

RECEPTION FOR OFFICIALS

Representative Gathering of Nebraskans Extend a Hearty Greeting.

DANCING IS AGAIN DISPENSED WITH

This Time Action is Taken on Account of Condition of the East Wing of State Capitol Building.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—A truly Nebraska welcome was extended to a Nebraska son tonight and to all the state officers, and a farewell, fitting the high position they have occupied, was tendered the outgoing state officers, at a public reception held at the state house.

Thousands passed down the long receiving line and extended the warmest greetings to the newcomers and took them in as part of the social life of Lincoln. But it was more than a welcome to the social life of the state capital—it was a state, through its representatives, paying a tribute to those who will administer its affairs for the next two years. The representatives and the representative hall were decorated with numerous flags, gracefully draped, flowers and electric bulbs. Nebraska soldiers stationed at every turn guided the way for the visitors, and under orders from Adjutant General Culver kept the affair going with strictly military precision. The receiving line, which consisted of the outgoing and incoming officers and their wives and the members of Governor Mickey's staff, was stationed in the senate chamber, and as the long line of visitors met the members of the line they were escorted to the representative hall. A punch was served by young women employed at the state house. Music was furnished by a band in the senate chamber, concealed behind palms. The young women who served were the first to greet the line, marching from the office of Adjutant General Culver in the representative hall. Anderson, Pettibone, Adams, Kroese, Lutz, Withers, Taylor, Holland, Johnson, Howland, Kaup, Marks, Templeton, Gilmore, Garber, Fox, Hoge, Bradley and Brown, and Mesdames Despain, Lawrence and Fletcher. Among the visitors were William J. Bryan, who greeted Governor Sheldon as captain in his regiment, and Miss Bryan. In the receiving line were: Governor Mickey, Governor Sheldon, Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Mickey, Lieutenant Governor McPhillon, Lieutenant Governor Hopewell, Mrs. Hopewell, Mrs. McGilton, ex-Secretary of State George, Secretary of State J. J. Fink, Mrs. Fink, Mrs. J. J. Fink, Treasurer Mortenson, Treasurer Brian, Mrs. Brian, Mrs. Mortenson, Mrs. Mortenson, General Brown, Attorney General Thompson, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Brown, Auditor General, Mrs. Auditor, Commissioner Winnick, Mrs. Commissioner, Commissioner Cowell, Mrs. Commissioner, Commissioner Williams, Mrs. Williams, Judge Bedewick, Mrs. Bedewick, Mrs. Barnes, Judge Letton, Mrs. Letton. Members of the governor's staff, Colonel Mills, Shumway, Major Hartigan, Major Backner and General Culver and his wives.

No Dancing Permitted.

The condition of the state house is dangerous and for that reason it was advised that dancing be omitted at the public reception tonight. An inspection of the east wing of the building was made today under the direction of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings and it was discovered the east portion of this wing has settled several inches since the legislature convened. While the inspector does not believe that any immediate danger of a collapse of that portion of the structure, it was deemed advisable to dispense with a dance, which had practically been agreed upon. Just what will be done in the matter has not been settled, but the condition of the building will be reported to the legislature for some action.

Normal Board Active.

Colonel Tom Majors and Colonel Charles Gregg of the State Normal board paid Speaker Nettleton a friendly call this afternoon, and discussed with him the personnel of the committee which will handle school matters. An inspection of the east wing of the building was made today and attended the reception tonight but whether he, too, will call upon the speaker to suggest legislative committees is not yet of record.

FREIGHT CAR RUNS INTO HOUSE

Drums Track and Tears Corner of Building Away.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—While local freight No. 33 was doing its evening here this morning on the south side tracks, a box car was thrown from the track and ran into the Schuyler house, tearing the northwest corner completely away. Mrs. Katie Howe, who was sitting in a chair in that room, was thrown violently on the floor, but, fortunately, not badly hurt. Mr. Howe was struck by a door, but not hurt badly. The cause of the derailing of the car is not known, but it is supposed that a stone had got on the track in some manner.

