

# OFFERS A SUGGESTION

Superintendent Thomas Is Strong for Consolidation.

DECEMBER RETURNS SWELL TREASURY'S GENERAL FUND

PROBLEM OF EMPLOYMENT Items of General Interest Gathered

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From Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. | schools with a small number not from county treasurers, which have and other funds at a rapid rate. The from one to twelve pupils each.

indicating that the people of Nebras-ka have plenty of money to pay their had two pupils each. taxes and are doing so earlier than schools had only three pupils each. A usual.

The total amount received by the pils each and 299 schools had five state treasurer from sixty-five coun- pupils each. Of six-pupil schools ty treasurers so far heard from in there were 319 and of seven-pupil December is \$449,360, of which \$243, schools 363. The balance of the \$96 is for the general fund. As the schools up to 3,390 had between sevgeneral fund contained \$247,000 on en and twelve pupils each. November 30, and as not to exceed \$100,000 has been paid out of it this Plan to Cure Defects

month, the balance on hand in that fund is now about \$290,000.

This will be depleted to some extent by the first of the year, as the quarterly payroll of state officers will have to be met, besides other unusual expenses. It is probable, however, that Treasurer Hall will get through and start the new year with at least \$390,000 to go on in the general fund.

#### State Engineer to Be Reappointed

State Engineer George E. Johnson will be reappointed for two years. under the incoming state administration and Roy L. Cochran, of North Platte, will be his deputy. All three members of the new state board of irrigation-Governor-elect Neville, Attorney General Reed and Land Commissioner Shumway-have indicated that they are agreed to make these appointments

The state irrigation association. which held its annual convention at Bridgeport last week, passed resolutions asking the reappointment of State Engineer Johnson and also requesting that Cochran he made his deputy. Land Commissioner elect Shumway. who were present, stated that they Discusses State's Oil Prospects would be guided by the recommenda-Reed to ablde by them.

#### Problem of Employment

The problem of employment for great anticline exists in Nebraska meeting at Cambridge many members of the Nebraska na- similar to the one in Konsas where tional guard, who will be here before oil and gas have been found in imlong, according to authentic reports mense quantities and this Nebraska here, will be a keen one. General anticline is really an extension of Hall has endeavored to start its so- the Kansas formation, Doctor Condra of Hastings. Delicacies of all kinds lution by enlisting the aid of the la- in a recent newspaper story, tells were included in the shipment. bor commission in finding places for of a trip he, in connection with C. a portion of the men. It is said that J. Hurst, an oil operator, made Howard was tendered a complimenmany will step into places which through southern Nebraska and down tary banquet by men of Columbus they left nearly six months ago to into Kansas, where he proved to the last Monday. A number of guests respond to their country's call. But satisfaction of Mr. Hurst that the from outside the city were in attender is small compared to the geological formation of the two states

There are \$67 school districts in the state with a census of one to twelve children of school age; fifteen of them with one child each, twenty-two with two, twenty-seven with three, forty-five with four, sixty with five and the balance with be-

tween six and twelve children of school age. This, according to an educational

survey, by State Superintendent Thomas, shows that consolidation is to be desired, for operation of Unexpectedly large remittances nearly as productive as larger schools.

The state officer continues by been coming in to State Treasurer showing that of 6,571 schools operat-Hall since December 1, are again ed in the state during the past school building up the state general fund year there were 3,390 operated with

money has literally been pouring in. Thirty schools had but one pupil total of 220 schools had but four pu-

A meeting of the joint committee of the legislature and state bar association was held at the legislative reference bureau rooms last week. There were present: J. J. Thomas, Seward; Bayard H. Paine, Grand Island: John Mattes, Nebraska City; C. E. Sandall, York; J. N. Norton,

Bready, A. E. Sheldon and C. E. Sorenson, Lincoln. The plans for securing improvement in legislative methods were discussed and an agreement reached for a report which will be submitted to the state bar association on December 29, and the state legislature when it convenes. The points covered include appointment of a committee of three from the senate and three from the house to be called a revision committee to work in connection with the legislative reference bureau in revising bills before their introduction in either house and the purpose of securing the correction of obvious errors in form. This revision will be advisory only and

Whether there is oil and gas down tions and Mr. Neville said he also near Table Rock, or whether there had the promise of Attorney General is not, is discussed in an article just written by G. E. Condra, director of the Nebraska conservation and

CONDENSED NEWS OF INTEREST TO ALL.

