

The Avoca Department

News Items Gathered Each Week by a Special Reporter for This Department of the Semi-Weekly Journal

Frank Harmer was at Omaha Tuesday with stock.

Mrs. James Dunbar returned Tuesday from a week's visit.

Fred Sophia and Louise Ruhge were Berlin visitors Sunday.

Edward and William Wulf shipped their sheep to Omaha Monday.

L. F. Dunkak returned Monday evening from his trip to Colorado.

Chas. Heckathorn and wife are the parents of a baby girl, born Tuesday.

A boy came to gladden the home of James Anderson and wife last week.

John Ruhge and wife are the parents of a baby girl, born January 25th.

Miss Sadie Wunderlich is staying with her cousin, Mrs. Frank Greenrod.

The new lockets they are wearing now, are so large, the ladies are using them for hand bags.

Come in and see the new articles in jewelry, which we are showing. Copes, the druggist.

Miss Byrdie Fahnstock has been off duty most of the week, all on account of la grippe.

Gladys Graham and Ray Lewton were out of school Wednesday on account of bad colds.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greenrod and little daughter have all been grip victims the past week.

Mrs. Jenkins and children visited Manley relatives last week, returning home Friday evening.

Chas. Brown and family, of Wil-

cox, have been visiting at the home of Samuel Johnson this week.

Mrs. Joseph Malcolm and daughter were here from Talmage this week, visiting relatives and friends.

F. W. Ruhge received word from Denver that his son Herman is undergoing a siege of small-pox.

Wm. Gollner returned from a trip to Minnesota last week, and he was not on a land-seeking trip either.

A nice new line of neck-chain lockets, brooches, collar pins, cuff buttons, etc., just received at Copes' drug store.

Theron Malcolm was lucky man in the raffle last week, winning the horse of E. Hensley with number fifty-four.

Rev. Kokjer and daughters, Elva and Katherine, were at Clarkston last week to attend the wedding of Mr. K's niece.

E. F. Ethridge and son Charles, drove up from Cook Saturday evening to the home of Theron Malcolm, returning Sunday evening.

Eda Nutzman has been out of school the past week on account of sickness, but is reported as being better at the present writing.

The Ringler-Donavan Concert Co., the fifth number of the lecture course at Avoca, February 11th. Don't miss it, as this is one of the best numbers.

Mrs. P. Neutzman returned Saturday from Bertrand, where she was called to attend the funeral of her

brother-in-law, Chris Nutzman, sr., who died in Texas.

Wm. Morley is remembering his friends in a very generous manner, by sending souvenirs of all kinds from California and New Mexico, where he is spending a few weeks.

A wandering violinist gave an entertainment at the Pine school one evening last week. As we haven't interviewed those present as yet, we are unable to report the quality of the sweet strains.

A very pleasant social neighborhood party gathered at the home of Gus Ruhge last Friday evening. The young people cleared the kitchen and indulged in a little hop. This neighborhood seems to be a very sociable one from the reports we have of their good times.

Harvey Phillips, the young son of Horace Phillips, living near Berlin, was the victim of a coasting accident one day last week. His arm was broken, several ribs cracked and was also injured internally. As yet the doctors are unable to predict the outcome of the injuries.

Mrs. Sarah Holthaus died at Nebraska City on Saturday afternoon after a lingering illness. She deceased was born in Tennessee, August 16, 1856, but has resided in Nebraska a number of years, and living near Avoca until after the death of her husband, moved to Nebraska City. The remains were interred in the Avoca cemetery, Monday.

"GOOD ROADS IN NEBRASKA" THE CHIEF QUESTION AT LINCOLN

Members of the Legislature are Trying to Secure Laws to Construct and Maintain the Roads Throughout the State.

"Good roads" seems to be in the air to a considerable extent in the legislative halls at Lincoln, and from the present outlook we are destined to have some changes for the better in our present manner in working the roads. Numerous bills have already been introduced. Dozens of road builders have already been introduced. They cover a multitude of phases, from amendments to correct local problems which county boards have run up against to schemes for the erection of the offices of road commissioner for each county and for the state. All these bills will probably be considered together by the roads committees of both houses and an effort made to sift out the best features of all to incorporate in one comprehensive measure.

The Gandy bill proposes an amendment to the law to provide that land condemned for road purposes shall be paid for out of the county general funds instead of from the road district funds. Mr. Gandy said that the result will be that new roads can be paid for much more quickly, can be acquired more cheaply and can be secured without depleting district funds necessary for carrying on local road work.

There is no appearance of hostility to Mr. Gandy's bill, but considerable objection is made to acting upon it immediately as a single bill, the opponents taking the attitude that it should be considered along with the comprehensive scheme for road measures.

