MORE LILLIE CASE LETTERS

New York Man Writes "Nebraska Pete" Confessed to Committing Crime.

ALLEGED MURDERER DRUNK AT THE TIME

Writer of Letter Says "Nebraska Pete" Was at that Time Stopping at a Cheap Lodging House on the Bowery.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—There is a good deal of speculation among Lincoln citizens, who have been interested in the case of Mrs. Lena Margaret Lillie, as to the origin of two letters which have purported to come from persons who know that she is not guilty of the crime. Yesterday one was received by a Lincoln paper alleging that the writer had committed the crime and had come forward to tell the truth about the murder, while today Governor Mickey disclosed another letter received nearly two months ago by Mrs. A. D. Beemer, in which it is alleged that "Nebraska Pete," a roomer in one of the cheap Mills' hotels in New York had confessed, while drunk, that he had committed the murder and tried to kill Mrs. Lillie. The letters are in totally different handwriting, although about equal in illiteracy. The one printed yesterday was written in a large, round hand on note paper, while that made public at the executive office is written in a much smaller hand on a piece of yellow wrapping paper. One thing which attracted attention was the shape of the letter K, which is similar to that used by telegraphers and known as the "telegraphers' K." The letter was dated November 5 and was enclosed in an ordinary newspaper wrapper with a page from a Sunday paper with a lurid account of Mrs. Lillie's industry in making fashionable gowns for the society women of Lincoln. The superscription is, "Mrs. Beemer, Lincoln, Neb."

It is not believed the letters could have been written by the same individual, but they are not wholly at variance. The letter of November 5 states that "Nebraska Pete" said that he was going west and the letter printed yesterday was dropped in a Lincoln mail box, so far as the marks indicated. The writer alleges that the man would kill him if he knew of the letter writing.

The letter is as follows:

NEW YORK, Nov. 5, 1905.—Madam: There is a man here called Nebraska Pete. He is a miserly man when he came here about 2½ years ago he had plenty of money now it is nerly gon last thursday night he was drunk and said he would have to go west again to get some more money, he said this while he was drunk he also said that just before he come east he did a good job there he said he killed Kid lillie and got $1,800.00 eighteen hundred dollars and he ment to kill lillies wife to here is a paper he had and left it on the table after him when he went to bed if he knew I wrote this he would kill me to he is stoping at the mills house on the bowery 98. AS A FRIND.

The amount of money stolen at the time of the murder was slightly in excess of $300. The statement of the letter that $1,800 was taken tends to cast discredit on its authenticity.

Judge Hamer Surprised.

Judge Hamer, the attorney for Mrs. Lillie, expressed his surprise today and suggested that cranks may have written the letters, although he suggested significantly that crazy people sometimes commit murder.

He refused to make any reply to a query as to whether he contemplates further efforts to secure a rehearing in the case. It is generally believed, however, that such an application will be made early in the year.

Lively Days at Osceola.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—There has never been a time since Osceola has been on the map of Nebraska when so many young men and women have come home for the holidays as this year. At the present there are Jesse Jeffrey of Omaha, Charlie Jeffrey of Leavitt, Carl Gylling, Omaha; Don E. Geesman, Omaha; John E. Pulver, Omaha; Miss Daisy Kunkell, Omaha; Miss Nellie Kunkell, Millard; Carl Baum, Omaha, and from Lincoln Ross King, Charles Kunkell, William Anderson, Harry Anderson, the Misses Arnold and Pheasent, Walter Chauner, Ernest Jarmin, Dewey Shaw, M. A. Mills, jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Zealey, Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer, Mr. and Mrs. George Ludden, Miss Lillian Stoner, Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Reuling, from Ames, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jarmin, Madison, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Ulysses; F. E. Snider, Hartington, Neb.; Charles Beltzer, Iowa City; Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Lerle, Marshalltown, Ia.; Guy Monson, Julesburg; Walter Monson, Wahoo; Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, Council Bluffs. Your correspondent may have lost sight of some that were here, but almost every one of them came home to spend the holidays. Most of them are students in the different colleges and universities of the state. There have been parties galore, and the whole village has done their very best to make their stay among us pleasant.

