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NEARLY FORTY DEAD

TWENTY-TWO BODIES RECOVERED FROM WRECK.

Parts of Bodies Found at Great Distances from Scene of Disaster—Various Theories Offered as to the Cause of the Explosion.

Twenty-two charred and mutilated bodies have been taken from the smoldering ruins of passenger train No. 3, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati and St. Louis (Big Four), which was destroyed by the explosion of a carload of powder as it passed a freight train at Sanford, nine miles west of Terre Haute, Ind., Saturday night. The number of injured will reach at least thirty-five.

The entire train was blown from the track, the coaches demolished and the engine hurled fifty feet. The passengers either were blown to pieces, cremated or rescued in a more or less injured condition.

The injured, some of whom are fatally hurt, are at the hospitals in Terre Haute and Paris, Ill., and at Sanford. The full extent of the disaster was revealed at daylight, but the death list will not be complete until workmen have finished clearing the debris.

According to trainmen of the freight powder was exploded by the concussion made by the passenger train, which was slowing down for the station at Sanford. Another theory is that gas escaping from an oil pipe nearby entered the powder car and a spark from the passing engine ignited the gas. Others express the belief that the disaster was due to a tramp or intoxicated man firing a shot into the car.

Cars were smashed to pieces by the force of the explosion. Huge masses of iron were found hundreds of feet from the track. The tank of the passenger engine was hurled nearly 100 feet, landing in a gravel road.

Two passenger coaches and one baggage car were consumed by fire. The freight train, in which the car of powder was, was demolished.

SHIPS POUNDED TO PICES.

Loss of \$1,500,000 in Terrific Gale at Buffalo.

During Saturday night and Sunday Buffalo, N. Y., was swept by the most destructive wind storm of a decade. The Niagara frontier lies a scene of wreckage and destruction in the wake of the storm.

Two lives have been reported lost so far and a property damage that will aggregate \$2,000,000 when the accounting is made of the toll of the storm. Lake Erie with its level higher than has been known for twenty years has gorged the Niagara river to overflowing, and thousands of dollars' worth of property has been carried down the stream.

Miles of docks at the great lumber market at North Tonawanda have been destroyed and millions of feet of lumber have been carried out into the river.

The damage to shipping in Buffalo harbor alone is \$1,500,000. Five great lake steamers aground tell that part of the story. Thirteen others making brave attempts to ride out the storm may add to it. Niagara Falls power was cut off when the cable snapped and the city was in partial darkness Sunday night. Damage to homes and buildings is widespread.

FIND ENTIRE FAMILY DEAD.

Canadian Household Likely Was Overcome by Coal Gas.

A tragedy, the full details of which probably never will be known, has wiped out the entire family of Edward Ferdinand, proprietor of a tannery at Calgary, Alberta, Can. The police on breaking into the house found Ferdinand dead in bed, the body of a newly born infant at his side, while the dead body of Mrs. Ferdinand lay on the floor near the bed. In another bed were two young boys, still alive, but so badly frozen that they died while being taken to the hospital. The supposition is that the family was overcome by coal gas, that the wife recovered sufficiently to attempt to adjust the pipes, gave premature birth to a child and died.

Cold Wave in Chicago.

A drop of 40 degrees in temperature Sunday followed a rain storm of twelve hours' duration. The minimum was 8 degrees above zero late Sunday.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top steers, \$5.25. Top hogs, \$6.40.

Mrs. Maybrick to Lecture.

Mrs. Florence Maybrick of New York, has accepted an offer from a Chicago lecture bureau and will tour the country. A number of prominent Americans have taken an interest in her work.

Heavy Loss in South Carolina Fire.

The most disastrous fire in the history of Beaufort, S. C., occurred Sunday afternoon. The loss is estimated at between \$500,000 and \$700,000, one-

DR. DAY FLAYS THE POOR.

Educator Says There's Too Much Philanthropy.

The Rev. Dr. James Roscoe Day, of Syracuse, N. Y., chancellor of Syracuse university, in an address Friday night attacked the arguments in favor of the poor and charitable and philanthropic movements that had been advanced a few months before by J. Phelps Stokes and Rose Pastor Stokes, his wife.

"What is all this cry that is being made about the poor wage earner?" asked Dr. Day.

