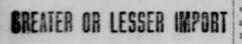


INTELLIGENCE HERE GATHERED COVERS WIDE AREA.



Includes What is Going On at Washington and in Other Sections of the Country.

## WAR NEWS.

in formal notes to all the belligerents, President Wilson, without proposing peace or offering mediation, has appealed to them to discuss terms which may end the war. . . .

that two destroyers were sunk in a from operations will be approximately collision in the North sea on Decem- \$1,098,000,000 for the entire year. ber 21 during very bad weather. Six officers and forty-nine men were lost. . . .

A Havas dispatch from Berne says naments, according to information It is believed in certain circles there made public by Paul Williams, field that the British government is about secretary of the United States Nato approach the belligerents on the tional lawn tennis association. Figsubject of peace in the same way as ures show that about 500,000 dozen the Swiss president. . . .

Since the beginning of the war, ac. to 6,000,000 balls. cording to calculations by a London shipping paper, Great Britain has lost \$45 steam vessels, representing 1,744,000 tons. When the war started Great Britain had 3,600 vessels.

Pope Benedict, in speaking to Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, regarding President Wilson's note to the belligerents, said: "It is · document showing the honesty, justice and far-sightedness of the American president." . . .

Switzerland has sent a note to all the warring powers announcing its ular army on the border and in Mexsupport of President Wilson's appeal for a discussion of peace terms, say- parade ground at Fort Bliss because ing it "would consider itself happy if five of the recruits were found to it could act in any way, for the reap- have measles. proachment of the peoples now engaged in the struggle, and for a lasting

peace." . . .

Germany and her allies-Austria- General Francisco Murguia to order Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey-re- General Gonzales south with his complied to the note of President Wilson mand. In which he asked that the belligerent nations state the aims for which they were fighting. The proposal is made fallen into the hands of followers of by the central powers that a confer- Felix Diaz, and Jalapa is in the hands ence of the delegates of all the bel- of other revolutionary forces, accordligerents he held immediately in a ing to reports received by United neutral city.

# GENERAL.

Frank R. Roberson, 46, noted traveler and lecturer, died at a Denver hospital of appendicitis. . . .

Six passengers were killed and several others were injured in a railroad wreck at St. Polycarpe junction, Canada.

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Three thousand five hundred dollars' worth of cattle were killed or crippled by a Burlington passenger train when they broke through the right-of-way near Lingle, Wyo. . . .

An analysis on crime conditions in Chicago, shows that there is a holdup there every six hours, a murder every second day, two suicides a day and an arrest every seven and a half minutes. . . .

Nearly \$2,500,000 for the relief of Jowish war sufferers in Europe was pledged at a great mass meeting in Carnegie Hall, New York. Jacob H. Schiff of New York and Julius S. Rosenwald of Chicago headed the list with \$100,000 each. . . .

More than one billion dollars net income from operations was made by the railroads of the country during the year now closing. Statistics gathered by the interstate commerce commission complete for nine months The British admiralty announces indicate that the total net income

> . . . The year just passing saw the completion of more than 275 tennis tourhalls were smashed over the net during the playing season, which amounts

## MEXICAN TROUBLE.

A report was received at El Paso. Tex., by sources known to be close to Francisco Villa, and by governforces captured San Luis Potosi. . . .

Confirmation was received at Mexico City of the report that General Luis Herrera, in command of a government force, had been killed in battle with Villa adherents near Torreon. . . .

Three hundred recruits for the regico were quarantined in tents on the

. . . The appearance of a band of Villa troops south of Chhuahua Cty, Mexico, was reported to have caused

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Puebla and Orizaba, Mexico, have States government agents. . . .

That Villista forces are holding Torreon, an important railway center, while the handit chief with the main body of his army is moving rapidly northward to strike a deadly blow at the only formidable force of government troops now in northern Mexico. under General Murguia in Chihuahua City, is the substance of reports made to United States authorities at El



DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

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.

