

Nebraska COLFER WOULD JOIN OFFICES Oil Inspector Advises Union of This with Food Department. WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT CASH

From a Staff Correspondent. LINCOLN, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Radical changes in the oil inspection department and the combining of that department with the food, drug and dairy department of the state are offered in the report of Francis M. Colfer, retiring chief inspector, which is soon to be submitted to the governor.

Mr. Colfer, who was deputy oil inspector for the fifth district for two years and who has been chief since the resignation of Arthur Mulkin, recommends the combination on the theory that it is inspection of oils in the state as a unit, at a cost per gallon upon oils and that the inspectors are no more than collectors. Forty-two thousand dollars is collected by the seven members of the department biennially and 9 per cent of the oil inspected is found to be above the test. The food and drug inspectors, however, work at a deficit and can scarcely cover the ground for lack of funds. The chief inspector for the whole department should be, in the opinion of Mr. Colfer, not a politician, but a graduate chemist, who could, with the large earnings of the oil department, carry on the work of the food inspectors, which is so much more vital, in an adequate and scientific way.

He recommends a large salary. He recommends a salary of \$2,400 for the commissioner of the combined departments, with the six oil inspectors who amount really to collectors, a skilled accountant, an inspector of weights and measures, and a person known as the state scaler. The office of state scaler could be abolished because the commissioner himself would be qualified for that work. Mr. Colfer says that unfavorable comment on his recommendations will doubtless be aroused in "one class, the politicians, but I believe, however, that the fair thinking men will conclude that the changes suggested will serve to make for economy, and increased efficiency in the departments affected."

Mr. Colfer expects his recommendations to arouse a storm of protest, as it has never before been suggested by an oil inspector that efficiency or scientific training would be a desirable qualification for that office, which has always been considered a political plum. In conclusion, he says: "To raise the cry that this change would bring on confusion is foolish. Many commercial concerns doing one-fifth the business of these two departments, employ twice as much help. This plan is also in operation in Wyoming and Idaho, and so far as I can learn is effective. "With a scientific chemist in charge, capable clerical help and a corps of competent inspectors, this joint department would at a comparatively small cost, accomplish much more than the present. Put on such a scientific basis it would begin to resemble the railroad commission, which is the pride of the state. "In discussing these changes I have consulted business men, not politicians, and in every instance, their opinions were in accord with the changes proposed. Inasmuch as I am a retiring official, I trust I may not be accused of employing "sour grapes" logic in this instance. Even though the truth of the charge be granted, conditions would remain unaltered. Private business concerns in conducting their affairs employ no less than a restaurant manager the same rule obtain when the business of the state is involved."

REWARD OFFERED FOR FIREBUGS Custer County Also Awards Contract for Court House. Plans to Latenser. BROKEN BEAR. Neb. Jan. 19.—(Special.)—The County Board of Supervisors, in session this week, has offered a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and conviction of the party or parties who attempted to burn the county poor house early last Sunday morning. It also offered a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and conviction of anyone implicated in the burning of the court house last year. There is a peculiar coincidence in the firing of these county institutions, both occurring on January 15, exactly one year apart. Another important feature of the week's business was a contract entered into with John Latenser of Omaha, who will make the plans and specifications for the new court house. Superintendent Daly, who acted for Latenser, came here yesterday and completed arrangements with the board. Latenser is also the architect for Broken Bear's new high school building, which is about finished. The building committee that will supervise the erection of the new structure is composed of Edward Foley, chairman; Ben Morris and Rae Anderson.