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS. January 1 to 6-State Poultry Show at

Kearney. Jan. 10-11-Odd Fellows' District Convention at Alliance. January 15-20-State Improved Live Stock association meeting at Lincoln.

Jan. 15 to 20-Organized Agriculture Annual Meeting at Lincoln. January 16-Nebraska Association of Fair Managers' Meeting at Lincoln. January 16-17-18-Annual convention

of Nebraska Volunteer Firemen at Auburn. January 16-19-Winter Apple, Floral

and Potato Show at Lincoln. Jan. 19-Northeast Nebraska Editorial Meeting at Norfolk.

Feb. 7-8-9-Nebraska Retail Lumber Dealers' Association Convention at Omaha.

February 15-State Volleyball Contest at York.

North Platte is laying plans for a semi-centennial celebration to be be one of the largest fields in the held June 26 to 30, that promises to outdo anything in the line of municiagain the days of fifty years ago, when the west was "wild and wooly."

Three hundred and fifty thousand stroyed Elevator B of the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company at Fre-Polk; J. P. Palmer, Omaha; J. H. mont. The loss was estimated at \$500,000, practically covered by insurance.

> Eight banks of Harlan county have per capita bank deposits of \$172.19, according to an official statement issued recently. The total bank deposits is \$1,721,954.19. Every bank in the county has over \$100,000 and all but two have over \$200,000 on deposit.

Milk stations, where milk will be sold as drinks and tables with reading matter furnished, to take the place of the saloons after May 1, were suggested at a meeting of the Omaha Epworth League union.

The Barnston Mutual Telephone company had an unusually prosperthe member, who desires to introduce ous year, according to the report of Governor-elect Neville and a bill may disregard it if he chooses. the secretary-treasurer, just issued, The company has installed a new switch board and other improvements at the plant during the year.

> The Fourteenth district bar associa tion, comprising nine counties in southwest Nebraska, went on record favoring the calling of a constitusoil survey. After showing that a tional convention during the annual

> > Christmas boxes weighing 283 pounds were sent to members of Company G Nebraska National Guards on the Mexican border by the people

Lieutenant Governor-elect Edgar

Bishop Tihen of Lincoln delivered the sermon at the installation of Archbishop Harty as bishop of the diocese of Omaha, which took place in St. 'Cecelia's cathedral, Omaha,

NORTHWESTERN, LOUP CITY, NEBRASKA

last Thursday. Most Rev. James Keane, archbishop of Dubuque, Ia.; Rt. Rev. J. J. Hennessev of Wichita, Kan.; Bishops Cunningham of Concordia, Kan.; Burke of St. Joseph, Mo.; Duffy of Kearney, Neb.; Mc-Govern of Chevenne, Wvo.; Mul-

doon of Rockford, Ill.; Dowling of Des Moines, Ia.; one hundred and twenty-five priests, and 2,000 persons attended the ceremony. Archbishop Harty is a man who was beloved and held in the highest affection and esteem by the people of Maaila, Philippine islands, where he was archbishop for twelve years.

The Mid-West Oil company of Casper, Wvo., is making rapid strides with its drilling operations near Chadron. It is estimated that the 1,000-foot mark has been passed. Various oil companies from different parts of the United States are making every effort to obtain control of the unleased land in this district. Geologists who have investigated this field claim that if oil is found it will

United States, Three hundred and fifty sheep pal celebrations ever held in western feeders of the North Platte Valley Nebraska. No program as yet has and representatives of the stock yards been outlined other than to live over and commission men of Omaha, Chicago St Louis Kansas City and St. Joseph and officials of the Burlington and Union Pacific, railroad attended bushels of grain, mostly wheat and the annual lamb feeders' dinner at corn, were lost in a fire which de- Mitchell. Lambs to the number of 340,000 are being fed in the North Platte Valley this year and great interest was shown at the gathering. E. P. Haynes and "Dazzy' Vance

of Hastings claim to be the champion rabbit hunters of Adams county. One day last week they went hunting and returned in four hours with ninetytwo rabbits. These animals are redreds are being marketed in Hastings, which is said to be responsible

for the slight lowering of meat prices. Six thousand eight hundred dollars was the price paid for the Wahoo Mills at an auction sale last week. The mills were built ten years ago at a cost of \$1.,000. The owner of the plant suspended business in July, 1915, and since that time they have stood idle. The Farmers' Co-Operative company of Wahoo are the new owners and expect to put the mills in operation in the near future.

