

CURRENCY DEPARTMENT SEEKS MORE EFFICIENT WORK.

In a Letter to All National Investigators, Comptroller Murray Sets Forth a Number of Additional Requirements He Desires Carried Out.

Comptroller of the Currency Lawrence O. Murray has issued an order that every bank examiner provide a \$20,000 bond for the faithful performance of his duties. The examiners are required also to take an oath of office, which is another precaution the comptroller has ordered to insure proper examination of national banks. The comptroller also has sent the following letter to every national bank examiner in the country, requiring them to make more careful inquiry into the value of bank assets:

"Page 30 of the book of instructions requires examiners to obtain by careful inquiry from the officers and directors of the bank all the information possible as to the value of its assets, and to endeavor to verify this information as far as possible by careful and discreet inquiry from reliable sources outside of the bank."

"From complaints received at this office it is evident that these instructions are not generally complied with and that many examiners do not confer at all in this respect with the officers or directors. In every instance the examiner must confer with the managing officers of the bank and some of the directors as to the value of the paper and securities found in the bank, especially such in regard to which there is any question or probable loss, in order that the examiner may have the full benefit of the judgment of the officers and directors of the bank as to the value of such assets. The examiner is not bound to accept such estimates as conclusive, but should give due and full consideration."

SUSPECTED OF MURDER.

Prominent Physician Arrested for Alabama Crime.

Dr. T. A. Jones, one of the most prominent physicians in East Lake, Ala., has been arrested on a charge of murder. The arrest is the result of an investigation by the coroner into the death on December 1 of John Baker, who, according to a chemist, died of arsenic poisoning.

Mrs. Bertha M. Taylor, daughter of the dead man, was arrested Sunday. Large insurance policies carried by Baker were payable to Mrs. Taylor, whose husband died September 3. Dr. Jones pronounced the cause of his death gastritis. His body also will be exhumed and the stomach examined by the coroner. His insurance policy was payable to his wife.

CHIEF OF POLICE SLAIN.

In a Pistol Duel He Kills a Robber After Being Mortally Wounded.

In a pistol duel on the main street of Wytheville, Va., Chief of Police Walter McClintock and E. A. Cregger were killed. McClintock shot Cregger to death after he himself had been mortally wounded, and the two bodies fell near each other in the thoroughfare.

Chief McClintock and a deputy had a warrant for the arrest of E. A. Cregger and his brother Dave, charging robbery. When the officers met the Creggers in front of the court house and told them they had a warrant for their arrest E. A. Cregger drew his revolver and began firing on McClintock. The deputy succeeded in arresting Dave Cregger.

Anti-Foreign Crusade.

It is feared that the anti-foreign movement at Canton, China, originally caused by the death of a coolie on the steamer Falshan, who is alleged to have been brutally kicked by a Portuguese watchman on the vessel, will culminate in outbreaks against all foreigners. So serious is the situation regarded that the British torpedo destroyer Hart has been sent to Canton.

\$50,000 Fire Loss.

An explosion Sunday morning in a building at Seventh street and Washington avenue, St. Louis, Mo., started a fire that resulted in a loss of \$50,000.

Earthquake Shock in France.

An earthquake shock at Notre Dame, France Sunday threw the population into a panic, but did no material damage.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beeves, \$6.00@7.00. Top hogs, \$5.50.

Ptomaline Poison.

The family of N. S. Richardson, consisting of six persons, became violently ill Sunday after eating pork and beans at dinner in their home at Kansas City, Kan. It is believed the pork contained ptomalines.

Lost Lives in Fire.

Two little children were cremated Saturday night when the home of Edward Toner was burned near Traverse City, Mich.

BANQUET FLEET'S OFFICERS.

Ceylon Business Men Praise America's Navy.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Planters' association at Colombo, Ceylon, Friday night gave a banquet in honor of the officers of the United States Atlantic battleship fleet. Col. Sir Henry Edward McCallum, governor of Ceylon, in a speech said it had been the good fortune of Ceylon to accord a warm welcome to the fleet and that its presence would be instrumental in the continuance of peace.

The prosperity of Australia, Hongkong and the Straits settlements was due, he said, to the crown colony government, and America would have adopted this system in the Philippine islands had its constitution permitted. Gov. McCallum also praised the exemplary behavior of the American crews ashore.

The chairman of the Planters' association said President Roosevelt doubtless had many views in mind when he ordered the battleship fleet around the world, and he trusted the most lasting of these would prove to be the consolidation of friendship between nations.

