

PASSED THE SENATE

AGRICULTURAL MEASURES GOES THROUGH UPPER BRANCH.

CARRIES OVER \$13,000,000

Hayburn Says Foresters Who Attempt to Administer School Lands Will Be Arrested.

Washington.—After adopting three amendments of importance and listening to another verbal castigation of the Forestry Bureau by Senator Hayburn, the senate passed the agricultural appropriation bill.

By the amendments adopted the secretary of agriculture is authorized to build along international boundary lines to keep out diseased cattle; the making of lump sum appropriations for any bureau of the department is prohibited and \$10,000 is appropriated for an investigation of the orange grower pest, known as the white fly.

Senator Idaho will break no opposition from the forestry service of the United States on state school lands within the forest reservations of that state. Senator Hayburn made an announcement to this effect while the agricultural appropriation bill was under discussion in the senate.

He was speaking of the right of the government to include the school lands in its supervision of reservation areas, and in this connection, Mr. Stewart raised the contention that the national authority was supreme if the land had not been surveyed. He said that even when the forestry service had cut timber on the unsurveyed sections it had turned over to the state 25 per cent of the proceeds.

"That," responded Mr. Hayburn, "sounds like a chapter from the life of Black Yarn, who, when he found his victims strangled by his own depredations would give them enough of their own money to buy their breakfasts."

He then went on to say that the recent administration of the forest reservations had been utterly regardless of law.

"I had let it be understood," he concluded, "that from this time on state proposals to administer its own lands. The authorities have been instructed of their competency in this respect, and they will protect their interests. If they are disturbed by the foresters they will invoke the aid of the state constabulary."

"How are you going to locate your lands if they are not surveyed?" questioned Mr. Burdett.

"Land is always 'put' You don't have to locate land," he retorted. "God located it before the flood."

Mr. Hayburn charged the foresters with accepting money from the states for the killing of predatory wild animals, notwithstanding they are receiving money from the national government for this among other duties.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY

Items of Interest Around the State House

University Books Square. John Tuftley, state accountant, has completed an exhaustive investigation of the book accounts of the state university under the direction of State Auditor Barton.

The report shows that the book accounts of the university are correct. The accountant finds that the system of bookkeeping is complete and satisfactory. He would suggest no change unless it be in classification rather than in the system of accounts.

State Prison Contract Assigned.

Max Cohen who is said to live in Chicago, a young man who holds a contract with the state for convict labor to make cheap shirts at the penitentiary, has attempted to assign the contract to others and now styles the firm the Platt Shirt company.

Mr. Cohen obtained the signature of Governor Shallenberger, State Treasurer Brian, Land Commissioner Cowles, Attorney General Thompson and Secretary of State Jenkin to a contract, to hire convict labor at the state penitentiary. That he speculated in convict labor is shown by the fact that he now assigns his contract to the Platt Shirt company.

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For State Conservation. In the belief that vital benefits may come to the people of the state by the holding of a state conservation convention, Governor Shallenberger has called the first Nebraska conservation and state development congress to be held in Lincoln, March 29 and 30.

At a meeting held at the Lincoln Commercial club rooms Saturday, it was decided to hold a state congress. It is proposed that a committee of seven take charge of the preliminary arrangements and George W. Condra, state conservation commissioner, was elected temporary president, and W. R. Mellor, secretary of the state board of agriculture, temporary secretary.

The subjects to be treated are: "Conservation of Natural Resources," "Good Roads," "Seed Corn," "Problems of Northwestern Nebraska," "Public Health," and other kindred subjects.

State Fire Warden Inspects. The inspectors of State Fire Warden A. V. Johnson are working from the east side of Lincoln toward the west side in the business district. The inspectors are J. H. Bennett and James McLeod. They report only on condition of buildings as related to danger from fire. They have recommended that the building at 1438 O street owned by Guy Green, should be condemned and taken down because they believe it endangers other buildings.

The state fire warden has not yet acted on the recommendation. He says the law gives him power to report such cases to the county attorney for prosecution. If buildings reported in bad condition are not repaired or torn down, he recently caused a building to be torn down in the town of Fairbury.

Cloud on Gift of the State. The Right Reverend Thomas Bonasum, bishop of Lincoln, has obtained from the state board of public lands and buildings instructions directing Attorney General W. T. Thompson to sue in the courts at no expense to the state to remove the cloud on the title of the Catholic church property at Thirteenth and M streets in Lincoln. The state donated this property and other property in Lincoln to religious denominations. The property in question was donated by the state to certain individuals as trustees of the church. The church desires to sell the property as it now occupies another site. It cannot be decided by the bishop at this time because the title rests in certain individual trustees who were officers of the church before the church organization became a corporation.