Parents-teachers associations have been organized in each of the schools of Norfolk. The object is for greater co-operation among the mothdren. They plan to have the teachparents to give the teachers advice that which proposes an amendment to and so make the school life and home

life of the pupils closely related. Kearney Comercial has set aside a fund of \$500 for the purpose of carrying on the freight rate fight which the city is making and more will be available if needed. Expert Powell has been engaged and the citizens and business men are determined that Kearney must have equalized rates competitive with



THE HUGE AMOUNTS THAT ARE TO BE EXPECTED.

SANCTIONED BY THE PEOPLE

Additional Legislation Concerning money. They always have depended Railway Labor Troubles Causes upon the inaugural ball to get their Some Concern-Clark and Mann Not Distressed About Next Congress.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington .-- Congress is quickstepping along on the first lap of the track which by time's measure runs three months. The representatives of the people show no particular concern because they face appropriation estimates that reach the ought-to-be staggering total of one and three-quarter billions.

"The country's necessity" is the salve which keeps down the fever of resentment and protest. As a matter of fact the congressmen seem to be-

returns show that sanction has been presented to congress last year and directly. continuing this year, and so signs of

at the capitol.

Just now the legislation which in a sense is an offset to the so-called eighthour legislation is engaging the attention of the members of both houses and moreover is somewhat troubling cuitous route. the men who must frame the acts ported to be the most numerous in which are to become law. The presithe history of the county and hun- dent has urged that this legislation take specific form, and as the administration's party holds control of both houses at present by a big majority, the president's will in the matter probably will be done.

#### Labor Law Troubles.

The eight-hour law, as it has come to be called, and which was read into the statute books within the span of 48 hours near the close of the last session, is variously spoken of here as an act of justice, an act of injustice, an act brought into being by coercion and an act which went through be-

cause of its manifest righteousness. However it is viewed, no member of congrets denies that labor scored a victory. Now there seems to be a desire to do something in behalf of capital if ers and teachers in training the chil- one may speak of the employers as capital. The legislation which is causers give the parents advice and the ing most trouble for the lawmakers is

the existing statute which provides for arbitration, so that a full public investigation of the merits of any dis- officers, senators, representatives, pute shall be instituted before a strike army and navy officers and their wives, or a lockout lawfully may be at- sisters, cousins and aunts must amuse tempted.

This proposed amendment is similar working day, or at any rate such is to a law which they have in Canada. their desire, and therefore society runa It is objected to by many representa- a pace which outstrips laggard legislatives of labor and it seems likely that tion.

there will be a hard fight on it before The most brilliant event of the so-

There was no inaugural ball four years ago. Mr. Wilson said "no," and, of course, the 'citizens' committee, which has charge of the inaugural proceedings, of necessity was forced to bow to the word. The chances are there will be no inaugural ball this year, and there is the evidence of disappointment among the citizenry that was manifest four years ago. Inaugural proceedings cost the people of Washington a good deal of

money back. The big affair has been the one great public or semipublic social function into which no one has been allowed to enter without a ticket. except the president and vice president

of the United States, and their wives, if both gentlemen have happened to be blessed with them. Even the members of the arrangements committee, the men who do the work, always have paid admission to the ball. The price has been \$5 per person and the equality of women in the paying matter has been recognized in this, if not in all other matters

## Ball Money Pays Expenses.

The money which has come in from lieve sincerely that the huge amounts the inaugural ball has been depended to be expended are, under existing con- upon to pay the expenses of the grandditions, rather modest in their propor- stand building, of bands, of flags, of tions. Preparedness costs much, but flowers, of the parades of local bodies, they look upon preparedness as insur- and of a score of other things which ance. The country, it is known, to a cause Uncle Sam's cash to change considerable extent is divided on this from one hand to another. With no issue, but it is held that the election inaugural ball, the citizens who contribute to the expenses of the governgiven to the appropriations program ment will not get their money back

> because silver is money, and indirectly probably all the good people of Washington who put their coins into the

contribution box will have them make their way back, even if it is by a cir-In about six weeks an army of car-

penters will take possession of Pennsylvania avenue. They will erect sightseeing stands all along the way from the state, war and navy building down by the White House, the treasury and the post office department to the towering capitol. A stand, partly glass inclosed, will be erected directly in front of the White House, and there the president, the vice president, their

wives, the cabinet officers and their wives, and chief of staff of the army and his aids will view the passing regiments and the passing bodies of civili-

of Washington who have offices overlooking Pennsylvania avenue will invite their friends to view the parade from their windows, or, if they are thriftily inclined, will rent out window space at anywhere from \$5 to \$10 a pair of sight-seeing eyes.