"The wage earners get enough for what they do and a great many of them get more. I know the poor. I have been among them and studied them. I know that they are the chief supporters of upwards of 10,000 saloons in this city. I know that they are the chief causes of intemperance and shiftiness, and then the blame is put on the hard hearted corporations. We should cease some of the philanthropy which we practice and help the poor to learn their duty and to make them help themselves.

"I believe there is not a greater piece of despotism that rules today than labor unionism. It is a hindrance itself to the advance of man."

The address was given at the annual dinner of the Syracuse Alumni association.

YOUNG DYER ACQUITTED.

Son of St. Louis Federal Attorney Is Not Guilty of Embezzlement.

David P. Dyer, Jr., of St. Louis, son of the United States district attorney and a teller in the sub-treasury at that city, was acquitted by a jury in the United States court on a charge of having embezzled \$61,500 of government funds.

The jury was out five hours and the verdict was greeted with cheers, the court room being nearly filled with friends of the Dyer family and federal employes.

Dyer's defense was that while admitting that his books showed a shortage of the amount stated in the indictment and that he had falsified the records to cover the discrepancy, that he had no knowledge of how the shortage occurred and that he had refrained from reporting in the hope that he could find and correct the mistake.

REVERSE FOR BAILEY.

Texas House Permits Attorney General to File Charges.

Attorney General Davidson appeared in the Texas house Wednesday with the documentary evidence which, it is charged, implicates Senator Bailey in connection with the reissuance of the Waters-Pierce Oil company in violation of the anti-trust laws of the state. Senator Bailey's supporters objected to consideration of the evidence unless it was genuine and unless Senator Bailey could look over it at the same time as the members. It was then suggested that Attorney General Davidson be required to prove the correctness of the papers. Both propositions were voted down. The attorney general filed the evidence with the speaker pending further developments. The house then resumed argument as to whether there shall be an investigation.

EATING THEIR OWN CHILDREN.

Many Cases of Cannibalism Reported in Famine District.

Further advices received at Victoria, B. C., Friday from Shanghai tell of increasing horrors and great famine in central China. The correspondent of the Echo de Chine says in the two districts of Sincow and Paychow the starving people are eating their children.

Plants and grass, which furnished food for many, have disappeared and there is not even roots to eat. The correspondent says cases of cannibalism are many. In the absence of ordinary food, he found human flesh actually being sold.

BANKER WALSH INDICTED.

Chicago Financier Is Accused of Mismanagement of Funds.

John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National bank, was indicted by the federal grand jury in Chicago Friday for alleged mismanagement of the funds of the bank. The indictment contains 182 counts.

Walsh will not be arrested at present. It was decided the bond of \$50,000, under which he now enjoys liberty, is sufficient for the present.

Uncle Sam Extends Aid.

The senate Friday passed, without discussion the Jamaica relief bill immediately upon its receipt from the house. The bill clothes the president with power to send the supply ship Celtic, loaded with supplies, to the relief of the stricken inhabitants of the island.

Spaugh Gets New Lease on Life.

Sheriff E. L. Fitz received orders from Gov. Folk to postpone the execution of Wm. Spaugh until Jan. 28. Spaugh was to have been hanged Thursday.

Increases Artillery Corps.

The United States senate Friday passed the Warren bill increasing the military corps of the army. The total increase, which is to reach its maximum in five years, is 6,197 officers and men.

For Head of Land Office.

The president Friday appointed Richard A. Ballinger, of Seattle, Wash., to be commissioner general of the land office, to succeed W. A. Rich-

FOR BABIES BEFORE LAMBS.

Pinchot Says Sheep Interests are Secondary.

The forty-third annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association was called to order at 10 o'clock Thursday morning in Salt Lake City, Utah. Owing to the non-arrival of many delegates a recess was taken until 1:30 Thursday afternoon.

More than 1,000 delegates were in attendance and the vice president and sections of the country where sheep are raised were represented. The wool trade of Boston and other eastern cities also was represented.

A feature of the convention is an exhibition of standard high bred and high grade sheep at the state fair grounds, where more than 500 sheep, mostly from the intermountain country, are on exhibition.

It developed early that the delegates almost to a man are bitterly hostile to the forest reserve policy of the government. This sentiment was vigorously voiced by the vice president in his annual address, which set the convention wild with enthusiasm, while the defense of the administration by Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot, of the agricultural department, was very coldly received.

At the climax of his address Dr. Wilson declared that the transformation of the ranges into forest reserves from which the sheep are excluded will put Wyoming back twenty years and reduce her wealth 50 per cent. He also discussed the transportation question, saying that the facilities of the railroads should be ample in view of the increased equipment within the past year. The trouble, he suggested, is due to the lack of speed rather than to lack of cars.