One road bill of considerably more importance in its bearing on road matters in general has already been

recommended by the committee of the whole and will be up tomorrow for third reading. This is a bill by Fries, of Howard, providing for a different division of road funds in counties under the commissioner system. At the present time in such counties half the road levy is placed to the credit of a county fund, to be apportioned among the commissioner districts and spent under the direction of the board. The other half is returned to the road district in which the tax is assessed and levied. The Fries bill changes this ratio of division so as to place but one-quarter of the fund at the disposal of the county board, the remaining three-quarters going into the district road funds.

The bill reached its present stage without opposition, but it is possible that an effort may be made to delay further action on it, particularly on the part of those who are advocating a plan of permitting county boards to build and maintain the roads under a definite system, with an eye more to where the greater necessity for road making lies than to dividing road money so that every portion of a county gets its share.

Another bill, closely allied to the good roads movement, was recommended for passage by the house today. This was introduced by Fuller and permits county boards to spend up to a \$500 limit for bridge construction and repair and road improvement without the formality of asking bids and letting contracts. It is charged that bridge concerns have a habit of holding up counties on these small contracts and that such work as that contemplated in the bill can be done more cheaply by day labor than under the contract system.

Foley's Kidney Remedy—An Appreciation.

L. McConnell, Catherine St., Elmira, N. Y., writes: "I wish to express my appreciation of the great good I derived from Foley's Kidney Remedy, which I used for a bad case of kidney trouble. Five bottles did the work most effectively and proved to me beyond doubt it is the most reliable kidney medicine I have ever taken." Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Fred Hillman, Jr., was the victim of an unusual and peculiar accident one day last week. While in the act of opening his mouth to bite into a sandwich, his jaw became set and he was unable to close the same. It was sometime before the doctor was able to work the bones in place again. It is an uncomfortable and painful experience which Mr. Hillman does not care to repeat.

A Wretched Mistake

to endure the itching, painful distress of Piles. There's no need to. Listen: "I suffered much from Piles," writes Will A. Marsh, of Siler City, N. C., "till I got a box of BuBeklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon cured." Burns, Bbolls, Ulcers, Fever Sores, Eczema, Cuts, Chapped Hands, Chillsblains, vanish before it. 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co's.

Adam Meisinger, from near Cedar Creek, was in the city today, coming down to have some dental work done.

CLAIM BRIDGE CONTRACTORS DIVIDE UP STATE

One of the concrete evidences against what is alleged to be a combine of the bridge contractors of the state, by which according to members of the legislature these contractors divide up the state and do not more than ostensibly compete for the trade therein, appeared in discussion of the committee of the whole yesterday afternoon over Fuller's bill on the construction of bridges.

The bill under discussion provides that county commissioners may build by day labor or in any manner they wish any bridge or culvert which does not cost more than \$500, and that no advertisement for bids need be made. The present law requires that for the construction of bridges costing more than \$100 bids must be called for and the county commissioners can construct only in that manner. Moriarty, of Douglas, objected to the extension of the privilege of county commissioners and offered an amendment which would take bridges back to where they were, but made no mention or reference to culverts. He did not get far with his objection and his amendment. The house was disposed to extend the powers of the commissioners, with the safeguard provided by the bill that the commissioners must keep accurate public record of the cost of each and every part of each bridge they construct without letting contracts. The bill was recommended for passage.

Notice of Chattel Mortgage Sale.

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of February, 1911, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction and sell for cash to the highest bidder at the front door of the postoffice in the city of Louisville, Cass county, Nebraska, that certain wooden bridge constructed by the Calhoun Construction Company over and across the right of way and railroad tracks of the C. B. & Q. Railway Company, in Section fourteen (14), Township twelve (12), north of range eleven (11) in Cass county, Nebraska, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by a Chattel Mortgage dated June 16, 1909, and recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska, on June 22, 1909, at 8:20 o'clock a. m., which mortgage was made, executed and delivered by the Calhoun Construction Company as Mortgagee to Hugh Murphy Company as Mortgagor to secure the full performance by the said Calhoun Construction Company of the terms and provisions of a certain contract for grading, etc., entered into by said Calhoun Construction Company with said Hugh Murphy Company and that the amount due under said mortgage is the sum of three thousand one hundred and seventy-seven dollars and eighty cents (\$3,177.80); that default had been made in payment of said sum and no suit or other proceeding at law has been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof.

Dated this 14th day of January, 1911.

Hugh Murphy Company, Mortgagee.
By W. H. Herdman, Attorney.

Good Health to You.

