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NEW REGIME IN NEBRASKA.

Governor Shallenberger Takes Oath of Office.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS IS READ.

Recommends Guaranty of Bank Deposits, Improvement of Primary Election Law and Changes in Administration of State Institutions.

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—It is now Governor Shallenberger. Ashton C. Shallenberger was today inaugurated as Nebraska's state executive and George Lawson Sheldon retired from that position. Other newly elected state officials were also inaugurated today.

Sheldon's Sensational Plea.

Retiring Governor Sheldon, in his farewell message, recommends the sterilization of convicts by surgical means in order to prevent offspring from the criminal class. In support of his recommendation he pointed out the power of hereditary influence, showing how many criminals are begotten by criminal parents. Thousands of criminals have come from one criminal parent at the start.

He also reviews the reform legislation that has been accomplished during the past two years under his administration. This includes the 2-cent passenger fare law, railway commission legislation, etc.

Shallenberger for Bank Guaranty.

In his inaugural address this afternoon Governor Shallenberger declares that Nebraska needs a bank guaranty law. He would levy a slight tax on all bank deposits. His plan is similar to that suggested by Bryan.

He recommends revising the revenue law so as to restore precinct assessors.

He would empower the state railway commission with authority to take the physical valuation of railroads.

He would give both Omaha and South Omaha complete home rule.

Hits Primary Law.

He hits the primary law as unsatisfactory and unfair in many provisions. The expense is enormous. The alphabetical advantage should be eliminated. He suggests a county primary to nominate county officers and select state convention delegates.

State conventions should be held prior to the primary, drafting platforms in advance.

Mr. Shallenberger still favored the ankle recently fractured and asked that the ceremony be hastened as much as possible.

Favors Bank Deposit Guaranty.

The inaugural exercises took place at the state house, and the chief justice of the state administered the oath of office to the new officials. The message of the retiring governor was read. Governor Shallenberger had a well prepared speech, which he delivered immediately after the inaugural oath was administered. In part, he said: "It is a reflection upon our American civilization and business methods to longer fail to provide an insurance guaranty fund and banking law, which will make every dollar deposited in a Nebraska bank, absolutely sure of being returned to its lawful owner upon demand. Certain deposits are now secured in state and national banks by safeguards in addition to the guaranties which the law exacts of the banker to protect his individual depositor, the county, the state and the nation having found by experience that the securities which the law provides for are insufficient, and therefore required that the banks shall at their own expense deposit bonds as additional security to protect them against any possibility of loss. There can be no rule of business ethics which makes it just to secure the state and the nation and deny the same protection to the individual depositor. The only question for you to decide, it seems to me, is as to whether or not the proposed additional guaranty fund can be created with the certainty that it will provide absolute security to the depositor and not place an unfair burden and responsibility upon the banker. I believe that the desired security can be obtained by levying a light tax upon the capital stock of each bank transacting business under our laws, thus providing a guaranty fund to pay promptly any possible loss to a depositor by reason of the failure of a state bank, the amount of such tax to be a certain per cent of the average deposits as shown by the reports of the department of banking, and payment to be made at stated periods and for a fixed amount. The minimum capital required for the incorporation of a state bank should be increased to at least \$15,000. Bank examinations should be made twice a year, instead of once, as now required. Examiners should be assigned to a certain territory and thus eventually would become familiar with conditions and securities in the locality and would acquire the necessary knowledge as to the worth of the bills receivable of the banks which they would examine, which is the essential thing in determining the solvency of any banking corporation. Under a guaranty plan which would make the banks of the state sustain the losses of the entire

system, the bankers should be given a share in the control of the department.

Revenue Law.