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 \$25,000. The owner of the Union Pacific bridge, which spans the plant suspended business in Jury, Missouri river, was moved bodily 1915, and since that time they have stood idle. The Farmers' Co-Opera- structure, weighing 6,500 tons, was tive company of Wahoo are the new moved into place. The old bridge was owners and expect to put the mills in operation in the near future.

ment agents, saying that Villa's 18. This show is an annual affair les.

conducted by the Nebraska Corn Improvers' association. Indications point to a much larger entry list this year than ever before. Fire in the Union station office of the American express company at

Omaha destroyed seventy-five outbound Christmas parcels of value unkhown. The majority of the packages were consigned to persons in the state. Silver bullion valued at \$75,000 in the office at the time, was

removed with difficulty to safety. Auburn is soon to have one of the best equipped hospitals in this state. institution will accommodate The about twenty patients. Work on the

structure is practically completed and the formal opening is expected to take place soon. **Revivalists Hart and Megann have** 

just closed a five weeks' session at Fairbury. Forty converts were secured. A free-will offering, aggregating nearly \$1,000, was raised. Fire, thought to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, destroyed the Wilsonville school building, erect-

ed in 1889. The loss is placed at \$16. 000; insurance, \$11,000. Sugar beet growers of Scotts Bluff county are going to get \$7.50 a ton for their siloed beets next fall, it is

said. A new factory in that region is stimulating prices. The Messenger is the name of a new paper established at Henry,

Scottsbluff county. It is being edited Bluff, Wyo.

Omaha is to be the location of the ew federal farm loan bank for the ishth district, which comprises the new federal farm loan bank for the eighth district, which comprises the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Wyoming and South Dakota. News that the Nebraska metropolis secured the in- BUDGET OF STATE BOARD OF stitution was received with general satisfaction in Lincoln and Sioux City. its nearest rivals. The establishment of the farm loan banks is the first

NORTHWESTERN, LOUP CITY, 'NEBRASKA.

step by the federal board toward put- BANK ting into effect the provisions of the rural credits act, designed to make it possible for farmers to borrow money at a low rate of interest. According to the provisions of the act money will be loaned on long-time first mortgages. up to 50 per cent of the value of the land at a rate not higher than 6 per cent. In order to obtain this loan a farmer must be a member of a loan

association of at least ten persons in his section. Interest must be paid yearly, and after five years a small portion of the principal must be paid each year. Each bank will be capitalized at \$750,000 and the local community will be given the first opportunity to buy the stock.

One of the most unique engineering feats of modern railroading was successfully consummated at Omaha when the superstructure of the old from the piers and the new super-

Senator Hitchcock at Washington, has received a report on the forest reserve in Nebraska from District Forester Riley, stationed at Denver, in which he declares that the most important needs in this state are: The building of roads for the protection of the national forest; to permit the sale of products; and to open the forest for recreation purposes. The receipts from the Nebraska reserve during 1916 were \$6,547, derived mostly from grazing permits. The elimination of the North Platte division is believed to have caused the falling off in receipts.

Norris A. Huse, editor and half owner of the Norfolk Daily News, has accepted the position of vice president company he is to be associated with, World-Herald declared Mr. Huse is to receive a salary of \$25,000 a year. His new work will be to bring the big advertiser into touch with the coun-

Petitions are in circulation throughout Gage county for the purpose of changing the present supervisor form of government to a commission system. In order to secure the submission of the question it will be by Fred Mathias, formerly of Pine necessary to secure the signature of per cent. ten per cent of the voters of the

CONTROL IS LARGER. DEPOSITS INCREASE

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources Around

the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. The budget of the state board of control presented to Governor Morehead and by him to be submitted to the, legislature calls for an increase in appropriations for the maintenance of the fifteen state institutions under the management of this board. An increase in the number of inmates amounting to nearly 17 per cent is expected during the coming two years. In addition to this the board has added 10 per cent increase because of the advance in prices of supplies over the prices formerly paid by the state.

The board of control comprises Judge Howard Kennedy, chairman, ex-Governor S. A. Holcomb and Henry Gerdes. Two years ago this board presented to the legislature its first request for appropriations. For the first time in the history of the state the legislature accepted the word of the board as to the needs of state institutions. It gave the board exactly what it asked for. This confidence in the board was not misplaced, according to the views of those who have watched the management of state institutions. In spite of a big increase in the price of supplies in the past two years, the amount given by the legislature will tide the institutions over until April 1, the end of the biennium, with scarcely a deficiency. One or two of the smaller institutions may show a small deficiency.