#### Ready for Social Season.

Washington is "all set" for its social season. President, cabinet president's themselves during the off hours of the

APPEALS FOR PEACE

WILSON ASKS ALL NATIONS AT WAR TO DISCUSS TERMS.

WASHINGTON AMAZED BY ACT

Proposition Put Forth By President Wholly Without Notice and Contrary to All Expectations.

Washington .- President Wilson has appealed to all the belligerents to discuss terms of peace. Without actually proposing peace or offering mediation, the president has sent formal notes to the governments of all the warring nations, suggesting that "an early occasion be sought to call out from the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satis-

factory as a guaranty against its ronewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future, as would make it possible frankly to compare them."

Wholly without notice and entirely contrary to what administration officials have described as his course, the president dispatched the notes to all the belligerents, and to all the neutrals for their information. Summar

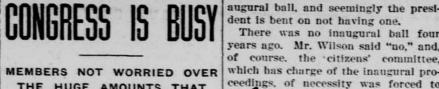
However there is a silver lining to ized in the president's own words, as worry are conspicuous by their absence every cloud, literally a silver lining, contained in the notes, his attitude is as follows:

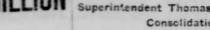
"The president is not proposing peace; he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may learn, the neutral nations with the belligerents, how near the haven; of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing. He believes that the spirit in which he speaks and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned, and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

It was a most distinct surprise to all official Washington, which had heen led to believe that with the formal tranasmittal of the proposals of the central powers the offices of Nearly all the residents of the city the United States would await further moves between the belligerents them. selves and that certainly, in view of the speech of Premier Lloyd George and the announcoments in Russia, France and Italy, further action by neutrals would depend upon the next careful and delicate moves of the belligerents.

The whole tenor of official opinion throughout Washington when the action became known was that it immeasurably improved the prospects for some sort of exchanges looking toward an approach to peace discussions between the belligerents, without impairing the position of the United States should they finally be unable to find a

ground on which to approach on cial season, unless the army and navy another. reception be excepted, has been aban-Nowhere on the surface appears doned. The reception to the diplomats any indication of the history-making of foreign governments must be foreevents, which diplomatists generally gone until the war in Europe is over. are convinced must have transpired since the German allies brought forth In lieu of the reception the president and Mrs. Wilson are to give two dintheir proposals, to dispel the generners to the diplomats this winter. ally prevalent belief that such an When there are two affairs, it is posaction on the part of President Wilsible to keep the warring diplomate son would be unacceptable to the enasunder. At one dinner there will be tente powers. British embassy officpresent the representatives of the alials declared they were utterly taken lies and a considerable number of the by surprise, were wholly unable to representatives of the Central and explain it and were emphatic in their South American countries. At the secstatement that no exchanges whatond dinner there will be present the repever had passed through the embassy resentatives of the central powers with here as a preliminary. the representatives of the other Cen-The wish and hope of the German tral and South American countries who powers that President Wilson would are not present at the first dinner. intercede in some way has long been It might be asked why the central well known and has been conveyed powers' representatives would not take in different ways to the White House. offense because the first dinner, the The attitude of the entente allies, as dinner of precedence, is to be given to expressed by their statesmen and certhe representatives of the allies. The tainly until recently in official adanswer is easy: Because J. J. Jussevices to the American government, has been that a peace offer by the ranking diplomat in Washington op United States would be considered account of his great length of service. almost the next thing to unfriendly. Therefore the first dinner must be giv-The nearest parallel in world history for President Wilson's action includes the highest ranking ambassawas President Roosevelt's move in 1905 to end the war between Russia With the diplomatic reception omitand Japan. But in that case the pres ident had been assured his proposal would not be disagreeable to either of the belligerents, and, curiously enough, it was through Emperor William of Germany that the preliminary soundings crystalized into the suggestion that President Roosevelt take





number of men enlisted from this is similar in this respect. state, and it will be up to most of

schools.