"Our present revenue law should be amended insofar as is necessary to restore to the people the right to elect the precinct assessors and to limit in part at least the arbitrary powers which the present law gives to the state board of equalization and assessment, so that the people shall have restored to them some voice in determining the amount of taxes they shall be compelled to pay to support the state government. It appears to me too great a gift of power to give to the state and county boards the right to determine the amount of the levy which shall be laid upon the property of the citizen and at the same time empower the state board to determine through its mandates to the county assessors and their deputies the valuation that shall be placed upon the property of the taxpayers. When we consider that the members of this all powerful board of assessment, acting in their official capacity as the heads of different state departments, are authorized to spend the money taken from the pockets of the people by the force of the revenue law, the danger lurking in this excess of power becomes more apparent. It is to be remarked that the state departments have collected much money for their use. It is to be noted that those who pay the money which others must pay live, few the magnitude of the amount to be expended with greater equanimity than those who have to provide it. The cost of our state government has increased enormously in recent years. I wish to impress upon you that funds should be provided to meet every legitimate demand of the government, our different state institutions and our schools, but every dollar that comes out of the treasury must have been paid in by some taxpayer and the bulk of the state's income is dug out of the soil by the unremitting toil of those who can ill afford to pay for extravagance or unnecessary expense.

Railroad Commission.

"The railroad commission should be authorized and empowered to appraise the physical value of the public service corporations of the state, and to control their debt-making power. If they have that power now, as some maintain, the legislature should provide the means with which to pay the cost of such an appraisal. A determination of the actual value of the property of these corporations must be the starting point of any effective attempt at rate regulation. I believe that adequate funds can be provided for this purpose by requiring all corporations doing business within the state, to pay a small annual license fee into the state treasury. The right to incorporate and operate under our laws is a valuable consideration and the power and protection given entitles the state to a proper report as to the conditions of such corporations, together with a fee commensurate with the privileges granted. Such a law in other states brings a sufficient revenue to warrant its enactment by this legislature and the devotion of so much of the fund so provided to the purpose of obtaining a proper appraisal of public service corporations, would be entirely proper, because in any event corporations should be required to pay for the expense of examination and valuation just as a bank or insurance company is now required to do.

Administration of State Institutions.

"I would suggest that the constitution be so amended that a non-partisan board of control could be created, to be appointed by the governor, and have conferred upon it the entire management of our various state institutions. The state institutions should be removed from politics as far as may be done and merit alone should determine the right of any person to serve the state in the different departments made subject to the board of control. This board, in my opinion, should consist of three members and have at its command the state account and a qualified purchasing or business agent, who should have a general knowledge as to machinery, material and construction contracts and of all matters of business coming before the board. This board of control should purchase the supplies for all the state institutions by open competition among those desiring to sell to the state. The practice of maintaining a cash fund at the various state institutions should be abolished and the business of the state, so far as it applies to the general conduct and administration of the different state institutions, should be thoroughly systematized. In making what changes I contemplate, I have urged upon those whom I have selected certain salient things. First, that they shall accept their positions with the understanding that they hold them only upon the condition that they render to the state satisfactory service; that no salaries are to be increased, nor new offices created, unless authorized by the legislature; to employ no one not actually needed, and to exact full time, cheerful and effective service from every person in the employment of the state. The clerk of the supreme court and all other officers of the state and county governments who now receive and retain the fees paid them by the public should be placed upon a fixed and reasonable salary and all fees and monies received by them should be covered into the state or county treasury."

Snowslide Stops Traffic.

Provo, Utah, Jan. 7.—A huge snowslide in Provo canon will stop traffic on the Denver and Rio Grande to Heber City for two days.

ACQUITTAL IN ERB MURDER CASE

Mrs. Erb and Her Sister Both Go Free.

VERDICT CAME THURSDAY.

Mrs. Erb and Mrs. Beisel Were on Trial Charged With Murdering the Former's Husband, Captain Erb. Claimed Self Defense.

Media, Pa., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Erb and her sister, Mrs. Beisel, were today found "not guilty" of murdering the former's husband, Captain Erb.

The case went to the jury last night and early this morning the jury reported with its verdict of acquittal for both women.