Rear Admiral Sperry said that in traveling in the king's domains he had been impressed mostly by the absolute solidarity of interests—commercial, political and economic.

There was no position possible for the United States in a war where Great Britain was involved, the admiral declared, except that of benevolent neutrality.

In the presentation of 1,600 pounds of tea to the officers and men of the fleet the chairman of the Planters' association expressed his profound admiration of the unparalleled achievement of marshaling the American fleet in a stately procession from sea to sea. The Ceylon planters, he declared, in priding themselves on their independence acknowledged that their prosperity was attributable to free institutions. They especially sympathized with the American nation and appreciated the absence from its tariff of a duty on tea, and also the new pure food law, which was aiding the consumption of Ceylon teas. Admiration, sympathy and gratitude, said the speaker in conclusion, prompted the gift of the tea.

SWINDLERS TO GO TO PRISON.

Pennsylvania Capitol Grifters Are Sentenced.

Judge Kunkel Friday morning imposed the following sentences upon the men convicted on March 13 on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the state in contracts for supplying furniture to the new state capitol: J. H. Sanderson, W. P. Snyder, W. L. Matthews and J. M. Shumaker, \$500 fine and two years' imprisonment, the maximum penalty.

Immediately after sentence was pronounced the defendants were remanded to the custody of the sheriff, pending application for supersedeas, which was made in the superior court at Philadelphia. As soon as it is granted the defendants will offer bail pending an appeal to a superior court.

The men were convicted of defrauding the state out of \$19,308 in a contract for wooden furniture. Other charges involved large sums in the aggregate. They were tried last spring and last week they were refused a new trial. The men convicted Friday were tried a second time and acquitted of the charge of defrauding the state in a metal furniture contract.

WRIGHT MAKES NEW RECORD.

Acroplanist Smashes All Former Marks.

Wilbur Wright, the American acroplanist, established a new world's record for heavier than air machines Friday at Lemans, France, remaining in the air 1 hour, 53 minutes and 59 seconds. The best previous record is 1 hour, 31 minutes and 51 seconds, made by Wright on September 21.

The acroplane attained an average height of 24 feet. The distance was officially measured as 61 1/2 miles, which does not include the wide sweeps and turns made during the flight. He descended only because an oil feeder got out of order.

Sues Divine for \$25,000.

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Copeland, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension, of Baltimore, Md., has been sued for \$25,000 damages by Dr. Pierce B. Wilson, Jr., who is suing his wife for a divorce, naming former United States Senator Wellington as co-respondent. The suit is by title, no cause of action being stated in the paper filed in court.

Uniform Laws Are Urged.

That all the states of the union should have uniform laws on weights and measures, or that there should be a federal law on the subject, was the consensus of opinion expressed by the delegates from various states attending the national conference of the organization of inspectors of weights and measures of the United States at Washington.

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CHEER THE SULTAN.

Turkish Ruler Passes in Review Before Subjects.

A new constitutional government for Turkey was inaugurated Thursday with every sign of success. The new parliament elected under the constitution promulgated by the sultan last July was opened, and everything passed off without the slightest displeasure.

Any fear that the sultan may have had as to the temper of his subjects was dispelled by the ample display of enthusiasm. The fact that the sultan came out openly to meet his people on this occasion has gone a long way toward removing the effects of past evils attributed to the palace rule, while the grand vizier, Kiamil Pasha, who insisted on the sultan's coming by the road which passed through the European quarter of Pera and Stamboul, thus bringing the sovereign into contact with the masses, has shown his great wisdom, and has by this move secured further success in the consolidation of the constitutional regime.

The opening of parliament was solemn. Two hundred deputies and senators, together with the representatives of various religious communities, a large number of other state dignitaries and the heads of diplomatic missions, were present. With the exception of the sultan's six sons in the box adjoining the imperial box, no other princes were present. After the reading of the speech from the throne there was a flourish of trumpets and the troops massed outside the building gave three cheers for the sultan, while artillery salutes announced the event to the whole population. Never before have such crowds been seen in the streets, a remarkable feature being the number of Turkish women filling the windows and balconies along the line of march.

SUICIDES IN HIS ROOM.

Son of Wealthy Iowa Farmer Kills Himself at Kansas City.

Well dressed and possessed of a considerable sum of money, J. P. Pritchard, a wealthy farmer of Newell, Ia., was found dead in his room at a hotel in Kansas City, Mo., Thursday night from self-inflicted pistol wounds. Mr. Pritchard, who was on his way to Oklahoma City, registered at the hotel Wednesday night. He gave orders to the clerk that he should not be called Thursday morning. Thursday night the hotel manager, becoming suspicious, forced an entry into the young man's room and found him dead. He apparently had committed suicide during the night.

