

**BIG FEES FROM INSURANCE**

Report of Auditor Shows \$118,890 for the Past Six Months.

FIFTY THOUSAND OF THIS BACK FEES

Secretary Bennett of State Board of Assessment Issues Some Instructions to Local Assessors.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, June 1.—(Special.)—State Auditor E. M. Searle, the head of the state insurance department, today completed his semi-annual report to the governor, showing the collection of fees. From all sources, including the reciprocal tax, amounting to \$8,000 for and unpaid for the past three years, the auditor has collected \$118,890 in the past six months. The income during the next six months will not exceed \$5,000. This showing is the best that has been made in the history of the state by the insurance department. Ten or fifteen years ago the total income in the form of fees from insurance companies did not exceed \$50,000 a year. Now the revenue is more than double that amount and is enough to materially assist in paying the current expenses of the state. For the corresponding six months last year collections were \$44,882. The reciprocal tax, which the insurance companies related to the last in the state courts, was unpaid for three years and its collection by Auditor Searle after prolonged litigation has swelled his total receipts. His collections include all fees from insurance companies, a 2 per cent tax on life companies of other states and the reciprocal tax.

**Taxation of Insurance Companies.** Two fire and life insurance companies of Lincoln were represented this afternoon before the State Board of Assessment to protest against the interpretation, placed by County Assessor Miller of Lancaster county, on written instruction given him by the board. The question of assessing companies not only on gross premiums, but also upon other property, was uppermost. After an earnest discussion, the board adjourned for the day without action. The matters before the board apparently involve the assessment of insurance companies in Lancaster county, the assessors of other counties not having borne down so heavily upon the companies. However, the same question may arise in Douglas and other counties before long.

Secretary Bennett, after consulting with Deputy Attorney General Thompson, sent to county assessors a letter directing them to assess property of certain companies as well as gross premiums. Mr. Miller interpreted this to mean insurance companies should be assessed upon their capital stock, mortgages, notes, bonds and in all respects the same as banks are assessed. A member of the board explains that the board intends merely to instruct assessors to assess the reserve funds of fraternal companies the same as had been ordered last year and not carried out by County Assessor Reed of Douglas. The letter contained other matter relating to other companies, and if the order is obeyed, insurance companies of all kinds will be assessed much heavier than they were last year. The letter of the secretary, which still stands, is as follows:

It has been taken for granted by some assessors that insurance companies are to be assessed only upon their gross premiums for Nebraska business during the preceding year. This is not the intention of the board. The gross premiums is an assessment, not upon the value of the property of the insurance companies, but upon their business. It is not in lieu of the assessment of property which they own in the state and county, but in addition thereto. The assessment upon the business or gross premiums shall not be made, however, against fraternal beneficiary associations and mutual insurance companies that operate upon the assessment plan, having no capital stock and make no dividends upon the members. The assessment does not contemplate the return of any earnings or profits to the policyholders. The last named class of companies and associations shall be assessed only upon the valuation of all their property. Their property may consist of office furniture and fixtures or any other personal property, such as credits due or to be received, bonds, mortgages, moneys deposited in banks or elsewhere, whether held by such associations and companies or their reserve funds, contingent funds or in any other manner. Such property is subject to assessment and taxation against them and shall be listed and assessed by the assessors.

**Lumbermen Answered.** The Perry & Bee company, A. V. Perry and C. W. Keys & Company, lumbermen of Cambridge, have filed answers in the supreme court in the suit instituted by the state to dissolve the association, on the ground that it is operating contrary to the anti-trust laws. The answers are similar to others filed recently by Fremont lumbermen. It denies that the association is a conspiracy in restraint of trade, sets forth the objects of the organization and asserts that the attorney general does not believe the secretary will destroy the records unless restrained. It is alleged that the board of directors of the association in September, 1905, directed the secretary to confer with the attorney general; that the secretary did so, informing him of the practices of the association and on behalf of the board, inviting him to inspect its records and to point out anything that in his opinion might be unlawful. The secretary further informed the attorney general that the association would not put into practice anything he might find objectionable or unlawful. The attorney general failed to comply with this request and has in that manner, so the answer asserts, given the defendants to understand that the association and its practices were lawful and for the public good. E. B. Perry, representative from Furnas county in the last legislature, is attorney for the Cambridge lumbermen.

