

Nebraska PROGRESSIVES HOLD SESSION State Republicans Allied With Move in Session at Lincoln. COMMITTEE WRITES RESOLUTIONS Lincoln Commercial Club Adopts Resolutions Thanking Members of for Shaving Capital Removal Bill.

From a Staff Correspondent.
LINCOLN, Feb. 13.—(Special)—The Nebraska Progressives held their annual meeting this afternoon at the Lindell hotel appointed a committee to draw up a platform of resolutions. Fifty men were present and to preside over the meeting E. E. Correll of Hebron was appointed chairman and F. A. Shotwell of Omaha secretary.

The resolutions committee named consisted of F. A. Shotwell, Omaha; Charles H. Elson, Geneva; J. R. Sutherland, Tekamah; Charles H. Cook, H. M. Bushnell, Lincoln, and W. S. Mattley, Ansley. Congressman George W. Norris, vice president of the National Progressive league, sent his felicitations and greetings, commending the appropriateness of holding a meeting upon Lincoln's birthday.

Commercial Club Thanks Legislature.
The Lincoln Commercial club passed resolutions today thanking the house of representatives for shelling the capital removal bill. The resolutions declared that the action taken by the house was truly in accord with the general sentiment of the citizens of the whole state, and that it was not really a public question at all, but an attack upon the prosperity of Lincoln. The club cites the fact that no party put the matter into its platform as an evidence that there is no real demand for it. The resolutions conclude:

Coroner's Jury Not Decided.
The coroner's jury, probing the death of Philip W. Busby, slain at the state house, who was found dead at the foot of the stairway Saturday night, has been unable to conclude whether the death was accidental or due to a murder assault. Busby is said to have had some money with him, and the absence of that is yet to be explained. No clues or indications of the cause of his fall have been found.

**Smooth Swindler
Passes Bad Checks**
Fred S. Mills Makes Good Hauls at
Several Nebraska Towns and is
Wanted by Police.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegraph)—One of the smoothest swindlers that has operated in this section in a long time is just now badly wanted by the officers here. His name is Fred S. Mills although he is known by several aliases. He came here working for a picture enlarging firm and had several men under him. He stopped at the Hoteliff hotel and prevailed upon the proprietor, Fred C. Ratcliff, to endorse a check for him saying that it was merely for identification. The check was for \$100 and was drawn on the Nemaha county bank of Auburn.

The check was found to be no good, and Mr. Ratcliff was compelled to make good to the banker who cashed it. Mills also pulled off a similar feat at Cairo where he secured \$120, and at Ravenna where he gathered \$124. He also passed several checks in Grand Island.

He was last heard of at Broken Bow. He is described as about forty years old, weight about 150 and height about five feet seven inches. He was smooth shaven with dark complexion and had peculiar eyes, the left one being crossed. He wore heavy nose-glasses. The local authorities have offered a reward for his capture.

**FAIRBURY CITIZENS FACE
WARM MUNICIPAL FIGHT**
Wets and Drys Evenly Divided in
Council—New Census Changes
Site of Body.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special)—The wets and drys in the Fairbury city council who have been in conflict for the last several weeks on the division of the city into four wards, have finally compromised on the matter and decided upon a division that will apparently be satisfactory to all concerned.

Nebraska Union Pacific to Restore Midnight Train From Omaha Prepares Schedule Which Takes Care of Millard and Old Line Towns.

From a staff correspondent.
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special)—Officials from the Union Pacific railway and citizens from Gothenberg and Papillion met with the railway commission this morning in an effort to adjust a change in train schedules. The railroad offered a new arrangement of trains to the commission recently for its approval and it was not entirely satisfactory. A meeting at Grand Island was planned but this session was held instead. W. M. Stebbins, representative from Dawson county, spoke for Gothenberg, and Cosad and E. J. Spaulding of Gothenberg offered the opinions of his fellow citizens. James T. Begley represented Papillion.

The railroad men there were Gerrit Fort, passenger traffic manager, Charles Ware, general superintendent, W. H. Murray, assistant passenger agent, W. H. Benham, traveling freight agent, and E. B. Stoen, general agent of the road in Lincoln. The protest of Papillion and other points on the old line, which were cut off from the main line by the Lane Cut-off, were practically withdrawn when the railroad men present showed them that their service would not be injured by the contemplated change, as No. 5, which leaves Omaha at 4 p. m., would be run over the old route and would do local work as far as Grand Island.

The change which the Union Pacific proposes meets with the hearty approval of all people living along the road in Nebraska as it gives an after-theater train to the west, the local being changed to leave Omaha at 11:55 p. m. and carrying a sleeper. A local train will leave Omaha at 8:15 a. m., and run to Grand Island. Train No. 3 will leave Omaha at 4 p. m. and will be local work between Omaha and Grand Island.

