

### Old War Horses Line Up for Places at Conventions

#### Crawford Kennedy Considers Running as Republican Delegate—Lord, Endres and Fenton for Democrats.

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Washington, Dec. 31.—Friends of Crawford Kennedy in Washington are urging him to be either a candidate as delegate-at-large to the republican national convention at Cleveland or a candidate in the first congressional districts as one of the two delegates to be selected from that district. Kennedy looks upon the proposition with considerable interest. Kennedy attended his first republican national convention at Minneapolis when Harrison was nominated. Since then he has attended every national convention held by republicans and to top it off with being a delegate to the 1924 convention isn't meeting any disfavor with Kennedy who is now employed by the government at Washington.

#### Howard Delays Decision.

While the candidacy of Kennedy in the republican ranks is under discussion by the Nebraska delegation, Congressman Edgar Howard of Columbus, one of the riders in the Bryan bandwagon, is dipping his pen into ink and issuing a statement to the effect that while he is against no budding candidate to the national convention in his district he may be for certain candidates who may file. The Howard statement in full follows: "I am taking no part in turning out candidates for delegates to the national democratic convention. Of course, I shall have my favorites when the aspirants shall make their filings, but until the filings shall have been made I shall not take part. We will have no trouble to select two truly progressive democratic candidates in the third district."

#### Lord and Endres Ready.

In the first congressional district it is reported authoritatively that C. A. Lord, a dyed-in-the-wool, Bryan worshipper, will be the other candidate in the democratic ranks for delegate-at-large. Whether the Bryan forces will draft a man to run against Warden W. T. Fenton, the Morehead man, depends, it is reported upon whether Morehead and Fenton will submit to dictation on presidential nominees from Governor Bryan. The candidacy of Sheriff Mike Endres of Omaha for delegate-at-large to the democratic national convention is looked upon by the Bryan men as friendly while the anti-Bryanites apparently aren't perturbed. Endres, it is asserted, owes as much to Warden Fenton as he does to Governor Bryan because Fenton stood by him when the scandal arose over the thousands made annually by Endres in feeding state prisoners in the Douglas county jail.

### A Nebraskan in Washington

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Theodore Rave, a Walthill, Neb., attorney, is in Washington attempting to get an interview with President Coolidge for the purpose of influencing that official to discard the present civil service regime in Indian affairs. Rave thinks the president should name a "competent, strong, fair-minded man" to handle Indian affairs.

According to Rave he spent an hour with the late President Harding and pointed out a series of abuses in the Indian service. Finally Harding said, according to Rave: "Sir, if you prove those things I'll do as you recommend."

Now Rave must do it all over again. He claims his mission is entirely philanthropic and he is deriving no money for his efforts. He has been working for this change for 10 years, first in Oklahoma and then in Nebraska.

The Nebraskan doesn't know a thing about this diplomatic liquor in Washington one reads so much about. But he never saw a city where so much ginger ale was purchased across the counter.

There is a population of 450,000 in Washington. Approximately 100,000 are native Washingtonians living indirectly off the government payroll. The remainder are transient inhabitants living directly off the public payroll. Nearly everyone thinks he is underpaid and believes the government is to blame. It is a Lincoln, Neb., multiplied many times.

Congressman Edgar Howard has scratched Senator Royal S. Copeland off his list as eligible democratic nominee for president because Copeland had joined the republicans in backing the Mellon tax reduction program.

Congressman M. O. McLaughlin has introduced a bill calling for a \$40,000 appropriation for a new postoffice at Hebron, county seat of Thayer county.

H. L. Boyes, former clerk of the district court and Hebron mayor, has recently been confirmed as the postmaster at that place.

The details of the McLaughlin automobile accident are to the effect that at 10 o'clock at night on a Maryland road his steering gear broke and he went into a telephone post while the car was traveling at a rate of 35 miles per hour. McLaughlin was hurled 20 feet, crashing through the windshield and alighting on his head in the sand. He was temporarily dazed but struggled to his feet on to the road where he stopped a car and was hauled into Washington.

Congressman Edgar Howard has written, almost tearfully, to the Schuyler Community club, informing that organization he cannot comply with its plan to leave the Each-Cummins bill intact. "In these Christmas hours, which should be fraught with happiness, it pains me to be compelled to deny the request of your club," he wrote.