Telephone Company Changes Hands.

AUBURN, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—J. C. Killarney, president of the Auburn Telephone company, has sold a controlling interest in the company to the following representative business men of this city: H. A. Lamberson, E. E. Cottingham, E. F. Purcell, E. M. Boyd, L. R. Young, H. C. Purcell.

COLD PEOPLE

Empire Food Makes Poor Circulation

The food that produces energy, gives natural warmth while it strengthens the system and leads back to health and happiness.

There's no stimulant that can take the place of proper, fully digested food—that's Grape-Nuts.

"I'm so grateful," writes a N. Y. lady, "for the good done me by Grape-Nuts that I feel I ought to write and thank you."

"Ever since the coming of my baby I have had such poor circulation it seemed as though I never could get warm."

"Walking I state agreed with me and I had little nourishment for baby. Finally my husband said, 'Why not try Grape-Nuts?' I see it has done a good deal for some people."

"Oh, I'm sick and tired, of hearing about these things," I answered, "and I benefit some people, but not me. But I got worse all the time. One day my husband brought home a package of Grape-Nuts and asked me to try it."

"I did so and that's why I am so thankful now." The first night I tried it I slept soundly all night and in the morning felt warm and comfortable. I tried it again and began to develop plenty of milk for the baby. I have kept on this food and am now a well woman."

"I'm glad you baby a little of the Grape-Nuts every day, and he is growing wonderfully. When I am tired out some night by being kept awake I find that Grape-Nuts in the morning refreshes me as though I had had a good night's sleep. It has done so much for me I want to encourage mothers to use it themselves. It gives it to their babies. We feel it was a godsend to us."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Ready to take orders "The Road to Wellville." There's a reason.

long. W. W. Harris, R. C. Boyd and S. W. Justice.

In December Mr. Killarney had an engineer here who after looking the plant and various plans and specifications for a new multiple board and cable plant. It is the intention of the new owner to carry forward this work as planned by the engineer. The work as planned will cost approximately \$15,000.

PORTION OF FREMONT IS FLOODED

George in Platte River Sends Stream Out of Banks.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The rain and warm weather which came with the new year filled the Platte river more than bank full here and yesterday it overflowed west of the bridge, a small stream crossing the road at the north end of the structure. The bridge was in no danger and there was little ice. It has some gone down and no further rise expected.

The lower part of the city is flooded tonight and several families have come up town for a drier place to stay. The water reached the city from the west as usual about 2:30 and rose rapidly, reaching the Burlington tracks and on Main street to the flooded and as the water is still rising some families are moving their goods upstairs. There is considerable water in Englewood, but the high ridge on the south of that suburb is dry. There is supposed to be a force of slush ice near the Burlington bridge which is the cause of the food. Neither the wagon bridge nor the railroad bridge are considered in danger.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)

In the Platte river south of the city the inundation of the islands had somewhat diminished, but it took another rise today and is higher than ever. Fred Stolay and others who had hitherto still remained in their homes on the big island, were today compelled to leave and drive their cattle to the mainland. It is feared further damages will result.

Williams Murder Case On.

AUBURN, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—District court convened here yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the bench. Preparations were immediately commenced for the trial of the State against Clarence Williams for the murder of his father. The court and attorneys have been at work since then endeavoring to get a jury in the box and up to this time have only seven of the twelve.

Horse Thief Captured.

ROGERS, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—A horse thief captured here gives the name of G. W. Goshorn, of Whitefield, Mo. He stole a team of horses near Madison on Wednesday night from a man named Bash, by whom he was formerly employed. He confessed, on being arrested. B. C. Smith gets the reward.

News of Nebraska.

PLATTSBURGH—A carload of chickens was bought and shipped from Plattsmouth Tuesday.

PLATTSBURGH—Judge Travis united in marriage Albert F. Dill of South Bend and Miss Fannie E. Connolly of Weeping Water.