FRENCH SCHOONER FOUNDERS.

Several Sailors, Almost Worn Out, Row to Shore at Fort Morien.

Exhausted by eight days of toil at the pumps and thirteen hours passed in an open boat with the thermometer near zero, seven men rowed ashore at Port Morien, N. S. W., Thursday and reported that the French schooner Marcelline had foundered off the Cape Breton coast at midnight on Tuesday. When the boat finally grated on the beach several of the sailors were so worn out that they had to be lifted ashore.

TWO MILLION IS TAKEN.

German Hotel Promoters Are Accused of Misappropriation.

Charged with misappropriating \$2,000,000 two brothers, Adolf and Fritz Eberbach, hotel company promoters, have been arrested, the former in Silesia and the latter at Vienna. The men are charged with having founded a hotel trust, with an enormous capital, with offices at Hamburg, Berlin and Bremen; with having appointed dummy directors and having manipulated the funds. When the trust went into liquidation the brothers disappeared, the shareholders receiving only 2 per cent of their investments.

Blizzard in Wisconsin.

A blizzard, the worst so far this winter, which prevailed all of Thursday night, has wrought great destruction to telephone and telegraph wires north of Milwaukee in the vicinity of Sheboygan, Port Washington, Fond du Lac and Oshkosh. The snow is heavy and wet.

Disasters on the Water.

There were 1,094 vessel disasters in the United States in the last fiscal year, resulting in a property loss of \$1,862,790 and the loss of 22 lives, according to the annual report of Superintendent Kimball, of the United States life saving service, which was filed Thursday.

New President of Hayti.

Gen. Simon, leader of the last revolution in Hayti, that resulted in the flight of President Nord Alexis from the capital, and who made his triumphal entry into Port au Prince ten days ago, was Thursday unanimously elected president of the republic by the Haytian congress.

Lynching in Kentucky.

Elmer Hill, charged with the murder of Mamie Womack, in Adair county, Ky., was dragged from jail at Monticello, carried four miles to Greasy creek and there hanged to a tree.

Will Not Go to Colorado.

Jasper Wilson, secretary of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, says there is no truth at all in the report that Mr. Wilson is to be the head of the Colorado Agricultural college.

Electric Power for Mill.

The Fairbury roller mills will install an electric motor to operate the plant until the concrete dam, which came way under the water pressure Sunday, can be rebuilt.

Good Price for Land.

Peter Jansen, living near Jansen, has just sold a section of land near his ranch for \$64,000, or \$190 per acre.

Farm Residence Burns.

The dwelling on Harley Osburn's farm, eight miles northwest of Oxford, burned to the ground, causing a loss of \$1,200.

New Lease on Life.

R. Mead Shumway, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Martin, of Adams, will not die on January 8. The supreme court has set January 29 as the date for the execution of the sentence. Several voluminous court records must yet be examined.

Held to District Court.

Joseph Bush and Frank Williams, the two men arrested at Wymore last week on the charge of robbing a store at Diller, were bound over to the district court at Fairbury.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR BUSY READERS

OMAHA HOME OF SHOW.

City May Have National Corn Exposition Long as it Wishes.

The National Corn association unanimously re-elected the old officers at its annual meeting at the Rome hotel, Wednesday morning. Important as this action is, it does not overshadow the action of the association in declaring that it "is the wish of the organization that Omaha shall have the National Corn exposition so long as Omaha desires."

The National Corn association has the say-so in this matter, and the action is therefore conclusive.

The re-election of Messrs. Funk, Holden, Montgomery and Jones is a highly gratifying thing for those who know anything about the history and development of the exposition, know of the extent and quality of their work and next to important work well done, the next most pleasant thing in the minds of all men is the recognition thereof.

The National Corn association did another thing along this line. It voted formally and enthusiastically its endorsement of the great and good work which Senor Zefrino Dominguez is doing in an agricultural way for the people of his country.

FIFTEEN STUDENTS SUSPENDED.

Grand Island School Board Upholds Instructors in Act.

The board of education at Grand Island is determined to secure a higher order of discipline in the local high school and at a meeting, by unanimous vote, sustained the action of Principal Matthews and Superintendent Barr in suspending for the rest of the term and until after the holidays, fifteen male students, who had defied the authority of the principal in the matter of lowering the class flag. The one incident led to other evidences of insubordination, twenty-three of the twenty-eight girls of the class failing to come to school one afternoon out of sympathy and going skating with the boys. These were suspended for two days. Aside from sustaining the suspending order the board adopted a resolution that hereafter none but the American flag shall be hoisted on any school building or grounds without permission from the principal and that any concerted class action, or that of a combination of classes, shall be punishable by suspension from school for the rest of the semester, or disqualification for work done in the same, or both.