NEBRASKAN WEDS OLD LOVER

Secures Divorce from Wife to Marry First Sweetheart.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—A romantic wedding occurred today at the parsonage of Rev. J. H. Ryan, on East Washington street, when David F. Houchin of Ulysses, Neb., was united in marriage to Miss Olivia Leonard of Mannville. The wedding marked the reunion of schoolday lovers, after nearly thirty years. Mr. and Mrs. Houchin were raised on adjoining farms in the northern party of the county and attended the same school. As they grew older they became lovers, and young Houchin removed to Nebraska, where he hoped to make his way sufficiently to be able to provide for a wife and family. In Nebraska, however, he met another and was married, but the girl he left at home in Illinois remained true to her first love, and never married. Houchin discovered, to his sorrow, that he had made a mistake, and longed for a return to his first love. This feeling finally reached the culmination of a suit for divorce, which was granted some time ago. Returning to Illinois, he sought out Miss Leonard and found her still single. The belated wedding was arranged and celebrated today. After a short bridal trip the two will return to Nebraska to make their future home.

News of Nebraska.

AUBURN—A short term of court was held at the district court rooms this afternoon, several important matters coming up.

GENEVA.—The Commercial club and officers of the Farmers' institute are arranging for a meeting to be held in Geneva soon. It is promised to be one of unusual interest.

GENEVA.—On Thursday afternoon as William Fiedler was driving to town his horse ran away, throwing him out, smashing up his buggy and injuring the animal considerably.

BEATRICE.—A reception will be tendered Rev. F. E. Dark and family at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Felch next Tuesday evening. Mr. Dark is the new minister of the Baptist church.

McCOOK.—The commissioners of Red Willow county today appointed Charles Skalla of Indianola, this county, as county assessor to succeed Frank P. Eno, now of Fruita, Colo., resigned.

WEST POINT—The village of Bancroft has sold $30,000 worth of 5 per cent bonds to the Bankers' Reserve Insurance company of Omaha at a premium of $506. These bonds were voted for the purpose of erecting a new brick schoolhouse in Bancooft.

BEATRICE.—The Southeastern Nebraska poultry show closed here today at noon, after a run of a week. Adam Thompson of Amity Mo., who officiated as judge, finished the work of scoring the birds yesterday. The show was the best ever held in the city.

BEATRICE.—Considerable interest was manifested among a number of local sportsmen in the turkey shoot held at Hoag, this county, yesterday. Joseph Wills of Hoag defeated David Mitchell of DeWitt by a score of 37 to 36.

WEST POINT.—Miss Leota Johnson, the eldest daughter of John A. Johnson of Garfield township, died at the family home this week. The cause of death was appendicitis in an acute form, she only being sick one week. The deceased was 18 years of age.

WEST POINT—News has been received in the city of the death of Mrs. Harry Owens, which occurred at Grand Island on Monday. The deceased was a daughter of Mrs. Caroline Zeng of this city. The remains were interred on Wednesday at Grand Island.

WEST POINT—The Northwestern special train for instruction to the farmers on soil culture and corn raising, will arrive in West Point at 11:50 a. m. on January 2, and will stay thirty minutes. Great interest is being manifested by the farmers of this community in this movement.

BEATRICE.—The farmers' institute will be held at the court house here January 3 and 4. Miss Rosa Bouton, director of domestic science in the state university, has been engaged as one of the speakers. Special prizes will be offered to those who excel in bread and buttermaking.

BEATRICE.—The annual New Year's ball of the Beatrice lodge of Elks was held last evening at the club rooms. About fifty members of the order and their ladies were present. The hall was elaborately decorated, and the event was one of the brilliant social events of the season.

BEATRICE.—A large number of the neighbors and friends of John Bealer gave him a surprise at his home in West Beatrice Thursday night, the occasion being given in honor of his 66th birthday anniversary. Refreshments were served, and a delightful evening was passed by those in attendance.

GENEVA.—The women of the Equal Suffrage club are taking up the domestic economy work for the schools. Mrs. P. B. Brayton is director, Mrs. Peter Youngers treasurer, Miss Pearl Youngers, graduate of that department in the university, is to be teacher, with numerous assistants, in demonstrating the art of cooking.

BEATRICE.—Word was received here yesterday announcing the death of Cossitt Clark, until recently a resident of Beatrice, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. S. Calvin, near Indianola, Neb. Mr. Clark was a native of Pennsylvania, and was about 80 years of age. He is survived by a widow and three children, all grown.

