

ELKS TO BUILD CLUB HOUSE

Campaign for New Members Succeeds Beyond Expectations.

BUILDING TO COST FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND

Prospects for League Base Ball in Lincoln During Coming Summer Look of the Brightest—Money Being Raised.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Lincoln lodge No. 30 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is on the last lap of a campaign to increase its membership to such proportions as to insure the feasibility of erecting a handsome clubhouse. Several months ago the lodge purchased a site within one block of the business center, the property costing \$8,000, and voted, when the membership stood at the 400 mark, that the lodge would undertake to build a clubhouse. It was also voted to double the membership from 25 to 50, beginning January 1, 1906. Hustling committees were organized to secure the needed new members, and their success is attested to by the fact that the roll already has been increased from 310 to 485, while upwards of twenty-five more applications were filed with the secretary last night and today. Exalted Ruler Cornell has authorized the committee to continue their work until the first January meeting, the middle of the month, and there is every indication that the membership will be swelled to 500 before the doubled rate of admission goes into effect. The plans for the clubhouse provide for a building, the furnishings included, to cost about \$45,000. A scheme to finance the proposition is to be taken up at the first meeting in January, and the success attending the efforts to build up the membership force shadows a satisfactory issue of the plans pertaining to the finances. Only Elks will be permitted to subscribe for the bonds, which are to be retired gradually by the lodge. The recent suggestion of Omaha lodge No. 29 that the Nebraska lodges should join forces in seeing to it that the state is properly represented at the grand lodge session in Denver next summer has been heartily approved by the order in Lincoln. Delegates from all of the Nebraska lodges are to assemble in Omaha within the next week to take steps to send a monster delegation of Nebraska Elks to the Colorado metropolis.

Base Ball Situation Bright.

It seems a foregone conclusion that Nebraska's capital city is to host its lot in the arena of professional base ball with Omaha, Denver, Pueblo, Sioux City and Des Moines in the Western league. "Ducky" Holmes, a player of national and national league teams, has been voted the Lincoln franchise by the league directors, and Holmes has agreed to come with the proviso that the citizens of Lincoln shall subscribe the funds for a park and pay the first year's rental, the latter obligation to be assumed by Holmes. The park, however, is to remain the property of the donors, Holmes only being given free use. The cost of building the stands and fences and for the first year's rental has been fixed at \$3,000. A few days ago hustling committees began a canvass, having become convinced that more than half of the funds needed had been subscribed, while there is every prospect that the remainder will be secured within the next ten days. Holmes has made several trips to Lincoln and is impressed with the prosperity the capital city is enjoying, having become convinced that a Western league team in Lincoln should be a paying proposition from the first. Besides having acquired the St. Joseph franchise and players, Holmes has already signed eight or ten players, also securing three more by purchase from other Western leagues. The home club retaining all of the grandstand admissions. By transferring his Sunday games, however, the league has assured Holmes that he is to have one-half of the entire receipts. Inasmuch as his team will play only week day games in Lincoln, he figures that the attendance on week days will be much greater than if Sundays also were booked. Geographically, Lincoln is the hub of the league, it being possible to play Saturday games at home and then jump at night to any other city in the league. By this arrangement, which gives Holmes a full share of Sunday receipts, the home club retaining all of the grandstand admissions. The hustling committees have discovered a healthy base ball sentiment and join with Holmes in predicting that success is to attend his venture.

Burlington Pays Its Taxes.

GRAND ISLAND, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Burlington railroad Saturday paid its taxes in this county, together with the interest accruing since due, the interest amounting to \$17.25. The whole sum of the taxes was \$228.25. The taxes are in two separate branches of the roll, nominally. The Burlington track running into Grand Island from the east is under the name of the Republican Valley. At the depot this company ceases to exist and it is assessed west of the depot as the Grand Island & Wyoming Central. However, the protested portion of the taxes of both do not amount

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GRAND ISLAND LIGHT FIGHT

Council Orders Special Election on Question of Constructing Plant.

MAYOR'S VOTE NECESSARY TO PASS ORDER

Strong Opposition to Action. Although Voters Approved Proposition at Last Election by Strong Majority.