WELL-TO-DO FARMERS SUSPECTED AND SEARCH REVEALS GOODS.

Thieving of all kinds has been going on in the vicinity of Maxwell for some months and all were at a loss to locate the guilty parties. Wednesday Sheriff Miltonberger cleared up the mystery after searching premises with a search warrant. The day before certain articles were missed from the depot platform and the search revealed these articles in the possession of Cyrus Clark and Henry Geise, two farmers of that neighborhood. Believing that these parties might be guilty of other thefts, complaints were filed and their premises searched. The sheriff found on their farms 737 pounds of hind quarter beef, 685 pounds of corned beef, two rolls of wire, stolen lumber, a number of branded hides, a buggy robe and a long list of other stolen articles. The farmers have been arrested and confined in the county jail.

CLEARED OF MURDER.

Wolley is Acquitted by Jury in Lincoln Court.

W. A. Wolley, formerly a citizen of Alma, has been acquitted of a murder charge by a jury in the district court at Lincoln.

Drainage Project Almost Complete.

The ditching on the drainage district north of Peru is nearing completion. The channel has been cut to both Buck creek and Duck creek, and both streams have been turned into it. As Camp creek was turned into the north ditch during the summer, this now drains away all the water which flowed into the swamp.

Objects to Drainage Ditch.

The city of Fremont will put up a vigorous fight against the proposed Schroeder ditch north of town. The objection is based on the ground that the ditch would take all the water from Raw Hide creek, north of town, and as the city sewer empties into that creek about five miles southeast of the city, the sewerage would be obstructed and the city deprived of water necessary to carry it off.

Farmer Breaks Jaw.

While returning home Otto Obrest, an employee at the Jenny Bros. cheese factory near Leigh, met with a distressing accident a few miles south of town. He fell off his wagon and broke his jaw. Examination showed a compound fracture. The man had been drinking.

Kicked by Horse.

Anton Glossten, of Nebraska City, was kicked by a horse in the back and his spine injured. He has been in a comatose condition since then and fears are entertained for his recovery.

Boy Injured by Gun.

George Frank, of Grand Island, a lad of about 22 years of age, was accidentally shot in the ankle, the discharge of the pumpgun so shattering the bone that amputation was necessary between the ankle and knee.

New Game Bird Thrives.

Reports are being received at the office of Game Warden Carter at Lincoln to the effect that the Hungarian partridges which were planted in Nebraska a year ago are doing remarkably well.

SOLONS MUST GO IT ALONE.

Mr. Bryan Disclaims Role of Nebraska Dictator.

That William J. Bryan will not attempt to dictate the action of the Nebraska legislature this winter, but will act in an advisory capacity, is indicated by the following statement made recently:

"I have only one interest in the legislature," said Mr. Bryan, "and that is to see every pledge of our platform carried out and this applies to the pledges made in our state platform and to such pledges in our national platform as can be carried out by the state legislature. I need hardly add that I shall take no part in contests for offices in the legislature or the offices to be filled by the governor. My one interest is to see the promises kept. This I am interested in because platform pledges are a contract made with the voter and also because I believe that the keeping of such promises is necessary if the democratic party is to maintain its position in the state."

Mr. Bryan said that he would spend his winters in Texas hereafter, but he had no intention of changing his residence from Nebraska. He denied that he had hunted bear in Texas, and also that he had been arrested and fined for exceeding the limit in duck hunting.

Regarding his interest in democratic newspaper ventures, Mr. Bryan entered a denial to the report that his support extended to other ventures than his own paper.

BURGLARS BUSY AT HOLDREGE.

Five Places Visited, but Little is Secured.

Tuesday night was a busy one in Holdrege for night owls. Some time between midnight and morning the offices of the Phelps County Lumber company, Thomas Hufford, Deisher & Kronquist, implement men; C. A. Galloway and the Tibball Lumber company were entered and the offices thoroughly ransacked.

The start seems to have been made at the office of the Phelps County Lumber company. Nothing was missed here except a screwdriver. From here they went across the street to the coal office of Thomas Hufford, where a bicycle was stolen. They next tackled Deisher & Kronquist, the office was ransacked and \$2 or \$3 in postage stamps found, which were taken, as well as something less than \$2 in change which was found in the desk drawers. From here they went to the lumber office of C. A. Galloway and only a few cents' worth of postage stamps taken. They then went across the street to the lumber office of the Tibball company and after going through the desks and cash drawer departed with two copper cents.

