

## TO CHANGE THE HOMESTEAD LAW

### Congressman Kinkaid Offers Bill in the House to Amend Present Rule Which Will No Doubt be Appreciated by the West.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Congressman M. P. Kinkaid has introduced a bill in the house to amend the "homestead law as to certain unappropriated and unreserved lands in Nebraska," or what is commonly known as the "Kinkaid law." The text of the measure follows:

"That entries under the homestead laws of the United States within the territory above described who own and occupy the lands heretofore entered by them may, under the provisions of this act and subject to its conditions, enter other lands contiguous to their said homestead entry, which shall not, with the land so already entered, owned, and occupied, exceed in the aggregate 640 acres; and residence continued and improvements made upon the original homestead, subsequent to the making of the additional entry, shall be accepted as equivalent to actual residence and improvements made upon the additional land so entered. Providing, that if there is not a sufficient amount of public land contiguous for the particular entry, then entry may be made of non-contiguous land with the same privilege as to residence and improvements thereon as if the same were contiguous, but final entry shall not be allowed of such additional land until 5 years after first entering the same, except in favor of entries entitled to credit for military service.

"That the fees and commissions on all entries under this act shall be under the present law for maximum entry

at a minimum price. That the commutation provisions of the homestead law shall not apply to entries under this act, and at the time of making final proof the entryman must prove affirmatively that he has placed upon the lands entered permanent improvements of the value of not less than 40 cents per acre for each acre included in his entry. Provided, that a former homestead entry shall not be a bar to the entry under the provisions of this act of a tract, which, together with the former entry, shall not exceed 640 acres. Provided, that any former homestead entryman who shall be entitled to an additional entry under section two of this act shall have for ninety days after the passage of this act the preferential right to make additional entry as provided in said section. Provided, that said section two and three as so amended shall in all respect be construed to apply to unperfected entries as well as to those hereafter made.

"Sec. 4. That such portions of the lands of the abandoned Fort Sheridan military reservation and of the abandoned Fort McPherson military reservation which were added to the original Fort McPherson military reservation by executive order dated April 16, 1878, title to which remains in the government and have become subject to homestead entry, be, and the same are hereby, exempted from the payment of the appraised value imposed by the act of congress approved July 5, 1884, and this provision shall include existing unperfected entries."

## ROBERT KROEHLER BREAKS WRIST

### Falls on Walk While at Play and Sustains Compound Fracture

This morning while at play during the morning intermission at the Second ward school house, little Robert Kroehler fell on the walk in front of the school yard, and his left hand and wrist turning under him, had his wrist broken. Miss Hansen immediately telephoned his father, Andy Kroehler of Kroehler Bros., telling of the accident, and the little fellow's father came after him and taking him to town had the fracture reduced by Dr. E. W. Cook, who afterward bandaged the injured member and rendered what relief from pain he could. The little fellow stood the ordeal very heroically, and the wrist is feeling much better though of a necessity paining a great deal. The snow on the walks made them slippery and the little fellow thus lost his footing which was the cause of his fall.

## The Murray Elevator

H. G. Humstead, of Omaha, a civil engineer for the Missouri Pacific railway, was a visitor in Murray Friday and on returning to Plattsmouth and interviewed Mr. W. D. Wheeler of the Farmers' Co-operative Grain company regarding a site for the elevator which is to be built at that point, regarding a place for building the elevator which he advised should be well to place a little further north. The Missouri Pacific were glad to consider the wishes of the elevator people, whether they were farmers or anyone else.

## Central Committee Meets.

Thursday at Nebawka the Cass county republican county central committee met and called the county convention for the selection of delegates to the congressional and state convention for the choosing of the delegates to the national convention. The date set for the primaries was set for the 15th of February, while the county convention was placed on the 20th. W. H. Newell and M. L. Fredrich attended from this place.

LOOK! HERE IS A SNAP! A second hand piano for sale cheap. In good condition. For further information call CHAS. S. STONE, Murray, Neb.

## Plenty of Time

During the past few weeks there has been considerable of an ice scare because the river had been blocked and the predictions were freely made that our ice dealers would not be able to get any ice for next summer. The list giving the time of the opening of the river at this point for the past fifty-five years published in the News show that the real winter months are February and March. The table shows that during the month of March the river has opened twenty-five times. February is credited with nineteen times; December five; January five; and April one. With the river now closed there is every indication that our ice men will get all the ice they need.

## Closed Havelock Shops.

A Lincoln correspondent says: The locomotive shops of the Burlington system at Havelock, employing 600 men, closed down in all departments today.

Burlington officials say the shut-down will only last three days and is due to the slack work, but the shop's employees predict that only half of their number will be taken back, and that every shop force on the entire system will soon be hit by a general retrenchment policy.

## John Taggart Goes to Chicago.

John Taggart, for several years court reporter for Judge Jessen, leaves this morning via Omaha for Chicago, where he has accepted a position with the firm of Walton, James & Ford, court stenographers, a firm which controls the greater part of the court reporting in Chicago. Mrs. Taggart will remain here for the next two months and will then join her husband.