MEMPHIS—The annual report of the County Spafford shows that during the year 1906 he issued 23 marriage licenses. The number issued in 1905 was 20.

BLOOMFIELD—E. H. Mason, for the last three years cashier of the Farmers and Merchants bank of this city, retired from that institution today.

PLATTSBURGH—The Presbyterian Women's society of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, held a social at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Salbury, which was largely attended.

BEATRICE—At a meeting last evening of the home company No. 1 John Luberg was elected president, to the Nebraska Volunteer Firemen's convention to be held in Grand Island this month.

BEATRICE—The funeral of Mrs. Scoville and Miss May M. Garton, both of Hebron, Neb., were married last evening. J. E. Davis officiated at the ceremony.

SCHUYLER—Married at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. and Mr. W. W. Schuyler, their daughter, Miss Reka, to Mr. Albert Helms of Hooper, Neb. Rev. Sweeney officiated at the ceremony.

TEKAMAH—At a meeting of the Tekamah Fire association held last night the following officers were elected: Charles Eckley, assistant chief, Frank Lillie, secretary and treasurer, Charles Nelson, president.

YORK—In the death of Mr. William H. Oakes York county loses one of its early pioneers. He died at the age of 82, and was buried in the cemetery here on Tuesday.

ARLINGTON—The Arlington Telephone company has raised their rates to \$1.50 per month for a standard line.

YORK—The recent rains and snows have put the roads in very bad shape and farmers have stopped shipping and delivering grain. It is hoped that this will in a measure relieve the congestion of the roads.

BEATRICE—The marriage of Mr. Christ Nelson and Miss Libbie Ridgely was solemnized yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ridgely, fourteen miles northeast of Beatrice in Hanover township, Judge Watson officiating.

NEBRASKA CITY—Rev. B. O. Chandler, pastor of St. Mary's Episcopal church, has been elected to the position of rector for the last Sunday of this month. Rev. Chandler is now working in this city to accept call from St. John's Episcopal church in Omaha.

LUMBURGS—For the closing week of 1906 real estate transfers as recorded for Platte county amounted to the sum of \$75,000, an increase over the total for the year, and the total recorded in Platte county for the year 1906 was \$1,000,000.

CAMBRIDGE—The annual banquet of the Ladies' Twentieth Century club of Cambridge, Mass., was given at the residence of Hon. E. B. Perry Tuesday evening. The banquet was attended by about 100 persons and was a most successful one.

TEKAMAH—Rev. I. C. Jones, an old resident of this county, died at his home, about six miles northwest of this place, yesterday. Deceased was born at Exeter, Pa., June 18, 1821, and was in the 85th year of his age. He was buried in the cemetery here on Wednesday.

BEATRICE—Hose company No. 1 elected their officers for the year. The officers are: President, Charles Avey, vice president, G. D. Jones, secretary, J. G. Smith, treasurer, Jacob Ling, foreman; Charles Schenk, assistant foreman; Charles Dukes, second foreman; J. G. Smith, driver.

TABLE ROCK—A pretty wedding occurred at high noon Wednesday at the home of Mrs. T. Layman. The groom was Mr. John Brittenham and the bride, Miss Vesta Pearl Freeman, both of whom reside in Omaha. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. M. Shepherd of Pawnee City.

GRAND ISLAND—At the home of D. Morgan, father of the groom, in this city Miss Margaret Wilkinson of Pine Bluff, Neb., was united in marriage to Fred R. Morgan. After a trip to the east Mr. and Mrs. Morgan will make their home at Kimball, Neb., where the groom has a business.

BEATRICE—About twenty-five representatives of the Dwyer company, including the managers of the branch houses, Kansas City, Sioux Falls, Omaha, Memphis, Tenn., and Wichita, Kan., arrived in the city yesterday to attend the annual meeting of the company and plan for next year's work.