Complaints were filed and warrants issued and officers got on the trail, which was followed to Minden, where the parties got away. There were two of them and they were traced to the fair grounds just east of Minden, where they made their getaway. The supposition is that they went south.

PIONEERS' WINTER MEETING.

Will Hold Their Annual Session at the State Capital.

The winter meeting of the Nebraska Territorial Pioneers' association will be held at Lincoln January 12-17, in connection with the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Historical society.

The principal features of the meeting will be a banquet and exhibition of relics, curios and photographs, to be contributed for the occasion by the pioneers from their private store of treasures. Further plans contemplate the reservation of permanent quarters for the Pioneers' association in the new fire-proof building of the State Historical society which is now in course of construction at Lincoln.

A visitor need not necessarily be a member of the association to enjoy the meeting or contribute to the collection of relics. Further information regarding the meeting will be gladly furnished upon application to C. S. Paine, secretary-treasurer of the Territorial Pioneers, Station A, Lincoln, Neb.

Tag Day and the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America have collided in their efforts to help the poor and needy in Lincoln, and as a result a fight is on no unlike that which was pulled off in Omaha some years ago where two different societies or persons wanted the exclusive privilege of praying in the city and county jail.

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The biennial report of State Auditor Searle, now being printed, will show that from December 30, 1906, to December 30, 1908, there were registered in the auditor's office, bonds of all kinds amounting to \$2,301,686.65. Of this amount \$75,000 was issued by counties, \$9,000 by precincts, \$886,500 by cities and villages and \$1,331,186.65 by school districts. While this large amount represents an indebtedness against the municipalities and school districts, it does not necessarily follow that it has all been contracted within the time stated, as a goodly amount of it is refunding bonds, issued to take the place of other bonds voted years ago, which have matured and have not been paid. From the school districts of many of the western and northern counties of the state many issues of bonds have been registered in order to provide school buildings in districts where none have ever before been erected.

Lancaster county promises to supply the coming legislature with enough freak bills or bills to that order, to keep the session busy. As a hint of what is to come from this county, the newspapers are publishing interviews with one of the members. This representative-elect has announced that he has under course of construction a bill making Saturday afternoon a legal holiday. While this part may not be so freakish as it appears at first blush, his reason for the passage of such a bill is that it will compel more people to attend church on Sunday. He is of the opinion that if all clerks and working people have Saturday afternoon off, and no legal business can be transacted on that afternoon, these people will be in a frame of mind to better appreciate Sunday and will attend church.

In bulletin No. 14, which he has just received from the printers Deputy Labor Commissioner Ryder has a table showing the amount of farm and city mortgages filed and released during 1907 and 1908 and of interest paid. In 1907 there were 16,658 mortgages filed involving capital to the amount of \$36,422,073.26; there were released 17,990 involving \$126,357,391.56. In the same year there were filed city mortgages to the number of 12,436, involving a capital of \$13,258,930.57; there were released 11,014 involving a capital of \$9,887,902.36. The rate on the city mortgages was from 6 to 10 per cent and on farm mortgages from 5 to 10 per cent.

Deputy Attorney General Grant Martin has received a number of letters from out in the state congratulating him on his opinion regarding the sale of short weight lard. Because the lard is sold in tin cans the merchants held it was exempt from the provisions of the pure food law, relating to the branding of weight. The food commissioner, J. W. Johnson, has collected evidence showing that three-tenths of cans of lard are short about 20 per cent, and, as a result, he has ordered prosecutions begun in a number of localities against the local merchant.

The money made by prisoners in the state penitentiary for overtime has reached such proportions that the warden who has it in charge does a big business with more depositors than most banks of ordinary capital. The biennial report of Warden Beemer shows that during the biennium \$56,000 was deposited, an increase of \$22,000 over the previous two years. The sum represents 12,000 deposits. The convicts make this money by working overtime in the broom factory and receive it from various sources.

Thomas L. Hisgen, late candidate for president on the Independence league ticket, is going to ask the legislature of Massachusetts to enact one of Nebraska's laws. Mr. Hisgen has written Secretary of State Junkin for a copy of the law enacted last winter which prohibits the selling of any commodity at a different price in one place than in another, freight rates being considered. Mr. Hisgen said he desired to have the bill before the Massachusetts legislature, which meets January 1.

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