This year the board of control asks for an appropriation of \$2,355.770 for the ordinary expenses of state institutions. This is an increase of \$268,-050 over the amount appropriated for the same purposes two years ago. in addition the board asks for \$454,800 for permanent improvements or other extra items of expense.

Big Increase in State Bank Deposits Nebraska challenges the world! If the world accepts the world may be badly beaten in the matter of increase in bank deposits the past

Here is what Nebraska has done in the past year. It is the record upon which this state stands. In twelve months the deposits in the 800 banks of the state have increased \$54,651,845.

An average monthly increase of more than \$4,554,000 a month. Figured down finer that would

mean an increase of more than \$1,-150 for every day of the month. more than \$41 for even man, woman ment of prohibition laws and various and child in the state.

It is an increase of more than 50 over and above the regular depart-

creased \$14,407,000, and the loans report to the governor. The total

Recommend Exchange of Lands The State forestration commission will recommend that 10,000 acres of state school lands in small tracts scattered about in government forest reservations in Nebraska be tracted to the government for compact bodies of land in the government reservations. This would give the government control over the entire government reservations which does not obthe state control over compact bodies of state land which is now scattered promiscuously among government lands. The commission will recommend

three bills for passage by the legislature. One will authorize counties and cities and villages to set aside tracts of land for forest or lumber tracts to serve as recreation grounds and as a source of wood supply if carefully planted and cut. The commission also believes this plan would assist in maintaining the purity of water supplies in many instances. The second bill will relate to the trading scattered state lands for single tracts of

government land. The third bill will embody a plan for a permanent state forestration commission, to comprise three members appointed by the governor for a term of three years each, to serve without salary.

# Farmers in Legislature.

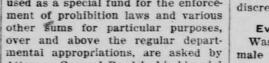
Farmers and stockraisers will outnumber lawyers in the lower branch by four to one, but in the senate there will be seven attorneys as against only four farmers and stockmen. A few of the farmers are also interested in banks. There will be two house memhers and one senator who are retired farmers, and who have other interests at present. The house will contain forty-eight members who give farming as their occupation. If the two retired ones are included, this will give the agriculturists just one-half the membership. There are twelve lawyers in the house, counting two university law students who are preparing themselves for the legal profession.

University Correspondence Cuorses. Correspondence courses offered by

the University of Nebraska extension department are reaching 433 men and women who live not only in Nebraska, but also in various parts of the United States from Cambridge, Mass., to San Francisco, Cal. They represent farmers, housewives, business men, mechanics, laborers, professional men and teachers. A majority of the 433. however, are teachers.

The purpose of the department is to afford the worker the opportunity to study during leisure hours, "all problems-artistic, literary, historical, social, industrial, moral, political, educational-problems in sanitation, city lighting, banking, divorce-in fact all problems that may concern the citi- ber. zens of Nebraska." It is considered a step further in making the university a people's school.

Wants Money to Enforce Law. One hundred thousand dollars, to be Or the increase would amount to used as a special fund for the enforce-





VERDICT AGAINST DEFENDANTS IN "WILD HORSE" CASE.

tain at this time, and would also give TWO EXONERATED BY JURY

.Trial Qne of the Longest and Cost. liest on Record .- Over Hundred Witnesses Heard.

Omaha, Neb .- The famous Arizona wild horse case, which has been on trial in United States court for the

last three weeks, ended when the jury returned a verdict finding nine of the eleven defendants guilty and two not guilty. Four of those found guilty were recommended to the mercy of the court. Indictments are vet outstanding against seventeen others, some of whom will be brought to trial while others of the seventeen will be dismissed. Those found guilty were: J. S. Smith, Omaha; C. A. Smith, Omaha; J. P. Shircliff, Sauk Center, Minn.; R. B. Burwinkle, Des Moines, Iowa; W. Hinkley, Brayton, S. D.