them to find work after they arrive Deplores Educational Situation hom-

#### Will Reorganize Department

Announcement regarding the com- But Nebraska's misfortune is to position of his office force was nade lose them too often to states which by State Superintendentelect W. H. pay more money-so states the nor-Clemmons of Fremont, during a short mal board report given at a recent visit in Lincoln last week. Mr. Clem- meeting of that body. In addition mons stated that Miss Cora A. to making this interesting observa-Thompson of Bridgeport, superintend- tion the board says that it will need ent of schools for Morrill county, is more money for the future than it to be one of his assistants. He has has during the past year. The state tendered her a place and she has ac- levy need not be changed, however, cepted. The superintendent-elect also the board says, but may remain at told that he plans to organize the five-eighths of a mill. The increase department of education on a some- in valuation will take care of the what different basis than heretofore. greater sums needed for this work. At the same time, he said that some

of the people now employed in the Dr. G. E. Condra, director of the office will be retained. This will in- state conservation and soil survey, clude most of those filling clerical has gone to Washington, where he and stenographical positions.

done in co-operation with the United Nebraska legislators get \$600 for States bureau of soils. The survey of Lincoln. their session's work. That is their five Nebraska counties has been compay, no matter whether they stay pleted this year. He will also be in at Lincoln sixty days or a hundred conference with federal roads departand sixty-or even if they have to ment and with the national commitsandwich a special session in dur- tee on topographic mapping, of which ing their tenure of office. he is a member.

#### Agitating New State House

It begins to look as though some If the railway commission wants to decisive action will be taken by the serve the people to the utmost it will incoming legislature with reference have to have more money. The \$93,to a new state capitol building. There 000 which it has had for the past biare a few who would "patch up" the ennial period will have to be inold state house and run along a few creased by at least \$9,000 and the years. Then there are many more who believe that the great develop- if the legislature would vote it. That ment of the state and its rapidly is the statement which Retiring Comgrowing interests demand immediate missioner Henry T. Clarke makes to relief in the construction of a mod- Governor Morehead as the latter in ern, commodious and sanitary cap- fulfilling his duties as budget officer, Itol building, capable of accommodat- casts about to make the expense ing a great commonwealth.

Acting upon the recommendation of Land Commissioner Beckmann, who recently viewed several trcts of state school land in Morrill, Banner aounced that raffling automobiles to and Cedar counties, the board of ed- stimulate trade constitutes a violaucational lands and funds has voted tion of the state law, numerous calls to raise the valuations materially over the appraisements made by county boards. The increase amounts to \$9,796 on all thees lands. aggre gating about two sections. The valuations so fixed are the prices at practically all of which he has rewhich the lands will be sold by the sponded that he meant just what he state to those having contracts for said and that prosecutions would folthem.

#### Cornhusker Will Join Navy

"Tim" Corey, retiring captain of the Nebraska university football the railroads operating here totaled team, may be a member of the navy \$59,204,518 for the fiscal year ending squad at Annapolis next year, ac- June 30, 1916, according to a report cording to statements made in uni- of the state railway commission. versity athletic circles. Corey, it was This huge sum represents a gain said, had received assurances he of nearly \$10,000,000 since 1912 for could receive an appointment as the annual revenue of that year barecadet if he cared to accept. The re- ly reached \$50,000,000 tiring Cornhusker captain said he had not decided what he will do. If shows that the operating expenses of he remains in Nebraska university the roads allocated to Nebraska, he will graduate and receive his de- have increased only from \$33,048,000 gree next June.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Pont of Shubert recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The aged couple Nebraska's fortune is to have some have lived in the town nearly fifty excellent teachers in the normal

Commission Needs More Money

commission could use \$20,000 more

list for the coming biennial period.

Since Attorney General Reed an-

have come in to him from out in

the state asking "if he meant it," and

"if such and such a proposition"

would come under that head. To

Will Prosecute Raffle Cases

low fractures of the law

to \$84,841,000.

Earnings of Nebraska Railroads

Revenue earned in this state by

In the meantime the same report

vears. Three dozen fancy chickens were near Kearney. This ranch has fowls

ance.

that are valued at \$250 each. Fire of an unknown origin destroy mill was insured for \$10,000 and will hogs in December there. probably be rebuilt.