YORK—Will Conrad, a boy living in the country near here, will start in the new year at Kearney reformatory. In November Conrad stole a load of wheat from Dell Vandeburg, selling the same. The case, after several continuations, was tried before County Judge Taylor, who decided that Conrad should be sent to the reform school at Kearney.

BEATRICE.—J. A. McCune, who lives three and a half miles north of Filley, on C. H. Calkins' farm, has just finished gathering his corn crop, which amounted to 11,205 bushels. The yield was forty-four bushels to the acre. D. P. McCune assisted his brother in gathering the crop, and husked on an average of ninety bushels per day all fall.

ARNOLD—T. B. Hord, the big cattle feeder of Central City, has established a corn buying station at this point and expects to buy several thousand bushels of corn, and now has lumber on the grounds to build cribs for over 20,000 bushels of ear corn. The prospects of the Union Pacific railroad building into this town is attracting enterprises of different kinds.

WEST POINT.—Miss Belle Janacek was married to August Weina yesterday afternoon by County Judge Louis Dewald. The bride is the daughter of F. D. Janacek, a prominent resident of Monterey township, and is a graduate of the Dodge High school. The groom is a successful farmer, living at Monterey. They will make their home on the Weina farm, west of the city.

AUBURN—Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Lester Armstrong and Miss Mable Majors, both of this city. The groom is a son of John W. Armstrong, for several terms a member of the legislature from this county, and the bride is a niece of Thomas Majors of Peru, Neb. Miss Majors has been for several years one of the teachers of the public schools. The wedding is to take place in this city New Year's day.

WEST POINT.—Mrs. Mary Meinen died on Christmas day at her home in West Point at the age of 80 years. She was a native of Germany, and had been a resident of West Point for the last twenty years. She leaves four sons, three of whom are in Germany, and one daughter, Mrs. Michael Mier of this city. Funeral services were held at St. Paul's German Lutheran church, Rev. A. R. E. Oelschlaeger officiating.

BEATRICE.—Marion Van Camp, a boy wanted at Wymore on the charge of attempting to assault an 8-year-old girl at that place, was located at the home of his uncle, Robert Austin, a resident of Diller, by Deputy Sheriff Moore. As Moore approached the Austin home Van Camp saw him coming and made his escape by running into the timber. The officer and a small posse started in pursuit, but were unsuccessful in overtaking the boy.

WEST POINT.—The meeting of the Woman's club of West Point was held this week at the home of Mrs. William Gentrup. The roll call was responded to by quotations from southern writers. Papers were read upon the following subjects: "A Trip to Old Mexico," by Mrs. D. C. Giffert; "A Trip to New Mexico," by Mrs. T. D. Thompsen; "A Trip to New Orleans," by Mrs. Frank Drebert. The closing movement on the program was a reading by Mrs. A. L. Krause.

WATCHES—Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

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Tens of thousands have known no other soap since birth. For preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales, and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening, and soothing red, rough, and sore hands, for baby rashes and chafings, and for many sanative, antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves to mothers, as well as for the toilet, bath, and nursery, Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, the great Skin Cure, is priceless.

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CASH PILES UP IN TREASURY

Almost Four Hundred Thousand Dollars Now in the Strong Box.

BOND PURCHASES DURING THE YEAR

Insurance Department Notifies Insurance Companies to Pay Up the Two Per Cent Tax on Premiums Collected in the State.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—At the close of business tonight the state treasurer had a total of $386,399.73 on deposit in various depositories, as compared with $324,323.70 at the beginning of the month. The total balance in all the funds at the close of the year is $388,830.91. One new fund appears in the treasurer's records, that for the orthopedic hospital, amounting to $104.50, derived from fees. The principal reason for the increase in the balance is the growth of the temporary school fund. While the apportionment had been made, none of the funds has been sent out and the money is coming in rapidly to apply on the June apportionment.

During the month disbursements aggregating $508,671.53 have been made from all funds, while receipts have been $571,903.89. The balance sheet showing the amounts at the beginning and close of the month follows:

	Balances Dec. 1.	Balances Dec. 29.
General	$ 2,129 77	$ 8,447 77
Redemption	1,792 10	518 47
Permanent school	2,880 94	13,889 94
Temporary school	$56,260 29	$17,969 31
Permanent university	3,018 78	293 26
Temporary university	24 14	323 57
Penitentiary	673 50	645 50
Orthopedic hospital	.....	104 50
Hospital for Insane	114 31	114 55
State library	331 57	1,485 75
University cash	22,069 10	23,357 14
Normal library	3,050 68	2,948 54
Normal endowment	.....	1,200 00
Normal interest	1,655 36	2,601 26
Kearney normal library	1,815 00	1,246 86
Ag. and mechanic arts	17,828 58	18,362 83
U. S. experiment station	3,118 51	330 66
Totals	$325,598 54	$388,830 91

State Buys Bonds.

