PUTWAREHOUSE LAW IN ACTION

Kearney Grain Man Named to Supervise Operation of Nebraska Measure

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-H, A. Nelson, of Kearney, grain elevator man of more than 25 years experience, has been named by Secretary of Agriculture McLaughlin to supervise operation of the new grain warehouse law, it is announced.

Nelson, for 15 years prior to 1920 was with the Gould Grain company of Kearney. Since 1920 he has been in business for himself. He has been in Lincoln two days conferring with McLaughlin on details of the new law, passed by the special session of the legislature.

Before the week is over, Secretary McLaughlin expects to announce the rules and regulations under which grain elevators will operate, details of the law having been left

to the department. While elevators at present contain large amounts of grain on which farmers have borrowed monev, they will be able to obtain loans under the new law as soon as the rules are completed and new licenses have been issued to ware-

Charges which elevators will be allowed to make for storing and handling grain are yet to be worked out. The department is allowed to set the maximum which any elevator may make, McLaughlin

WAHOO BANKER **FACES CHARGES**

Gives Bond in Federal Court-Accused of Misapplication of Funds

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—F. J. Kirchman, Sr., 64 years old, who rose from the menial status of cleaner of cuspidors to become the biggest banker in Saunders county only to see his entire fortune topple in a few months, gave a \$5,000 bond when arraigned before United States Commissioner Mary Mullen here Wednesday evening and returned to his home in Wahoo.

Kirchman is accused in 15 counts by the government of misapplication of funds and making false entries in the bank's books.

"Everything I did was to help keep the banks going," Kirchman declared. "I did not profit a single penny by the transactions." Telling how he had started with

the Saunders County National 43 years ago as a cleaner of cuspidors. the aged bank president almost wep: as he recounted various vicissitudes of the banking business.

"We weathered the panics of 1893 and 1907," he said. "But the stock market crash in 1929 hit us too hard. We did everything we could to keep Saunders county banks solvent but money was too scarce and we lost

Kirchman, local bankers say, has a reputation for conservatism. He never has played the stock market and never speculated in anything, his friends say. The misapplication charges against him in the complaint total \$48,800.

In addition to the Saunders County National Kirchman owned half a dozen other banks, five of them in Saunders county and one at Winner, S. D. All of these failed because of the crash of the parent bank.

Kirchman drove here with his son, F. J. Kirchman, Jr., and Clate Cook, Wahoo stock man, upon hearing that the complaint had been issued against him. Cook signed his

"I would sign it if it were for a million and I had that much money," Cook said. "Kirchman is absolutely honest. He is a victim of circumstances."

MORE LAND NOW IN NEBRASKA PARK SYSTEM

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP) -Forty three acres were added to the game, forestration and parks commission's holdings Wednesday with the purchase of two more tracts as public recreation grounds.

The purchase includes a plot of 13 acres bordering the West Blue river, four miles north of Dorchester, and 30 acres lying next to a lake, four miles north of Oxford. The West Blue tract cost the commission \$2,025. It is next to the D-L-D highway at a point four miles north of Dorchester and about eight miles south and west of Milford.

Thirty acres are contained in the tract near Oxford for which the commission paid Mrs. Anna Askey

CORN STALK ROOT 46 YEARS OLD UNDER CHURCH

Wayne, Neb .- (Special) -A corn stalk root planted 42 years ago by A. H. Hyatt was found in a state of perfect preservation when the Grace Methodist church, six miles southwest of here, was torn down.

FINE OLD HOME TO

BE LEGION QUARTERS

Hastings, Neb .- (UP)-The purchase of the J. P. A. Black home to be used as a club house for the American Legion and the Legion guxiliary was announced here Wednesday

The home occupies a quarter o a block on West Third street an was by t 40 years ago. It is con sidered one of the finest houses i the cand the grounds are bear tifully adscaped.

