanction to trial marriage. A three-year trial marriage, or a three-year period of abstinent adventure would marry with the full intention of parting at the end of three years, when the law would annul their trial marriage.

Thrifty Danes.

From the Los Angeles Times. An American has recently made an interesting survey of farm conditions in Denmark. He writes that, though many conditions are unfavorable to successful farming, the Danes have solved a system under which they live happily and realize a satisfactory return for their labor. They occupy the best of houses themselves and treat their stock equally well. They use every kind of modern labor-saving device operated by electricity, have specialized in certain lines and stick close to the text. "They sell practically nothing," says the writer, "except milk, live pigs and eggs, and waste none of their time going to market." Through their co-operative system the milk is taken to the creameries by persons assigned to that duty, and the milk is returned to them to be fed to the pigs. The pigs are by the same system taken to the bacon factories, the hen's eggs to the packers, and all disposed of through the central agencies. Their exports of the three commodities—butter, eggs and bacon—amount to over \$200,000,000 annually. The only other product, it is stated, is sugar beets, a considerable quantity of which crop is grown on contract with the sugar factories.

Explained.

From Life. "Have you noticed how thin Smithers has grown?" "Yes. His wife is dieting."

The bell of the Episcopal church at Williamsburg, Va., has a legend to account for its system.

The bell was being made in 1763 was situated outside of London. Queen Anne visited there with the Duchess Marlborough. As the composition was being heated the queen asked if it was possible to add to the tone of the bell. Her majesty was informed that silver in the metal in the rim of the bell would mellow the tone. She immediately gave the workmen a silver spoon and commanded her attendants to do the same.

HOW LITTLE WE KNOW

From The Engineer. In one of his splendid talks, Henry Emerson Ford tells us that Jesus, by an instinctive sympathy, never went into any neighborhood without finding at once the sick, the poor, the bedeviled. We live in our secluded social circles; we do not know even the maids in our kitchens, the workmen in our factories, the boot-blacks, and the newsboys, who serve us. We deal with our fellows on a cash basis, not on a basis of human interest. And as for the conditions of life in the slums of our own communities, in the jails, the asylums, among the sick, the vicious, the homeless, the unemployed, the mentally defective, how little do many of us know—or care!

Pungent Paragraphs

A skirt is a garment which always seems to be too long, too short, too tight, or too something.—Kalamazoo Gazette.

"There are germs that live on other germs." People are like that, too.—Newark Star Eagle.

Probably sausage was chosen at the White House breakfast representing all elements.—New York World.

The golden wedding is the reward two people get for sticking together from dimples to wrinkles.—Illinois State Journal.

A Carnegie girl is to marry a Rockefeller boy. Those landlords having inexpensive apartments to rent to struggling young couples will please take notice.—Lansing State Journal.

There are still those old-fashioned people who think it is too bad when half a dozen or more lives are lost in an avoidable road crossing accident.—Springfield Union.

We are getting so that we cannot see the word liberty without unconsciously looking for the word personal before it.—Worcester Gazette.

When the modern girl kisses, she has to make up again.—Asheville Times.

There are only a few Americans who have the grand manner, and they use it as a substitute for brains.—Memphis News Scimitar.

But there isn't as much enjoyment in being naughty as there is in feeling superior to naughty people.—Santa Barbara Daily News.

Help Meudon Smell Sweet. From the New York World.

The voters of Meudon, France, 8,899 in number, went on strike as a protest against the French government's decision to locate in their town an incinerating plant for the disposal of the rubbish of Paris. The town council had previously signified its displeasure by resigning, so the refusal of the voters to vote leaves the place without a local government.

Dear, dear, these childish, impractical French! How simple their problem seems to us. Obviously, the first thing they should do is to hire a lobbyist and a campaign manager. Next they should set aside a week, called No-Incinerator Week, to be inaugurated by prayers in all the churches of France. Then during No-Incinerator Week they should hold a campaign. This should enlist the united support of the Meudon Chamber of Commerce, the Meudon Y. M. C. A., the Meudon Retail Merchants' Association, the Meudon Real Estate Board and the Meudon Better Homes Association; and the Meudon Silver Cornet Band should give its services free of charge. As a climax to the campaign there should be a parade, with floats, decorated automobiles, the Meudon Fire Department and school-children in line, and the school children should carry banners: "Give Us Air," "Burn Your Rubbish Somewhere Else," "Why Pick on Us?" etc. Then a monster petition to be carried through the streets of Paris on a decorated truck and presented to the Chamber of Deputies by the winner of last year's All-Meudon Beauty Contest. Finally, taxpayers should apply to the courts for an injunction on the ground that location of the incinerator in Meudon would reduce property values at least 25 per cent.