After reciting the alleged purposes for which the association was organized and asserting that the attorney general had been invited to examine documents, records, etc., the answer continues:

While the price of lumber is very much higher than it was a few years ago, this is caused by the higher prices at the mills, and the percentage of profit at the present time is less than it was a few years ago, for the reason that the retail trade has not been willing to pay the proportions to the advance made by the mills. By reason of the rapid and vast increase of the prices of lumber at the mills the retail dealer is compelled, in order to avoid complaint from the retail trade, to sell lumber at a much higher price than a legitimate profit would justify.

**Both Regiments May Go.** Adjutant General J. H. Culver is now confident that the two Nebraska regiments will be permitted to attend army maneuvers either at Fort Riley or elsewhere. One regiment may go to Fort Riley and the other to another post. The former intention was to hold a state encampment for one of the regiments. The Sheridan rights, on account of being far removed from the eastern part of the state, will be ordered to hold a one week's encampment of their own for target practice.

**Local Church Action.** A movement for a federation of Lincoln churches was started last night at the First Presbyterian church. Lay delegates and pastors from the various evangelical churches met and formed a temporary organization, with Rev. S. Z. Batten as chairman and Rev. R. H. Houseman as secretary. The great benefits accruing to the city from such an organization was set forth by Chairman Batten. A tentative organization was effected at which a constitution was adopted, to be submitted immediately to the churches for their action. When fifteen churches have voted their acceptance another public meeting will be held to form a permanent organization.

**Lauden Is Reappointed.** Governor Mickey today reappointed Rev. Luther P. Luden of Lincoln a member of the State Board of Education, a body which has control of the state normal schools.

**Christian Missionary Convention.** KEARNEY, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—The annual convention of the Nebraska Christian Missionary society of the Tenth district opened with a good attendance at the Christian church Wednesday afternoon. The address of welcome was given by Rev. E. D. Hobson and the response by H. F. Stevens of Cozad. The program has proved both entertaining and helpful, the sermons and addresses at the services Wednesday, as well as Thursday, morning and afternoon, being well prepared and right to the point.

**Good Attendance at Normal.** GENEVA, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—The enrollment at the Union Normal, which was opened on last Monday morning, is 22 students, and it is expected to reach at least 45 before this time next week. Fourteen instructors are in charge. Mrs. Liszie Crawford, who is instructor of the model school at the State Normal at Peru, is in charge of that department instead of Miss Schie, as the latter is ill.

**Big Ditch Completed.** TEKAMAH, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—Before a crowd of 60 people the dam that holds the water in the great combination drainage ditch just completed by Burt county, was blown out with fifty pounds of dynamite yesterday afternoon and the surface water on a large tract of land ten miles wide and twenty miles long is being rapidly drained by this ditch and its spur into the Missouri river. This opens a large tract of very rich bottom land to cultivation which has heretofore been almost exclusively for hay land, and the price of the land has been greatly increased by the completion of the drainage ditch.

**ROOSEVELT HELPS CHURCH BAZAR**

Lawrence Woman Gets Letter and Sonnets from President.

LAWRENCE, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—The Lawrence Locomotive relates that Mrs. Newcomb, a Dawesville woman, wrote to her husband a short time ago asking her to kindly contribute a handkerchief for a church bazaar to be held at that place. Mrs. Newcomb explained to the president's wife how her home and little church was located on the historic Blue; that the old Morris farm, which she and her husband had a quarter of a mile below was Liberty farm (ranch), maintained years ago by Uncle Sam for the Pony Express company, etc. The woman also told the chief executive's wife that they had been and were still democrats, but that "our president, God bless him, is making it very difficult for us to know where we are at." Mrs. Newcomb received the following letter in answer:

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, May 4.—Dear Mrs. Newcomb: Your letter to Mrs. Roosevelt interested both her and me so much that I write just a line myself.

I am sending you a photograph and I wish you all success in building the little church. What an interesting life you have had, and how fortunate we Americans are to have the chance to lead such lives, and, my dear Mrs. Newcomb, it is of very small importance whether we are republicans or democrats, it is of very small importance that we should be good Americans and do our duty in straight and decent fashion.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

**Train Strikes Stranger.** PAPILLION, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—Union Pacific passenger train No. 11, going west, struck a man walking the track a little east of Papillion this morning. The train backed up and picked up the body. Dr. Margaret, the Union Pacific physician at this place, had him taken to the hospital at Omaha. The skull was broken and he was otherwise badly injured. He was a stranger about 50 years old.