G. A. R. MEMBERS GIVE UP PUBLIC ACTIVITY

Norfolk, Neb.—(Special)—For the first time since Memorial days have been celebrated officially by the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Norfolk post will take no active part. L. B. Musselman, adjutant of the post announces there are only five members left in the Norfolk post and all of them except one, are sick and cannot attend any more celebrations. The only healthy member of the post is Herman Gerecke, Norfolk's first mayor, who works his full time each day as a carpenter. He is 85 years old and makes it a practice to walk a mile or two every day. Musselman, the adjutant is 83 years old. The oldest member of the post is C. P. Byerely who is 88 years old and the youngest is James Rouse, who is 81 years old.

The local post of the American Legion announce that it will take charge of the annual Memorial day program in case the Civil war veterans are unable to do so.

CENSUS TAKERS MEET REBUFFS

Farmers in Vicinity of Madison, Neb., Refuse to Answer Questions

Norfolk, Neb. - (Special) - An apparently concerted effort on the part of farmers in the vicinity of Madison to refuse to answer the questions specified by the government is causing some delay in completing the census enumeration, Mrs. Marie Weekes, district super-

The enumerators frequently walk long distances through plowed fields only to meet with more or less curt rebuffs, it has been re-

The information must be given, Mrs. Weekes says, and will be obtained if necessary through resort to the penalties provided by law for failure to answer the questions. It is believed that practically

every Norfolk resident has been counted and the figures are now being checked to learn the result. Unofficial estimates give Norfolk's population around 11,500.

TO LET CONTRACTS FOR 300 MILES OF GRAVELING Lincoln, Neb .- (UP) - Contracts for the graveling of between 200 and 300 miles of state highways will be awarded at a letting scheduled for June 13, State Engineer Roy Cochran announces. The list of projects has not been completed, he said, because the approval of federal officials on some of them is yet to be received.

THIRTY FOUR SCHOOLS IN AGRICULTURAL CONTESTS vocational agriculture departments of as many high schools entered 128 teams of boys Thursday in the agricultural contests at the college of agriculture, C. C. Minteer, who has general charge of the events, stated. Thirty two of the schools are from eastern and central Nebraska.

The dairy cattle judging contest with 33 teams drew the largest group of boys. Woodwork was second with 28 schools. Poultry judging attracted 22 teams, dairy products judging 17 teams and grain grading and identification 16 teams.

Among the schools entered in the contest were: Albion, Falls City, Filley, Hastings, Hebron, Kearney, Minden, Newman Grove, Barneston, Randolph, Red Cloud, York and Imperial.

ARMY AIR SERVICES TO AID IN RUST FIGHT

Omaha, Neb .- (UP) - The army air service will continue to co-operate with department of agriculture in battling wheat stem rust and other ailments of growing crops, headquarters of the seventh corps area, has announced here.

Upon request of the secretary of agriculture commanding officers at Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Kelly Field, San Antonio; Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., and Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, were ordered to continue to permit accredited representatives of the department of agriculture to make such flights in the conduct of their experiments as may be possible without serious interference with military activities at those stations.

THEY DRAW LOTS FOR

DIVISION OF ESTATE Omaha, Neb .- (UP)-The million dollar estate of the late E. M. J LeFlang, former western Nebraska capitalist, was closed in county court here Thursday with a drawing participated in by the two heirs. Arthur LeFlang, son and his stepmother drew lots for the property which had been divided into two lots of equal value. Most of the property consisted of Omaha hotels, business buildings and grain elevators located in outstate towns. Other smaller bequests had been taken care of before the drawing took place, as had attorneys' fees and other expenses.

Total value of the estate was said to be about \$997,000.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN AT HASTINGS Hastings, Neb. -(UP)- Business and professional women of the state are assembling here for the opening sessions Friday night if the annual state convention of the Business and Professional Women's

MAN 91 SAID TO BE

OLDEST WIFE DESERTER Omaha, Neb. - (UP) - Deputy Sheriff Joan Dunn is enroute to Tulsa, Okla., to return here Lawrence Michaelis, 91 years old, who authorities claim is the "world"

oldest wife deserter." He left here last fall after Mrs Martha Michaelis, 76, had begun suit for separate maintenance. The aged man is a Civil war veteran and draws a pension of \$90 per month. The couple had been married for eight years. He is expected to fight extradition

Claims Share of Lottery Prize



DIVERSIFIED PHILOSOPHY. blame those politicians who Fix fences when they may; For that's the place they ever sit And while our time away.