Bookkeeper Pais of the state treasurer's office today completed a compilation showing that the state has purchased $536,596.81 in bonds of counties and states during the year and counties have redeemed $324,970.40. Included in the year's purchases are $179,000 Massachusetts and $100,000 Mississippi bonds. The total purchase of county bonds was $357,586.81, representing a net decrease of $67,374.59 in the school funds holding of county bonds during the year.

Wants Two Per Cent Tax.

Insurance Deputy Pierce is sending out notices to the agents of foreign life insurance, casualty and surety companies, reminding them of the 2 per cent gross premium tax which they are required to pay under the provisions of the insurance sections of the new revenue law. The question as to the validity of the reciprocal tax is still pending before the supreme court on a motion for a rehearing in the case of the State against the Insurance Company of North America.

Why O'Brien Resigned.

It is announced that the recent resignation of Superintendent O'Brien of the state hatcheries as the head of the department at the state fair was prompted by the fact that he regards the present building as unsafe, when the tanks holding fifteen or twenty tons of water are filled. It is likely that the department will make no exhibit next year unless the board of managers consents to make changes. One of the grievances urged has been the fact that the board allowed the state department of education $500 for its exhibit, while allowing only $300 for the fisheries, although it is claimed that the work of collecting the latter involves much greater labor.

Wolf Bounty Claims Multiply.

Deputy Auditor Cook said today that the claims for wolf scalp bounties have been coming to his office in largely increased numbers since the holidays began. He attributes that development to the cold weather, which induces the hunters to go afield. He believes that the balance of the $15,000 appropriation will be exhausted by May 1 if the claims continue to come in at the same rate. The money was made available July 1. A large number of deficiency claims on this account is anticipated.

Looking Up Armory Situation.

Adjutant General Culver has notified the inspectors of the national guard that they are to pay special attention to the armory facilities they find at the company stations and they are instructed to use their best efforts in interesting citizens in the construction of new and up-to-date armories.

Reports received at his office indicate that a number of citizens at various company stations have offered lots on which to erect memorial armories for the guardsmen.

New Candy Company.

The Balduff Pure Candy company of Omaha, with an authorized capital stock of $50,000, has filed articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state. The incorporators are W. S. Balduff, G. S. Cobb, H. B. Peters, G. F. Munn and J. J. Derlight.

Junior Normal Teachers Meet.

Twenty-five junior normal instructors met today with State Superintendent McBrien for a conference relative to the program for the ten weeks' summer session, which will begin June 11. With the exception of the request of a few of the teachers that the session start June 4, harmony prevailed. The plan for the co-operation of the junior normals with the county institutes was discussed. It is proposed to send the normal instructors to the institutes and bring about a better working arrangement between the two educational agencies. At the close of the conference Mr. McBrien announced that the outlook is propitious for a very successful term.

Boys Sent to Reform School.

Confessing to the court that they were guilty of the charge of burglary, Ernest Redding and Louis Freauf were sentenced to the reform school this morning by Judge Frost. Both narrowly escaped terms in the penitentiary. Redding will be 18 years old in February and Freauf in September. At least these are the ages given to the court by their relatives.

This week the boys broke into the store of Jacob Lichtenstiger on South Tenth street and stole $22. They also secured small sums in a like manner from H. N. Towne on East O street and Rudolph Schneider, a butcher on South Ninth street.

Young Railroad Man's Progress.

Herbert L. Stein, for two years roadmaster on the Burlington with jurisdiction over the Columbus and Schuyler branches, has received another promotion. Dispatches from McCook, which are confirmed at local headquarters, state that he has been appointed trainmaster and roadmaster of the St. Francis line.

Mr. Stein, who is now but 27 years of age, began as a clerk in the car accountant's office. Later he was transferred to that of the general superintendent as clerk and stenographer. Feeling that there was a better chance for promotion on the firing line, Mr. Stein left his pleasant berth and accepted a position as section hand in the track department.