**Train Through Open Switch.** GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Union Pacific passenger train No. 11, westbound, ran off the track on account of an open switch at Gothenburg this afternoon, while enroute at a good rate. The engine was overturned, but not much other damage done, and when reported here at 5 o'clock, the train had already gone on. No one was injured as far as ascertainable here.

**Nebraskan a Centenarian.** SCOTIA, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—On the 4th of this month A. Gillespie of this place will celebrate his 100th birthday.

**News of Nebraska.** CHADRON—Yesterday commenced the graduating exercises of the academy at the rink.

GENEVA—The annual reception of the Geneva High school alumni was held last night in the auditorium of the school house.

BEATRICE—Ehworth McClung and Miss Josephine of York, both of York, were married in county court yesterday. Judge Spafford officiating.

BEATRICE—The classes day exercises of the Beatrice high school were held at the Paddock opera house last night, the attendance being very large.

CHADRON—Officers elected for the Masonic lodge are as follows: W. H. Willis, master; A. G. Fisher, senior warden; B. Augustine, junior warden; B. L. Scovill, treasurer; B. F. Pluman, secretary.

MADISON—Ora Scalp and Miss Hattie Chapman were married here yesterday. The groom is a prosperous young farmer and the bride has been a successful teacher, the daughter of John Chapman.

ST. PAUL—The sixteenth annual commencement of St. Paul High school was held in the opera house last night. The weather was fine and the house was crowded with people eager to listen to the exercises.

PAPILLION—Judge Day came out this morning and had a lot of court. Among other things, William Edmonson, who stole a horse from Mr. Lineaman, near Heilvick, plead guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

HUMBOLDT—This morning the transfer of authority at the local postoffice to Postmaster O. L. Bantz, after an active service of eight years, was being turned out, while Cary K. Cooper, a recent appointee, assumed the duties of the place.

HUMBOLDT—The twenty-fifth annual banquet of the local chapter of the A. O. U. W. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Stucky, and there followed a banquet, the evening being one of the most successful in the history of the association.

NEBRASKA CITY—The graduating exercises of the Nebraska City High school were held at the Overland theater this evening. The theater was beautifully decorated for the occasion and every seat was occupied by friends and relatives of the graduates.

HUMBOLDT—The eighth, ninth and tenth grades of the term presented Principal Schaefer with a fine gold band ring, engraved with the initials "H. S." in view of his retirement from the position he has occupied for three years.

OAKLAND—The thirty-first annual Sunday school convention of Burt county was held at Oakland, Lyons and Hodge on the Great Northern will be opened for freight business on Monday and Tuesday of this week. About sixty delegates were present and about 1000 in attendance. Miss Mamie Haynes, state workers.

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A certain breeziness is desirable in an outing suit that hardly goes with the more formal dress requirements of the colder season. The coat is cut looser, just a trifle more negligible and altogether has a comfortable, coolish, ease and grace that is delightful to the wearer and pleasing to the beholder. May we show you our splendid assortment of the new 1906 model outing suits—

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### Summer Haberdashery

Shirts  
E. & W. Shirts, \$3.50 values at \$2.50  
Star Shirts, \$3, \$2.50, \$2, \$1.50  
Hambatten Shirts, \$2.50, \$2.00, and \$1.50  
Berg-Swanson Special Shirts \$1.50 and \$1.00  
Other makes at 75c and 50c

Underwear—Superior Union Suits, \$2.50, \$2, \$1.50, \$1  
Other makes, shirts and drawers, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 35c and 25c  
Hosiery—Fancy or plain colors, \$1.50, \$1, 75c, 50c, 35c, 25c and 15c  
Belts—Black or tan color, \$1.50, \$1, 75c, 50c, 35c, 25c  
Fancy Vests—\$1.50 value.....75c

### Straw Hat Season Opens

The beginning of the season finds us with a most comprehensive array of the finest qualities in straw hats—new effects in weaves and shapes. Hats & Koch, high grade Straw Hats, Sailors, Telescopes, Soft Brims, Mackinaws, Sunnests and Split Brands, at \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

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Born & Co., full line of Panamas, at \$8.50, \$6.00, \$5.00, \$4.50, \$4.00, \$3.50 and \$2.50.