Consistency a jewel is, Is proverb in my file; And yet I note opinions held Too long go out of style.

Al Smith was sure a lucky guy
That voters should reject him:
In Hoover's shoes today, not e'en An army could protect him.

The U.S. makes the most false teeth, And that I think's because, Besides our people wearing them, They're worn by all our laws.

'Now Borah is himself again,"
But that, I sadly fear,
Just muddles up opinion more,
Instead of makes it clear.

The rising rocket soon falls down With just a quiet thud; Some candidates I voted for, Proved just that sort of dud. -Sam Page.

Grundy Democrats.

From New York World. Senator Watson has done a good day's work in publishing the record of the democratic senators in voting for increases and against decreases in the tariff duties under the new This work should be carried further, so that it will show the votes of senators of both parties not only for increases and against decreases but also against increases and for decreases. That would give the whole picture, whereas Senator Watson's compilation, though useful, merely records the lapses of some of the democrats from their professed principles. It shows that the senators who stood firmest for the welfare of the American consumer were those from Virginia and the Carolinas. This is worthy of special note, because it is these very states in which southern industrialization has made the most progress.

The two senators from Louisiana have the worst tariff record of any of the democrats. But from time immemorial Louisiana senators have gone republican on the tariff question. They have an exotic and sickly cane-sugar industry to safeguard from the competition of the West Indies, and their defection whenever tariff revision is before congress is taken for granted. Yet they are not the only democrats to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Grundy. Senator Kendrick of Wyoming has a tariff record almost as consistently republican as theirs. This is understandable, even if it cannot be condoned: he is interested in the duty on wool, which is one of the

chief products of his state. Next in line among the backsliders is Senator Copeland of New York. Unlike the other Grundy democrats, he does not even have the defense of voting for the local interests of his state. He has proved himself a more zealous protection-ist than many of the republican senators have been. His votes for trade restrictions and embargoes are directly opposed to the financial and commercial interests of his home city and to the welfare of consumers throughout his state. He was one of the seven democrats voting for the Smoot bill on final passage. The others seem to have had strong reasons of a sort for so doing. They put sectional interests above party, and Senator Copeland has disregarded both.

Women in Russia. From "Soviet Russia."

An enormous amount of ignorant and malicious nonesense has been written on the subject of the Soviet marriage laws and regulations. The principle of sex equality holds good in Soviet matrimonial legislation. An unemployed husband or wife is entitled to support by his or her spouse on the same basis over a limited period of time. Alimony in Russia may be claimed only for the support of the children. The provision that a man be called on to pay up to one-third of his income for the support of his children, acts as something of a deterrent on reckless remarriage, or at

least on reckless procreation.

Divorce is probably more prevalent in Russia than in any other King Keeps Pet Lions.

From the Pathfinder. According to reports from Abyssinia, Ras Taffari, the regent who made himself emperor, lives somewhat after the fashion of the feudal lo:ds of the Middle Ages in Europe. Ras likes all kinds of wild animals and he has quite a menageric on the grounds around the royal palace at Addas Ababa, the capital of the kingdom of Ethiopia, as it is officially called. The monarch is especially fond of lions and has several fine specimens. He makes pets of the cubs. They can often be seen sleeping or romping

Mrs. Margaret Brady, New York young widow, shown with

dren, claims a third of the \$12,000 won by wo waitresses on the Grand National Steeplechase lottery ticket. She declared that the two girls were induced by her to purchase the icket, and that she had a fifty-cent

share in it. The ticket cost \$1.50.

country, yet in view of the extreme laxity of the law it is perhaps surprising that the proportion of separation to marriages is not even higher. According to the figures of the commissariat for the interior there were 526,692 marriages and 126,280 divorces in European Russia during the first half of 1927. This was a ratio of a little less than one divorce to every four marriages, whereas in America, despite the strict laws of individual states, the relation of divorces to marriages in comparatively recent years has been

estimated at about one to six.

