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## MRS. ROGERS HANGED

### YOUNG WOMAN PAYS PENALTY FOR HER CRIME.

#### Condemned Woman Appeared to Be Calmer Than Any Person in the Party That Witnessed the Execution at Windsor.

Mrs. Rogers was hanged at Windsor, Vt., Friday afternoon. The drop fell at 1:13. Mrs. Rogers was officially pronounced dead by the prison officials at 1:27 1/2.

Only a comparatively few persons witnessed the hanging, the number being restricted to those permitted to attend by the laws of Vermont.

Mrs. Rogers maintained her composure to the last and mounted the gallows with a steady step, although a deathly pallor overspread her countenance. Hardly a muscle quivered as Deputy Sheriff Spafford pronounced the fatal words, "I now proceed to execute the sentence of the law, and may God have mercy on your soul." When the words had been pronounced the deputy sprung the trap and the drop fell.

There were no sensational incidents in connection with the hanging.

Although the woman was not officially pronounced dead until fourteen minutes and thirty seconds after the trap was sprung, she evidently suffered no pain. Her neck was broken at the second cervical vertebrae and she lost consciousness instantly the drop fell. A few feeble, convulsive movements of her pinioned hands were the only evidences that vitality had survived the first shock.

The drop fell at 1:13 o'clock p. m. and Mrs. Rogers was pronounced dead by the attendant physician at 1:27 1/2 o'clock. The woman's feet barely touched the floor for an instant, but the deputies on the platform of the scaffold immediately tightened the rope and raised the unconscious form a couple of inches.

Up to within three hours of her death the woman consoled herself with the hope that she would not be executed. It was shortly after 10 o'clock Friday morning when she was informed that Gov. Bell had denied her a third reprieve, the final effort for which was made by Mrs. Rogers' attorneys.

At 1:08 the death march was begun. Down three flights of stairs from Mrs. Rogers' cell in the central section of the prison the procession wended its way. Through the great guard room and into the west wing, where the gallows had been erected, down another flight of steps, across a short space of brick floor and the foot of the scaffold was reached.

Holding her head high, Mrs. Rogers never faltered for an instant as her eyes rested on the scaffold. Unaided she mounted the steps, walked on to the trap and then seated herself in a chair. A moment later she rose, having declined an offer by the authorities to make a statement.

#### SENATOR MITCHELL DEAD.

##### Killed to Death as Result of Having Four Teeth Drawn.

Senator John H. Mitchell died at Portland, Ore., Friday afternoon.

Death resulted from complications which followed the removal of four teeth at a dental office Thursday. A hemorrhage of unusual severity followed the removal of the teeth. The flow of blood could not be stayed. Mitchell had long been a sufferer from diabetes and other vitiating diseases.

Dissolution set in about 3 o'clock Friday morning, the efforts of the physicians were devoted to keeping him alive with a saline solution.

#### Mother and Son Convicted.

At Centerville, Mo., the jury in the cases of Mrs. Mary Spaug and her son, William Spaug, who have been on trial on the charge of having killed Sheriff Polk at Ironton, Mo., on May 25 last, returned a verdict Friday convicting William of murder in the first degree and Mrs. Spaug of murder in the second degree, and sentencing her to ten years in the penitentiary.

#### Thieves Enter Church.

Thieves entered the church of St. Lawrence in the village of Cassilina Torro, Italy, and tried, with the aid of chisels, to remove from a wall a beautiful bas relief, representing the twelve apostles, the work of Michael Angelo. The effort was not successful, but the work has been badly defaced.

#### Report of Soldiers' Homes.

The board of managers of the national home for disabled volunteer soldiers has presented its annual report to congress at Washington. The report shows all the branches of the home to be in good condition. During the past fiscal year 53,730 veterans were cared for in soldiers' homes.

#### Sioux City Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Stockers and feeders, \$2.40@3.40. Top hogs, \$4.90.

#### To Regulate Immigration.

Senator Lodge has introduced a bill at Washington to amend the act to regulate the immigration of aliens. The bill includes the measure familiarly known as the educational test introduced two years ago.

#### McCurdy's Resignation Accepted.

The resignation of Robert H. McCurdy, of New York, general manager of the Mutual Life, effective Dec. 31, was presented and accepted by the board of trustees Friday.