GRAND ISLAND, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—A somewhat energetic discussion and two votes, decided in each instance by the mayor, were the result of a meeting of the city council Saturday upon the pending municipal ownership question. Nearly a year ago the voters of the city, by a vote of 864 to 329, at the city election, requested the council to call a special election for the purpose of voting on the proposition of issuing \$35,000 in bonds for the installation of an electric lighting plant in connection with the waterworks. The council has in the meantime investigated the lighting plants in connection with the waterworks systems of Hastings, Fremont and Lincoln, and have found all of these to be successful plants. At Hastings a start was made with \$10,000 less than is proposed to begin with here, and at Fremont with \$15,000 less. Furthermore, the testimony of two expert engineers has been secured to the effect that, with a few improvements to the present waterworks plant, which can be provided for without a bond issue, such a plant can be installed for the amount stated. Yet several of the councilmen were disposed today to disregard the declaration of the voters and of the petition of the citizens on this subject, and to pass a proposed bond to \$50,000, a proposition that was first proposed by parties interested in private lighting plants here, and is, therefore, believed to be projected with the hope that such a proposition will much more easily be defeated. When Electrical Engineer Palmer presented his plans, showing that the plant could be installed for \$15,000, with one-half the boiler charge placed against the waterworks fund, and also a proper proportion of the new waterworks building, four members of the council objected to such a charge against the waterworks fund. It was admitted, strangely enough, that the waterworks were in such need of these repairs and new provisions that at least \$10,000 would have to be spent upon them next year, even if the voters defeated the light proposition. The four members of the council at first declined even to accept the plans and specifications, though subject to alteration. A tie vote resulted, and Mayor Schuff decided to accept. Later the same gentleman objected to cutting out some items deemed by him desirable, but which could have been added later, and again a tie vote resulted, Mayor Schuff deciding to adopt the plans unchanged.

Since the first election the present Grand Island Electric company has reorganized out of the old City Electric company, which has been in litigation for ten years, and in connection with the Grand Island Gas company is pending a suit against the proposed municipal plant. The present Grand Island Electric company is capitalized at \$50,000, and has a mortgage on the present plant for \$40,000. They promise to increase the investment to \$100,000 if the city will not vote the bonds. It is expected that the election shall have been called these two companies will begin an active campaign.

MAN MURDERED NEAR FREMONT

Body Found Sunday Afternoon with Bullet Hole in Head.

FREMONT, Dec. 31.—The body of a man, supposed to be that of Thad. Browning of Omaha, was found by some boys while out hunting this afternoon on the farm of James Booth, about four miles from Fremont. A bullet hole just above the left ear shows that he was murdered. The body lay partially concealed in a clump of bushes, about a hundred feet from the public road. About forty feet from the body was some blood, and the traces of a scuffle on the ground. A strong light was found. Marks along the grass showed that the body had been dragged from that spot and thrown in the bushes. The clothing was torn and the pockets pulled inside out, the only things left in them being an old shoestring and the stub of a Creighton Orpheum ticket, dated December 23. The body was taken to Cedar Bluffs and the identity verified as that of Thad. Browning, a young man, supposed to be from Omaha, who had husked corn during the season for a number of farmers in that vicinity. It was heard tonight that a man answering Browning's description was in the city Saturday afternoon, accompanied by another man. Both were drinking the former paying for the drinks, and at one place showing considerable money. They left a saloon here together and were both considerably under the influence of liquor. Browning had not been seen around Cedar Bluffs for some time. The officers here hope to be able to trace the pair after they were last seen together about 6 o'clock.

POSSIBLE CLUE TO WAIF'S IDENTITY

Well Dressed Woman Registered at Blair Hotel Friday Evening.

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The item of the leaving of a bright baby girl on the doorstep of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pease Thursday night, which was reported in Friday's Bee, furnished quite a sensation when the papers reached Blair, Thursday evening, a few minutes after the child was left at the house. A well-dressed woman came to the Clifton hotel and registered as "A. Johnson, Sioux Falls, S. D." She paid for her lodging in advance and left in the morning without coming to breakfast. It is claimed that the handwriting on the note is similar to that found on the note giving the child's name. "Don't worry," aged 11 months 27 days. On Friday morning two men came to the Pease home, dressed almost the same, one remaining on the sidewalk, while the other came in and asked to see the baby, as many had done during the day. He was so inquisitive as to arouse the suspicions of Mrs. Pease, who asked his interest in the child. He finally opened his vest and showed a detective's badge, but would say nothing more. He was a man of about 40 years. Mr. Pease is employed on the Blair river bridge and can furnish a good home for the little waif, who is rapidly adapting itself to its new quarters.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

PLATTSBURGH—Watch night services were held in the Methodist Episcopal church in this city tonight.

CHADRON—Mrs. Anna Kelly-Lingcor, aged 38 years, wife of Elmer Lingcor, a local builder and contractor of this city, is dead.

CHADRON—Bertha Tyree was married to the Rev. J. H. Tyree, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Chadron, today.