One of the most visibly beneficial social reforms which Russia has experienced under the Soviet regime is the large scale provision of free nurseries for the children of working women and the enactment of a number of laws for the benefit of the working woman who be-comes a mother. Every large factory where women are employed in any considerable number now has its clean, well kept nursery, where the mothers may leave their children during working hours, instead of being obliged, as in former times, to tie the children to a table leg or leave them to the doubtful care of some neighbor's child. Several thousand summer nurseries have been established also in the country districts, so that peasant women will not be compelled to take their ba-bies to the fields with them in the heat of harvest work. These nurserlike most forms of social work. as yet cover the needs of the peas-

ants very inadequately. Wibur Backs Down. From St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Secretary Wilbur, in the face of opposition by the Senate and the press, has revised his plan for disposal of power to be granted by he government at Boulder dam. His original plan was sharply criticized by Senator Norris as a nullification of "the provision of the Boulder Dam act giving cities and states and other political entities preference rights as to the leasing of power and he charged Wilbur with preparing to turn the power over to the Water Power Trust.

Senator Johnson, who collaborated with Representative Swing in the authorship of the act agreed in effect with Senator Norris. They and many others felt that Secretary Wilbur proposed to allocate too much power to private interests at the expense of the public. Under the new plan just announced by Secretary Wilbur, the power will be distributed as follows: Nevada and Arizona, 18 per cent each, or any desired fraction thereof; to the Metropolitan Water Dis-trict of southern California, 36 per cent; to the city of Los Angeles, 13 per cent; to 11 other California

cities and towns, a total of 6 per cent; to the Southern California Edison company and affiliated private interests, 9 per cent. If Nevada and Arizona fail to accept their share, or any part of it, the power thus available will be divided between Least Argeles and the South tween Los Angeles and the Southern California Edison company Moreover, under the new plan, the government will install the power equipment and will have general supervision of the operations, as distinguished from the original idea of permiting each lessee to install its own equipment and to exercise partial control of operations.

As a whole, the concessions made by Secretary Wilbur go far to meet objections voiced to his original proposal. He is to be commended for his willingness to correct an error, as is the public for being as-sured a fair share of the fruits of a great public improvement.

Q. Please give a biography of Montgomery Ward. J. W. P. A. A. Montgomery Ward was born in Chatham, New Jersey, in 1844. He was the great-grandson of Captain Israel Montgomery Ward of Revolutionary War frame. He was a self-educated and self-made man. In 1872 he married Eliabeth J. Cobb and founded the firm of Montgomery Ward and company in the same year.

Q. Can an emigrant from the old country bring with him all his clothes and personal belongings without paying duty? C. A. H. A. An emigrant entering the United States is allowed to bring all of his personal effects, free of

around the throne itself. Ras, who claims to be a descendent of the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon, likes to imagine that nature endowed him with many of the qualities of the king of beasts.

Q. Who was "Tree-planting Mr. Adams?" W. A. H. A. The American Forestry asso-ciation says that John Quincy Adams, sixth president, was socalled because he urged the planting of forests in order to grow naval supplies. In 1828, what might be called the first forest experiment station in America was established and acorns of live oaks were planted.

MANY TREES PLANTED ON FAIR GROUNDS IN NEBRASKA 15,000 and 20,000 trees were planted

Lincoln, Neb. - (UP) - Between on the grounds of county fair as sociations in Nebraska this spring according to an estimate by Georg Jackson, secretary of the state far

TWO COLUMBUS BANKS MERGEL

Old Institutions of Platt County, Nebraska, to Go on as One

Columbus, Neb .- (UP) -A merge. of two Columbus banks was effected with the announcement Tuesday that the Central National had purchased the First National and would consolidate the business of both in the Central National's building. The consolidation will be effective, Wednesday morning.