Creamery Extending at York.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The Fairmont Creamery company, owing to the large increase of business at York, is erecting new buildings, making York one of the largest receiving stations and butter making points in the state. The company will complete a building for office, testing, receiving and unloading room. Separated cream is received here from all over the state.

CORN SPECIAL AT SCHUYLER

One Man Wins Three Prizes of Four Offered by Local Banks.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The last day of the seed corn special started here at 9 o'clock this morning. A large and enthusiastic audience was at the station to meet the train, and the lecture car was crowded to its capacity. The selection of seed corn was made the topic of the lecture, which proved to be interesting and instructive.

One of the professors stated that the part of Colfax county they passed through in coming here had some of the best fields of corn they had seen on the trip.

The banking house of F. Folda offered four prizes for the best display of corn as to size, grade and number of kernels on the ear. Of the four Charles Jonas won three and T. C. Adams one. The train left about 9:45 for Prague, where the next lecture will be delivered.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The Burlington seed corn special, in charge of W. H. Manss, industrial commissioner, arrived here this evening on time. The two cars were well filled in Schuyler, Prague, Wahoo and Ashland, and in Plattsmouth a large hall, as well as both the cars, were crowded with farmers, who gave close attention to the able lectures by Profs. T. L. Lyon, G. A. Montgomery, Pugsley, Dr. Avery and Thomas F. Hunt, all from the University of Nebraska, and Prof. A. Aville of Des Moines, Ia., which will justify the assertion the farmers are becoming much interested in these demonstrated lectures.

CHURCH REPORTS PROGRESS

York Congregationalists Talk of Year's Accomplishments.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Commencing after Christmas the annual meetings of many churches are held and each report so far made shows a large substantial gain in membership. The Congregational church was first to hold its annual meeting in the church and after the program a banquet. Members of the church since its organization here gave short addresses on each pastor's administration, which were very interesting, and many called up early history of York. Mr. J. D. Stillson was the only member present who was a member during Rev. Mr. Hill's administration. Letters were read from many of the former pastors. A reception was given to the choir; each member was presented with a carnation. Mr. Medlar thanked the choir for their services. Mrs. Dr. D. E. Sedgwick, organist, was presented with a beautiful china vase, Miss Grace Reynolds, chorister, a beautiful chocolate service; Mrs. Rae, chorister of Sunday school, an elegant cut glass dish; F. A. Harris, superintendent of Sunday school, a beautiful mahogany rocker; the pastor, Rev. Mr. Medlar, and Mrs. Medlar were given a beautiful china fruit dish. The financial report showed that the pipe organ cost $2,200, which was all paid for. The receipts of this church last year were upwards of $5,000. A large part of the receipts were made by the Ladies' Aid society, of which Mrs. C. C. Cobb is president, and to her the church acknowledged a debt of gratitude.

DIPHTHERIA DEATH AT BEATRICE

Father of Child May Be Prosecuted for Not Reporting Case.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Diphtheria today caused the death of a child in the family of John Herman, a Christian Scientist. The matter was reported to the health authorities, who learned that two other members of the family have been ill with the disease for a week and that no quarantine had been established on the home. Dr. Brash, one of the secretaries of the State Board of Health, immediately notified Dr. Spaulding of Omaha, state health inspector, of the prevailing conditions, and he will arrive here tomorrow to make an investigation, with a view to prosecuting Herman for his failure to report the cases.

JOY MORTON NOW OUT OF DANGER

Brothers Paul and Mark Leave for Their Homes.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 30.—The condition of Joy Morton was such this evening that Paul Morton, who arrived today, left tonight for New York. Mark Morton accompanied him to Chicago, and both are satisfied their brother will have entirely recovered from his injury.

Terms of Court Fixed.

HARVARD, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The judges of the Seventh district have fixed the terms of court in the various counties as follows:

Fillmore—February 5, jury term; May 28, equity term; October 1, jury term.

Thayer—February 19, jury term; June 4, equity term; October 15, jury term.

Nuckolls—March 5, equity term; June 11, jury term; October 29, jury term.

Clay—March 8, jury term; June 27, equity term; November 13, jury term.

Saline—March 19, jury term; June 20, equity term; November 26, jury term.

Operator Assaults Marshal.

ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—While intoxicated today, C. H. Epperson, who has been employed for the last week as night telegraph operator, assaulted City Marshal Charles Granger, who attempted to arrest him for disturbing the peace. The marshal's eyes and jaw were injured and a tooth broken. Epperson was taken to Wahoo to the county jail tonight by Special Officer Leonard Graham and John Granger, but will be brought back Tuesday for a preliminary hearing.