Mr. Pinchot took the broad ground that the sheepsman represent only a small proportion of the people of the United States and that their interests must give way, if necessary, to the welfare of the nation. He expressed his personal sympathy, but added:

"This question of ranges is your question. Our concern is for the home-steader. The government wants to raise children instead of lambs."

RUSHED TO PENITENTIARY.

St. Louis Lawyer Sentenced Shortly After Being Arrested.

Horace E. Hand, of St. Louis, an attorney and chief clerk of the law department of the Frisco Railroad company, was arrested and released on \$2,000 bond Thursday and strict secrecy was maintained concerning the nature of the charge against him. The charge was made at the instance of District Attorney Sager. When Hand was admitted to bond in the circuit attorney's office all newspaper men were excluded.

Later in the afternoon during a conference in Circuit Attorney Sager's office Hand broke down and confessed he was guilty of forgery. At his own request he was immediately taken before Circuit Judge Muench, where he pleaded guilty to the two charges against him. He was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. He asked to be taken to the penitentiary at once and was taken on a night train to Jefferson City.

GUGGENHEIM QUILTS BUSINESS.

New Senator from Colorado Resigns from Various Companies.

In joint session Wednesday Simon Guggenheim was declared elected United States senator for Colorado. He was greeted with applause by his supporters and the audience crowding the galleries.

Mr. Guggenheim announced his resignation as an official from all business concerns with which he has been connected. The most important of these are the Western Mining company, of Leadville, Colo., the Guggenheim Exploration company of New York, the United Lead company of New York, the Federal Lead company of Missouri, the American Smelters Securities company of New York, the United States Zinc company of Pueblo, Colo., and the American Smelters Steamship company.

Blockade is Broken.

The blockade of the main line of the Great Northern in Montana has been broken. The track from St. Paul to Spokane is clear after being blockaded for a week. It is intensely cold at Havre, 42 below being registered there. Reports of heavy losses of cattle and sheep are being received from all parts of the state.

Deposes Episcopal Divine.

Rev. Dr. F. E. J. Lloyd, who resigned the rectorate of St. Peter's Episcopal church at Uniontown, Pa., last Sunday, to take up mission work for the Catholic church, has been formally unfrocked and deposed from the ministry of the church by the bishop of the Pittsburgh Episcopal diocese.

Prohibit Passes in Illinois.

Representative Robert W. McKinley introduced a bill into the Illinois house Wednesday prohibiting any state official from accepting any pass or telegraph frank and prohibiting railroad and telegraph corporations from issuing same. The penalty for violation is from six months to one year in jail.

Negro Boy Hanged.

Elmer Dempster, the 19-year-old negro who was convicted of killing Mrs. James Pearce and her three children on July 29 last at Canonsburg, Pa., was hanged in the jail yard there Thursday.

Kills Wife, Daughter and Himself.

Alex Ballaneo, of Columbus, O., a Hungarian miner, Thursday killed his wife and daughter Pearl, aged 16 years, and then committed suicide at

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Play for Sympathy—August Mueller, a Prisoner in the Stanton County Jail, Helps Others to Escape—Scheme to Create Good Impression.

August Mueller, a prisoner in the Stanton county jail, who is under sentence of fifteen years in the penitentiary for shooting his wife, his father-in-law and his mother-in-law last spring, worked a clever scheme, it is alleged, to excite sympathy for himself, in the hope that if the supreme court grants him a new trial he might stand a better chance of being set free. He broke open the jail, liberated a fellow prisoner, and then told Sheriff Stucker that three men had come and freed the escaped horse thief. He declared that he had remained in jail because he did not care to run away.

People of the community began thinking Mueller was a model prisoner until Gebhardt, the escaped jail bird, was recaptured and told how Mueller had suggested the escape and had liberated Gebhardt by means of an iron bar which sprung open the window bars. Gebhardt said that Mueller told him as soon as he was jailed that he ought to get out, and then showed him how. Mueller declared that he did not wish to escape, because he knew he would be recaptured, and by remaining he might have a chance to be acquitted in case a new trial was granted.

VERDICT IN THE ENGLE CASE.

John Hamlin Held on Charge of Murdering Grand Island Woman.