## TWO TRAINS MEET.

### Passenger and Freight Collide on Union Pacific.

One of the worst railroad wrecks which has occurred on the Union Pacific Railroad for years resulted from a head-on collision between a freight train and Overland Limited passenger No. 2, eastbound, five miles west of Rock Springs, Wyo., at 3 o'clock Thursday morning. Ten persons were killed and nineteen persons injured, eleven of them railroad employes and eight passengers. Five of the bodies of the dead were burned beyond recognition in a fire which destroyed the mail car, the combination dynamo-baggage car and the dining car. Two of these are known to be mail clerks and the other three were cooks, who were sleeping in the diner.

The mail and dining cars were the scenes of the greatest fatality, three mail clerks and three cooks being killed outright and one other clerk being perhaps fatally injured, his skull being fractured. Electrician Stigers and his assistant, Frank McKenna, were in the baggage car immediately following the engine and were also killed outright.

From the Union Pacific it is officially announced that the wreck was caused by the engineer and conductor of the freight confusing their orders. They had received orders to meet four passenger trains, the last of which was the Overland Limited at Ahsay, a siding five miles west of Rock Springs. The freight took the siding and when three of the trains, all of which were running close together, had passed Ahsay the freight started west without waiting for the Overland Limited. This latter train and the freight came together head-on one and a half miles west of Ahsay.

Engineer Griak, of the freight, is among the killed and his fireman, Oscar Peterson, was seriously injured.

Conductor Roy Darrell, of the freight, admitted that he had become confused, thinking that all the trains which he expected to meet at Ahsay had passed.

The freight had received positive orders to meet all four of these trains at Ahsay, and the officials say the orders were either misunderstood or misread.

Fortunately the wreck occurred within a short distance of the Wyoming hospital, which is located near Rock Springs. The injured were all removed to that institution.

## CROWD IS HELD UP.

### A Daring Robbery in a Mitchell Restaurant.

At 11:30 o'clock Wednesday night two masked men went into the Plankinton cafe at Mitchell, S. D., and held up a crowd of men, numbering about fifteen. With revolvers they ordered the men to line up against the wall with hands up. While one stood guard the other went through the pockets of the men and took what money they had, leaving watches and other valuables.

The holdup men realized about \$275 on the raid, \$90 being secured from the restaurant cash register and safe.

The robbers made their escape without any trouble, although there was a crowd of twenty-five men on the opposite side of the street when they emerged from the cafe and escaped in the darkness.

## HELD ON CHARGE OF FRAUD

### Hanley Accused of Using Mails to Promote Scheme.

T. C. Hanley, who has received a great deal of public notice through connections with farmers' co-operative schemes, was indicted by the federal grand jury in St. Paul, Minn., on a charge of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud.

The indictment charges that Hanley and others organized the consolidate farm and ranch company, with a capital stock of \$350,000 and sought to dispose of the stock by means of circulars sent through the mails. These circulars set forth that the company had acquired assets of the Montana Co-operative Ranch Company alleged to be worth \$250,000. The government alleges that neither Hanley nor the ranch company owned any property.

## ADJUTANT GENERAL RESIGNS

### Indiana Official is Accused of Padding Accounts.

An Indianapolis, Ind., dispatch says: John R. Ward, adjutant general of Indiana, resigned Wednesday on the demand of Gov. Hanly, as the result of an investigation of his accounts.

The investigating committee claims there is a shortage of \$976.75, which was secured by Ward by padding the totals on his requisition for pay of forty-four companies of the national guard and on warrants for supplies for troops.

## To Boom Statehood.

A special train conveying 300 delegates representing statehood clubs of Oklahoma and Indian Territory left Oklahoma City Thursday for Washington. The delegation, which is the largest ever sent from the territories, is unanimous for joint statehood, and will urge congress to pass a measure granting them privileges of states.

## Jumps from Moving Train.

Oscar Marinson, 25 years old, en route from Kalispel, Mont., to his old home in Christiania, Norway, Wednesday, jumped from a window of the train on the Wisconsin Central Railroad while the train was running at a high rate of speed. Next day his body was found hanging in a barn several miles from the place.

## Maurice Grau III.

Maurice Grau, the impresario, former manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company, according to a private cablegram received in New York Wednesday, is seriously ill with heart trouble at his home in Paris.

## Oyama Given Ovation.

Field Marshal Oyama and staff made a triumphant entry into Tokio Thursday morning. The enthusiasm and the magnitude of the reception equalled that given to Admiral Togo.