Friends showered congratulations upon the two defendants when it became known that they were free.

Mrs. Beisel shot and killed Captain Erb, according to her own story. She said she did it in self defense. It was in a struggle with the captain on one side and the two women on the other. Mrs. Erb admitted she wrested the revolver from the captain, firing several times. It was said the captain made life unpleasant for his wife in an effort to drive her to divorce, after failing himself to secure a divorce.

KING IS ANGRY AT THE KAISER.

Edward Would Abandon Visit to Emperor.

BUT CABINET WON'T PERMIT.

Kaiser Wilhelm's Favorable Comment Upon an Article in a Magazine Slurring England, Arouses British Monarch's Ire.

London, Jan. 7.—The British cabinet is said to be the only thing that keeps King Edward from abandoning his proposed trip and visit to Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany.

The Kaiser's New Year's speech, referring favorably to an article in the "Deutsche Revue" criticizing England, has aroused the king's ire.

BAY STATE HAS NEW HEAD.

Governor Draper Inaugurated Today With Ancient Ceremonies.

Boston, Jan. 7.—With all due and solemn ceremony, as befits so ancient a commonwealth as the state of Massachusetts, Eben S. Draper of Hopedale was proclaimed governor of the state and commander of its forces in the state house here today.

The ceremonies of inauguration were performed as usual in the presence of the members of the state legislature, convened under their title of "the great and general court" of the state. The oath of office was administered to Governor Draper and Lieutenant Governor Frothingham by President Treadway of the state senate. After Governor Draper delivered his inaugural address he retired with his suit and the convention dissolved.

Hains Still on the Stand.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 7.—For more than six hours District Attorney Darby kept Thornton J. Hains under a ceaseless fire of cross-examination and while the defendant frequently admitted that he could not remember some of the minor details, the main essentials of his direct testimony remain unshaken.

Confesses to Killing His Mother.

New York, Jan. 7.—Paul C. Finn, a compositor, walked into the Brooklyn police station, saying he had killed his mother. Finn said when he went home, after a day spent in drinking, his mother reproached him, and he killed her. Mrs. Finn was stabbed a dozen times.

GLASS AA GRANTED TO REBEL MINORS.

All Points in Dispute Adjusted by Baseball Commission.

Cincinnati, Jan. 7.—The three days' session of the national baseball commission closed when the National Association of Minor Leagues agreed to follow the class AA clubs and allow the commission to settle the differences between the two factions regarding the territorial rights of the Eastern league and the American association. With the reaching of this conclusion, every difference that existed when the conference began has been adjusted.

Regarding tickets to the world's championship games the commission fixed the maximum price at \$2 and the minimum at 50 cents.

POSTPONE DENEEN'S INAUGURAL Illinois House Gets into Deadlock Over Election Contest.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 7.—The inauguration of Deneen as governor of Illinois was indefinitely postponed today when the house got into a deadlock over the Democratic proposition to contest his election.

The senate refused to enter the joint session to canvass the vote. No business will be performed until the canvass is made. The inauguration had been scheduled for Monday.

ATTACK MADE ON ROOSEVELT.

Senator Culbertson Assails President.

ASKS FOR INVESTIGATION.

Senator Culbertson Wants a Committee to Find Out Whether the President Was Justified in His Action Approving Combine.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Senator Culbertson, leader of the senate minority, today assailed President Roosevelt for his action in regard to the Tennessee Coal and Iron company.

He also offered a resolution instructing a committee to investigate and report whether or not the president was justified in acting as he reported yesterday to have done in this case.

FAVOR PAYING HIM \$100,000.

Senate Committee Reports Favorably.

ON PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

Bill Increasing President's Salary From \$50,000 to \$100,000 Reported Favorably—Would Raise Vice President to \$20,000.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The senate committee today reported favorably on the bill to make the salary of the president \$100,000 per year and that of the vice president \$20,000.

NEW STREET CAR NOW POSSIBLE.