That the deceased Rachel Engle came to her death on Monday, January 14, at 4:30 p. m., from the effects of a gunshot wound in the back, inflicted by John G. Hamlin on August 3, 1906, is the verdict returned by a coroner's jury at Grand Island in the death of the young girl who was shot during carnival week by an alleged unrequited admirer.

Six physicians swore unqualifiedly that death resulted from the wound and that the treatment given by the attending physician and surgeon was all that could be done for her. Hamlin did not deny the shooting but stated that there is something back of it that the people do not know. It is believed the defense will be insanity.

Hamlin was much disturbed when he heard the girl had died, but, while the sheriff took extra precautions, there is no general talk of not permitting the law to take its course. The charge of shooting with intent to kill will, no doubt, upon this development, be changed to murder in the first degree.

FIREMEN IN ANNUAL MEETING.

Next Convention at Nebraska City—Names of New Officers.

The Nebraska Veteran Firemen's association held its annual meeting in Grand Island Thursday. The following officers were elected: President, J. V. Hyder, York; first vice president, Mark Mortenson, Fremont; second vice president, Bert Galle, Columbus; secretary, E. A. Miller, Kearney; treasurer, Henry Graff, Seward; board of control, Geo. Howe, Fremont; J. F. McNea, Kearney; R. N. McCallister, Grand Island; R. H. Reynolds, Norfolk, and John McKay of Blair.

Nebraska City was chosen as the place for the next convention. The convention then adjourned.

HOGS MUTILATE BOYS BODY.

Franklin Farmer's Son Leaves Home With Gun and Is Found Dead.

The 14-year-old son of John Schuurman, a farmer living about eight miles southeast of Franklin, met death in a horrible manner. He had his gun and was passing through the hog yard and it is supposed that, in trying to get through the fence, he accidentally shot himself and fell in the hog yard. When his body was found the hogs were eating it.

Pleaded Guilty to Assault.

Harry and Elwin Snyder, who have been in jail ever since their arrest on a charge of assaulting Banker F. L. Pothast of Pickering with intent to do great bodily injury, pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and were sentenced to thirty days in the county jail recently.

State Historical Society.

At a meeting of the State Historical society at Lincoln Dr. Geo. L. Miller, of Omaha, was re-elected president and the following other officers were chosen: Robt. Harvey, vice president; Jas. E. North of Blatte county, second vice president; J. E. Geisthardt, treasurer, and C. S. Paine, secretary.

Towns in Darkness.

The armature at the power house of the Wabaska Electric company was burned out at Wynore and as a result the towns of Blue Springs and Wynore were in darkness. The armature has been sent to Omaha for repairs.

York Man Found Dead.

Jason A. Bellows of York, was found dead near his barn Tuesday evening. For some time Mr. Bellows has had heart trouble and he told his intimate friends he was afraid he would drop dead.

Teachers at Beaver City.

The first annual meeting of the Furnas County Teachers' association convened at Beaver City Monday in the high school building. In spite of the threatening weather there was a large attendance, and an active interest in school affairs was manifested.

Four Nebraska Postmasters.

The president has appointed the following postmasters: I. E. Tash, Alliance; W. A. Needham, Bloomfield; L. Van Voorhis, Crawford; D. S. Sear-

BEE WINS SCAVENGER TAX SUIT

Supreme Court Says Publication is Legal and Awards Entire Fee.

In the case of The Bee Publishing company of Douglas and The World Publishing company, appellant, against the World Publishing company, intervenor, appellee, the supreme court reverses the judgment of the district court as to publication fees and in all other things affirms.

The court holds that the county treasurer has authority to designate a paper for the publication of scavenger law foreclosure sales if the county commissioners have failed to do so. The Bee is entitled to receive \$1 for each square of ten lines for the first insertion and 50 cents a square for each subsequent insertion, including matters of description.

The World Publishing Co. filed an injunction suit against the payment of the fees, contending that the county was not liable in any amount, for the reason that appellant's paper was not legally designated for the publication of the notice and tax lists.

PRIZES AWARDED.

Lucky Growers of Corn Rewarded at Lincoln.

Prizes in the annual corn exhibit in Lincoln were announced Thursday afternoon as follows:

White Corn—First prize, Lee Smith & Son, De Soto, \$6.50 per cent, corn planter. Second prize, Henry Seltz, DeSoto, \$5 per cent, grader.

Yellow Corn—First prize, Lee Smith & Son, DeSoto, \$6 per cent; corn harvester. Second prize, J. F. Olson, Ithaca, \$5.5 per cent; corn cultivator.

