

Nebraska CONSERVATION SESSION TODAY Nebraska Congress to Consider Resources of Nebraska Will Begin. MANY SUBJECTS TALKED OVER President Wallace of National Conservation Congress Will Make Address Tonight—Women Observe Holiday.

Nebraska Nebraska Students at Michigan Dance First Annual Ball of Cornhuskers Club at Ann Arbor Most Enjoyable Affair.

Nebraska SEWARD CLUB GIVES FEAST Washington's Birthday Observed by Large Number of Business Men at Banquet.

NORRIS ON PULP AND PAPER Agent of Newspapers Defends This Clause of Reciprocity Agreement. PRICES ARBITRARILY ADVANCED Combine Using Its Funds to Buy Timber Lands in Canada Instead of Developing Its Plants.

SEE OUR WINDOWS and the "REAL VALUES" we give you in "Kuppenheimer," "Stein-Bloch," "Schloss Bros.," "Hirsch-Wickwire" and "Society Brand" Clothes. They are Examples of "True Tale Telling" The Berg Clothing Co. 15th & Douglas

Nebraska Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska Conservation Congress begins its session in the Auditorium tomorrow morning with a general program. The presiding officer will be Prof. C. E. Bessey, and there will be addresses on "Conservation Problems in Nebraska," by Governor Aldrich, and upon the "back to land" movement, by Congressman-elect C. H. Sloan.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Striking decorations, splendid music, tasty refreshments and enthusiastic guests marked the first annual dance of the Cornhusker club of the university which occurred Saturday night at the Washtenaw Country Club. The affair marked the debut of the Nebraska organization into campus society and their affair passed into history a complete success.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The Seward Commercial club gave an elaborate banquet at the rooms on Washington's birthday. Red, white and blue was in evidence throughout the rooms. Embossed menu cards with portraits of George Washington were at each plate. Covers were laid for 150. Following in the program, with John Zimmerman, president of the club, toastmaster: "Our Schools," Miss Ada Gibson; "Twentieth Century Obligations," F. H. Simmons; "The Seward Club," H. C. Sloan; "Plan Selection," Mrs. W. E. Langworthy; "Vocal Selection," Miss Frances Butterfield; "Piano Selection," Mrs. Arthur C. Marsh; "Orchestra Selections," Seward Orchestra.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The pulp and paper clause of the agreement was defended before the finance committee of the senate today by John Norris, chairman of the paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' association. He elaborated the agreements which he presented in the senate before the ways and means committee of the house, declaring that he spoke for daily newspapers, "which pay \$5,000,000 per annum for their print paper, \$5,000,000 more than they would pay if normal conditions were permitted."

WASHINGTON DAY OBSERVED President Taft is Guest of Washington Masonic Association. SUSPEND BUSINESS IN NEW YORK Governor Dix Makes Address at Dedication of Hebrew Infant's Home—Exercises Held by Patriotic Societies.

Nebraska Women Celebrate the Day. A band of women, led by Mrs. Frances R. Heald, marched to the state house today and, assembling in the corridor, sang "America" in honor of Washington's birthday. After the announcement that two pictures were to be given to the state superintendent and one for the governor's office—they went on to the governor's office and short addresses were delivered there.

TWO BOYS FROM MULLEN RIDE TO ESCAPE FATHER Youngsters Take Long Overland Trip to Avoid Drudgery of Ranch Life. VALENTINE, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The Abernathy twins, who rode from Oklahoma to New York City, have little on Cyrus and Byron Dowell of this county, two small youngsters aged 11 and 12 years, who arrived here late Saturday night after having ridden 150 miles in about three days and spending two nights on the open prairie with nothing for a bed except a saddle blanket apiece and no companions except the wandering coyote.

SIX WEDDINGS IN OTTO COUNTY Capt. Has Busy Day in Nebraska City and Vicinity. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Wedding certainly has been busy in this section of late, because today there was a number of marriages in and about this city. Fred H. Allgood of Peru and Miss Martha S. Henningsen of Omaha were united in marriage here today, followed by Harvey Goos and Miss Emma Halbach, both of Syracuse.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Practically all Washington united today to pay tribute to the "father of his country" in commemoration of the 17th anniversary of his birth. All departmental clerks enjoyed a holiday, but those employed around the capitol were not so fortunate, as both houses of congress were in session.