Good health to you means everything, comfort, happiness, plenty. No one can do his life's work without health. We run a health shop. Our stock of drugs and chemicals is the best and purest. Your family recipes, prescriptions and all medical preparations given the greatest care in compounding. Remember true medication is to assist nature in performing a cure, so begin in time.

Sincerely yours,
Ora E. Copes,
Drugs and Jewelry.

Making Life Safer.

Everywhere life is being made more safe through the work of Dr. King's New Life Pills in Constipation, Liver troubles, Kidney Diseases and Bowel Disorders. They're easy, but sure, and perfectly build up the health. 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co's.

Murray Real Estate.

I have a number of choice pieces of Murray property for sale. See me if you wish to purchase.

A. L. Baker.

Poultry Wanted

Hens 9c
Sparrows 8c
Ducks 8c
Geese 7c
Old Roosters 4c

HATT PRODUCE CO.

REGISTRATION FRAUDS IN OMAHA

Governor Sends Special Message to Legislature.

SUGGESTS REVISION OF LAWS

Executive Declares Present Methods in That City Are Obsolete and Recommends That Governor Appoint All Registration Boards.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—The message from the governor declaring the present registration laws obsolete and asking the legislature to give the power of appointing boards of registration into the hands of the chief executive was presented to the legislature and was referred to the committee on privileges and elections in each house.

Governor Aldrich asserts that hundreds of registration certificates were issued at the city clerk's office in Omaha at the time of election testified to by professional freeholders and sent out "and in this way as many fraudulent votes be cast as were desired by the gang in control and many thousands were so cast." He declares that it is a matter of record that nearly three times as many votes were cast in the Third ward as the census shows there were male inhabitants in the ward and that men who had registered and failed to vote had their vote cast for them anyway.

The governor declares that the laws as they stand are outgrown and says that "innumerable frauds" were committed in Omaha under cover of the obsolete law. As a remedy, he suggests that the governor be given the power to appoint all registration boards and that this privilege be extended so that he can appoint men from any ward to serve in any other ward. He wants also the power to appoint a police force sufficient for protection at the polling places. "In this way," says the governor, "the incentive and motive to present fraudulent registration certificates would be destroyed and men of the highest character and intelligence would become judges and clerks of election."

Exposition Matter Postponed.

In the house, Gerdes of Richardson, as chairman of the special committee to investigate the Panama Pacific exposition location, reported that the committee favored postponing indefinitely both the San Francisco and New Orleans resolutions. The report was unanimously adopted.

Two petitions were introduced in the senate. The citizens of Theford asked for a law requiring railroads to stop at all county seats. G. W. Edwards and others asked for the establishment of an agricultural school in southwest Nebraska.

Following the motion of Senator Jansen of Gage, a committee was appointed to carry out the wishes of the governor in regard to the memorial to be presented to congress to aid the men who are trying to get an appropriation for a national park at the Daniel Freeman homestead in Gage county, the first homestead ever taken out under the national law. Jansen was appointed chairman and Pickens and Sebeck were placed on the committee. B. H. Begole and R. J. Kilpatrick of Beatrice are to be sent as special messengers to congress to present the petition without cost to the state.

Good Roads Talk.

"Good roads is in the air and we will have to take some advanced step with this session to help the movement along." This declaration by Representative Fuller of Seward epitomizes a thought which is uppermost in the minds of probably nine-tenths of the members of the legislature. It was occasioned by the debate in the house over a provision in a bill by Gandy of Custer, seeking to amend the method in which land, condemned for road purposes, is paid for. The debate brought out the fact that an effort will be made to effect a comprehensive revision of the road laws at this session and probably through the medium of a special committee appointed to draft an act which will cover all phases of the road problem.

BIG MEN AT COMING MEET

Pinchot, Wallace and Broodie Will Address Conservation Congress.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—The principal features of the conservation congress to be held in Lincoln, Feb. 23 and 24, were made public by Professor Condra of the state agricultural college, who has been prominently identified with the whole conservation movement, and they include addresses by such men as Pinchot, Wallace and Broodie. Wallace is president of the National Conservation congress and Broodie is chief of this field division of the federal farm management bureau. Superintendent Blanchard of the national irrigation bureau will also be a speaker if plans carry through. Dry farming, forestry, irrigation and all the other topics of like nature will be discussed by experts.

WOMEN HELD FOR MURDER

Mrs. Ida Campbell and Clara Myers of Kansas City Arrested.