## VICTIM OF WOMAN ASSASSIN

### Leading Russian General is Shot at the Palace.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated Dec. 5, sent by way of Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia, says:

"Lieut. Gen. Sakharoff, former minister of war, was assassinated Wednesday. The government had deputized Gen. Sakharoff to visit the province of Saratoff for the purpose of quelling the agrarian riots there.

"A woman belonging to the so-called 'flying columns' of the revolutionary movement called at the house of the governor of Saratoff at noon Wednesday and asked to see Gen. Sakharoff.

"She fired three revolver shots at the general, killing him on the spot."

The tidings reached St. Petersburg Wednesday. Count Witte charged Lieut. Gen. Rudiger, minister of war, with the task of breaking the news to Madame Sakharoff.

The Berlin Tageblatt's St. Petersburg correspondent, in a dispatch sent by way of Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 6, says:

"The situation is visibly growing worse. The critical moment for Count Witte is coming when the liberal elements will demand his resignation. A resolution by the agriculturists at Moscow demanding the immediate dismissal of the present cabinet denotes the beginning of the movement away from Count Witte, and signs indicate that this movement will gain in intensity soon."

A dispatch to a London news agency from St. Petersburg, dated Dec. 5, says that twenty-two were killed and forty were wounded at Kieff during a regular battle.

A dispatch of the same date from St. Petersburg to another news agency sent by way of Eydtkuhnen, says that three battalions of infantry at Moscow have mutinied, but no details are given. The same dispatch says that a general strike has been declared at Kharikov.

Private accounts from Kieff say that the mutinous troops there were shot down in a narrow lane by Cossacks, the mutineers being caught between two fires.

It is reported at St. Petersburg that symptoms of mutiny have appeared in the Seventh Finnish regiment at Viborg.

## GIVES UP HER CAR.

### Mrs. Berry is Finally Captured by Kansas Officers.

Mrs. Ina Berry, who since Friday last had held the town officials of Girard, Kan., at bay from her fort in the toilet room of a Frisco railway coach on the tracks there, was removed Wednesday shortly before noon, after she had been partially overcome by the fumes of ammonia. Before being taken Mrs. Berry fired one shot at her captors, but without effect.

Mrs. Berry was removed in a carriage to the jail and placed under care of the city physician. Emaciated by her long fast and weakened from loss of sleep and from exposure, the woman presented a pitiable appearance. Her clothes were torn, her face and hands badly soiled and her hair disheveled. She will be delivered into the custody of the probate court.

## MANY COMMIT SUICIDE.

### Korean Minister to France Enroute to This Country.

Interest in the arrival of the Kaiser Wilhelm II., due at New York Wednesday, increased because of the fact that the steamer has on board Min Yong Te-han, until recently minister from Korea to France, and who will not know until he reaches New York of the death of Prince Min Yong What, who committed suicide as the result of the establishment by the Japanese government of a protectorate over Korea.

The Korean custom is that if a person's brother commits suicide he must also do so. Friends in New York hope Min will not follow the national custom.

## May be Disorders in Bohemia.

The Vienna Neue Freie Presse says that twelve infantry battalions, stationed at Linz, Crazev and Olmutz, and dragons, stationed at Neustadt, have been ordered to march to Bohemia. Serious disorders are anticipated in Bohemia in connection with the suffrage reform agitation.

## Gates Firm in New Deal.

It was definitely stated Wednesday that a Wall Street, New York, syndicate consisting of ten men had bought a majority of the stock of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company and that the control is now lodged with the brokerage houses of Moore & Schley and Charles G. Gates & Co.

## Leaves Associated Press Service.

Edwin L. Huntley, for the past five years Omaha correspondent of the Associated Press, was Wednesday appointed manager of the Omaha and South Omaha offices of the Postal Telegraph Company. Mr. Huntley will take up his new duties Dec. 15.

## Illinois Man for Judge.

A Washington dispatch says: The president Thursday nominated William R. Lawrence, of Illinois, to be judge of the United States court for the western district of Indian territory.

## Robbed Women in Church.

At Dubuque, Ia., a young man named Kenneally is under arrest charged with stealing the purses of numerous women while the latter knelt in prayer in church.

## Cannot Aid the Jews.

That this would be an unfavorable time for representation in behalf of the Jews in Russia, but that there may be some hope for action in the future, is the opinion expressed by Secretary Rost in a letter to Simon Wolf, at New York.

## Dewey to Resign.

A Washington special says that Senator Chauncey Dewey will tender his resignation as director of the Equitable Life to the board of directors at its next meeting.