Superior is to have a new hotel which will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000. After nearly forty-six years of con-

ing party, out near Kearney, to that

The Grand Island Horse and Mule company closed a new contract with the British government for an indefinite number of horses. It is expected that between 10,000 and 15,000 contract.

Citizens of Greater Omaha are planning to make the city still great. er by annexing two more suburbs, Florence and Benson. A bill to permit the merger will be presented to the state legislature the coming session.

Frank Howard, of Pawnee City, purchased eighty-five head of horses in Beatrice. He said that the horses were purchased for use in England, be shipped to Europe as soon as possible

The American Beet Sugar company employes at Grand Island will receive at the close of the campaign, 40c a day or \$40, officials of the firm announced.

Ashland voted bonds to the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of erecting a new high school building. It will occupy the site of the present structure, which was erected fifty years ago and has been condemned. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Young, of Brock, recently celebrated their sixty-first

wedding anniversary. Omaha was the scene of nearly seventy conventions during the past year. Twenty-four conventions have already have been booked for the metropolis by the bureau of publicity for

1917. The David City Congregational church was damaged to the extent of one thousand dollars a few days ago by fire. It was the third fire in the town within ten days.

The summer convention of the Nebraska Press association will be held in Omaha, June 18, 19 and 20. It will be largely a' social gathering.

other cities of like size. Dr. G. J. Collins of West Point was

elected president of the Nebraska Veterinarians' association at its annual meeting at Lincoln. The by-laws in the house of representatives today of the association will be changed so | seeiningly are Champ Clark, the Demosent to the National Poultry show at that in the future the meeting of the Chicago from the 1733 Poultry Ranch association will come the week after the national meeting, instead of at the same time, as now

Hogs reached \$10.15 on the South ed the big flouring mill at Dodge, Omaha market a few days ago, which with a loss estimated at \$13,000. The is the highest price ever paid for

Young men of Elk City, Douglas county, are soliciting funds for the purpose of establishing a community center meeting place.

railroad and after rising from the year to the amount of 8 per cent over position of chairman with a survey- 1915, according to a summary issued by the U.S. department of agriculwill check up the soil survey work of chief engineer, Thomas E. Calvert ture. The report shows 40,090,000 the other way. died of heart failure at his home in acres in the United States seeded in winter wheat, the greatest ever plant-

> ed in the history of the nation. The State Dairymen's association will hold the most important meeting of their history in the new dairy building on the state university farm, horses will be delivered under this Lincoln, on January 17, 18 and 19, 1917.

> > The Brick feed and boarding barn at Holdrege was completely destroyed by fire, burning fifteen horses, five horse-drawn hearses, twenty tons of hay, about thirty carriages, harness \$25,000. It is understood that the property was insured.

Frank Fowler of the Nye-Schneiderplaced in the spring by a huge new ary. There are signs of the tearing up modern steel structure.

James Brennan, residing near O'Neill, killed a rabbit recently that had a pair of horns fully two inches which will last 100 days, a bonus of long. They protrude just inside of the ears, resemble bone, and are jagged, but curved similar to cattle

horns. Mr. Brennan caught the freak in a trap intended for barn rats. The Omaha school board faces a deficit of \$234,373 at the close of the traveling circus, who asked, with some year, according to a report of the financial secretary.

Rev. S. J. Megaw of Fairbury has taken up the work as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Fullerton. Construction work on the Farmers Equity Co-Operative creamery at Orleans is well under way. The plant will have a capacity of two cars of

butter a week and will be the centralizing concern for Nebraska and Kansas exchanges on the Burlington. The company is capitalized at \$50,000.

Rev. F. H. Saeman, former pastor of the Lutheran church at Rock Fort, Mo., has been elected to the pastorate

of the Lutheran church at Berlin. Nebraska Retail Lumber Dealers' association will meet in Omaha February 7, 8 and 9.

it finally is passed, although the outlook apparently is that passed it will

Although the next speakership is at stake, the two most unconcerned men cratic speaker, and Representative James R. Mann, the Republican floor leader. No one knows definitely yet how the next house is to stand. It may be a tie between the Democrats and the Republicans with half a dozen men of other parties or no parties holding the balance of power. Mr. Clark

naturally wants to succeed himself as speaker. Mr. Mann unquestionably would hail the opportunity to be speaker in his own behalf. Any day may bring a change in the membership of