HURRICANE ON CHRISTMAS

Steamer Celtic Retarded and Badly Damaged by Storm on Western Trip.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The White Star steamer Celtic, which arrived today from Liverpool, encountered a terrific hurricane on Christmas day. Enormous seas retarded the steamer's progress, the day's run from noon December 25 to noon December 26 being only 188 knots.

An enormous sea broke over the starboard quarter and ripped out a section of the heavy plated waist bulwarks. The uprights were snapped off and several other sections were dented in. The portion swept away was held by rivets one and a half inches thick, but these to the number of fifty were drawn apart. The sea swept through the engineer's gangway, flooding various compartments, and smashed in windows, doors and headlights.

Brakeman is Crushed by the Cars.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas Briggs, a brakeman employed in the yards of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company, was killed last night while attempting to couple two passenger cars. The engine backed gently into the train and the back part of his head was caught between the platforms.

Disfigured.

If disfigured by pimples, ulcers, sores, Bucklen's Arnica Salve will heal you up without a scar. 50 cents; guaranteed. For sale by Sherman & McConnell Drug Co.

BURKETT WANTS ATTORNEY

Junior Senator Believes the Appointment Belongs to South Platte.

ACTION AWAITS RETURN OF MILLARD

International Postal Congress Expected to Meet in Washington in February for Conference with War Department.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The appointment of a district attorney for Nebraska to succeed Judge Baxter seems likely to play a very considerable factor in the politics of Nebraska. It is now said here that Senator Burkett is disinclined to yield the appointment of the district attorney to the North Platte country, and therefore to Senator Millard's making. Senator Burkett is just entering his career as a United States senator, while Senator Millard is closing the term for which he was elected. At present the North Platte country controls the marshalship, district attorney and clerkship of the federal court and collector of customs, while the South Platte country has the internal revenue collectorship. Senator Burkett has not insisted that the district attorneyship should go to the South Platte country, but the senators from Nebraska had a heart-to-heart talk over the situation before Millard left for Nebraska, and in that conference it was developed that Burkett thought the South Platte country was entitled to the district attorneyship. Much depends on the ability of the junior senator to divide the state into two federal judicial districts. In such event Senator Burkett would control the South Platte patronage, while his colleague would look after the interests of the North Platte.

Burkett believes the district attorneyship belongs to the South Platte country, even though the internal revenue collectorship is there, and until the state is divided into two federal judicial districts he is of the opinion that a successor to Baxter should come from that section. In the conference between the two senators it is said Burkett outlined the proposition that the appointment of a South Platte man as district attorney could easily be rectified by resignation in the event of the creation of two federal court districts in Nebraska. Nothing is expected to be done until after the return of Senator Millard from his visit to Nebraska. Senator Burkett will make no move until he hears from his senior colleague.

Delegates to Postal Congress.

Postmaster General Cortelyou said today in naming Edward Rosewater of The Omaha Bee as one of two representatives of the United States to the International Postal congress to be held in Rome in April that he would like to have appointed a third delegate and representaive of the Postoffice department. As the appropriation was limited, he could not see his way clear to the appointment of more than two representatives, ex-Congressman Eugene Loud of California having been previously selected and Edward Rosewater. Under instructions issued from the Postoffice department Mr. Rosewater and Mr. Loud are to meet in Washington previous to their sailing for Rome and to go over with the postmaster general and postal authorities the questions that will naturally arise in extension of international postal service. As Mr. Rosewater has participated as representative and vice president of the International Postal congress held in Washington in 1897, he will not go without knowledge of procedure in that great body of representatives who frame laws governing the postal service throughout countries within the postal union. It is expected Mr. Rosewater and Mr. Loud will meet in Washington in February previous to their sailing.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rosewater, who have been visiting friends in the east during the Christmas holidays, were in Washington today. They expect to attend the reception given by President Roosevelt to the diplomatic corps Thursday evening next.

Rural Carriers.

Rural carriers appointed. Nebraska—Clarkson, Route 3, Joseph Rosemary carrier, Emil Rosemary substitute. Iowa—Dunlap, Route 2, Arthur A. Hanchett carrier, Cora Dustin substitute; Essex, route 4, Charles A. Peterson carrier, Axel Hart substitute.