RECEPTION IN PARIS. PARIS, Feb. 22.—American Ambassador Bacon today gave a Washington's birthday luncheon to the chiefs of the Central and South American missions and later gave a reception for several hundred Americans. Receiver for Bank at Kelley. DES MOINES, Feb. 22.—Cashier E. M. Eggleston of the bank at Kelley, forced to close Monday because of a run following the disappearance of the president, E. J. Penfield, today formally requested the depositors to have a receiver named. A special from Waterbury, S. D., today says that Penfield, yesterday said to have been under arrest there, is not in custody.

Nebraska HARVARD MINISTER WEDS PAIR Rev. W. K. Schultz officiates in Wedding at St. Joseph, Missouri. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Rev. William K. Schultz of Harvard, Neb., today married Miss Lena David, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward David of this city. The wedding took place in the Evangelical Lutheran Zion church and was largely attended. After the wedding a dinner was served to many friends. The couple will go to Harvard, where they will make their home, at once.

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WYOMING FACTORY FIGURES Preliminary Census Report for State Shows Big Growth for the Decade. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Preliminary figures on the manufactures in Wyoming during 1910, which were made public by the bureau of the census today, show increases all along the line, when compared with the census of 1900. The number of establishments increased from 159 in 1900 to 268 in 1910, an increase of 67 per cent, according to the bulletin. The cost of materials used increased from \$1,361,000 in 1900 to \$2,425,000 in 1910, an increase of 77 per cent and the value of the products jumped from \$3,522,000 in 1900 to \$9,948,000 in 1910, an increase of 69 per cent.

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Nebraska COLFAX GIRL STOPS. COLFAX, Ia., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Miss Rachel Kegel, created quite a surprise yesterday by stealing away to Des Moines, where she met Dr. Waterman of Creston. They secured a license and were married. She sent a special delivery letter to her parents, apprising them of her wedding. Mr. S. M. Kegel, the bride's father, is a well known traveling man. Dr. Waterman often came to the Kegel home and was Miss Rachel's accepted fiance, but her parents wished to defer her marriage because of her youth. She has just passed her 18th year.

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THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES SYNOPSIS FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 18, 1911 TO POLICYHOLDERS: Your Society continued to make good progress in all essential features during the year 1910. The statement for the year will show: TOTAL ASSETS \$494,715,923.18 TOTAL LIABILITIES 409,620,464.36 TOTAL SURPLUS—including Deferred Dividend Fund 85,095,458.82 NEW INSURANCE PAID FOR—including additions \$3,416,035 111,381,126.00 OUTSTANDING INSURANCE 1,347,158,692.00 Representing an increase of \$11,810,713 FIRST YEAR CASH PREMIUMS—Excluding Additions 4,133,391.65 TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO POLICYHOLDERS 53,439,360.18 DEATH BENEFITS 19,351,346.22 98% of policies paid in America as death claims were paid within one day after proofs of death were received. ENDOWMENTS 8,378,726.30 ANNUITIES, SURRENDER VALUES AND OTHER BENEFITS 15,134,130.74 DIVIDENDS TO POLICYHOLDERS 10,575,156.92 1911 dividends to policyholders will approximate \$12,775,000. DIVIDENDS TO STOCKHOLDERS 7,000.00 This is the maximum annual dividend that Stockholders can receive under the Society's Charter. OUTSTANDING LOANS TO POLICYHOLDERS 65,250,554.62 EARNINGS FROM INTEREST AND RENTS 21,646,527.50 OUTSTANDING LOANS ON REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES 99,138,123.36 The Society has loans on Real Estate Mortgages in 34 States. TOTAL EXPENSES—including Commissions and Taxes 10,395,057.67 This is a reduction from the previous year, notwithstanding an increase in taxes for the year of \$139,365.30, of which \$93,016.83 is the new Federal Corporation Tax. The average gross rate of interest realized during 1910 amounted to 4.48%. Aggregate investments in mortgage loans and bonds made during 1910 were at an average rate of yield of 4.62%. It will be the constant aim of the Directors and Officers of the Society to maintain the same high standard of administration of its affairs in the interests of the policyholders which so signally marked the administration of the late President Morton. H. D. Neely, Manager Merchants Nat'l Bank Bldg. 18th and Farnam Sts., Omaha, Neb. VICE-PRESIDENT