John, who is well known throughout this part of the state as a stenographer of unusual ability, will be followed by the best wishes of a host of friends for his continued business success.—Nebraska City Press.

John is well known in Plattsmouth, where he has many friends, who, while they regret his removal from this district, feel highly gratified that the position which he has accepted is fully as lucrative as the one he occupied in this district, and wish their young friend all the success imaginable.

## Good Timothy Hay.

Forty tons of good timothy for sale in stack, at \$5.50 per ton. Inquire of C. Bengén, 2 1/2 miles southwest of Myard.

## Clark May Be the Man

The Lincoln Journal has the following to say in reference to the successor of J. W. Dewese, attorney for the Burlington, now deceased: "Byron Clark of Plattsmouth may be the successor of the late J. W. Dewese as head of the legal department for the Burlington in this territory. It is understood that the position has been offered to him and that Mr. Clark has hesitated because he does not care to move from Plattsmouth to this city. In a recent announcement made concerning the reorganization of the legal department, General Manderson said concerning the vacancy in this city: 'As attorney at Lincoln the company hopes to receive the services of an efficient and well-known lawyer.' It is understood here that General Manderson referred to Byron Clark in the above."

## Linn Cook Has Sore Hand.

Linn Cook, the young man who is the night operator for the Nebraska Telephone company, a son of W. P. Cook, the barber, is having a severe time with his finger, into which he ran a splinter and he having only one hand could not extricate it. His father removed the splinter, but probably did not get it all out; anyway the finger gathered, and repeated applications of Denver mud, would not relieve it. The physician who was called, cut away a portion of the nail and dressed it, leaving an outlet for the gathering pus, and the hand is somewhat easier now, though very sore yet. This places Linn in an awkward position, as it is his only hand, the other being gone.

## WISHED TO TEST THE WATER

### Walked Into Its Cooling Depths and Soon Repented of His Folly.

The work on the ice in the river, while hard, and the cold breeze which lingered around thereabouts was of a pretty fierce nature, still has some compensating features. It is not altogether a dry, gloomy (Gus) crowd that is helping to secure our source of coolness for the coming summer. During the past few days a number of those working down there have taken a refreshing dip in the Old Missouri, and, as Joe McMaken says, become Baptists.

W. H. Seott and Harry Rice made investigations along the line of the coolness of the water yesterday, and had to make a rapid run for dry clothes and dry quarters in which to change them. Not to be outdone, George Becker accidentally walked off of a place, said to be forty feet deep, and going down to within two feet of the bottom, evidently found out all he wanted to know about the coolness of the water in one descent, and was eager to receive the assistance of the prod pole in getting out. No sooner had his water-soaked shoes touched Mother Earth again than he could be seen making a "B" line for Westcott's store, where he was scheduled to change his garments, with the water squashing out of his shoes at every step, amid the joshing remarks of the "whole gang."

## THE CONTEMPT OF COURT CASE

### Does it Agree With the Constitution, Case to be Heard Here Next Wednesday

In Alvo a few day since a person was arraigned for being in an intoxicated condition, and while being tried Alfred Hanson, a listener to the proceedings, made some remark in the presence of the court, and during the proceedings of the trial. When asked to be quiet, there arose a disagreement between them, which resulted in the fining of Mr. Hanson the sum of \$5.00 and costs, which was paid and he released. After, whether for another or the same offense, we do not know, this man Hanson was arrested and assessed a fine of twenty dollars and costs and a jail sentence of 10 days for contempt of court by the same justice of the peace, D.M. Prouty. For this he was sent to this place to serve the time. When he arrived here Habeas corpus proceedings has been instituted, a bond given and the hearing set for February 5th, which will be before Judge H. D. Travis, in chambers.

## Mrs. Sol Adamson Some Better.

Mrs. S. H. H. Cox, of Shenandoah, Ia., came in this afternoon on the fast mail, and will assist in the nursing of her daughter, Mrs. Sol Adamson, who has been sick for some time past with a very severe and acute attack of appendicitis. Mrs. Adamson is reported as being somewhat improved and was able to take some nourishment for the first time for a number of days yesterday.

## Minnie Guthman Improving.

Miss Minnie Guthman is reported as much improved from her attack of diphtheria, and is so she can be up a position of the time, while her mother, Mrs. F. R. Guthman, is down with the same malady. This renders the household in a serious condition with neither so they can look after affairs. Charlie had a trained nurse come from Omaha this morning to care for his mother and sister.

## THE ALDRICH BILL NOW READY

### A Few Amendments Calculated to Insure An Equitable Issuance of the Emergency Currency and Enlarge the Bond Scope.

A special from Washington, inspeaking of the Aldrich currency bill, says: Containing important changes and rounded out into the form in which it is expected to be enacted, the Aldrich emergency currency bill has been favorably reported to the Senate by the unanimous vote of the republican members of the senate committee on finance. The most important change is in the first section. The bill now provides that any national banking association having circulating notes outstanding to an amount not less than 50 per cent of its capital stock may apply to the comptroller of the currency to issue additional circulating notes to be secured by the deposit of bonds other than bonds of the United States.