National Bank for Blair.

The Blair National bank of Blair, Neb., has been authorized to begin business, with $50,000 capital; F. W. Kenney, president; A. P. Howes, vice president; C. A. Schmidt, cashier.

MORE OF THE SMOOT CASE

Senator Burrows Will Call Committee and Further Arguments May Be Submitted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, contemplates calling a meeting of the committe for next Saturday to consider matters which have arisen in connection with the investigation of the protest against Senator Reed Smoot of Utah. Action will be determined by the presence of a quorum of the committee. If it appears that there are in the city nearly all the members of the committee, a meeting will be held; if not, the meeting will go over until the next week. When the committee held its last session to consider the case it was understood that all of the evidence was not barred if the committee desired to hear other witnesses.

The arguments of counsel have been made, but Senator Burrows has been informed by Former Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle, who is one of the attorneys for the protestants, that he would like to make an argument in the case. It will be for the committee to determine whether Carlisle will be heard.

DAKOTA CHURCH FEDERATION

Meeting at Brookings Results in Organization of State Society of Churches.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—A federation of the churches of Christ in South Dakota was inaugurated at Brookings this week under the leadership of Rev. H. P. Carson, D. D., of Scotland, of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. W. H. Thrall, D. D., of Huron, of the Congregational church, aided by one of the local pastors of Brookings, Rev. W. M. Jennings. Seven denominations, Congregational, Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Evangelical, Association and Episcopal, were represented and their meeting was perfectly harmonious and fraternal.

The organization is in line with the great National Church Federation convention, recently held in New York City, and intended to include every evangelical demnomination in the state. The same plan of federation was adopted and will be furnished upon application.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. W. H. Thrall of Huron; vice presidents, Rev. George E. Morphy of Brookings, Rev. C. E. Hager of Mitchell, Rev. R. M. Hardeman of Brookings, secretary, Mr. E. H. Grant of Huron; treasurer, Rev. J. G. Dick of Brookings. The executive committee consists of the aforesaid officers and Revs. Duane Rifenbark of Huron, H. P. Carson of Scotland, T. M. Shanafelt of Huron and Mr. Coe I. Crawford of Huron. The following named were made the program committee to arrange for the next annual meeting: H. P. Carson, W. H. Thrall, C. E. Hager, R. M. Hardeman, T. M. Shanafelt.

The object of the federation is to induce united effort along all lines of agreement, especially evangelism, missions, social and civic righteousness.

South Dakota Court Decisions.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—In the supreme court today opinions were handed down in the following cases: By Fuller—State of South Dakota, defendant in error, against Carl Jackson, plaintiff in error; clark reversed. In this case Jackson was convicted of violation of the state banking law, and the reversal is in error, which gives him a new trial. City of Sioux Falls against John Neeb, appellant; Minnehaha, reversed. G. T. Salmer against Board of Commissioners of Clay County, appellant; Clay, reversed. Elmer A. Longerbeam et al against R. A. Huston, appellant; Minnehaha, affirmed. By Haney—Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railway, appellant, against Pennington county; Pennington, affirmed. W. H. McVay, administrator, against Francis L. Ousley, appellant; Turner, reversed.

Semi-annual clearance sale begins Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock. See yesterday's ad. Benson & Thorne's Lilliputian Bazaar.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair Today in Nebraska, Warmer in Southwest Portion—Fair in East Portion Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Forecast of the weather for Sunday and Monday:

For Missouri—Partly cloudy Sunday; Monday fair.

For Nebraska—Fair Sunday, warmer in southwest portion; Monday fair in east, rain or snow in southwest portion.

For Iowa—Fair Sunday and Monday.

For South Dakota—Fair and warmer Sunday; Monday fair except possibly snow in west portion.

For Colorado—Warmer and fair in east, snow and warmer in west portion Sunday; Monday rain or snow and colder.

For Wyoming—Snow and warmer Sunday; Monday snow and colder.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 30.—Official record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1905.	1904.	1903.	1902.
Maximum temperature	38	52	44	28
Minimum temperature	23	32	12	10
Mean temperature	30	42	28	24
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1 and comparison with the last two years:

Normal temperature	21
Excess for the day	9
Total excess since March 1	704
Normal precipitation	.03 inch
Deficiency for the day	.03 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	27.39 inches
Deficiency since March 1	2.79 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1904	5.42 inches
Excess for cor. period 1903	2.06 inches

January Weather.