This plan would surely achieve results, and we estimate the total cost, including buttons, flags, hire of hall, traveling expenses, secretarial, expert attorneys' fees and honorarium for the lobbyist, at \$9,702. As it happens, this is exactly \$1 for every man, woman and child in Meudon (census of 1901). Isn't this most remarkable? As it is, the voters have put the town to the expense of holding another election, and they will probably be licked in the end. Well, some nations are just naturally backward, and that is all there is to it.

EARLY DAYS

There comes a day between the snow and flowers, When the frank earth, returning, Lies drenched with dream through mystical white hours, Before the tiniest leaf or spear is there; It were as though the listening land had heard Incredible tales the roving wind would tell Of skies that opened for a singing bird, And fields that were a flowery miracle. These early days, when changing light and gloom Are on her virgin musings, I have found The earth more lovely than her opulent bloom; And this hushed, eager waiting for the sound Of far-off bugles and the hidden drum, More beautiful than flowers when they come. —David Morton, in Scribner's Magazine.

A Specialist in Economy.

From the Washington Star. "Are you economizing?" "All I know how," answered Senator Sorghum. "I wouldn't dare ask for an increase of compensation. It is the recognized duty of the true statesman to make business as good as possible for everybody except himself."

Marking the beginning of a concerted effort by many of the Nation's prominent university music departments and conservatories to raise and stabilize standards of musical education, the commission on curricula of the National Association of Schools of Music and Allied Arts will meet on Feb. 22 at the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, it is announced.

Advertisement for Bromo Quinine tablets. Text includes: 'For Colds, Grip, Influenza and as a Preventive', 'The First and Original Cold and Grip Tablet', 'Proven Safe for more than a Quarter of a Century', 'The box bears this signature E. W. Grove Price 30c.'

Advertisement for Joint-Ease. Text includes: 'IT BEATS ALL How Those Old, Creaky, Stiff Joints Limber Right Up With Joint-Ease', 'Just rub on the new application called Joint-Ease if you want to know what real joint comfort is', 'It's for stiff, swollen, or pain-tortured joints whether caused by rheumatism or not', 'A few seconds' rubbing and it soaks right in through skin and flesh right down to ligament and bone', 'It oils up and limbers up the joints, subdues the inflammation and reduces the swelling. Joint-Ease is the one great remedy for all joint troubles and live druggists have it or can get it for you—a tube for 60 cents', 'Always remember, when Joint-Ease gets in joint agony gets out—quick', 'Made Autos Register Disgust with routine work is a fertile mother of inventions. A part of the job of C. B. McFarland, forest ranger in the Cascade National forest, in Oregon, was to keep track of the number of automobiles that traversed the government roads. It was tiresome work, and mechanical. So Mr. McFarland invented a machine to do it. The traffic counter, as he calls his device, is a small platform resting upon springs, buried flush with the track in a narrow place in the road. It is connected by levers to a counting machine on a post. Each car depresses the platform about one-half inch, enough to work the counting machine but not enough to jolt the car', 'A new stone-cutting machine is said to do all the work that is done in lumber with a circular saw.'

Advertisement for Bell's S.S.S. for indigestion and rheumatism. Text includes: 'Sure Relief FOR INDIGESTION', '6 BELL'S Hot water Sure Relief BELL'S 25¢ AND 75¢ PACKAGES EVERYWHERE', 'S.S.S. stops Rheumatism', 'MY Rheumatism is all gone. I feel a wonderful glory again in the free motion I used to have when my days were younger. I can thank S. S. S. for it all! Do not close your eyes and think that health, free motion and strength are gone from you forever! It is not so. S. S. S. is waiting to help you. When you increase the number of your red-blood-cells, the entire system undergoes a tremendous change. Everything depends on blood-strength. Blood which is minus sufficient red-cells leads to a long list of troubles. Rheumatism is one of them.' S. S. S. is the great blood-cleanser, blood-builder, system strengthener, and nerve invigorator. Free Booklet Send name and address to S. S. S. Co., 111 S. S. S. Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., for special booklet on Rheumatism & Blood. S. S. S. is sold at all good drug stores in two sizes. The larger size is more economical.