The following were suggested to of the Nebraska legislature this winter | the mercy of the court: John Bolecy, Omaha; Albert A. Hastings, Silver Creek, Neb.: C. M. Thompson, Omaha: Charles W. West, Not guilty were: F. V. Guildinger, Northwood, Ia.; and L. R. West, Osceola, Ia. Discharged by order of the court after the evidence was all in.

In 1914 the federal grand jury indicted forty-two persons for having a hand in the selling of phantom and imaginary wild horses which the United States Live Stock company claimed were running the range in Co. conino county. Since the first indict. ment was returned a number of the defendants have died and others have been released from the charge, while

several others have been granted separate trials.

After the verdict of the jury was read, Judge Woodrough granted the defendants thirty days in which to make motions for new trials, take appeals and make such motions as their attorneys think best. The bonds under which the defendants were at liberty before the trial were all allowed to stand and no new bonds were asked.

The case was one of the costliest and longest ever tried at the federal court here. The government subpoenaed nearly 100 witnesses from all parts of the country, while witnesses for the defense totaled half this num-

The technical charge upon which the indictments were returned is that of conspiring to use the mails to defraud, the penalty, upon conviction, being a fine up to \$10,000, or imprisonment for two years, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Every Man Liable for Service. Washington. - Every able-bodied male citizen of the United States be-Since August 10 deposits have in- Attorney General Reed in his biennial tween the ages of 18 and 45 years is

moved north to temporary piers and the new bridge rolled into its place. Farmers who think they have bet- Traffic over the bridge was stopped ter corn than their neighbors will only a few hours. The actual moving have an opportunity to test their of the new superstructure a distance judgment this winter by sending sam- of some thirty feet was accomplished ples to the Nebraska state corn show in ten minutes by the use of donkey to be held at Lincoln January 15 to engines and immense block and tack-

of the American Press Association, and will leave Norfolk with his family in a few days to make his home in New York. He will be manager of the advertising department of the as well as a stockholder. The Omaha try newspaper.

year,

Cieveland's milk embargo was lifted when dealers and producers compromised on a flat wholesale rate of 221/2 cents a gallon commencing Janwary 1.

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Military training in elementary \$41.18 on that date. and secondary schools was voted down by the executive committee of the American Peace league at a meeting in New York City.

A tornado in Arkansas caused the death of twelve persons, the injury to or at the rate of more than \$60,000,000 twenty-three and an estimated prop- a month. erty damage of \$3,000,000. Four counties were in the path of the tornado.

Dupey, of France, the "hard boiled and domestic commerce statement err" team, won the annual six-day shows that for the eleven months hike race at Madison Square Garden, New York. They covered a distance of 2.625 miles in 142 hours and carried away the first prize of \$5,000.

sheriff, chief of police and United timore, Md.; Columbia, S. C.; Louis-States marshal at Salt Lake City ville, Ky .: New Orleans, La.; St. Louis, have worked unceasingly for days, no Mo.; St. Paul. Minn.; Wichita, Kans.; clew has been obtained of the person Houston. Tex. have been chosen as who planted a bomb, at the home of locations for twelve federal farm loan Governor Spry of Utah.

John N. Reeves, his wife and three each will have a capital of \$750,000. children, two boys, aged 5 and 11 and a lighty 15 months old, were found dead in their home near Minden, La. United States, Comptroller Williams The bodies were battered and chop- announced, aggregate \$15,520,000,000, ed, apparently from axe strokes. exceeding by about \$1,000,000,000 the Robbery was the motive, it is thought total resources of the Bank of Eng-. . .

decision in not granting a Christmas the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Spain, vacation of one week, 15,000 school the Bank of The Netherlands, the children of the 22,669 enrolled in the Bank of Denmark, the Swiss National public schools of Scranton, Pa., re- bank, and the Imperial Bank of Jamained away from sessions. . . .

An increase of nearly five and a half million dollars in South Dakota state bank deposits for the two months from September 12 to November 17 is shown in the report of the state bank examiners. The state banks show total resources of \$98,-200.277.31.

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Five persons lost their lives and property damage to the extent of national reputation, has been engaged \$250,000 was sustained when fire by the war department as instructor completely destroyed the Kansas at the army balloon school which will Masonic home at Wichita.