Convicts Steal Shirts. Nine convicts at the state penitentiary lost thirty days "good time" each during February for stealing shirts from the factory where they are employed under a contract between the state and the Platt Shirt company. The convicts are named Tucker, Baxter, Story, Chivers, Miles, Covington, Prince, Rodgers and Hunter. They had the shirts under their clothes before they left the work shop. The warden reports a total of 47 prisoners in the penitentiary. He received \$50.00 from the ward of United States prisoners in February.

COL. ROOSEVELT AT KHARTUM



GATHERING OF THE TRIBES AT KHARTUM

Egyptian government officials made the visit of Col. Roosevelt to Khartum quite interesting. The program for his entertainment included an encampment of the desert tribes, where all kinds of weird dancing and other forms of native amusements were shown for the entertainment of the ex-president, his wife and daughter and his party.

BEAST FOLLOWS MAN

Veteran Hunter Tells He Saved His Life by a Clever Ruse.

Old Trick of Jumping at Attacking Animal and Yelling Loudly Makes It Turn Coward and Flee Like Cur into Forest.

Germania, Pa.—Notwithstanding the declaration of the state game authorities that the panther is extinct in Pennsylvania, the experience of Frederick Mahl, an old hunter, butcher and woodsman, one night recently indicates that the Kettle creek region of Potter county has in it at least one of the dreaded animals.

Mahl is 73 years of age, and when he came into Potter county as a boy of seven with his parents, panthers were so common that Mahl is regarded as an authority on the "varmints," hence his announcement that he was overtaken by a real "panther" has aroused the keenest interest.

Mahl had spent the day overseeing a hog butchering at a farmer's several miles down the Coudersport pike, and at eight o'clock that evening, when he started home, the farmer's wife fixed a generous basket of savory panhaws, spare ribs and filch, the smell of which doubtless permeated the night air as he trudged over the frozen road.

Because of the almost unprecedented season of deep snow that has prevailed since before Christmas, all sorts of animals have been driven to hard straits for food, and wildcats, catamounts, foxes and skunks have been seen nightly along the beaten paths. But when a shriek almost as plaintive as that of a woman in distress rent the air within a rod of him Mahl felt a cold shiver trickle down his backbone.

He stopped, listened, then called loudly, lest the sound might have been made by a human being. But there

Worry of Rattlesnake Bill

Belvidere, N. J.—"Rattlesnake Bill," the Sussex county (N. J.) exile, who is languishing in jail here, doing penance for annexing other people's chickens, fears for the safety of his native county. He is convinced that if he is not released by early spring and, further than that, allowed to frequent his old haunts in the mountains of Sussex, the rattlesnakes will again overrun the county, and the farmers will be driven away, to their loss and to the detriment of the general county welfare.

"Rattlesnake Bill" has better claim to his title than many a "colonel" who all but wears the epaulets. "Bill's" real name is William H. Van Horn, but he is better known as "Rattlesnake Bill," for he is the greatest hunter of rattlesnakes the countryside ever knew. He has done more than any other one man ever did to rid the landscape of the diamond backed denizens, and yet, as he puts it, "They haven't any use for me, just because I happened to take a few chicks that nobody wanted."

He confided his fears as to the rattlesnake situation to a friend who called on him the other day. "You know," remarked "Bill," confidentially, "there isn't a man in the county now who knows how to fight the rattlers, and they certainly will run the farmers off the land if they don't get me back there soon."

"Bill" made good pocket money for years selling the snake hides and oils.

Bear "Meat" Comes to Life

Bruin Not Dead Enough, However, to Be Analyzed for Germs with Real Impunity.

Seattle, Wash.—Dr. F. E. Smith, city meat inspector, is the hero of the latest bear story and according to the popular version of the tale the doctor has cut a new notch in the world's sprinting record. Dr. Smith met the bear, which so ably supported him in the leading role, in the heart of Seattle in the forest of the deep woods, as is usual in bear stories, and the meat inspector was called to pass on bruin in his official capacity when the adventure occurred.

During the summer a fine black bear was kept on exhibition at Luna Park for the edification of the gaping crowds. Some shrewd speculator, noting the approach of the bear season and observing that a steady diet of candy, peanuts and popcorn had fattened bruin to a siccety, decided it was time to spring bear meat on the market, and the victim was accordingly escorted to a slaughter house.