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

### NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

#### Scannell is Unrelenting—Omaha Catholics Barred from Confessional—One of Omaha's Wealthiest Women Involved.

Rt. Rev. Richard Scannell, of the Nebraska diocese of the Catholic church has declared excommunicated ipso facto all members of the Catholic church who participated in the wedding of Congressman Kennedy and Miss Pritchett, at Omaha, Monday. There were a number of prominent Catholics present, including Mrs. Edward Cudahy, wife of the packing house magnate; Miss Mae Hamilton, whose individual financial worth is rated at over \$1,000,000, was one of the bridesmaids.

Congressman Kennedy has a divorced wife living, and for that reason the bishop issued last Sunday a pastoral forbidding all Catholics to participate in the ceremony. The bishop Thursday declared excommunicated all members of his church who attended the wedding.

An Omaha special says: It will be useless for those Catholics who were excommunicated for attendance at or participation in the Kennedy-Pritchett wedding here last Monday to appear at confessional, says the Rt. Rev. Bishop Richard Scannell, who issued the manifesto of excommunication. The order was issued because Representative Kennedy, the groom, has a divorced wife living.

"I do not know who attended the wedding," said the bishop. "Whoever they are I gave them fair warning. They knew the law and they must abide by what they have done. Those who did wrong knew it at the time, and they will not seek confession, for they know that the sacraments are denied them. I understand there is a rumor that I gave permission to certain persons to attend the wedding. That is absolutely untrue. I did not and could not give such permission."

Mrs. Pritchett, the mother of the bride, was asked if the threat of excommunication, made before the wedding, had affected the attendance at the wedding. "My home was full," she replied. "Some of my friends sent their regrets, but whether they remained away because of the pastoral I do not know. I regret exceedingly the discomfort and annoyance caused Miss Hamilton. I certainly would consider it a huge joke if the sole purpose of the bishop's pastoral, which was read last Sunday in every Catholic church in Omaha, was directed against an act of friendliness on the part of one young girl toward her friend."

Miss Mae Hamilton, who was one of the four bridesmaids at the wedding, is one of those affected by the order of excommunication. She and her sister are reputed to be the two wealthiest women in Omaha. Miss Mae Hamilton is said to be worth more than \$1,000,000, which was left her by the late C. W. Hamilton, president of the United States National bank. Speaking of the manifesto, Miss Hamilton said:

"The bishop should remember that young people nowadays are not what they used to be."

## WANT INSURANCE INQUIRY.

### Nebraska Life Underwriters Make Request of Mickey.

The Life Underwriters' Association of Nebraska, through its president, John Dale, and Secretary Joseph B. Clark, both of Omaha, sent to Gov. Mickey a letter asking him that in calling an extra session of the legislature he consider resolutions recently adopted by that association demanding a full legislative investigation of insurance companies doing business in Nebraska. If not by a legislative committee, the association asks that the investigation be given over to expert actuaries, who have a standing in the community.

The resolution also recites that some insurance companies are permitted to do business in Nebraska who use between 25 and 40 per cent of their income for expense of management, while large companies now being investigated in the east used less than one-half that amount.

President Roosevelt's message to congress is quoted and other reasons given for the necessity of the investigation which they demand.

## Pastor is Ousted.

An ecclesiastical trial, presided over by Bishop F. W. McDowell, of the Methodist Episcopal church, in Sioux City Wednesday affirmed the verdict given by a similar court at Falls City, Neb., finding the Rev. E. D. Blackmore, of Tecumseh, Neb., guilty of dishonesty, making improper proposals to women, and other serious acts, and condemning him to expulsion from the Methodist church.

## Machine Injured.

While A. Lemieux, a machinist in the Burlington shops at Havelock, was at work repairing a bumper on one of the big tanks the big yard crane bumped into him, breaking his collarbone, two ribs and crushing his shoulder blade badly. He was put on a stretcher and taken to his hotel, where Dr. Ballard is attending him, and has hopes of saving his life if he is not hurt internally.

## New Depot About Finished.

The Great Northern's new depot, section foreman's house, Jap house and out-buildings at Dakota City will be completed this week, and the crew, which is in charge of F. H. Hanseman, will then go to Homer to erect the building at that point.

## Nebraska Sailor Kills Himself.

M. V. Caplan, a sailor in the navy, committed suicide at Norfolk, Va., Thursday because of ill health. Caplan's theme was Kearney.

## Three of Family Die in Two Days.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ross, of Chadron, have succumbed to scarlet fever within two days. Two died within an hour of each other. Mr. Ross is a locomotive engineer on the Northwestern.