Both banks have been among the largest in Platte county and the merger will make the Central one of the largest in this section of the state with total resources in excess of \$1,648,000. G. W. Phillips is president and A. F. Plagmann, cashier, of the Central, which was organized in 1906.

The First National, of which G. H Gray is president and M. Taylor is cashier, is one of the oldest banks in the county, having been organized 42 years ago.

The Central National is enlarging its banking quarters to take care of the expansion of business and will add to its ows force a large part of the active personnel of the First

COURT REFUSES PROBATE WILL

Judge Comments on "Fast Work" Done by Beneficiary of Instrument

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-Without letting the attorneys present the closing arguments, Judge Reid late Tuesday refused to accept the will of George Bainbridge for probate and appointed his son, William E. Bainbridge, to act as administrator of the estate.

Attorneys for Mrs. Rhoda Otley, daughter of Bainbridge, who had been left all of the estate, declared they would appeal the decision. Elizabeth Gilham and Lurema Dereig, daughters, and William E. Bainbridge, son of George Bainbridge, had contested the win. The elder Bainbridge died February 18 while his appeal in guardianship proceed-

ings was pending in district court. In giving his decision, Judge Reid said: "There has been much testimony as to Bainbridge's mental capacity. That I believe, is beside the point. He took ill in February, 1928. Mrs. Otley went to the home place and cared for him. In July she got a deed to the farm. If that is not evidence of fast work, I don't know what is. And that is not all. About three months later a will was made leaving the remainder of the estate to her. I think we may safely assume that it was not the will of George Bainbridge."

As Bainbridge had given the more than 650 acres of land he owned to his children while he was living. about the only estate involved in the contest was \$13,000 in bank deposits.

MAN PRESENT TO DISPROVE STORY HE WAS DEAD

Goehner, Neb .- (UP)-David Jenkins received word Monday night that he was dead, and he promptly denied it so vehemently that he disproved it. His brotherinlaw, James H. Harlan, of Havelock, telephoned to Jenkins' sister here, Mrs. Viola Hicks, the message, "your brother is dead."

"There certainly is a mistake," Mrs. Hicks contradicted. "He's sitting right in this room," and Jenkins talked over the telephone to prove that the news of his death was exaggerated.

A man who was found dead at Atlantic, Ia., Saturday, so closely resembled Jenkins, according to descriptions given by officers, that Harlan believed it was Jenkins.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

TO MEET AT LAUREL Pender, Neb. - (Special) - The Presbyterian, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbytery, of Nicbrara, will meet at Laurel, April 24 and 25. Ellen D. Nickelson will be the speaker from Persia and Lucy Shafer the national speaker.

INTER-COUNTY CLUB WOMEN WILL MEET

Homer, Neb .- (Special) -The Inter-County Federation or Dakota-Dixon Federation of Woman's clubs will meet at Emerson, Saturday, with Mrs. N. L. Hansen, of Emerson, presiding. Woman's clubs from Homer, South Sloux City, Dakota City, Emerson and rural community clubs will be present.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

TO JOURNEY TO HASTINGS

Omaha, Nab. - (UP) - A large delegation of Omaha and eastern Nebraska Scottish Rite Masons, headed by Inspector General Frank F. Patton will go to Hastings Friday on a special car to participate in the 56th annual reunion of Hastings jurisalction.

Because of economic conditions in Australia 2,000 radio fans have been compelled to give up their listeners' licenses

NEBRASKA HAS CASH ON HAND

Treasurer Stebbins Says State Best Fixed Financial ly of the Forty Eight

Lincoln, Neb. —(UP)— With ne bonds against the state for 30 years, and not paying a cent of interest anywhere, Nebraska is the most outstanding and unique state financially among all the states in the union, State Treasurer W. M. Stebbins said Monday night.