The following data for the month of January, covering a period of thirty-five years, has been compiled from the weather bureau records at Omaha, Neb. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed during the month in question for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month:

Temperature—Mean or normal temperature, 21°; the warmest month was that of 1890, with an average of 35°; the coldest month was that of 1888, with an average of 8°; the highest temperature was 63° on January 20, 1895; the lowest temperature was —32° on January 5, 1884; the earliest date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, September 18, 1901; average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, October 12; average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 16; the latest date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, May 19, 1894.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow)—Average for the month, 0.63 inch; average number of days with 0.01 of an inch or more, 7; the greatest monthly precipitation was 2.11 inches in 1891; the least monthly precipitation was 0.07 inch in 1879, 1889 and 1903; the greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours was 0.36 inch on January 27 and 28, 1891; the greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-85 only) was 7.5 inches on January 10 and 11, 1905.

Clouds and Weather—Average number of clear days, 12; partly cloudy days, 10; cloudy days, 9.

Wind—The prevailing winds have been from the northwest; the average hourly velocity of the wind is 8.8; the highest velocity of the wind was 52 miles from the northwest on January 7, 1903.

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— indicates below zero.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

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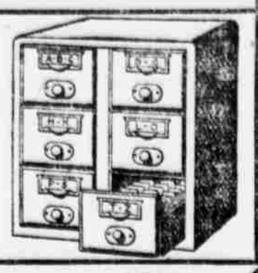

CHINESE MISSION COMING

Minister at Washington Officially Notifies the United States Government.

WILL REACH AMERICA IN TWO WEEKS

Comes to Study Political, Educational and Industrial Methods and Will Spend Some Time in West.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Chinese minister, Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, called at the State department today to notify Secretary Root officially of the departure from China for this country of an imperial commission, composed of two Chinese of high degree and a numerous and brilliant staff of attendants, who have been charged by the Chinese govtrnment with the task of studying American political, educational and industrial methods. This commission will stop at Honolulu on the way across the Pacific for a few days, and is timed to arrive in San Francisco January 16.

At that port they will be accorded all of the courtesies and facilities usually bestowed upon visiting diplomats charged with special missions. Traveling overland leisurely, the commission will reach Washington about January 21, and will take up its residence at the Chinese legation. Secretary Root has already charged Charles Denby, the chief clerk of the Department of State, and formerly secretary of legation at Pekin, with the duty of receiving and caring for the commission in behalf of the government. Notwithstanding the formidable task set for them, the commissioners expect to complete the investigation of American methods in three weeks, when they will return to China.

At the head of the commission is General Tuan Fon. He is a Manchu and is known in his own province under the name of Tokrow. At present he is governor of the province of Hunan, and was recently acting viceroy of Hunan and Hupeh.

Following closely upon this American commission, probably coming on the next steamer, but landing at Seattle instead of San Francisco, will coem another commission, headed by Laiang Chi Heng, the present acting governor of the province of Shantung. This commission is to do in Europe what the first commission is to undertake in America. But thty will be in no haste to reach their destination, and expect to make a stay also in Washington on their way across the continent to take ship for Europe.

In sending these commissions abroad, as the matter was explained to Secretary Root, the Chinese government is seeking to emulate Japan, and intends to follow the example of that nation in freely availing itself of the best of modern foreign ideas which can be engrafted upon Chinese civilization.

BINGER HERMANN FOR TRIAL

Former Land Commissioner May Seek to Avoid Trial by Reason of Position.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Representative Binger Hermann of Oregon, who is under indictment in connection with Oregon land frauds, is expected to arrive in Washington late today or early tomorrow and the Interior department officials are of the opinion that his trial will be begun within thirty days. The two government witnesses, Puter and McKinley, also under indictment but promised immunity if they turn government's evidence, will be here for the trial it is said, at the department. It is stated that these witnesses have not disappeared so far as the government is concerned, but it is admitted that they have evaded the authorities of Oregon, where they are wanted for violations of state laws. The Interior department has been advised that Representative Hermann will seek to avoid trial on the ground that he is a member of congress and not amenable for trial during such service, but the department has no doubt of its ability to bring about a speedy trial.

Progress of the Dewey.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A wireless message received at the Navy department today from the dry dock Dewey reported that structure thirty-three miles south of Cape Henry; weather fine and making good progress.

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