Temperance forces of Des Moines have been advised that brewery in- following to be members of the govterests of lowa will ask the next leg. ernment shipping board: William islature to pass a bill giving them the Denman of San Francisco, Bernard right to manufacture beer and ship it N. Baker of Baltimore, John A. in the state on an even basis with Donald of New York, John Barber breweries located outside of the White of Kansas City, Mo., and Theostate.

It is said the Sinclair-Cudahy Pipe Line Co., a Maine corporation, is contemplating the construction of a pipe Has from the Kazsas oil fields to of experts of the Department of Agri-Chicago.

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WASHINGTON.

Paso.

Money in circulation in the United States on November 1 amounted to \$4,241,162,189, treasury officials report. The per capita circulation was . . .

Figures published by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce show that in the first eight months of this year foodstuffs shipped to Europe reached a value of about \$670,000,000.

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The country's foreign trade this year probably will reach a total of Occar Egg. of Sweden, and Marcel \$7,800,000, A bureau of foreign ending with November exports and imports combined totalled \$7,148 .-800,000.

. . . . Omaha, Neb.; Berkeley, Cal.; Spo-Although the entire forces of the kane, Wash ; Springfield, Mass ;; Balbanks. The banks will be established as soon as practicable. Under the law

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Resources of national banks of the land, the Bank of France, the Bank In their answer to the school board's of Russia, the German Reichsbank. pan combined.

. . . The first 160 national banks of the country in size formerly congested in a few financial centers, but now scattered among thirty-three cities in sources between the bank calls of is the belief that Ogalfala will be one to the men was approximately \$800. September 12 and November 17 by \$50.000,000, or about 9 per cent.

Leo Stevens, a balloonist of inter-

soon be reopened at Fort Omaha. . . . President Wilson nominated the dore Brent of New Orleans.

Cost of hauling produce to and from the farms of the country is reduced as much as 25 cents per ton-mile by good roads, according to calculations

A robber threw a brick through the Gildner Bros. jewelry store front at agitated for several months. Kearney and stole about \$500 worth of rings, ear drops and stickpins.

Dawson county, situated in Coyote precinct. Bonds to the sum of \$15,000 have been issued by the city of Norfolk

for the purpose of acquiring a public park. At the Connor farm sale near Adams, milch cows with calves by of approximately \$60,000.

their sides brought as high as \$125 each. O'Neill has just opened its municipal skating pond, which covers a half square block. Fire destroyed the building of the

Clark Drug company at Fremont, with a loss of \$25,000. O. E. Wood has organized a county

farmers' union association at Wymore. It cost the city of Omaha \$5,251 to hold the recent special election on the street lighting contract.

Contract has been let for a new \$30,000 school building at Walthill. A new creamery and cheese facstarted by O. H. Liebers, who was county agent in charge of the work in Gage county for four years. Dairying is being carried on extensively

in the county and this new concern will make a good market for milk. The town of Deshler has one of the largest electric lighted skating ponds in the whole state, and hundreds of people from miles around are enjoying \$25,000. It will restore an old ele-

the sport. The Ogallala Community club has completed arrangements for the erecthe principal streets of the town. of the best lighted towns of its size in the state.

for the past five years by F. J. Sharp, has suspended publication.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Young, of Brock, recently celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary. H. H. Zieme acted as Santa Claus for Beaver City in making the anbarrel flouring mill in the city. Work their farm house three miles from will be commenced as soon as weath-

er will permit. Four members of the Nebraska Audubon society took the bird census varieties of birds in the vicinity of the city, totaling 497 in number. Dr. G. J. Collins of West Point was nual meeting at Lincoln.

county. The proposition has been

The Nebraska state poultry show will be staged this year in Kearney, Lindsay elevators are in a congest- January 15 to 26, and, according to A. ed state, due to the car shortage, all H. Smith, the association's secretary, of them being filled to the top, with no of Lincoln there is reason to believe more grain being bought at any price. | more than 2,000 representatives of the Ninety dollars an acre was the aristocratic feathered tribe will be on price paid for a section of land in hand, striving for the many prizes, silver trophies and medals which will be awarded.