HEATHRICE—C. A. Young of Ann Arbor, Mich., has been appointed traveling salesman for the territory for the Young & Co. to succeed the late H. A. Hubbard.

PLATTSBURGH—The Epworth league will meet at 7 o'clock for a social at the home of C. E. Westcott Monday evening, and Attorney C. A. Rawls and C. S. Polk will be the guests.

HEATHRICE—V. R. Johnston, who has been appointed for the Adams Express company for some time, will be the company agent for the company at Hastings, Neb., starting on Monday.

TABLE ROCK—A reception was tendered to Rev. Eugene F. St. John, the noted evangelist of the city, at the home of Mrs. E. C. Norris on Friday, lasting from 7 to 9 p. m., at which Mrs. St. John gave a short talk to those present.

TABLE ROCK—The five country lines of telephone upon which the telephone company has been at work for some time have been completed and connection made with the central office in town. This adds quite a group of prominent farmers to our telephone system.

HEATHRICE—Following is the mortgage report for Geary county for the month of December: Number of farm mortgages filed, 18; amount, \$28,182; number of farm mortgages released, 22; amount, \$40,000; number of city mortgages filed, 19; amount, \$14,274; number of city mortgages released, 39; amount, \$28,000.

GRAND ISLAND—The fire department has, within the past two weeks, been called out three times to extinguish prairie fires coming into the limits of the city. The long season of dry weather has put the dead grass in such condition that it burns like powder. Last night another large fire raged north of the city.

GRAND ISLAND—The public library board has finally accepted the Carnegie library building and expects to occupy the same in the near future, some of the furniture being already installed. Ground for the building was broken over two years ago. President Roosevelt, upon his visit here, digging up the first spadeful of soil for the excavation.

CHADRON—David Harris, a Dawes county young man, son of a prominent ranchman, W. C. Harris, was one of the guests at the double wedding that occurred at Gillette, Wyo., this week. The marriage ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Blakeman. David Harris and Minnie Blakeman, George Howard Hubbert and Mary Anne Blakeman, were united by the Rev. A. A. Dufalos of this city.

BLAIR—The twenty-eighth annual ball of the Blair volunteer fire department was held in the opera house Saturday night, and its success in a financial way was beyond question. Several years ago the organization started a building fund for the purpose of erecting a city hall, and the profits of their annual balls is placed in this fund and, together with other receipts, donations, etc., the sum now amounts to nearly \$15,000. The total receipts of the ball was \$225.

WATCHES—Fremont, 14th and 20th, Dec. 31.

BRIGHT YEAR FOR WYOMING

Every Line of Progress Shows Prosperity During Past Season.

GREAT IRRIGATION PROJECT IN SIGHT

Reclamation Service and Private Enterprise Will Bring Over Million Acres Into Use as Farming Land.

Area, square miles..... 9,850
Acreage covered with timber..... 10,000
Acreage subject to irrigation..... 10,000,000
Largest deposits of iron ore known to the United States..... 40,000,000
Area of coal lands, square miles..... 20,000

Highest grade of soft coal known to man.
Extensive irrigation law and reclamation act.
Foremost in application of Carey desert land act.
World famous rendezvous for large game.
Storehouse of almost every known mineral.
Largest deposits of iron ore known to the world.
Numerous large and productive oil fields.
Natal gas in commercial quantities.

Population, census 1900..... 101,816
Bank deposits..... \$11,250,939
Increase over 1901..... 2,652,394
Total value of live stock..... \$14,887,329
State bonded debt..... \$1,064,140
Total value of live stock in Wyoming..... \$15,513,163
State levy, 4-10 mills..... \$1,825,910
Assessment returns..... \$2,129,201
Mineral production..... \$3,714,820
Coal, tons (estimated), 6,100,226..... \$15,250,790
Hemp, 1904..... 100,000
Copper, 2,600,000 pounds..... 25,000
Silver, 2,000,000 pounds..... 25,000
Wool production in 1905, 26,180,000
Pounds..... \$3,000,000
Sheep marketed in 1905 (including lambs)..... 1,650,328
Value of wool and lamb carcasses..... \$4,837,382
Total value exports of wool and lamb carcasses..... \$11,873,532
Cattle marketed in 1905, 221,500..... \$6,675,000
Increase over 1904..... 27,260
Hogs marketed, 1,170,000..... 1,750,000
Increase over 1904..... 41,000
Wool value (including lambs)..... \$3,077,552
Total value agricultural products..... \$15,061,175
Increase over 1904..... \$2,101,000
Value manufactured products..... \$1,100,000
Value of farm and grazing lands..... \$2,170,510
Cost of constructing new canals..... \$10,000,000
and extensions (1901) miles, 250..... 1,177,500
Land reclaimed, 1905, miles, 100..... 400,000
Receipts, rentals state land..... 181,226
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Educational work, total expenditures in 1905..... 252,572
New railways completed in Wyoming during 1905, miles, 100
Railroads under construction at close of year, miles, 140
New lands projected for 1906, miles, 430