Stebbins' address was the first of a series of radio speeches that will be given by state officials. Gov. Arthur Weaver was to have spoken Tuesday night but he cancelled the engagement and said he would speak some other time.

The legislature is the one that spends the money in this state, Stebbins said, and not a dollar can be paid out of the treasury except as the legislature directs. The treasurer's duties are to receive all state moneys from all sources and pay this money out on warrants written by the state auditor as appropriated.

There is approximately \$25,000,000 now received and paid out of the treasury anually, Stebbins estimated. Of this nearly half is spent on the highways. The state university receives \$4,000,000, the four normal schools \$1,000,000; the board of control for the 17 state institutions, \$2,500,000; and the pay roll and maintenance account, paid out of the general fund averages more than \$600,000 per month.

"We have \$5,500,000 cash in the treasury and not a single account in the red anywhere," Stebbins reported. "We are not paying a cent of interest anywhere, and have cash to meet every obligation. This state is strictly on a cash basis, paying

cash as we go. "In addition to paying cash for all running expenses in the 63 years of its existence as a state, Nebraska has accumulated \$70,000,000 worth of property free of all debt. And our taxes are low as compared with surrounding states."

BOOST 4-H CLUB WORK

IN CEPAR COUNTY Hartington, Neb. - (Special) - Plans for furthering the 4-H clubs in Cedar county are to be made at a mass meeting to be held here Friday afternoon in the auditorium. R. E. Holland, district extension agent, M. K. Pollock, chairman of the campaign for the clubs in this county, and others interested in the work will be present. All boys and girls and their parents interested in this work are urged to be in attendance. It is planned that Knox and Cedar counties will each raise \$500 to secure an expert club leader to direct the work the balance of the year.

BOOST FOR BRIDGE OVER

MISSOURI AT NIOBRARA Niobrara, Neb.-A mass meeting was held in Niobrara in the interests of the big new bridge project. The bridge is to be a toll bridge across the Missouri river on the KND highway, connecting Nebraska highway No. 12 and South Dako-

ta highway No. 37. Speakers were Joe Genet of St. Louis, Mo., who is in charge of the financing of the bridge; John Forsyth of Niobrara, Knox county commissioner, who explained road conditions in Nebraska and South Dakota; E. H. Lutt of Niobrara, who explained river navigation and protection bills that would favor Niobrara. E. S. Gilham, business man of Niobrara, introduced the speakers and gave a short outline of what the bridge means to Niobrara and the surrounding territory.

VISIT IN OLD COUNTRY MAY DELAY NATURALIZATION Fremont, Neb .- Whether an applicant for citizenship has lost his chance of obtaining citizenship by taking a trip to Europe during the five years' residence in the United States is a question that has arisen

in district court here.

William Ruther and another applicant admitted in response to questions that they had visited Germany, each remaining away about four months. The law specifies that candidates must have been in the country continuously for five years. Judge Spear took the matter under consideration. The question, it is said, may find final disposition before the United States supreme

OMAHA MAN MANTS TO BE UNIVERSITY REGENT Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-Dr. Arthur Charles Stokes, a physician of Omaha, has filed his nomination papers as a candidate for regent of this university from the second district. He graduated from the university in 1899.

William C. Ramsey, an attorney of Omaha, university graduate and former president of the university alumni association, filed recently as a candidate for regent from the second district. Candidates for regents appear upon a non-political ballot with candidates for judges, county and state superintendents.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT FOR PLAINVIEW SCHOOLS Plainviiew, Neb .- (Special) -At the last meeting of the board of education it was voted to install a commercial department.

THINK PART OF OMAHA

RESIDENTS NOT COUNTED Omaha, Neb .- (UP)-Chamber of commerce announced Monday it had uncovered several hundred residences in Omaha which had not been visiteed by census enumerators. Many more are expected to report being missed in the count of

noses here, it was said. Incomplete reports received by Census Director Reynolds brought the total so far enumerated up to 195,000. Population in 1920 was 191,-600. The work will not be completed for several days, Reynolds said