> The new bridge across the Platte river south of Kearney was opened to nium. travel last week. The new bridge is 1,000 feet long and twenty feet wide, built entirely of concrete, at a cost of

Rabbits are more plentiful in southeast Nebraska this winter than in years. Three hunters at Falls City were out a short time the other day and came in with over one hundred of the little animals.

J. W. Ramaekers, 80, of Lindsay, who had a needle removed from his right shoulder a few days ago, does not know how the tiny bit of steel came to be in his body.

For the first time in the history of the South Omaha stock yards the cattle receipts for the month of December passed the 100,000 mark.

Nebraska ranked third among all tory is being organized at Beatrice. the states in the union in the amount The project is the result of agitation of money contributed to the states by the Interstate Trap Shooting astournaments during 1916. A total of \$975 was contributed to this state. Nebraska held nineteen registered tournaments during the year.

The farmers' unions in the vicinity of Wayne have just organized an elevator company with a capital of vator and handle grain and coal.

The Dempster company of Beatrice remembered their employes tion of fifteen five-cluster lights on Christmas, who number four hundred men, with an order of \$2 each on the When these lights are installed it stores in the city. The amount given

Albert Abrams, a wealthy bachelor, was found dead at his home near The Hamilton County Advocate, Hastings, death resulting, it is which has been published at Aurora thought, from freezing. He was reported to be worth \$50,000.

Frank Howard of Pawnee City purchased a carload of horses at Beatrice for which he paid on an average of about \$150 per head.

Fred Thompson, 35; Mrs. Thompson, 22, and their baby, 4 months, nouncement that he will erect a fifty- were found dead Sunday morning in Dalton. There was no apparent cause for the deaths.

A special excursion of Gage county farmers to Lincoln to attend the of Omaha, finding twenty-one different | annual meetings of organized agriculture of the state, is being arranged by L. Boyd Rist, county agent.

Because of her refusal to resume Veterinarians' association at its an- of Lexington, shot and killed Effic ings and Fairbury. Dorothy Rader, at Omaha.

nearly \$12,560,000.

In the year loans have increased \$27,939,850.

Of total appropriations amounting tenance of the legal department. to nearly \$10,000,000, made by the 1915 egislature for all state departments and institutions during the biennium the two now employed in his office. from April 1, 1915, to the same date in This would require an additional ap-1917, there remained on hand in De- propriation of \$3,360. cember, a little over one-fourth the gross sum. Most of this will be expend- er states has shown that it is neces-

While the legislature of two years an appropriation available for investiago made \$9.849.718 available for the gating violations and prosecuting ofbiennium, \$2,000,000 ofthis came from other sources than the state treasury propriation, he asserts, will weaken and was not raised by ordinary taxa- the force and effect of the laws. tion. Fees collected by departments,

products and labor sold by state institutions, and miscellaneous other state's revenue.

cember 1, aggregated \$2,739.217, leaving at that time the expenditures of a change in the law that will perfour months, or one-sixth of the bien- mit state funds to be given to banks nium still to be met.

These figures are shown in State piled as a fiscal guide for the next banks as he may select, the banks to pay 3 per cent interest. legislature.

#### Will Fight Health Board.

Dr. Carrol Fox, federal health official, who investigated health adminis- asking for an appropriation of \$200 tration laws in Nebraska a few years by the legislature to pay him the sociation for registered trap shooting ago and who recommended revolution- state reward offered in a proclamation ary changes in our laws, will visit the by Governor Morehead for the arrest legislature and lay before it reasons and return of John Jones, a negro who why his plans are most feasible. It was found guilty of killing Sam Leons is said here that practitioners from at Omaha in October, 1913. Jones was all the schools of medicine are pre- afterwards sentenced to be electroparing to fight a reorganization of cuted, but the supreme court changed the state health board. Many favor his sentence to life imprisonment. As it, however, and a battle between the the claim is a valid one against the factions is expected.