Nebraska farmers have planted in- the next house of representatives for inuous service with the Burlington creased acreage in winter wheat this several seats are in dispute. If the Democrats secure a majority, of course Clark will be re-elected speaker. Mann perhaps gets the job if the balance goes

These two party leaders, rivals for the highest office in the gift of the rand, the French ambassador, is the house, and in power the second highest office in the government, are exceedingly friendly, even though they "row it" a good deal on the floo. The friends en to that group of diplomats which of both seemingly are much more concerned over the future than is either dor of the city. one of the men who have most at stake.

ted from the White House social calen-Wilson Faces Another Ordeal. President Wilson is facing the oreal dar, there will remain the three other of another inauguration. Why ordeal? big receptions, the one to the judiciary, Because, despite the pomp and glory the one to congress, and the one to the of the thing, presidents time out of army and navy. In addition to these mind have imported to their personal functions every cabinet officer gives and all grain, causing a total loss of friends in advance of the swearing-in what might be called a state dinner to process that they rather dreaded the the president of the United States, to turmoil and the toil of it all. which the other cabinet officers are in-

Every four years the good people of vited. And to these a couple of mu-Fowler Elevator company announced this city are torn up, while the city sicales each week at the White House that the big elevator destroyed by itself also is more or less torn up, in and scores upon scores of dances, re-France and Italy, and that they will fire at Fremont recently will be re- the apt-to-be stormy month of Febru- ceptions and teas at the various official houses of officialdom, and it easily can of the residents of this town already, be seen what a busy winter society has

for they are bent on having an in-lin Washington.

Breaking It Gently. very large amount of nourishment in "Beauty," said the lecturer at the one's daily diet. Strange as it may hygiene circle-"beauty is everywhere. seem to the average individual, almost some degree."

bitterness, whether the lecturer could

Then he spoke:

beauty is not so apparent in you as it is in some. At the same time. I can tell you quite honestly that you are the best-looking deformed, hunchbacked, bow-legged, broken-nosed dwarf with a hare lip that I've ever

ons, strawberries, blackberries, raspberries-in fact, all the various acid fruits-are, according to Physical Culture, exceedingly wholesome in char-

### Cold Weather Record Broken.

Pierre, S. D .- On the 20th day of December the government record showed 24 degrees below zero, the coldest December weather that has been experienced here in 25 years.

## Oklahoma Bank Robbed.

Tulsa, Okl.-Oklahoma bank robbers made a large haul the other day when they entered the Oklahoma National bank at Skiatook, near here, blew open the safe and escaped in any automobile with \$20,000 in currency and silver.

Huge Sum for Breach of Promise, Pittsburg, Pa.-Miss Nettie Richardson, aged 40, former cashier in a hotel, was awarded a verdict of \$170,-000 in her suit for \$500,000 for breach of promise against Henry Deniston.

#### Bank Resources Grow

Pierre, S. D.-An increase of nearly five and a half million dollars in state bank deposits for the two months from September 12 to November 17 is shown in the report of state bank examiners. The state banks show total resources of \$98,200,277.31.

May Close Paris Theaters. Paris.-The Association of Paris Theater managers has notified the government that if the proposed new tax on theaters is imposed all the theaters will be closed.

It is possessed by everyone of us in any one of these fruits, lemons excepted, would fully and completely nourish After the meeting he was stopped the body for a prolonged and even an by a terribly deformed dwarf from the extended period if one were for any reason compelled to secure nourishment entirely from food of this character, although, of course, it would require a considerable period for the organs of assimilation to acquire the habit of absorbing all needed nourishment if a radical dietetic change of

this nature was made. Poor Outlook for Patsy.

"Ma, won't yer let me have some cake now?" "Didn't I tell ye Oi wouldn't give it to ye at all if ye didn't kape still?" "Yes, but-"

"Well, the longer ye kape still the sooner ye'll get it, moind that."-Boston Transcript.

Osage Orange Toughest Wood.

The toughest American wood, according to United States forest servacter, and are capable of furnishing a lice tests, is that of the osage orange.

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Value of a Fruit Diet.

Apples, oranges, pears, peaches, lem

tell him where his-the dwarf's-

moments, as though summing him up.

beauty lay. The lecturer looked at him for some

"Well, my friend, I must admit that