### Ducks With Armadillo Skins Drowned When Shot at and Now Are Lost Forever

#### Prospector in Mojave Country Discoverer of Strange Birds That Become Extinct to Derivation of Science—They Were Unable to Fly

Barstow, Cal., Dec. 31.—A new and extremely unique breed of wild ducks was found recently on the Mojave river only to be lost to the scientific world immediately for all time. Several theories have been advanced as to the origin of the birds but all have failed in at least one point.

Pete Carson, prospector living a few miles from Dead Water cove, was the discoverer of the ducks and told his tale while enroute to send word of the discovery to the Societies for Experimental Biology that was meeting in St. Louis. As far as is known Carson is the only person who has seen the strange birds which he calls Mojave ducks.

According to Carson the birds inhabit the country where the Mojave disappears into the sands of the Mojave desert. The trees in this locality are very small, stunted mesquites and chapparril principally. Despite

the fact that the Mojave ducks were equipped with blunt, misshapen feet, they could succeed, with the aid of their stubby wings, in attaining perches on the branches of these trees. The ducks are small, about the size of teal, or little larger than the butter ball ducks. They are covered with a heavy coat resembling the shell of an armadillo and had blunt ill shapen heads starting abruptly from the body with the slightest indication of a neck. Carson found the birds while following the course of the river in search of one sign. At first the queer Mojave ducks paid no attention to Carson but, at a sudden move from him, they took flight and began to flap about in an effort to get away. Their feet would not permit any great speed and their wings were useless to aid flight.

After watching them a few minutes Carson attempted to kill one of the birds for a specimen. He happened to be carrying a shotgun and fired at two or three of the ducks, missing each time. So frightened did the ducks become at the sound of the gun that they flopped into the water, were caught in the suction of the pitfall into which the water plunged, and were drowned. The theory advanced by Carson is that the ducks had, long ago, stopped at the river for the night and had been unable to leave in the morning. The intense heat coupled with the scarcity of provender, had prohibited their ever leaving. As their existence in the out-of-the-way place continued the birds gradually shriveled in size and shed their feathers. The presence of a shell-like covering over their bodies he explains by saying that "the hide of a man turns to leather in that place and the hide of a duck is a much more tender affair." Carson made no report of the discovery to the convention in St. Louis but his story is rapidly spreading through southern California. Several parties have been organized in Barstow to investigate the story, but Carson says that it is useless because all the birds drowned and the Mojave duck is now extinct.

#### Snow Foils Golf Enthusiasm of Frank H. Scott of Chicago

Frank H. Scott of Chicago, who is a guest of George Brandeis and Fred H. Hamilton, expressed regrets yesterday that Omaha golf courses were snow-clad, because he wished to establish some new local records. Mrs. Scott is with her husband.

#### Tree Injures Farmer.

Hanover, Kan., Dec. 31.—George Hoxie farmer, was seriously injured when a large tree which he was chopping down fell on him, crushing his chest and cutting a long gash on his head.

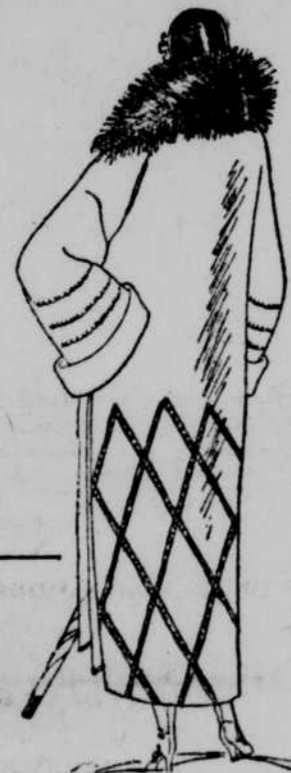
#### Ernest Selzer, Pioneer of Butler County, Dies

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 31.—Ernest Selzer, 91, farmer of Butler county, died at the home of his son, Mrs. John Blahak. He was from active farming five years. Mr. Selzer is survived by one son and two daughters, 18 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. He will be in the Catholic cemetery, Shelby, Neb.

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### Nurse Was Sick

Mrs. Kate Hunze, residing in Cape Girardeau, Mo., gives an account of her experience with Cardui, the Woman's Tonic.

"I am a practical nurse," writes Mrs. Hunze, "and read quite a bit about medicine. I had read of Cardui but never thought of taking it until in the fall I was sick. My sides and the lower part of my body hurt; my back ached; and I didn't have an appetite. I was fleshy but didn't seem to have any strength. I would get very nervous.

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