As the bill now stands the comptroller of the currency shall transmit immediately the application, with his recommendation, to the secretary of the treasury. The secretary shall, in his judgment of business conditions in the localities demanded additional circulation, approve the application and determine the time of issue and fix the amount within the limitations imposed by succeeding sections of the act, of the additional circulating notes to be issued. Then comes the provision for distribution by states. This is put in to meet the demands of western centers.

### For An Equitable Distribution.

The bill provides that in order to distribute the notes equitably the secretary of the treasury shall not approve applications from associations in any state in excess of the amount to which such state would be entitled on the basis of the proportion which the unimpaired capital and surplus of the national banking association in each state bears to the total amount of unimpaired capital and surplus of the national banking associations of the United States.

The bill then describes the bonds to be accepted as security for the circulation, and instead of limiting the issue upon all bonds to 75 per cent of their market

value, authorizes the secretary of the treasury to issue to national banks up to 75 per cent of the market value of any railroad bonds and 90 per cent of the market value of any other bonds, such market to be ascertained and determined under the direction of the secretary of the treasury. Five hundred million dollars, instead of 250 million dollars, is named as the maximum of such notes to be issued. Instead of requiring cities and counties, whose bonds are to be accepted, to have a population of 20,000, the bill now provides that the treasurer of the United States "shall"—the word is substituted for "may"—accept as security bonds issued by any city, town, county or legally constituted municipality or district in the United States which has been in existence ten years, and for which ten years has not defaulted upon the principal or interest of any debt. This would include all of the bonds of St. Louis and the issue of bridge and asylum bonds recently advertised. It includes townships and school districts and practically every form of public obligation.

### Must Examine the Bonds.

Under the bill it shall be the duty of the secretary of the treasury to obtain information with reference to the value and character of the municipal railroad securities authorized to be accepted and he shall from time to time furnish information to national bank associations as to such bonds as may be received as securities under the act.

The revised bill does not change the interest rate on the emergency currency and it remains one half of one per cent a month or 6 per cent a year. When the finance committee acts tomorrow Senator Bailey will give notice that democratic substitute is to be offered. This primarily will declare for three issues by the government instead of bank issue of the emergency notes. Other matters may be included in the democratic bill, if an agreement upon the respective propositions advanced is reached among the democratic senators.

## SUCCESSFUL KENSINGTON

### Ladies Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church Entertain at the Home of Mrs. H. N. Dovey.

Thursday the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Luke's Episcopal church gave a Kensington at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Dovey, at which there was a goodly number of our citizens present. The affair which was given for the benefit of the church organization was very successful, a very beautiful musical program was rendered, which was furnished by Miss Kittie Cummins, at the piano, while Mr. Wood and Mr. Austin, both of Chicago, rendered some very beautiful and entertaining vocal numbers. Miss Mildred Cummins gave a reading which immensely pleased the entire audience. A number of very nice graphone selections were rendered as well. A very inviting lunch was served by the ladies of the auxiliary, and proved one of the pleasant features of the afternoon. The affair was a decided success in both being entertaining and profitable.

## Died in South Omaha

W. F. Friehtner received word Friday morning that his sister, Mrs. Fred Dodson, of South Omaha had suddenly died, but not telling him what the sickness was. Mr. Friehtner and wife departed for the late home of his sister on the fast mail and will attend the funeral. More regarding the particulars of the death will be given when learned.

## Roy O'Neal Still Very Sick

Little Roy O'Neal, who was reported as sick some days since and who was at the time dangerously ill, has been very sick since, developing cerebral spinal meningitis, and is otherwise known as spotted fever. His condition is very serious and the doctors here are doing all that can be done for him.

## WM. MACKEY DIES AT OXFORD

### Formerly Lived in This City But Has Made His Home in the West for Many Years

William Mackey, for a number of years a resident of this city and with whom many of the older citizens were well acquainted, and who some years since removed to Oxford, this state, died last Friday night at that place. The deceased lost his wife but a few months since, and at the time John Sharpe and wife departed for the west and were present at the funeral and burial of their old time neighbor. The cause of his death was heart failure and was very sudden. Mr. Sharpe was present at the funeral and returned here this afternoon. Mr. Mackey was nearly sixty years old, and when here worked for a number of years in the Burlington shops, and with the railroads in other capacities. While in the west he has been farming.

## Tornado in the South

Only three days since while we were having winter in this place, in the south they were having some "eyelones." One visited Sweetwater, Tennessee, killing one person and seriously injuring five. At Birmingham, Alabama, although no one was killed, much property was destroyed, and good, substantial buildings were crushed like egg shells. There is always two sides to every question and two different climates in this country.

## Still Good-Natured.

Joseph McManis, while he has a hole at the side of his nose and one on his hand, which puts that member out of commission, and another one (both) so injured, is still happy that he is alive and doing well. He is a 71 year old man and is in good health.