GRAND ISLAND—Woodward Dring, who has made his home near Wood River, this county, has been committed to the county jail on the charge of being in possession of a federal officer who is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow. It is stated that Dring immigrated from England, and was insane at the time

escaping the inspectors and making his way west with the required examination.

It is expected that he will be returned to England at the expense of the British government. The electric light plant at this place was closed down last week owing to the fact that the city council had ordered the Burt County State bank. Preliminary steps have been taken by the city council to annul the franchise and within another year it is expected that the city will own and operate its own electric plant.

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Brings Joy to Niece.

NORFOLK, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss May Lillie of Norfolk, the daughter of the pardoned woman, and who lived with her uncle and aunt at the time of the murder, was overjoyed this afternoon when she learned of Governor Mickey's act. She has always believed her aunt to be innocent and declared in the trial that the dead man and the pardoned woman enjoyed harmonious and happy relations. Miss Lillie heard no burlar, but believes the burglar theory. She says her aunt will go to Los Angeles, where the parents of the pardoned woman, as well as her little daughter, now live.

Former United States Senator William V. Allen, who gave his services in arguing the case of Mrs. Lillie before the supreme court for a retrial, was much gratified when informed over the telephone of Mrs. Lillie's pardon and the fact that Governor Mickey had done so righteous a deed. "Mrs. Lillie was never convicted," he said. "It is that in a circumstantial case charging homicide the evidence must prove that a deadly weapon had passed into the hand of the defendant. It will never show that Mrs. Lillie had possessed the weapon. She should have testified in her own behalf in the first trial, as she wanted to, but her lawyer refused. He made a mistake."

The crime for which Mrs. Lillie was sentenced to the penitentiary was the murder of her husband, Harvey Lillie, at David City on the morning of Friday, October 24, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Lillie had been out the evening before visiting the former's sister and mother. According to Mrs. Lillie's story she was awakened in the morning and saw a man pointing a revolver at her. She rolled off of the bed in order to avoid being shot and the man fired through the window and then fled. She alleged that \$500 had been taken from the bureau drawer. Her husband had been shot before she awoke.

In the trial Mrs. Lillie was defended by Judge J. P. Hamer and Mr. Aldrich, Judge F. G. Hamer and the case was argued by a lawyer who made such a persistent fight before the supreme court and the governor, first for a new trial and then for pardon. After three unsuccessful attempts to secure a new trial, Judge Hamer declared he would never drop the case until Mrs. Lillie was out of the penitentiary. The trial began February 10, 1903, and lasted twenty-three days. She was found guilty. Since that time every effort has been made to get her a new trial or a pardon from the penitentiary. Probably no case ever so long in the history of Nebraska has been so long in the courts as that of Mrs. Lillie. One of the most striking features of it was that Mrs. Lillie herself refused to say a word. She kept absolute silence through the trial as to the manner in which her husband met his death. No expense was spared to secure an accurate record of the case. Her motion for a new trial was argued for three days and after several weeks of deliberation was denied. Then there were lengthy proceedings in the supreme court. All failed and the verdict reached by the jury in a short time was affirmed by the supreme court. The first pardon to the penitentiary for life. There she has remained, wrapped in her old silence. This one woman who knows how her husband met his death has preserved her silence during these years unbroken.

Course of the Bullets.

Much time was spent in studying the course of the bullets which according to Mrs. Lillie's story shot a burglar firing the fatal shot, must have been fired. Four sewing girls were sleeping in the house on the night of the murder. Two of these testified that they heard the first shot, that about ten seconds intervened before the second shot and that following the second shot Mrs. Lillie screamed that some one had shot her husband. At this time Mrs. Lillie was in the hall and she was the first to get down stairs and telephone for help.

Mrs. Lillie was shot in the right side of the head, the side next to her wife. There was burned powder in the wound, indicating that the shot was fired at close range. There was also burned powder on the curtains and on the window pane through which the second shot was fired, indicating that the revolver was held close to the window when this shot was fired.