Calico Corn—First prize, Chas. Grau Bennington, \$5.5 per cent; corn cultivator. Second prize, R. M. Wolcott, Palmer, 70.5 per cent; portable corn crib.

Single Ears—First prize, A. J. Olson, Wahoo, corn planter; second, C. M. Schamle, Emerald; third, R. Hogue of Crete; fourth, Lee Smith & Son, DeSoto; fifth, A. J. Olson, Wahoo; sixth, W. Seltz, DeSoto.

SOLDIER REID GUILTY.

Man Who Shot Marshal Moss Convicted of Manslaughter.

The trial of the case of the state against John Reid, a sergeant from Fort Robinson, ended in Reid being found guilty of manslaughter.

The killing took place on Sunday afternoon, May 13. A large number of soldiers had been drinking and fighting in the residence portion of Crawford, to the disturbance of the residents. When Marshal Moss arrived at the scene a large number of the negroes ran away, leaving half a dozen to stay with the sergeant, who was armed, and who immediately engaged the marshal, a man weighing 112 pounds, and shot him in the back. The trial has been very expensive, as the negro soldiers in the country contributed some \$2,000 for Reid's defense.

UNCLE SAM TRAPS TRADER.

Man Charged with Traffic in Supplies of Soldiers.

Isaac Israel, 1113 1/2 Pacific street, Omaha, was arrested by Detective Ferris and Deputy United States Marshal Moore on the charge of illegal traffic in property of the government bought from soldiers at Fort Crook. Israel was taken before United States Commissioner Anderson and released under bond of \$400 to await a preliminary examination. It is alleged Israel has done a wholesale and lucrative business with the soldiers at the government reservation in buying their superfluous supplies of clothing and selling them at a handsome profit.

SUTHERLAND OUT OF COAL.

Not a Pound for Sale by Any of the Dealers.

Sutherland was without a pound of coal for sale on the 15th inst, and severely cold weather, the prospects for suffering for want of fuel are being faced by the people of that community. Coal is the only fuel that can be obtained in that section, and when the supply runs short the citizens must face a hard problem.

It is estimated that the little coal hoarded by the people of the neighborhood will last but a few days at the outside, and then suffering must ensue unless the railroads will haul in a supply.

Meets with Bad Accident.

While trying to clean some windows in the sugar factory at Grand Island by leaning over some shafting, the clothing of John S. Jay, a laborer, was caught in the shafting and he was sped around a big wheel making 150 revolutions to the minute. He was then hurled to the floor; his left leg was broken below the knee, the small bone of the right leg was badly fractured in half a dozen places and the right foot was broken and badly crushed, and there was also some internal injuries.

Old Man Assaulted and Robbed.

J. F. Leon, an elderly man residing in Riverton, was assaulted in his home by unidentified parties and left in an unconscious condition from which he never recovered. Robbery probably was the motive.

Preacher Dies in California.

People of Nelson, and members of the Presbyterian church in particular, are much grieved over a telegram received from California announcing the death of Rev. W. W. Bard, pastor of that church.

Nineteen Women Elected.

Out of the 53 county superintendents elected in South Dakota last November 19 of them are women.

Burned with Gasoline.

While filling a lamp with gasoline in the German Turner hall at Plattsmouth, John Sattler spilled some of the fluid on his sleeves, which ignited and spread to the tank, causing an explosion. His hands were dreadfully burned.

Farmer Loses Hand.

John Sands, of Gallaway, while shelling corn near Arnold, had his right hand ground up in a horsepower so that amputation was necessary.



Members of the commission to look after a Nebraska exhibit at the Jamestown exposition, appointed by Gov. Mickey, will not be disturbed by Gov. Sheldon, who informed them that he would not consider their resignations, but would insist on them doing the things which they were appointed to do. With the exception of Rome Miller all the members called on the governor and laid their resignations before him. It was a new sensation for Nebraska's new governor. He promptly commanded the men to table their resignations and suggest what they intended to do about getting an appropriation to pay for the exhibit. It was decided that the legislature would be asked for \$10,000 or \$12,000 for the purpose of putting on a show like the exhibit at Portland. A bill will be drawn and introduced and it will have the backing of the commission as well as the indorsement of the governor. The commission organized some time ago by the election of C. E. Burnham, of Norfolk, president; C. H. Rudge, of Lincoln, treasurer, and S. C. Bassett, of Gibson, secretary.