After Dr. Smith had pronounced the live bear a good looking specimen, one of the officials of the park produced a large-sized revolver and fired a shot into the bear's side where he thought it would do the most good. The bear rolled over in his cage and stretched himself out with paws in the air. The cage door was then opened and the bear was dragged out by his feet to a room where it was proposed to dress him. While the meat inspector was busy examining the bear for germs, some one suggested that before he was cut up it would be a good idea

to make sure the bear was dead by knocking him in the head. A busy attendant procured a mallet and brought it down with a smart rap. That made the bear mad. In less time than it takes to tell it he was on his feet and making direct for the meat inspector (Dr. Smith's version). At the far end of the room stood a tall step-ladder. Toward the ladder Dr. Smith started, with the bear a close second. According to the medical man's sworn statement only the intervention of a soap box over which the bear stumbled saved him from utter annihilation.

Dr. Smith states that after this he will climb the ladder first before permitting the bear killing to go forward. He shudders every time he passes the bear's hide hung up in front of a First Avenue meat market.

Anti-Gossip Club. Boone, Ia.—To show the sterner sex that they can be discreet on all subjects as well as the men 18 young women of this city have organized a society for the suppression of petty gossip. According to the constitution the reign of "Dame Rumor" is at an end in Boone, and no matter how tempting a morsel of "talk" it may be, they will close their lips tightly. The society is known as the Anti-Gossip club, and is composed of the best-known, young women of the city.

A Distinction and a Definition. "Sure, an' what the devil is a chaffin'-dish?" asked Pat. "Whist, man," answered Nora. "It's a'fryin' pan that's got into society."

ANNUAL G. A. R. MEET.

Will Take Place at Fairbury May 17, 18 and 19.

Department Commander L. D. Richards has issued an order giving the following in formation in regard to the annual state meeting of the G. A. R., to be held at Fairbury May 17 to 19:

The thirty-fourth annual encampment, department of Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Fairbury, Neb., May 17, 18 and 19, 1910. The council of administration will meet at headquarters on Tuesday, May 17, at 3 o'clock p. m.

A public reception for the people of Fairbury will be held on Tuesday evening, May 17, at the Christian church. A splendid program will be provided by their local committee. Mrs. C. F. Steele of Fairbury will preside.

The parade will take place Wednesday morning, starting promptly at 10 o'clock, under the direction of the Chief-of-Staff, S. B. Jones, of post No. 110, Omaha. Following this parade all state associations will assemble at Grand Army hall at 11:30, where presidents of their respective associations will immediately call the comrades together for the transaction of business.

A camp-fire will be put on in the opera house Wednesday evening, May 18.

Ample accommodations will be provided for all and at reasonable rates, in hotels, boarding houses and private homes, and all comrades who desire to make arrangements in advance will address Comrade O. H. Durand, commander post No. 77, Fairbury, chairman of the local committee. Tell him what you want and you will be provided for. Good speakers have been invited for the evening entertainments through the week to bring good cheer and help to revive interest in the noble order. A complete program of all of these exercises, together with a list of all their local committees, will be announced later by the local committee of Fairbury, through the press.

Unique Test of Seed Corn.

Resides testing corn to see if it will grow and warning farmers of the poor condition of seed corn this year, the Commercial club of Omaha has made a test which shows the result of freezing corn which contains a good deal of moisture. The result shows that even some of the corn standing in the fields, supposed to be the best seed corn Nebraska has this year, may be worthless for seed.

Ten ears of corn were selected which were shown by tests to be strong. Every kernel tested had good sprouts and a strong root system. A government expert at the Omaha grain exchange tested them to learn the moisture. It was less than 16 per cent.

Then these ten good ears were soaked for various lengths of time and after the water dried into the corn they were again tested to find out how much moisture they contained. Those soaked five hours had 22 per cent; six hours 27 per cent, and eight hours 30 per cent. All were put in a refrigerating plant where the air was 12 degrees above zero.

After 76 hours' exposure the corn was again tested. The ears of one hundred kernels from which had 22 per cent moisture, only 28 germinated; while but 26 kernels in one hundred from the ears with 27 per cent moisture showed signs of life and but 21 grains in one hundred taken from the ears containing 31 per cent moisture sprouted.

This test shows that corn containing more than 22 per cent moisture cannot stand freezing for even a short time without killing a large percentage of the kernels and making the ears worthless for seed.

Additional Vacation Granted. Jack Best, the veteran trainer of state university athletes, for whom a fund is being raised to send him to his old home in England, has been granted two additional months' vacation by Chancellor Avery. According to the custom of former years, Jack's vacation consisted of but one month during the summer, for which time he did not receive pay. Next summer he will receive three months' vacation, two of which will be with full pay. The fund to date has increased to \$184.40.