> School Lands Worth Much Money State school lands under lease, which would be subject to sale if the ly to receive considerable attention legislature ever took a notion to take | this session, is comprehensive in scope that step, total 1,650,990 acres and are and strikes at the root of matters in worth about \$18,000,000 in the judg- is keenly interested. It may bring on ment of State Superintendent Thomas. a battle between the "retentionists" If the school lands of the state had and the "rebellionists" on that board. been kept intact and conserved as The retentionists want to continue afhave private investments of Nebraska fairs as they are. The rebellionists ney would have brought upward of want to reorganize the board and take \$30,000,000 in to the permanent school out of its hands everything but the funde of the state.

The St. Joe & Grand Island railroad has applied to the railway commission in his biennial report that during the for permission to take off the motor biennium from December 1, 1914, car that runs between Fairbury and to November 30, 1916, his office col-Hastings, making one round trip a day. |lected \$23,353 in fees of which \$12,-The car was put in service on a ninety 714 came from county registrations days' trial, and the road claims it does and \$2,185 from city registrations. not pay. The business men of Hast- Life certificates and registrations ings hold that if the car had been run yielded \$1,756 and state certificates on time it would have been granted \$492, while \$211 come from miscela bigger patronage. It is understood laneous sources. This money has business men in the towns between been used for various purposes, be-Fairbury and Hastings want it taken | ing expended under authority of the elected president of the Nebraska relations with him, Floyd W. Fuller off because it pulls business to Hast- legislature as a cash fund of the de-

amount of such appropriations requested is \$225,000, as compared with \$28,500 provided by the legislature of 1915 for special activities and main-

The attorney general also asks for two additional stenographers beside

Mr. Reed says the experience of othed during the remainder of the bien- sary, in order to obtain desired results in enforcing prohibition, to make fenders. Failure to make such an ap-

State Treasurer George E. Hall, in his biennial report to Governor Moreitems made up this portion of the head, dwells at much length on the result of his order requiring county The balance in all funds on De- treasurers to make monthly remittances to the state. He recommends making the highest bid instead of the present regulation which allows the Auditor Smith's biennial report com- treasurer to place the money in such

### Files Claim For State Reward.

Ira L. Cooper of St. Louis has filed a claim with State Auditor Smith state. den'read

The agricultural activities bill, which made its appearance last ses sion and which is one of the bills like which the state board of agriculture management of the state fair.

State Superintendent Thomas shows partment.

held liable for service in the national guard in war time, without further act of congress by war department regulations for the government of the guard issued under the national defense act. In a circular prepared nearly two months ago, but made public just recently, the militia bureau directs that where a national guard regiment is called out for war service, a reserve training battalion to fill vacancies at the front shall be organized out of the national guard reserve and by voluntary enlistment. "If for any reason," the order continues, "there shall not be enough reservists or enough voluntary enlistments to organize or to keep the reserve battalions at prescribed strength'a sufficient number of the unorganized militia shall be drafted by the president to maintain such battalions or lesser unit at the prescribed strength."

Policy of Silence Adopted.

Washington .-- A policy of absolute silence regarding the peace negotiations has been adopted by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. It was stated officially that all steps henceforth will be regarded as confidential, that no comment will be made on any development and that rumors will not be discussed in any way. The decision to pursue this course was made known after the state department had received the official texts of the German and Anstrian replies to President Wilson's identical notes to the belligerents proposing a discussion of peace terms. In many quarters the official attitude was construed as indicating that secret exchanges were expected to follow if they did not precede the formal answers of the entente nations to the notes of President Wilson and the central powers.

50,000 Armenians Starving.

New York .- Fifty thousand deported Armenians are starving in the vicinity of Alepho, Asiatic Turkey, as a result of a recent temporary suspension of relief appropriations, according to a cablegram from American Ambassador Elkus, received here.

### Boy Killed Coasting.

Des Moines, Ia .- Delbert Collins, 17 years old, was killed and five boys seriously injured, one fatally, when two bobsleds collided here on a steep hill.

## Sixth Snow in Forty Years.

Los Angeles, Cal.-Snow fell the other day over part of the city for the sixth time in the forty years the weather bureau has been established here. It melted almost as rapidly as it fell, Foothills in this section were tipped with white.

Two Boys Die When Home Burns. Aspen, Colo .- Two boys, aged 10 and 12, respectively, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Boscello, were burned to death in the destruction of their home here.