Platte River Broken Up.
FREMONT, Feb. 12.—(Special)—The warm waters of the last two days and the rain of last night and this morning loosened the ice in the Platte. The river is showing indications of breaking up. The main current has apparently shifted to the north side and what was all last summer a dry sandbar covered with grass is now covered by ice and water. The supervisor in charge of the bridge has plenty of dynamite on hand and a close watch is being kept of the impending breakup. If trouble occurs it will be toward the north side. The river is higher than it has been for a year.

Nebraska News Notes.
YORK—The marriage of Miss Beatie Casbeer to Mr. Charles Peterson of Aurora was celebrated here yesterday.

WEST POINT—Deputy State Fire Marshal F. J. Buck of Warner has carefully inspected the buildings in the business section of West Point, taking special care to examine flues and fire openings and the accumulations of inflammable refuse in basements and cellars.

YORK—The York Alfalfa Milling company is shipping the first of its output of alfalfa molasses to the ground meat and other products. President William C. Soyler leaves today for Illinois and the west, where he expects to conduct the entire output of the York factory.

SARGENT—A meeting was held at the office of Miller & Sherman in Sargent, where the farmers of this locality organized an institute, electing the following officers: President, M. E. Vandenberg; vice president, James Gibson; secretary, Carl Cole; treasurer, Clarence Metzger; executive committee, S. J. Penny, Abe Ford, N. C. Tarleton.

FAIRBURY—Russell post, No. 7, Grand Army of the Republic, assisted by the Fairbury Belle corps, appropriately celebrated and observed Lincoln's birthday at the Grand Army hall at 7:30 p. m. Monday evening. Motions delivered and the address and a number of patriotic speeches were made by the various members of the Russel post.

FREMONT—A young Fremont business man is rumored to have dropped something like \$400 in a poker game last evening at the Omaha card sharp.

New Books PROF. PHILLIPS KILLS HIMSELF Head of Forestry in University of Nebraska Commits Suicide. FEARED HE WOULD BE INVALID He Was a Member of the Athletic Board of Control and Very Popular With the Student Body.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 12.—Prof. F. J. Phillips, professor of forestry at the State university, committed suicide at his home early this morning by inhaling gas. Prof. Phillips left three letters, one of which was addressed to his wife, instructing her how to notify the proper officers when the body was discovered. The other letters were addressed to the chief of police and coroner. Two weeks ago Prof. Phillips had been offered an assistant professorship in the University of Michigan. He declined this on the advice of Chancellor Avery.

In his letters Prof. Phillips asserted that he feared that he would soon become a chronic invalid and would be a constant burden to his family. He was 30 years of age and a graduate of the University of Michigan. He was secretary of the Michigan Athletic board when a student there.

Popular with Students.
Prof. Phillips was one of the most popular instructors at the university. He was a young man and was a particular friend of the students interested in athletics. For one year he was a member of the Board of Control at Nebraska and was well liked, that he was elected as delegate to the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate conference in New York. He stood for the broader things in college athletics.

Full of the enthusiasm of youth and imbued with the thought of doing good for those two days of the last two days looked up to him by the entire undergraduate body of the university. His industry in the forestry work attracted the attention of government officials and a little over a year ago he was made an attractive offer to enter the service of the United States Forestry department.

MEXICANS BEATEN AT MULATA
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but I am not yet ready to kill an unarmed, wounded man." The mob's rage was quieted and only one man, the son of one of the victims, stepped forward to take the federal soldier's life. Ortega drew his pistol. "It would break my heart to have to kill a comrade," he said, "but we will not be murderers like the soldiers. The two federal soldiers were taken to the hospital. The terrified wounded federal soldier was picked up, mumbled his thanks and removed to a hospital.

Insurgent Loss is Slight.
In the two days' battle the insurgents lost one man killed and one wounded. The dead man, Hilario Sanchez, was shot while battering a door of the house with the aid of federal soldiers. McCormack entered the house alone and drove the federal out, killing one of them. McCormack is the soldier of fortune who has earned the title of "El Diabolo" among the insurgents. His home is in Seattle, Wash.

Forced the Fighting.
During the entire battle the insurgents forced the fighting. The federal advanced along the road to within 500 yards of the town. When fired on they halted and for two days did not advance. The two field guns and machine gun were kept playing upon the insurgent lines, but did no serious damage. A battle line was formed with the infantry on the left on the Rio Grande and the cavalry guarding the right flank. A flanking party of sixteen insurgents drove in the infantry and the cavalry in three lines.

The battle started at 10 o'clock, February 12, and lasted until 11 o'clock the night of the eighth. The federal soldiers in the field and the insurgents mustered about 300 men. During the second day's fighting the federal were completely surrounded and were driven back each time a sortie was attempted. In the evening Ortega made an inspection of the different detachments and found his ammunition was almost exhausted.