In the opinion of Attorney General Thompson the Greeks whose property was destroyed by a mob a year ago have no claim against the state of Nebraska, Douglas county or South Omaha. Their recourse, he said, is in a suit against members of the mob who are responsible for the damage done. This opinion was given to the governor by Mr. Thompson. Some time ago Governor Shallenberger received a communication from the government, asking about the claims and if the state would pay them.

Is 98, but Works Every Day. James G. Russell, familiarly known as "Dad" Russell, gallery doorkeeper of the Oliver theater in this city, has reached his ninety-sixth birthday. He is still hale and hearty and works every time the gallery is open. Manager Zehrung has looked over the records for some time and announced that he believes that without question Mr. Russell is the oldest manager actively in the theatrical business in any part of the United States. Mr. Russell was born at Bangor, Maine, on March 1, 1814.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

J. C. Stillinger and wife of Boone county, celebrated their golden wedding.

A big ice house near the Davis elevation in Beatrice was burned to the ground, entailing a loss of \$1,000, fully covered by insurance.

C. A. Meisinger of Springfield was taken into custody and was adjudged a fit subject for treatment as a dipsomaniac by the insanity board.

Ernest Hahn, for twenty-four years connected with the Nye-Schneider-Fowler Grain company at Fremont, assumed the office of deputy county treasurer, succeeding Harry Himes, who went to Colorado Springs to accept a position with a creamery company.

As J. E. Gosnell and Mark Coffey were coming to Republican City from Woodruff, Kas., the buggy was overturned. They got up and righted it. Mr. Gosnell having the lines in his hand, the team was being turned the team jumped and Mr. Gosnell was struck on the side of the head, his skull being badly fractured. His chances for recovery are slim.

General Manager Mohler of the Union Pacific and several other officials came to Norfolk and decided to build a slightly modern brick passenger station.

A dog at Wymore belonging to James Shield acted strangely and bit a number of children, before it was killed. It is supposed the dog had rabies, and the head was sent to the Pasture Institute in Chicago for examination.

Omaha is fast getting to be a manufacturing center. Paxton & Gallagher have their big coffee mills at Omaha, the Uncle Sam Breakfast Food Co. have established their headquarters there, and now it is said the Iken Cracker Co. are to build one of the finest cracker factories in the world at Omaha. The great need, however, is cheaper power in Nebraska.

A gentlemanly burglar perpetrated an immensely rich joke on himself at the residence of R. H. Watkins in Alliance. He entered Watkins' bedroom, secured his pants, took them out through the sitting room into the kitchen, and removed about \$3 in silver and nickels, but entirely overlooking \$600 in large bills which Watkins had put in the watch pocket of the pants.

Death of Henry Bedford, one of the pioneers of Seward county occurred at Enid, Oklahoma, on February 27. Mr. Bedford had gone there only a week before to visit his daughter.

Attorney H. B. Fleahy of Omaha appeared before Governor Shallenberger with a plea for a commutation of sentence in the case of Leon Angus, under sentence of life imprisonment in the Nebraska penitentiary. A Beatrice real estate dealer asserts that over one hundred residents of Gage county have disposed of their farms during the past few weeks and are now removing to other states. A number have located in Canada.

Three thousand dollars was paid on an old issue of school bonds by the county treasurer of Buffalo county last week. They were issued in the amount of \$60,000 seventeen years ago, and this is the first payment on them.

The corner-stone of the magnificent new Presbyterian church in Aurora was laid with impressive ceremonies. The surveyors of the Kearney-Beloit railway are nearing the end of their last journey over the route between Kearney and Beloit. The report of the surveyors has been favorable, low grades being found most of the way.

William Brown died at his home in Stranton as a result of injuries sustained by falling from the roof of a barn on the Zillmer farm. He was shingling the building and slipped, falling some twelve feet striking on his shoulders.

The city council of Fairbury has called a special election for April 26 to vote on the matter of issuing \$133,000 bonds to purchase or install a light and water plant. The franchise offered by the Fairbury Light and Water company will be voted on at the same time.

Dawson county has been looking forward for some time to the erection of a much needed new court house. The county commissioners have set March 19 for the voting of bonds to the amount of \$100,000 for this elegantly planned structure.

Rev. Frank W. Dell, pastor of the "Friends" church at Central City, has departed for Oskaloosa, Ia., where he will hold a two weeks' series of meetings among the students of Penn college, the Quaker institution of learning at that place.

County Judge Wray has bound Geo. tryker, who is charged with embezzlement of funds of the York Alfalfa feed company, over to the next term of district court. Evidence showed at during Striker's short term of \$30,000, and when he resigned there was only \$63 in the treasury.