

Kennedy of York Remains President of Commissioners

County Officials in Convention Here Elect Officers—John L. Kennedy Tells of European Conditions

P. J. Kennedy of York was re-elected president of the Nebraska Association of County Commissioners, Supervisors and Highway Commissioners at the concluding business session of the convention in Hotel Roma yesterday. Arthur Bowring of Cherry county was elected vice president and C. A. Holmquist of Wausa was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The State Association of County Clerks and Registers of Deeds elected H. R. Knapp of Broken Bow president; J. E. Lyle of Hall county, vice president, and R. W. Daggott of Falls City, secretary.

The meeting next year will be held in Omaha.

John L. Kennedy, speaking to the convention, declared that Georges Clemenceau is demagoguing the cause of France by his speeches in this country.

"The United States should take its proper place among the nations, but I am opposed to agreeing in advance to fight without knowing whom or where or when we are to fight," Mr. Kennedy said.

"I am more afraid, however, of the influence of the idle rich in this country than of the influence of the idle poor. There should be no place under the stars and stripes for the idle rich."

Former Attorney General Willis Reed, speaking at Hotel Roma yesterday before the state convention of county and highway commissioners, threw a surprise into that assembly by declaring that the state road building program should be suspended until property owners have caught up with necessary expenditures.

"They tell us that unless we appropriate our share we will lose the \$5,586,000 appropriated for Nebraska for road building in the next two years," he said. "But who pays this federal money? You and I and all the other overburdened taxpayers."

W. B. Check, president of the Omaha Auto club, urged continuation of the road building program so as to get advantage of the federal aid.

Harvard Baby Burns to Death While Playing in Highway

Harvard, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Ray Yost, 4, son of George H. Yost, died of burns received when he strayed from the house to the road, where his father had been burning the weeds and grass. The little fellow was unnoticed by his parents until the fire, which had evidently attracted him to the road, caught upon his clothing and his screams were heard by his older sister, Miss Elsie, who found him suffering from the burns all over his body, all of his clothing except the cap, shoes and stockings, being burned.

Road Conditions

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Chaplin's Leading Lady Has Pleurisy



Edna Purviance.

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—Edna Purviance, screen actress, leading woman for Charlie Chaplin, is ill with pleurisy, according to an announcement from her home. Her physicians stated, however, her present condition was not dangerous and they hoped she would be able to resume her work before the camera in two weeks.

\$30,000 Consolidated School to Be Dedicated

Stella, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Honey Creek Union school, known as consolidated district No. 14, near Dawson, will be dedicated Friday. J. M. Matzen of Lincoln, state superintendent, will give the dedicatory address and L. P. Grundy of Falls City, county superintendent, will speak. The building has just been completed at a cost of more than \$30,000 and will accommodate 200 students. The building is fireproof and is of compressed brick. C. H. Kindig is superintendent of the faculty of five and Mrs. C. H. Kindig is assistant principal. Buildings on the campus include a teachersage and garage.

6,250 Barrels of Cement for Irrigation Project

Washington, Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Under authority from the secretary of the interior, the reclamation service has contracted with the Three Forks Portland Cement company of Denver, Col., for 6,250 barrels of cement for use on the Shoshone irrigation project, Wyoming, the contract price of the cement being \$16,500.

"Monk" Makes Bag in Pen.

Frank "Monk" Trimmer, now an Omaha convict in the Nebraska state penitentiary, has sent to Chief of Detectives Van Deusen, a bonded bag he made himself, with the request that it be raffled among police officers and their friends and the proceeds be used to buy a Christmas present for some poor child.

Odd Triangle Gathers at Sick Bed Injured Boy

Mother, Ex-Husband and His Sweetheart Keep Vigil at Side of Small Sufferer.

Little Russell Shultz, who was run over Monday by a laundry wagon, was sitting up in bed yesterday morning playing cheerfully with a toy steam engine. His eye and forehead are badly bruised. His mother, Mrs. Lillie Shultz, looked at him happily.

"I don't see how he can have a fractured skull the way the doctors say. He is so well," said Mrs. Shultz. "He has no temperature and I can't keep him quiet. I took him away from St. Joseph hospital without the doctors' consent, but I didn't know what else to do. He was crying for me and they wouldn't let me stay. I only had \$25 and the hospital bill already was \$21. I thought I could take care of him here."

She looked around the three little rooms that she rents at 217 North Nineteenth street.

Father is Playfellow. Her father, Sam Weaver, was standing at the foot of the bed watching Russell and his toy.

The boy's father, J. E. Shultz, who arrived from McCook, Neb., Wednesday, to help care for him, was his chief playfellow, and was evincing as much interest as his 5-year-old son over the engine, which ran with a real flame and belched forth large amounts of steam.

An odd triangle has been drawn together around the little boy's sick bed.

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Masonic Temple Dedicated.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 7.—Sioux City's \$500,000 Masonic Temple was officially dedicated yesterday afternoon by grand officers of the Iowa grand lodge.

Frank W. Glaze, grand master, assisted by Curtis B. Clovis, junior grand warden, presided. Grand Master Glaze accepted the completed temple from Ralph Arnold, who designed the temple, and Warden Clovis delivered the dedicatory address.

With the completion and dedication of the temple, Masons of the northwest have realized an ambition of 50 years.

The new temple will serve as headquarters for the nine Sioux City lodges of the Masonic order including the Abu Bekr temple of the shrine.

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"One way to make Prohibition prohibit," declares the New York Evening Post, "would be to arrest some of the prominent and respectable people who buy what the bootleggers sell."

The leading article in The Literary Digest this week takes up the subject of the enforcement of the Prohibition laws and presents the opinions of leading newspapers as to ways and means.

- Other news-features of current interest and importance are:—
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