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—

The above figures will give some idea of the present greatness of the young state of Wyoming and the possibilities for still greater prosperity. One need but glance at the bank deposits and the value of the exports of coal, iron, gold, copper, silver, sheep, wool, cattle, horses, hogs, and the value of the agricultural and manufactured products to become thoroughly convinced that Wyoming now ranks with its sister states of the west in wealth and general prosperity. The banks of the state show deposits of over \$11,000,000, and this with a population of less than 100,000, which is a per capita deposit of over \$110 for every man, woman and child in the state. This showing surpasses that of any other state in the union. The wonderful showing in bank deposits is accounted for by the un-

New Year Greeting At the dawn of a new year, we express our gratitude to the public for their generous and increased patronage during 1905. To you all, individually and severally, we owe our success—your co-operation has enabled us to enlarge our stocks and space and strengthen our staff and facilities, and we promise for the New Year, even greater value giving events than ever. MAY THE YEAR BRING PROSPERITY TO YOU ALL.

Berg-Swanson Co. Our Semi-Annual Trousers Sale Begins Jan. 2d. MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S TROUSERS IN ALL STYLES AND SIZES. 50c Boys' Knee Pants 25c 1.75 Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 Trousers—now \$1.75. 3.00 Regular \$4, \$4.50 and \$5 Trousers—now \$3. 5.00 Regular \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50 Trousers—now \$5. See Display in Douglas Street Window

CRITICISM OF STATE BANKS

New York Superintendent Tells How Defaulters Deceive the Public.

WOULD SUPERVISE TICKET AGENCIES

Immigrants Are Swindled Out of Million Dollars Every Year by Dishonest Steamship Men.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Criticism of the policy of the state bank department, especially in connection with the failure of certain banking institutions of the state during the last year, forms an important part of the annual report of Frederick D. Kilburn, superintendent of banks, to the legislature, made public tonight. Mr. Kilburn also has some interesting things to say of the swindling of immigrants.

HYMENEAL

LeMar-Bewey. Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Dr. LeMar was married to Miss Helen Francis Bewey of Des Moines at the home of the bride on December 27. On their arrival here Friday night they were given a reception at the residence of J. F. Campbell of the Old Bachelors' club, of which the groom was a member.

Back Run Over Boy

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The 8-year-old son of E. N. Morse of this city was run over by a hack on Sixth street yesterday afternoon. Fortunately no bones were broken and his injuries were not serious. The front wheel of the hack went over his shoulders, but the driver stopped the rig before the hind wheel passed over him. He was playing in the street with some other children and says there was no one in particular to blame.

How Immigrants Are Swindled.

He recommends that the banking department should have authority over railroad and steamship ticket selling agencies, which in conjunction with their business receive deposits of money for transmission to foreign countries. It is charged, Mr. Kilburn says, that through some of these agencies "immigrants are swindled out of more than \$1,000,000 every year—a part by flight of the 'bankers' after they

FIRE RECORD

Factory in Detroit.

DETROIT, Dec. 31.—Fire tonight in the four-story brick factory building at the northwest corner of First and Fourth streets did approximately \$100,000 damage. The loss on both projects was estimated at \$20,000. The remainder of the loss is about equally divided between the Seely Manufacturing and the Wolverine Leather Specialty company, who occupied the building. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Shoe Factory in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—The eight-story building at 215-225 East Fourth street, occupied by Julian & Kolkegen Co., manufacturers of shoes, was destroyed by fire today. Loss, \$125,000, covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is not known.

Two Sailors Drowned.

WOOD'S HOLE, Mass., Dec. 31.—A great wave, reaching almost tidal proportions, rolled up Vineyard Sound last night, and overtook the five-masted schooner, Henry O. Barrett, tumbled over the stern and swept aboard to their death Captain Joshua Norton of Rockland, Me., the commander of the vessel, and his mate, James Conley of St. John, N. B. The wave carried away the deck house and did considerable other damage to the ship.

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See yesterday's ad. Benson & Thorne's Lulliputian Bazaar.

2-K. wedding rings. Edthorn, Jeweler.

Great Volume of Business.

Of the general conditions of the banks of the state the superintendent says that the increase for the year in aggregate resources has been \$6,000,000, and for two years \$16,000,000, representing "a total never before equalled."

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