The state board of agriculture at a meeting held in Lincoln elected the following officers: Peter Youngers, of Geneva, president; C. H. Rudge, of Lincoln, first vice president; P. Arnold, of Verdon, second vice president; E. Z. Russell, of Blair, treasurer, and W. R. Mellor, of Loup City, secretary. Messrs. Youngers, Russell and Mellor were re-elected. Board of Managers—C. H. Rudge, Lincoln; C. H. Cook, St. Paul; G. W. Hervey, Omaha; E. Filley, Reynolds; O. C. Henderson, Hebron. Directors—C. H. Webb, Lancaster county; William James, Salline; O. E. Henderson, Thayer; O. E. Mickey, Polk; John McArdle, Douglas; L. W. Leonard, Pawnee; H. L. Cook, Howard; R. W. Hawkes, Kearney; W. C. Caley, Knox; E. Filley, Jefferson; C. M. Levelling, Furnas; J. A. Ollis, Jr., Valley; E. M. Searle, Keith; Charles Bessey, Webster; Dr. Prithard, Cuming. They are elected for two years.

Hon. John P. Irish has selected a subject most timely and appropriate for his address before the university graduates at their midwinter commencement. "Is Government a Failure?" is the formal title, under which Mr. Irish will discuss government ownership of production and distribution. A prominent political figure, a veteran newspaper man, for the last thirteen years naval officer of customs at the port of San Francisco, Mr. Irish is qualified to speak with authority on the subject he has chosen. The lecture will be given at 8 o'clock on Friday evening, Feb. 15, at the Lincoln auditorium.

The express companies, for charging alleged extortionate rates, came in for a scolding by John Blain, president of the Swine Breeders' association, in his address Wednesday. He complained particularly of the rates on blooded hogs. "The association was welcomed by Chancellor Andrews and E. P. Brown responded. G. W. Berry, of Kansas City spoke on "The Modern Type of the Black Hog;" J. M. Hitterton, of Cairo, discussed "Some Things That Are Necessary for the Best Results in Swine Breeding."

Lincoln high school won the debate from Beatrice high school. The question for debate was "Woman Suffrage." Lincoln having the affirmative, Lincoln was represented by Miss Alice Mookett, Martin Levy and Clarence Clark. Beatrice representatives were Ernest Hahn, Henry Brandt and Clifford Phillips. The debate was attended by a large crowd, which taxed the capacity of the church building in which it was held.

The board of managers of the state fair recommends that a levy be made of 1/4 of a mill for the maintenance of the fair. The following improvements, Mr. Mellor said, are needed on the fair grounds: More public comfort buildings with sanitary sewerage, machinery hall, new fish building, steel amphitheater, new agricultural hall, additional cattle and swine barns, swine judging pavilion and more permanent sidewalks.

M. M. Johnson, the incubator man of Clay Center, in appreciation of the business which the poultry fanciers and poultry raisers of the state have given him in the past, rented the Auditorium at Lincoln for the weeks of Jan. 4 to 19 and donated its use to the Nebraska Poultry association for the association's annual show.

The State Horticultural society Wednesday elected the following officers: Harry Harrison, of York, president; Charles L. Saunders, Omaha, first vice president; C. H. Green, of Fremont, second vice president; Peter Youngers, of Geneva, treasurer, and J. A. Yeager, of Fremont, a director for a term of three years.

Two hundred opticians were in attendance at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Optical society in session at Walsh hall, Lincoln, on Wednesday. The day was spent discussing subjects of interest to members of the trade and in hearing reports of officers.

The state printing board re-elected Lew W. Frazier secretary of the board. Mr. Frazier has held the position for the last four years. He resides at Fairmont, where he edits the Chronicle.

Gov. Sheldon named the following delegates to the Trans-Missouri Dry Farming congress to be held in Denver, Colo., Jan. 24 and 25: Prof. E. A. Burnett, Lincoln; E. G. Montgomery, Lincoln; W. T. Snyder, North Platte; J. W. Pillsbury, DeWitt; A. S. Campbell, Imperial; Page T. Francis, Crawford; Robert Walsh, Morrill; Judge Hurlburt, Gering; John Powers, Mitchell; W. J. Harris, Ogallala; H. L. Gould, Ogallala; John E. Meyers, Broken Bow; J. T. Ream, Broken Bow; A. Dobson, Lincoln.