Thomas A. Edison Perfects New Storage Battery.

TROLLEYS TAKE BACK SEAT.

Edison Today Announces Perfection of Storage Battery Which Will Run Street Car 100 Miles With One Charging and Last 5 to 20 Years.

New York, Jan. 7.—Thomas A. Edison, "the wizard of electricity," today announced the perfection of a storage battery by means of which it will be possible to operate a street car for 100 miles with one charging. The battery will last from five to twenty years.

This promises to revolutionize street railway operating as no poles or wires will be required to run this new car. Cables and trolleys will be relegated to the past by the new battery.

Count Was Foxy.

Paris, Jan. 7.—New victims of "Count" Louis Hamon are coming to light. Police declare he probably got away with \$700,000.

CHICAGO HAS THREE BIG FIRES.

Stock Yards, Illinois Club and Trocadero Theater Damaged.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Fire at the stock yards destroyed a large part of the fertilizing plant of Darling & Co. and burned large stores of chemicals, causing explosions, and injured a number of firemen. The loss was \$500,000. For more than four hours every available fireman in the city fought in the below-zero weather to prevent a spread of the flames. The tensina of thirty houses in the neighborhood were driven into the streets and many of the 250 employees of the company narrowly escaped.

WRIGHT IN PERIL OF ASSASSINS.

Detectives Assigned to Guard the Judge.

GETS VICIOUS LETTERS.

One Letter Signed by a Man Claiming Chicago as Home, Says Justice Wright Will Be Dynamited if Gompers Serves in Jail.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Detectives were today assigned to guard the home of Justice Wright, who recently sentenced Samuel Gompers and other labor leaders to jail for violating an injunction.

Many threatening letters which have been received by Justice Wright caused alarm to the police. One letter, signed "George Fletcher, Chicago," declared that if the men served the sentence Wright would be dynamited.

Hanly's Message Not Ready.

Indianapolis, Jan. 7.—George V. Hanly's message was not ready when the state legislature met today. It will be ready tomorrow. Governor Marshall wants the election of United States senator taken up at once in order to get things cleared up for legislative business.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK BILL IS UP.

Many Amendments Are Proposed in Senate.

BONAPARTE NEED NOT REPLY.

President Informs Senate Attorney General Cannot Answer Culbertson's Resolution—Sends Message on Hariman Decision.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The postal savings bank bill was before the senate and many amendments were proposed, some requiring the deposit of postal savings funds in state as well as national banks. That state banks should be used as government depositories or postal funds was proposed in amendments offered by Senators Smith (Mich.), Cummins (Ia.) and Gore (Okla.).

Senators McCumber, Fulton and others declared in favor of placing such state banks on an exact equality with national banks as government depositories. Mr. Smith's amendment proposed the acceptance of state, county, municipal or United States bonds as security.

Senator Piles offered an amendment providing that postal savings funds be deposited ratably among banks of a city on a basis of their capital stock and surplus.

Bonaparte Need Not Reply.

The senate also received two messages from the president, one recommending additional interstate commerce legislation and the other relating to the absorption by the United States Steel corporation of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company. President Roosevelt informed the senate in plain terms that he had approved the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the United States Steel corporation and had instructed Attorney General Bonaparte not to respond to the senate inquiry as to the reason for his failure to prosecute the steel company. The president declares he does not conceive it to be within the authority of the senate to give directions of this character to the head of an executive department.

The message was in response to a resolution, introduced by Senator Culbertson, calling on the attorney general to state whether he had brought an action against the steel company because of its acquisition of the Tennessee concern. While the resolution was not directed to President Roosevelt, his attention was called to it by Attorney General Bonaparte.

HEIRESS AND ATHLETE WED IN PITTSBURG.

New York Carsman Wins Richly Dowered Bride.

Pittsburg, Jan. 7.—John F. Mulcahy, alderman and carsman of New York city, was married to Miss Catherine Vilsack, a Pittsburg heiress worth \$2,000,000, here this morning.

