

News of The State Capitol.

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

C. A. Norcutt, lather.
 Dr. Bass, Dentist. Over McComas'
 Drs. Farnsworth & Beck — Dentists.
 The winter term at Custer College will begin January 4t. 27tf.
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 A six room house in the north-west part of the city for rent. J. W. White 29-2t
 FOR SALE — Four room house with 1-6 block of ground. Close in. H. Simonson 22-tf
 WANTED — A man and wife to work on a ranch for the winter. Inquire at this office. 28 tf
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 See J. H. Spain, north side livery for good teams and rigs. 27-30
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 I have now arranged to take care of a general collection business, having secured a competent clerk and stenographer, and all collections will receive prompt and energetic attention. 20-tf N. T. GADD
 Dr. Barnes, the eye sight specialist of Omaha, will be in Broken Bow, Nebraska, Wednesday the 6th of January at the Grand Central Hotel. Don't forget the date. Remember frequent visits are made over this road. Call and have your eyes examined.

Lincoln, Nebr., Dec. 28, (Special Correspondence to the REPUBLICAN.)—The week preceding and including Merry Christmas is not as prolific of "things done" at the Nebraska capital as is the days of "good old summer time," and while most of the state departments are busy with the work of the end of the biennium, the approach of the legislative session and other's with the contemplated transfer of official responsibility to a new head, there is little of unusual importance in official action in the seven days which include the Christmas holiday.

Acting Governor Hopewell left for his home at Tekamah early in



HON. ROBERT BACON, Assistant Secretary of State.

the week, as Governor Sheldon was expected to return to the capital on Wednesday and resume his official labors which include the drafting of his message to the legislature.

One Contest in The House.

The house of representatives will be confronted with one contest for a seat—probably; at least such a document has reached Secretary of State Junkin from Sioux county, sent in by the county judge of that county. F. W. Johnson, Democratic candidate in the Fifty-third district, started a contest before the county judge against C. H. Chase, his successful Republican opponent. He failed to appear on the date set for hearing and on the theory of "lack of jurisdiction" the county judge sent the transcript to Secretary Junkin with a bill of unpaid costs for \$3 50. The leg-

islature may have the pleasure of hearing the contest.

Two of the supreme court judges have filed vouchers for December salary based on the rate of compensation established by the constitutional amendment recently adopted. Chief Justice Reese and Justice Barnes have presented the vouchers which are on file. The former rate of pay was \$2,500 per year, the new rate \$4,500 per year. Auditor Searle has not yet passed on the points involved, while Attorney General Thompson has given expression to his opinion that the claims were proper and legal in every respect. The additional December pay for all the members of the supreme court and all the judges of the district courts of the state, who also received a raise of salary in the amendment, amounts to a little less than \$3,600, there being twenty-eight district judges in the state.

The Telephone Rate War.

The state railway commission journeyed to Columbus on Wednesday to hear a case involving the compulsory connection of telephone systems. The telephone company at Leigh has asked the commission to require the Platte County Independent Telephone company to give a connection to the Leigh system. A rate war seems to be on at Norfolk between rival telephone lines and the Nebraska Telephone company has applied to the commission for permission to reduce the rates on residence phones from \$21 to \$18 per year. The Madison Telephone company has asked the commission for permission to make a "school-house" and "lodge-room" rate of \$1 per month in Madison. Both requests are grinding through the commission mill and no order has yet been entered.

The Millers Association of the South Platte country met in annual convention at the Lindell hotel on Tuesday winding up the session with a banquet in the evening. The session was largely occupied with a discussion of the recent proclamation of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson that the bleaching of flour amounted to adulteration. The millers decided to call on their National association for help in fighting the secretary's order. It was contended that considering the peculiarities of Nebraska wheat the order would put Nebraska millers out of business if allowed to stand. The association elected D. M. Dean of Lincoln, president; B. O. Cooper of Humboldt, vice-president; H. B. Smith of University Place, secretary; Burdette Noyes of Seward, treasurer.

Fails To Get Pardon.