## Railroad Employee Killed.

Joseph Rekmann, an aged and respected employe of the Burlington at Oxford, was accidentally killed by a switch engine about 7:30 Tuesday morning. He lost a leg and an arm and was internally injured and died four hours later.

## BIG HUSKING STORIES.

### One Nebraskan Picks 143 Bushels from Dawn to 3 O'clock.

A Lincoln special says: The corn yield all over Nebraska seems to range from 30 to 65 bushels per acre, and is considered a bumper crop. Wagers add interest to the work of some of the huskers. Near Fairbury H. A. Day made a bet with Louis Loubin that he could husk 65 bushels of corn in ten hours. He won easily, as he husked 75 bushels in the allotted time. Ben Fisher, a young Bohemian farmer near Barneston, Neb., wagered that he could husk 150 bushels of corn in one day. His opponent dropped out of the race at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when Fisher had completed 143 bushels. Fisher declares that he could have husked 175 bushels had he worked until sunset. Harley Herald, of Chester, claims to be the champion corn husker of his county. He husked and cribbed for David Dney 2,200 bushels in twenty-one days. In one day he husked 136 bushels. The best husking story of all, however, comes from Surprise, Neb., where Ezra Ward announces that he is ready to meet any and all comers in a ten-hour contest for a substantial wager. His friends declare that Ward can husk and scoop 230 bushels of corn in ten hours in fair weather.

## FIVE YEARS FOR FORGERY.

### Roy Furber to Serve Time in the Nebraska Penitentiary.

Roy Furber, alias Raymond Stone, has been sentenced by Judge Graves at Ponca to serve five years in the state penitentiary for uttering a forgery. County Attorney Kingsbury recommended leniency and Furber probably will be paroled at the expiration of one year's service in the state prison.

Furber is charged with having forged in Woodbury County a deed to a half section of land in Logan Township, Dixon County, Neb. He acknowledged the deed before Merle R. Bliss at the bank at Leeds. The deed represented that the land had been transferred to him by Jackson Beach. He then attempted to raise a loan of \$5,000 from loan agents at Ponca, but got no money.

Furber is a married man living at Wayne, where he has a wife and several children. He is 32 years old.

## FORGER PLEADS GUILTY

### After Visit to Old Home Gives Himself Up to Sheriff.

District court is in session at Ponca with Judge Graves on the bench. The jury for this term of court has been drawn in accordance with the provisions of the Tucker law. The supreme court held the law unconstitutional too late to draw another jury, so Judge Graves ordered the sheriff to secure a special jury.

Roy Surber entered a plea of guilty. Surber is the man who forged a deed to a farm in the southern part of Dixon County and attempted to secure a \$5,000 loan on it from Hurley & Pearson. He and Samuel Douglas broke jail and escaped in October. Surber has so far eluded pursuit, but Surber made a visit to his home town, came back and voluntarily gave himself up. Sentence has not been pronounced as yet.

## PAT CROWE ACQUITTED.

### Notorious Nebraskan Will Now be Tried for Highway Robbery.

An Omaha special says: Pat Crowe, who has been on trial on a charge of shooting with intent to kill Officer Albert Jackson on the night of Sept. 6, was Thursday night acquitted. He was remanded to jail, where he will be held until he can be tried on the charge of highway robbery, in connection with the kidnapping of Edward Cudahy, Jr., son of E. A. Cudahy, the millionaire packer, who occurred five years ago. The other trial will probably commence within a few days.

## THOMPSON ON THE RACK.

### Future of Nebraska Diplomat Not Yet Decided.

D. E. Thompson, United States ambassador to Brazil, who returned to his home in Lincoln Wednesday night, said concerning the rumors of trouble with the state department:

"I see no occasion for the newspaper talk of which I have been the subject. So far as my official standing is concerned, I have no reason to believe that it is not as it has been since I first went to Brazil."

## Says Child Was Beaten.

Mrs. William Elliott appeared in police court at Beatrice and made complaint to the effect that her little son, a pupil in the Belvidere school, had been severely beaten by Mrs. Baumgardner, the principal. She was referred to the board of education and county attorney, and arrests may follow. After the boy reported the matter to his mother she forthwith proceeded to the school house and administered punishment to the teacher.

## Disappointment Leads to Suicide.

Hiram C. McKelvie, traveling man for the Omaha Bee, whose home is in Lincoln, is lingering near death at the Everett sanitarium at Lincoln as the result of a dose of some form of opiate, self-administered with suicidal intent at the Royal Hotel, McKelvie had suffered disappointment in love.