Kansas City, Jan. 26.—A coroner's jury decided that Mrs. Ida Campbell and Clara Myers should be held pending further investigation of the death of John Fay, a cattleman whose body was found last Friday in a rooming house owned by Mrs. Campbell. Later the county prosecutor filed an information against the two women, charging them with murder in the second degree. They were released on \$2,500 bond each and their preliminary hearing set for tomorrow.

Food Prices Cut at St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 26.—A general reduction in the price of butter and eggs, the first here since winter opened, was announced by the retailers. Butter and eggs are down 1 cent and further reductions are promised, due to moderate weather. Meats also are slightly lower.

CHURCH COUNCIL VISITS TAFT

Work of Federation is Outlined by Bishop Hendrix.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Humanitarian and philanthropic efforts of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America were outlined by Bishop E. R. Hendrix of Kansas City, president of the council, in a speech before President Taft at the White House.

Bishop Hendrix presented the greetings of the council on the occasion of the annual meeting of its executive committee. He said: "Representing more than 100,000 ministers of the gospel and some 17,000,000 communicants, or nine-tenths of the Protestants of our country, federated in a permanent organization, known as the 'Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America,' we bring Christian greetings to the chief ruler of the greatest nation in history standing for self government. Through our large standing committees of some 200 leading ministers and laymen, careful study is being given to the advancement of such great interests as Sunday observance, temperance, the sanctity of the home, the church and social service and literature and education.

"Happy results have attended these efforts in checking race track gambling, in annulling loose divorce laws, in stopping twelve-hour-a-day labor and that for seven days in the week in certain industries."

WHITE PRESIDENT OF UNITED MINE WORKERS

Thomas L. Lewis Defeated by Head of Iowa Organization.

Columbus, O., Jan. 26.—According to the report of the tellers, which was submitted to the international convention of the United Mine Workers of America, John P. White of Okaloosa, Ia., was elected international president by a majority of 23,774 votes. Thomas L. Lewis, the present international president, received 72,190 votes.

For Vice President—Frank Hayes of Springfield, Ill., was elected over F. S. McCullough of Bay City, Mich., by a majority of 18,376.

For Secretary-Treasurer—Edward Perry, whose former home was in Okaloosa, was re-elected over Senator William Green of Coshocton, O., by a majority of 21,050.

John Mitchell, formerly international president, led the list of delegates to the American Federation of Labor with 113,285 votes. Other delegates to the federation were: John P. White, Duncan McDonald, W. D. Wilson, Frank Hayes, John Wallace and T. L. Lewis.

The new officers will assume their duties April 1.

LABOR LEADERS GUILTY

Convicted of Conspiracy in Restraint of Foreign Trade.

New Orleans, Jan. 26.—Organized labor left the restraining force of the Sherman anti-trust law when a jury in the United States circuit court here returned a verdict of guilty against members of the New Orleans dock and cotton council, charged with conspiracy to interfere with foreign commerce.

The dock and cotton councils has about 50,000 members. The convicted men are James Byrnes, former president of the council, and at present state labor commissioner of Louisiana; Phillip Pearsaw, former president of the local coal wheelers' union, and U. S. Swan, former president of the longshoremen's union. Swan and Pearsaw are negroes. Sentence has been deferred.

WATSON AND CHILTON NAMED

Legislature Chooses Senators Despite Absence of Republicans.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 26.—Despite the withdrawal of all Republican members of the lower house from the joint session of the legislature and the absence of the fifteen Republican senators elect, the Democrats of the legislature voted for United States senators for the long and short terms.

Chilton received seventy-one votes for the long term, this being thirteen in excess of a majority of the entire legislature. For the short term Clarence Watson received 70 votes; W. G. Bennett 4 and John W. Davis 2. Watson was thus elected, with twelve votes to spare.

Here's a Piece of Good News for Well Dressed Men!

OUR REGULAR semi-annual "Clean-Up" of fine clothes is now going on; an event which a lot of you have been looking forward to—the sale you have had in mind when other "clearance sales" were clamoring for your attention—a sale made for a reason, not for necessity—a sale of high grade merchandise, offered to you at prices you're glad to pay, because we to clean up the Fall and Winter stock and have a fresh start with the new Spring goods.

Here are some January "Clean up" prices:

Suits and Overcoats, worth up to \$15,	\$10.00
"Clean Up" price.....	
Suits and Overcoats, worth up to \$21,	\$14.00
"Clean Up" price.....	
Suits and Overcoats, worth up to \$30,	\$18.00
"Clean Up" price.....	
Suits and Overcoats, worth up to \$35,	\$24.00
"Clean Up" price.....	

The Home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes
Manhattan Shirts Stetson Hats

Special on Flannel Shirts \$1.00

Falter & Thieroff

See Our Windows for January "Clean Up" Prices