Owing to the death of Mr. Vilsack within the past year few guests were invited to the wedding. The ceremony was performed in St. Paul's cathedral.

Northfield Hero Is Dead.

Northfield, Minn., Jan. 7.—Anselm R. Manning, the hero of the Younger-James brothers' raid here over thirty-one years ago, died of heart disease.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours

Forecast for Nebraska

Condition of the weather as received for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 p. m. today.

Maximum

Minimum

Average

Barometer

Snowfall

Rainfall

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Snow flurries tonight and Friday with rising temperature.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:45, rises 7:20, moon rises 5:52 p. m.; 5 p. m., planet Uranus in conjunction with the sun, passing from east to west and thus changing from evening to morning star.

MINISTER SLAIN IN HIS CHURCH.

Rev. Carmichael of Columbus, Mich., Victim of Murderers.

HATCHET AND KNIFE USED.

Dismembered Body of Clergyman, Partly Consumed by Fire, Is Found Between Two Stoves—Floor and Pews Splattered With Blood.

Detroit, Jan. 7.—The dismembered body of Rev. John J. Carmichael, a Methodist minister, was found partly consumed by fire between two heating stoves in one of his three churches near Columbus.

Identification of the dead clergyman was made by Orville Lindsey, who was sent to the church for that purpose by Mrs. Carmichael, who had been in great distress since her husband failed to return home Tuesday evening, and who surmised that the minister was the victim as soon as she heard that some one had been murdered in the Columbus church.

However, clues of the murderer and his motive were more difficult to obtain. There was a report that a strange man had left a train at Hickory and had been directed to the Columbus church. Other reports indicated that two men were implicated. The fact that money was found in the clothing of the dead man and in the ashes precluded the theory of robbery and at the time of his death it was not known the minister had an enemy.

Rev. Carmichael had been in Michigan about ten years, and for two years had been pastor of churches at Columbus, Adair and China. With his wife and three children he resided at Adair. Leaving home, he resided at Columbus to arrange for a series of revival meetings there. He waved his hand to a group of children as he drove out of the village of Adair and from that moment all trace of him is lost.

Myron Brown, who lives near the scene of the tragedy, was the first to discover the crime. While he was waiting at the cross roads to keep an appointment, the cold wind drove him to seek shelter in the church. He was surprised to find the doors unlocked, and upon opening them was terrified to see the floor the pews and even the communion table splattered with blood. Evidently the clergyman, who was fifty-six years old and of athletic build, had made a struggle for his life.

The authorities on their arrival at the church found parts of the dismembered body between two stoves. In one stove was the head of what was apparently a hatchet, the handle of which had been burned off. A dirk was also found. This, it is believed, was used in the murder, while the hatchet was used to cut the body to pieces.

AGRICULTURAL SHORT COURSE.

Meeting of Sheep Breeders Is Feature of First Gathering.

Ames, Ia., Jan. 7.—The meeting of the Iowa Sheep Breeders' association was a feature of the first gathering for the Iowa agricultural short course. The state poultry institution was also gathered for the opening. Both these branches proved of mutual advantage to both the college and the gatherers.

Entries in the corn classes are filling up fast, and a feature of this department is the high grades and quality of corn being presented. Good judges declare it is the best exhibit ever made at the university.

Springfield Has Big Fire.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 7.—The fire that destroyed the Baldwin theater and a number of other buildings in the business district also badly damaged the Colonial hotel. Loss, \$250,000.

Explosion Wrecks Derrick Car.

Creston, Ia., Jan. 7.—A big Burlington derrick car and other working equipment was on its way to Troy this morning to assist in clearing a wreck of the Burlington fast mail when the boiler of the derrick exploded with terrific force and badly injured Engineer M. B. Barr of this city and slightly hurt two other wrecker employees. The explosion resulted from frozen pipes.

LOOTERS MUST PAY WITH LIVES.