Twenty-Five Federals Dead.
When the federal began their retreat the insurgents were not able to halt them, but gave chase for several miles. Twenty-five dead is a conservative estimate. The federal had about fifty men missing when they returned to Ojinaga, but it is known that at least twelve deserted. The American soldiers and federal officers guarding the American side of the Rio Grande were repeatedly fired upon by the federal soldiers. The insurgents announced their intention of capturing Ojinaga as soon as they get a supply of ammunition.

Woman's Work Activities of Various Organized Bodies Along the Lines of Advancing of Causes to Women.

Omaha Woman's club is considering two entertainment projects. One would exploit the skill of the club members as cooks. The other would illustrate Nebraska's history. Both of these projects, the one a food sale to be held before Easter, and the other a historic pageant to be given with all the settings due a pageant, were considered at the meeting Monday afternoon and action was deferred until further reports are given.

The program, in charge of the music department, of which Miss Blanche Sorenson is leader, was exceedingly pleasing and much appreciated by the large number of club members and guests attending. The musicians who contributed their talents were: Miss Belle Von Mansfeld, Mrs. Edith L. Wagoner, Miss Elizabeth Hamling, Miss Estelle Brown and the member of the Brahms quartet; Mrs. H. C. Paul, Miss Ruth Ganson, Mr. H. C. Jensen, Mr. Louis Loring and Mr. Vernon C. Bennet, accompanist.

Details of the recent successful entertainment given for the benefit of the Social Settlement, will be told at the meeting of the board of directors Wednesday. This is the regular meeting of the board and will be held at the Young Men's Christian association building.

The dramatic club of the Social Settlement is planning to present the poem-drama, "The Piper," by Josephine Preston Peabody (Mrs. Louis Marks). The piece, which was recently interpreted at the New theater, New York, with Edith Wynn Matillon as the "Piper," won the first prize in Nebraska in a memorial poem-drama contest, and was given honor production at the Memorial theater in Stratford-on-Avon.

Miss Mary Wallace, who is in charge of the dramatic club of the settlement, will enact the "Piper" in the production here. Rehearsals for the play are to begin soon. It is the program plan to give an outdoor production sometime in June.

Mrs. T. J. Gist, president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs, has been named regent of the chapter of Daughters of the American revolution, recently organized at David City.

The Omaha chapter of Mu Sigma will meet Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. E. W. Gunther, 230 North Fortieth street. Mrs. P. M. Conklin will lead. Mrs. G. C. Thompson will read a paper on William Pitt and Mrs. Pearl Wieshaus one on George Frederick Handel.

The Dundee Woman's club will meet Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. S. Curtis, 423 Cass street. Mrs. Burke H. Sinclair will give current events; Mrs. J. Dodd will lead. The subject for study is on the life and works of John Greenleaf Whittier.

Miss Myrtle Moses of Omaha will be one of the soloists at the meeting of the Chicago Woman's club Wednesday. Miss Moses is at present studying in Chicago.

SILVER JUBILEE OF THE ELKS Auditorium the Scene of Great Festive Observance. DECORATIONS ARE QUITE UNIQUE Several Surprises Are Given to the Guests When They Come Here for Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration.

All day long the trains from north, east, south and west were bringing in Elks from various parts of the country to the great silver jubilee of the local lodge at the Auditorium last night. Seventy-five members of the legislature formed the delegation on a special train from Lincoln that reached the city at 7:35 last evening. Special cars brought the delegations from other nearby towns.

There were fifty men working on the decorations and fixtures of the Auditorium interior Sunday and Monday, with the purpose of having the big assembly place in complete order by 6 o'clock. Big committees in charge of every detail were flooded with work all day.

Those in charge kept a strict silence upon the details of the program which has been arranged for the jubilee. They announced, though, that the most startling features ever attempted by Elks in any part of the country would be carried out during the evening.

J. J. Dunn, a local member, was the principal speaker of the occasion. It was not the purpose of the officials to give much time to speech-making, and Mr. Dunn was limited to ten minutes.

Sidney Smith, exalted ruler of the local lodge, was chairman of the reception committee, with 100 men assisting him. Police Captain Henry Dunn was in charge of the auxiliary committee, with fifty men assisting him. All the committees started in early to get their work under way, and to arrange a system for handling their functions during the progress of the big celebration.

Secretary I. W. Miner of the Omaha lodge probably was the busiest man connected with the entertainment project. He received great stacks of letters from all over the country and made arrangements to comply with the requests which were made in them for accommodations in the city.