## Safe Blows Plead Guilty.

George Parker and Joe Lynch, the men who were captured by a posse near Wakefield with the proceeds of a safe-cracking job in their possession, entered a plea of guilty on a charge of burglary in court at Ponca. A safe in one of the Wakefield saloons was blown open with nitro-glycerine.

## Hand Crushed in Cornsheller.

Ernest Whittmore, a young farmer living near Beatrice, had his right hand crushed by getting it caught in a cornsheller. The member may have to be amputated.

## Banker McGreevy's Trial.

It is reported from O'Neill that Bernard McGreevy, president of the defunct Elkhorn Valley bank, which went to the wall a year ago, will ask for a change of venue, as he does not believe he can get a fair trial in Holt county, where the bank victims reside.

## Diphtheria at Beatrice.

There are now about thirty-five cases of diphtheria in Beatrice, and so far only one death has occurred from the disease. The quarantine on five homes was raised Tuesday.



The semi-annual report of State Treasurer Mortensen to Governor Mickey shows that during the six months from June 1 to November 29 the treasury paid out \$2,008,810.25 of public moneys belonging to various funds, while the receipts during that period totaled \$1,725,170.78. The difference between the outgo and the income is accounted for largely by the fact that the permanent school fund cash has been diminished over \$100,000 in that time, together with the extraordinary heavy temporary school appropriations for June. Starting in the period with a cash balance of \$609,229.11 for all funds, the total balance at the end of the period is \$325,589.54. At the beginning the general fund had \$21,372.59. At the close there was \$2,129.77. The temporary school fund balance shows by far the greatest change, the total on June 1 having been \$403,159.95, while at the close of business in November it had fallen to \$255,200.29. This latter amount may reach \$260,000 by Saturday night, when the account will be closed for the December apportionment.

State Treasurer Mortensen said Friday that during the past year holders of school land contracts have been paying the principal at the rate of \$1,500 a day, on the average. He regards this fact as an indication that the people living on such lands are anxious to own their own homes, although the low rate of interest prevailing and the ease with which money is secured plays a part. The interest on these contracts is 6 per cent under the terms of the statutes. The payment of this principal necessitates the purchase of additional investments and it means a much lower interest return also. The average interest received will not much exceed 3 1/2 per cent. Originally the state had two sections in each township, which would now have an aggregate value of many millions. Most of the land still held by the state in fee simple is in the west and has, Mr. Mortensen estimated, a value not much in excess of \$5,000,000 at the present market figures.

State Superintendent McBrien will take the necessary steps to aid counties in securing teachers, where they have been unable to do so. There are unemployed teachers of ability in some of the counties and he is in touch with them so that he can fill the demand. He calls the attention of county superintendents to this fact, which is in striking contrast with the situation two years ago, when teachers were unobtainable for some of the schools. In a circular letter sent out to the county officials he calls attention to the advisability of getting teachers without experience and at least a high school training, rather than those with experience who could barely pass an eighth grade examination.

Some of the elected state officials and their deputies, who paid the 2 per cent assessment prior to the close of the campaign, are complaining because other state officials have neglected to send in their checks. In one state department, but one person had an assessment, and that one was a stenographer. In another department two deputies failed to contribute. In other instances the amounts given were not the full 2 per cent and further complaint is made on that score. The protesting officials insist that they will make no contributions next year, unless these delinquents come forward with the regular amounts.

Chancellor D. W. C. Huntington of the Wesleyan university at University Place has tendered his resignation to the Board of Trustees, to take effect in June next year. The reason assigned for the action is the advanced age of the educator, who finds it difficult to attend to the field work of the institution. The resignation had been in the possession of Governor Mickey, who is a member of the Board of Trustees, since September, but he has just disclosed the matter to his colleagues. A committee of seven, of which the governor is chairman, has been appointed to act on the resignation and look for a new chancellor if it is accepted.

Five alleged bank robbers, arrested by Detective Malone of the Lincoln police force, have been partially identified as the men who were seen around the Chapman bank the day before the robbery, and the officials of Merrick county are certain that they have the criminals who blew the safe Monday night and secured \$1,500. The men will be taken to Central City. Should a conviction ensue, Malone will get a \$600 reward offered by the bank.

Insurance Deputy Pierce of the state auditor's office believes that the decision of the United States supreme court sustaining the Iowa statute against insurance contracts will establish the validity of the