Legal Executions Begin in Mes- sina.

SEVERAL ARE SENTENCED.

The Griscom Reaches Scene of Quake Suffering, Taking \$50,000 of Italy's Own Funds for the Relief of the Sufferers.

Messina, Jan. 7.—Legal executions of the looters of earthquake stricken cities, began today.

Several plunderers were this afternoon sentenced to death by the new court martial.

Griscom to the Quake Scene.

Rome, Jan. 7.—The Griscom, America's relief ship, started for the quake scene today.

Besides the provisions sent by the United States, the ship took \$50,000 of Italy's own funds to help in the relief work.

Rome, Jan. 7.—Ambassador Griscom left here today for Messina to meet the American squadron, which it is expected will arrive there on Saturday, under Rear Admiral Sperry on the flagship Connecticut.

The steamer Bayern, the American relief ship, lying the Red Cross emblem, sailed for Messina today. This steamer, with its great cargo of supplies, will be able to take care of thousands of sufferers. There are three surgeons aboard and fifty nurses, of whom three are American and three English. Fifty-eight thousand dollars has been spent for the medical outfit, provisions and clothes for distribution ashore. There is an immense supply of the necessities of life aboard, for both men, women and children, particular attention having been paid to the selection of food for little ones. In the past forty-eight hours \$15,000 has been spent in Rome and \$10,000 in Genoa for clothing alone. The cargo includes 1,420 blankets, 4,350 underclothes, 1,400 pairs of shoes, 1,100 hats, 500 heavy overcoats, 250 capes, 1,100 shirts, 700 suits of clothes, 300 extra trousers and a great quantity of shirts, stockings and handkerchiefs. A ton of candles and 5,000 boxes of soap, all among the supplies, together with all kinds of implements for cutting and repairing, lanterns, buttons, scissors, nails and hammers and kitchen utensils.

There are also medical supplies sufficient for the establishment of three complete camp hospitals ashore. Those in charge of the expedition have \$20,000 in small bills for careful distribution.

Word received here from Naples says that hoodlums during the night ran through various quarters of the city, crying "Earthquake, earthquake." The cries aroused thousands of people, who rushed out of their houses, thus giving thieves an opportunity to work.

The following list of places in Reggio province is published as having suffered the greatest damage from the earthquake: Bagnara, Cantelice, Catania, Galleo, Gallino, Laganati, Melicucco, Melito, Montebello, Morta, Palmi, Pellarò, Pedarolo, San Procopio, Santo Stefano, Scilla, Semmaria, Sirolo and San Giovanni.

Grateful to Americans.

The generosity of the American people in coming to the aid of the earthquake sufferers is the predominant feature which is now attracting attention here. The feeling of gratefulness extends from the king down to the most lowly subject. In accepting in behalf of the Italian nation the ship which the American people, through the Red Cross, fitted up to mitigate the distress of the sufferers in the south, the king said to Ambassador Griscom:

"Our people will be delighted to hear of this mark of international humanitarianism and will follow with the keenest interest the work of mercy which will be performed by the Bayern."

DINNER AT WHITE HOUSE.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt Entertain Diplomatic Corps Tonight.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Gathered around the White House board tonight will be the chiefs of the foreign embassies and legations in the city, the occasion being the annual dinner of the president and Mrs. Roosevelt to the members of the diplomatic corps and their ladies.

Two weeks from tonight the chief justice and the associate justices of the United States supreme court will be the guests of the president at a White House dinner.

House Discusses African Trip.

The only incident worthy of note in the house of representatives and which caused a deal of amusement was a discussion of the African hunting trip of President Roosevelt. Incidentally there was a reference to the famous so-called Ananias club. The whole debate hinged on the newspaper story stating that Edgar O. Mearns of the army was to accompany the president, and that in order to do so he had been put on the retired list with increased rank. The matter was brought up by Mann (Ill.) in connection with the consideration of a bill authorizing the issuance of commissions to officers who retire with