Judge Hamer is evidently not quite satisfied with the results obtained from Acting Governor Hopewell in the matter of the application for executive clemency for W. T. Turley, the acting governor having refused to grant any relief to Turley on the original application heard last week. Tuesday Judge Hamer filed a new application in the governor's office. As a certain period of publication is required by law the date of the new hearing is set for January 26, which will bring it into the term of Governor-elect Shallenberger. Turley lived in Buffalo county, but the crime for which he was given seventeen years was the killing of a farmer, N. T. Bliss, across the line in Hall county.

Legislative Political Gossip.

Political gossip on the organization of the legislature is just now busy with the names of Ralph Clark, of Richardson, and H. R. Henry of Holt, in the matter of

the speakership. The political prophets pick one of the two to win. "Next" Oil Inspector Mullen is said to be the guide, philosopher and friend of the Henry boom, while R. E. Lee Herdman of Omaha, is said to be close enough to the Clark boom to lay his hand on it without straining a muscle. This situation is not regarded as accidental—not by any means. Opponents of Henry assert that he favors county option legislation and represents that idea in the speakership contest, while nobody—not anybody has ever accused Mr. Herdman of Omaha and Douglas county of being "tainted" with any county option ideas calculated to make a noise like a statute in the big law book of the state and as the brewers and the railroads are admittedly "close together" this year in Nebraska, the friendship of Mr. Herdman for Mr. Clark's boom for the speakership needs no long explanation. Anybody



WM. E. COREY, President of the United States Steel Corporation.

in Lincoln with two glass eyes and one wax car knows that the brewers and the railroads intend to organize the legislature "favorably" if they can and the "lines of effort" are beginning to appear on the master-workman's trestle-board.

Lobbyist Record And Expenditures.

According to the anti-lobby law passed by the last session of the Nebraska legislature, all the "promoters" of legislation outside the official membership of the two bodies which enact the laws are compelled to register with the secretary of state and "own-up" as to what legislation they are interested in. The secretary is now engaged in preparing a big book for the purpose and in the next three months that book is destined to become "mighty interestin' readin'." The lobbyist, under severe penalties, is also required to file an itemized account of all the money he spends, thus adding to his embarrassment should he desire to aid some poor soul who needs the money.

Secretary Royle of the State Banking Board has filed his quarterly report showing a splendid condition in the state banks of Nebraska. The total deposits in the state banks at the close of business on Nov. 27th last exceeded sixty-five million dollars. The number of banks have increased seven during the year, and a flattering item of the general statistics is that in the past six years there has been but three failures of state banks, all of which have paid out in excess of 50 per cent of the deposits, two of them in excess of 70 per cent, with strong prospects of paying



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Food Commissioner Joe Johnson has notified the druggists of the state that he will institute prosecutions wherever a druggist is found with proprietary remedies in his stock which contain prohibited drugs under the pure food and drug act and which are not properly labeled as to the nature of the contents.

W. H. Thompson For Judge.

A new prophecy in the appointment to the vacancy on the supreme bench of the state puts to the front the name of W. H. Thompson of Grand Island, the "little giant" of Nebraska democracy. All the basis there is for the prophecy is that some days ago Governor Sheldon and Mr. Thompson held a brief conference. It is asserted by the knowing ones that Mr. Thompson will accept the plum if the governor dangles it within his reach.

Treasurer Brian has made an offer to Douglas county to take some of the court house bond issue of that county at a rate that will net the state 4 per cent on the investment. The state will take them in blocks on 60 days' notice. The total issue of these bonds will amount to \$1,000,000.

Wahl's Experience

Claude Wahl is an expert at cleaning out stovepipes and those wanting lessons in this class of work should consult him at once—the story goes that the stovepipes at the house were all clogged up and as he had read in the Saturday Blade about someone blowing the hole out of a well down in Kansas, tho't he sure could blow the soot out of the pipe here in Merna. With this in mind he purchased some gun powder, placed it in the stove and wow—he blew the soot out alright, blew the stovepipe down also. Rather startled the household by scattering stove, pipe and soot through the room. A few hours strenuous work replaced things in their proper order, and he says one experience of this kind is enough.—Merna Postal Card.

Chas. Springtube and daughters, Elsie and Roxie, of Madison County Nebraska, are visiting with Mr. Springtube's sister, Mrs. Geo. Schmitt and his brother Albert Springtube. Mr. Springtube was formerly a resident of this county and has many friends in this neighborhood.

Edwin F. Myers spent the first of the week with his parents on the South Loup.

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