Sole agents for the Youmans celebrated New York Hats, \$5, John B. Stetson soft and stiff Hats, \$5.00 to \$3.50.

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followed by a band concert. A sham battle was given today on the hills south of the chautauque grounds. The equipment of the city's militia, including a machine gun, will arrive in Lincoln on a special train in the afternoon of that day.

GRAND ISLAND—The twenty-fourth annual commencement of the Grand Island High school took place at the Bartenbach opera house last evening, the house being packed. The class was the largest ever graduating from the school. Eight of the members receiving the higher honors were on the program, one of these, however, Miss Grace Higginson, being unable to appear on account of the death of a sister.

KEARNEY—The graduation exercises of the Kearney High school were held this evening at the opera house. The first part of the program consisted of a number of recitations orations and musical selections. The second part is a play, entitled, "The Worsted Man," the parts being taken by the members of the class. The diploma was presented by John P. Dryden, president of the Board of Education, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. A. H. Fraser. Thirty-five members constitute the class.

GENEVA—The new "Tabernacle" was formally opened on Decoration day by the Lincoln University Glee club, giving a concert in the afternoon and evening. This was the first of a course of entertainments that are to be given during the summer. The club, which was recently organized here, there being 1300 present in the evening. Messrs. George and Eddie Johnson are members and are old friends of all the Geneva people, and were received with much enthusiasm. The sum-

bers were all immensely enjoyed and encores responded to in a manner to capture all.

**Tremendous Power** over constipation, biliousness, etc. is shown in the marvelous cures made by Electric Bitters. 50 cents. Guaranteed. For sale by Sherman & McConnell Drug Co.

**LIVELY FIGHT OVER OFFICE**

Mayor Refuses to Give Up and Mayor-Elect Arrests Police Judge and Seizes Property.

HARTVILLE, Wyo., June 1.—(Special.)—The fight for control of the city government of Hartsville today took an unexpected turn and more trouble is in sight. Last night Mayor Hauppohf went to Cheyenne on business. Taking advantage of his absence, Mayor-elect Toney Wilde, assisted by George Fenton, ex-marshal, kidnaped Police Judge J. M. Adams, took his keys to the city hall, star and other paraphernalia and lodged the judge in the city jail.

Before Wilde and his friends could proceed further in their efforts to seize the city government, word was sent to Mayor Hauppohf, who instructed Wilhelm Somers,

president of the city council, over the telephone to swear in a number of deputies, take possession of the city jail, liberate Adams and cause the arrest of Wilde and Fenton.

Before surrendering the jail, Mayor-elect Wilde talked with his Cheyenne attorney over the telephone. Wilde was advised that he had no authority to hold Adams, whereupon the judge was released.

Gaining his liberty, Judge Adams immediately swore out warrants for Wilde and Fenton, but no one could be found to serve the papers. They were charged with conspiracy, kidnaping and robbery.

The trouble is of long standing. Judge Hauppohf has been mayor of this place for several terms and has fought desperately to hold on. At the recent election he suffered an overwhelming defeat at the hands of Wilde and his friends. But Hauppohf refused to give up his office and will not cause the vote to be canvassed. Wilde cannot secure a certificate of election until this work is done. The matter will be taken into the courts. During his administration the city of Hartsville has been engaged in an expensive fight over the title to the townsite. Some owners of mining claims claim the townsite under the mining laws. It is charged by Hauppohf's enemies that at one time he would

have settled the controversy for \$100, but refused and continued to spend the city's money in litigation.

**Marriage Licenses.**

The following marriage licenses have been issued:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Hugh Adcock, South Omaha.	21
Dora Sherman, South Omaha.	18
John Barnady, Omaha.	21
Julia Mondel, Omaha.	21
John W. Arnold, Omaha.	22
Clara McDowell, Omaha.	25
Theodore L. Huber, Omaha.	25
Birdie Spencer, Omaha.	21
George S. Collins, South Omaha.	24
Katherine A. Kelly, South Omaha.	19

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