The army was well represented at the jubilee. Fifty officers of the Department of the Missouri, having headquarters at either Fort Omaha or Fort Crook, had accepted the invitation and will be present in a body.

Carl E. Herring acted as toastmaster at the feast. R. J. O'Keefe was the only delegate from the lodge in New York City. Boston and Philadelphia each had representatives at the affair.

**Protecting Dike
Along the Colorado**
United States Troops May Be Sent Into
Mexico to Prevent Damage to
Big Improvement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The United States government has taken up with Mexico the question of protecting the dike which is being built along the Colorado river in Mexico in order to control that stream. Whether it will be necessary to send American troops into Mexican territory for this purpose has not yet been determined.

Our Political Postoffice

John Wanamaker was postmaster general; Senator Boise Penrose is chairman of the great Postoffice committee of the United States Senate; Thomas H. Carter, Senator from Montana, has served many years on that committee. No three men in the United States are better versed in postoffice affairs and needs than these.

On February 9, 1911, the senate postoffice committee, under the leadership of Senators Penrose and Carter, reported favorably to the senate for action the Postoffice Appropriation bill, containing a provision, put in without allowing public hearing or open consideration, but under political pressure from the White House, that increases the postage rate on magazines and periodicals to such an extent that it practically absorbs all the profits of the publishing business of the country and makes the further production of popular-priced magazines impossible. It imposes a tax that is confiscatory.

Notwithstanding, within the year Senator Boise Penrose said, referring to the Carter-Weeks bill: "These are some of the big features of the bill. The whole intent is to systematize and to modernize the entire postal system. It is idle to take up such question as apportioning the cost for carrying second-class mail matter or the proper compensation of railroads for transporting the mails until we shall have established business methods in Postoffice affairs by a reorganization of the whole postal system."

"The commission unanimously recommended the passage of the projected bill. Personally I have been very much interested in all the details and, of course, am heartily in favor of the changes to be made."

Senator Carter said last March: "But I must forego further pursuit of details. The bill was cordially approved by Postmaster General Meyer and his assistants, and likewise has the approval of Postmaster General Hitchcock. It failed of passage during the last congress owing to lack of time for its proper consideration, but I have re-introduced the bill, which is now designated 'Senate 6287, Second Session, Sixty-first Congress.' The committee on Postoffices and Postroads will favorably report the bill to the senate and it should be enacted into law before the close of this session. I believe not only that it will increase efficiency, but that, after the expense of installation is absorbed, it will result in such economies in the administration of the department and service as will ere long wipe out the deficiency. In operating under it the department will be able with almost unerring certainty to determine the actual cost of each service performed, thereby reaching a sound basis for legislation such as is neither available nor obtainable under the present system. I deeply sympathize with the earnest desire of the department officials to get rid of the deficiency they are fated to encounter each year, but I submit that the first real movement toward that end must begin with the substitution of a modern, up-to-date business organization for the existing antiquated system, which rests upon a few sections of law enacted in 1835, supplemented by statutory fragments added from time to time since that year."

John Wanamaker said recently: "With Mr. Hitchcock's suggestion, however, there will be no general agreement. The magazines are supported, not by the price paid for the magazine by the readers, but by the advertisers. In a sense, magazines are private concerns; but they have a public function to perform—an educational function. To tax the advertisements is to tax the quality of the educational matter contained in the pages, for the advertisements enable the publishers to pay high prices for literature and educational articles. The price paid for a magazine does not pay for the printing and the paper. If Mr. Hitchcock's suggestion should become part of the President's plan it would mean that the public would suffer in the loss of much educational material that the publishers then would be unable to buy."

We urge every friend of honest politics, economical government and free press to telegraph or write an immediate protest to their senators and representatives at Washington.

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THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL,
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FASHION HINTS



Walking suits show coats that seem to grow shorter and wider. Funny little dumpy coats they are, to be sure, but somehow they have a very jaunty air. The suit sketched here is of black satin. Odd button arrangements and a sailor collar are pleasing features.

TAKE THIS FOR KIDNEYS HAS CURED THOUSANDS

Weak, inactive or deranged kidneys ought to have a special attention to avoid possible development of chronic rheumatism, Bright's disease or diabetes, which are practically incurable when the back aches, rheumatic pains affect the joints, the urine is frequent, painful or highly colored, or you have nervousness in the groin or dizzy spells. Treatment should be taken at once to avoid further developments or complications. Get from your druggist one-half ounce package. Mixture, one-half ounce fluid. Mix with water and six ounces good pure gin. Mix and take one to two teaspoonfuls of the mixture after each meal and at bed time. This aids the kidneys to properly perform their work of filtering poisonous waste matter and uric acid from the blood and throwing it off from the system as they should and puts them in strong healthy condition. This formula has cured thousands since it was discovered a few months ago.—Adv.