Nebraska News Notes. REWARD.—The Young Men's Christian association rooms in the old court house are being remodelled at a cost of \$300. SEWARD.—The body of Robert Johnston of Lincoln, formerly a restaurant manager of this place, was brought to Seward today for burial. TUCUMSEH.—The Tucumseh Commercial club will be reorganized or at least a business men's organization of some character is going to put in active service again. STETSON.—Mr. W. E. Segaren, 18-year-old farmer, died at his home in the west part of town today. Funeral services will be held tomorrow in the German Lutheran church. SEWARD.—George Luikert was caught in the tumbling log of a corn sheller yesterday and had his left leg crushed and mangled so badly that amputation may be necessary. BEATRICE.—Earl Owen, the young man who was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary last week by Judge Pemberton on the charge of forgery, was taken to Lincoln yesterday by Sheriff Bohler. YORK.—Charles Helm, who is connected with the Lawson greenhouse, fell from a building when working Wednesday evening and dislocated his right shoulder and broke his left leg in two places. STETSON.—The funeral of Mrs. Russ will be held at the Methodist church Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Russ had been sick for several weeks and her death was not unexpected. She leaves a family of grown children. NEBRASKA CITY.—Lester Peterson and Miss Beulah May Wilson of Sidney came to this city and were married last evening by Judge Wilson and returned home after the ceremony to the surprise of their friends. MCCOOK.—Members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers in this portion of Nebraska and adjacent Colorado met here last night in district convention, there being thirty-eight members of this growing order present. MCCOOK.—George Wilson, well known proprietor of the Commercial and Red Front livery barns of this city, died at an early hour this morning. The body will be taken to Vineland, Ind., tomorrow morning for burial at his old home. SEWARD.—The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Meek, wife of Judge Howard Colman, will take place at his home tomorrow afternoon. The body was brought here from Rapid City, S. D. Mrs. Meek was a homesteader here, coming here in 1872. BEATRICE.—Mrs. Eria Fritzen, probably the oldest woman in the county, died yesterday at the home of her son, Lambert Fritzen, near northeast of Beatrice, aged 99 years and 2 months. She was a native of Germany and leaves two children.

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Dakota Solons Tack Emergency to Saloon Bill Daylight Measure Now Will Take Two-Thirds Vote for Passage in Present Form.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—After a short and lively morning session both houses adjourned this morning to Tuesday, January 21, and the members scattered over the state on afternoon trains. There was a skirmish in the house over the Nebraska daylight saloon bill, in which the opponents of the bill succeeded in placing the emergency clause in the bill, forcing a two-thirds vote to get it through. An attempt to rush it to a final vote was defeated, and it went over to January 21, and notice was given that at that time an amendment would be submitted fixing the closing hour at 9 o'clock. Both houses took cognizance of the crippled mail service in the northwest and in both places resolutions were presented asking for an investigation of the situation and relief for mail clerks. The democratic members got busy with resolutions and wired to Governor Dix of New York their views of the election of Sheehan as senator in the following message: "The election of senator in New York is not a state question solely, the democratic party, nation wide, is interested. Sheehan's election would cost the party a million votes. Shepard's or some other equally representative man's election would make a million votes for it. Won't you see that our chance for success in 1912 is not imperiled?" This was signed by all the democratic members of both houses and Chairman Lyons of the state democratic committee. They also all signed a message of condolence to Mrs. Chauncey L. Wood, on the death of her husband, the late democratic candidate for governor of this state.

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DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 19.—The withdrawal of Geo. Feely from the Iowa senatorial race made a few slight changes in the balloting for United States senator today. The plan to take more than one ballot was abandoned when it was discovered that apparently it would not be possible for any one candidate to secure the 39 votes necessary to elect. On the ballot today Lafayette Young gained 1 vote over the vote of yesterday. A. B. Funk gained 1 vote, Judge Kenyon gained 3 votes and Warren Garst gained 1 vote. Carl Frank lost 1. Claude Porter the democratic candidate retained his vote of 25. Adjournment was taken at the conclusion of the first ballot. The joint ballot resulted as follows: Young, 33; Funk, 22; Kenyon, 25; Byers, 14; Garst, 7; Frank, 1; Porter (dem.), 32. Following the vote a number of informal conferences were held of the members and their friends, but nothing tangible was done. The vote in the legislature on the senatorship showed no change of any material consequence. The absence of Senator Saunders of Council Bluffs led to the report that he had gone home to hold a conference with a view of getting into the race for congress in the Ninth district. Judge Kenyon, who has been here a day, went to Chicago tonight. No further withdrawals are expected immediately from the senatorial race. Senator Lafayette Young today issued this statement, with the request that the other candidates for United States senator before the Iowa legislature sign it: "I am a candidate for the office of United States senator at the hands of the republican party. I hereby agree to submit my candidacy to the republican voters of the state at a special primary and agree to abide by the result. LAFAYETTE YOUNG. MISSOURI REPUBLICAN UNSEATED H. R. Dow, Who Was Elected by One Vote is Ousted from House. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 19.—The house of the general assembly, after a heated debate, today unseated Representative H. R. Dow, republican, of Pettis county, and seated H. Seaton Tyler, a democrat. Dow on returns to the secretary of state was elected by one vote. The State Federation of Labor employer's liability law was introduced in the senate. In the house a bill was introduced prohibiting the keeping of perishable foods in cold storage more than 120 days. Bigger, Better, Buster—That is what advertising in The Bee will do for your business.

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