The theory of the state at the trial was that Mrs. Lillie shot her husband while in bed by the light of the moon then shining upon his head, then after a short interval fired the second shot at close range through the curtain and window and then told the story of the burglary.

The testimony of the sewing girls was to the effect that between the first and second shots there was absolute silence and that after the second shot Mrs. Lillie screamed.

The evidence showed that for several years Mrs. Lillie had been a patron of a bucket shop in David City. Her dealings covered a period of about four years, and in that time her losses were approximately \$200. In the period from August 7 to October 23, the day before the murder, her losses were \$102. The theory of the state was that she took her husband's life to get his life insurance money to cover these losses.

DIAMONDS—Fremont, 16th and Dodge.

See Want Ads produce results

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Some Friday Starters

LADIES' FUR SCARFS AND BOATS.

Marked \$4.95, \$5.95, \$6.95, \$7.50 and \$7.95, in water mink, natural and blended squirrel, Isabella and sable fox and martens. A big table of them for \$3.95

Ladies' Cloth Coats, fur lined, our newest styles, HALF OFF MARKED PRICES.

Ladies' Cloth Coats, black and colored, tight fitting, loose fitting and evening wraps, all at HALF OFF MARKED PRICES.

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Unloading Sale Price on Colored Dress Goods

40-inch fancy Waistings, in checks and plaids, French flannels, with Ferialia stripes.

36-inch Fancy Mixed Suitings and Plain Panamas, worth up to 75c yard, Friday only, yard... 19c

Silks Far Below Cost

Our entire stock of China Silks that sold at 45c yard. Every yard of our silk Poplin that sold at 59c yard, a big lot of fancy Silks that sold at 75c yard, all go at one price in the gigantic unloading sale, yard... 25c

Our entire stock of silks and velvets at 20% discount. This means that we will give you 20% off the regular selling price of all silks and velvets.

Friday Bargains in the Linen Section

As we write this "ad" the aisles of the linen section are fairly crowded with busy shoppers and shrewd buyers. We reserve for you, however, a few items for Bargain Friday, just as good if not better than Wednesday's price.

Good width Table Damask, heavy, durable sort, 65c value, unloading sale price, yard... 49c

A crepe Huck Towel, fringed, large size, absorbent, 12 1/2c quality, unloading sale price, 7 1/2c

Another big table full of fine Bleached Towels at, each... 3c

Another shipment of those manufacturers' Bleached Linen remnants shall be closed at same unheard of price on bargain Friday—

3 yards for... \$1.47

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Phone 981 Douglas. OMAHA FUR AND MILL CO. 16th and Dodge. Mail Orders Filled With Attention

Everyone Who Visits the Daylight Store Knows

That this sale is and will be the most Gigantic and Successful ever held in the middle west was evidenced yesterday by thousands of delightful encomiums elicited from as merry a throng of buyers as ever came together under one roof.

It took weeks and months of planning and preparation. It is a gigantic sale on all lines of goods throughout the entire building. The whole store is one vast emporium of matchless offerings. The second floor presents a marvelous array of this season's choicest Suits and Coats at 1/2 price and less. Notable offerings in Muslin Underwear, Corsets, Waists and Millinery.

The main floor offers values in Silks, Dress Goods, Linens, Hosiery, Underwear, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Laces and Embroideries never before seen on new, up-to-date merchandise.

The basement is filled with factory goods, mill remnants, loom ends, blankets and comforts, domestics, china, glass, nickel, enamel and aluminum wares, all at mill cost, which means prices far lower than was ever quoted on same goods before.

THIS SALE IS BRINGING YOUR FRIENDS. HOW ABOUT YOU?

The Gigantic Unloading Sale

Is flourishing in our Ladies' and Children's Ready-to-Wear Department.

Every customer expresses great surprise at the wonderful reductions being made on all kinds of goods.

Special lot Children's Grey Union Suits, while they last, choice, suit... 19c

Special purchase of ladies' extra size Vests and Pants, in grey and white, less than mill cost, worth 25c, now, each... 23c

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