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TALBOT PUTS DOWN REBELLIO

Head Consul of Modern Woodmen Delivers Fiery Speech.

SEWARD CAMP IS CENSURED

Declaration Made Rates of Order Must Be Raised If It Is Flourish—Sundean Scolded by Head of Fraternity.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—While Head Consul A. R. Talbot was peacefully engaged yesterday at a meeting of the directors of the Modern Woodmen of America at Rock Island, a message reached him that a band of insurgents was gathered in Lincoln for the purpose of defeating the proposed plan to raise insurance rates in the order.

Lincoln is 300 miles from Rock Island. Within twelve hours after he had received the word the head consul was here. Blood was in his eye.

Late last night 100 Woodmen had gathered at the Lindell hotel. Talbot was there. The first thing he did was to denounce John Sandean, formerly of Walnut, as a traitor to the organization.

The latter was later a district deputy with headquarters at Minneapolis, but was relieved from office.

In his fiery speech Mr. Talbot attributed statements recently sent to the camps of the state by the camp at Seward to Mr. Sundean.

A warm and long session followed the scolding delivered by the head consul. It was finally voted to pass the resolution asked by Talbot. It was as follows:

Be It Resolved, That we, delegates to this convention, deplore the action of the Seward camp, reflecting upon the officers of this society and charging wrong doing in any way. This convention does not approve of the preamble to the call sent out by Seward.

Rates Must Go Higher. "If by the order of the Modern Woodmen of America is to live the insurance rates must be boosted," declared Talbot in his argument.

"We have \$1,500,000 now out in policies and at the present rate of assessment it will be 250 years before we can meet it. I do not want to say what you shall do in the matter of raising rates. I know that the sentiment is all against it, but look the facts coldly in the face and tell your delegates to the national legislative body what you think on the matter. The officers of the society cannot raise the rates without a referendum.

"The present rates may continue to carry us until the youngest man now in the order is dead, but there must be a readjustment sometime and in my opinion it had better come now than later. I will recommend to the board of directors that the money in reserve be put in firm mortgages paying four per cent rather than the present way of banking the reserve money at two. In fact a year ago I said that this should be done, but my proposal was rejected."

Meeting in Chicago. The question of raising the rates will come before a meeting to be held in Chicago. It will be held some time in January, next. Delegates will be sent from districts in each state.

Discussing the necessity of increasing the rates, a Lincoln official of the order, who refused to permit the use of his name, today said:

"The insurance rates of the Modern Woodmen of America must be raised in order to prestate the society. It is not a question of choice, but simply must be done. The opposition to raise has originated from a misunderstanding of conditions. After the matter was fully explained at last night's meeting, I believe that a majority of the delegates felt different about the matter. The Seward camp, from which the resolution was sent out calling the meeting, will meet tonight, and will no doubt retract the resolution. It has been asked to do so."

"The talk about the raise in rates being the work of the officials alone is untrue. This matter was taken up at the meeting of the head camp in Buffalo last June, and was thoroughly discussed. At that time it was thought best to defer action on the rate question until the matter had been given the fullest possible investigation. The special meeting of the head camp was for January. It will meet at Chicago at that time, and the rates will undoubtedly be raised."

"The opposition is not widespread. The Seward camp has but 150 members. The resolution originated there. There are about 60,000 Woodmen in Nebraska, and when the reason for the raise in rates is fully understood the opposition will be very small."

BOSE GUILTY OF SHOOTING WITH INTENT TO WOUND

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—In the trial of the case of the state against John Bose in the district court here yesterday, after being out seven hours the jury brought in a verdict of guilty under the second count of the information.

The information in the first count charged Bose with shooting with intent to kill, the second, with shooting with intent to wound, and the third, with intent to do great bodily harm, in and upon the person of Louis Spearhase, at a dance at Avoca on the night of May 5 last.

County Attorney C. H. Taylor dismissed the third count on the completion of the testimony yesterday. The jury deliberated upon the case from 1 o'clock until 8 p. m. yesterday.

The punishment for the crime is from one to twenty years in the penitentiary. The complaining witness, Louis Spearhase, has commenced a civil suit in Otoe county district court for the recovery of damages in the sum of \$10,000.

PECULIAR DISEASE GRIPS "FRAT" HOUSE DWELLERS

(From Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—In most of the sorority and fraternity houses north of O street students are being attacked by a form of stomach trouble and many of them are confined to their beds. The affection is believed to be a mild form of ptomaine poisoning, but physicians have not yet diagnosed it.

According to some of the physicians who have visited several patients, the disease is not dangerous. The health board is not conducting an examination. It was first believed the trouble was due to milk. Nearly all of the students affected procure their milk from the same dairyman. Some of the physicians, who have made an investigation, say this is not the cause.

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New High School Building is Opened at Nebraska City

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—This was a gala day for Nebraska City, it being the acceptance and dedication of the new \$5,000 high school building, which has just been completed. The exercises lasted the major portion of the day. The building, which is of the latest construction and equipped with all of the modern conveniences for the students, was thrown open to the public this morning at 9:30, and the overland orchestra was present and discoursed music while the large crowd assembled. The first section of the day's exercises was a formal program in the assembly room and Dr. Claude Watson, president of the Board of Education, presided. The high school girls' quartet rendered several selections and the orchestra from the school for the blind was present and took part in the program.

In the afternoon a monster crowd was present again and Dr. Claude Watson presided. The invocation was by Rev. A. E. Perry, pastor of the Presbyterian church, followed by the High School Boys' Glee club. The address of welcome was made by Mayor O. C. Morton, followed by speeches by Postmaster John W. Steinhart, ex-Mayor L. F. Jackson, J. H. Sweet, C. M. Aldrich, John Mattes, Jr., and Patrick Hodgy. The speeches all told of the history of the public schools of this city, their growth and what they had accomplished.

The principal address of the afternoon was made by Chancellor A. Avery of the University of Nebraska. He congratulated the people of this city and community in having one of the finest high school buildings in the state.

The building was then formally turned over to the Board of Education by Architect G. L. Fischer in a most pleasing address and accepted by Dr. Claude Watson in behalf of the board and the citizens in general.

The main part of the building is three stories, built of gray pressed brick, with stone trimmings. There are sixteen rooms in the building aside from the large assembly room, with spacious halls on every floor. The building is one of the finest and best equipped in the state and the people of this city are justly proud of it.

What Nebraska Pays For Support of Wards

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—According to an announcement made today by Commissioner Cowles of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, it costs Nebraska 63 cents each a day for the support of the 4,000 inmates who are cared for in the state institutions. This does not include the cost of permanent improvements. The statement is based on the claims submitted to the board for the month of November.

Below is an itemized statement of the expenses of all state institutions for the last month: Salaries and wages \$19,334.72 Fuel and lights 9,330.89 Repairs on buildings 7,631.79 Farm expenses 1,492.58 Chinery 1,492.58 Feed, grain, hay, bran oil meal, 2,824.50 Breadstuffs, flour and meal 2,824.50 Fresh fruit 78.42 Dried fruit 1,170.29 Canned fruit 1,281.29 Canned vegetables 134.18 Fresh vegetables 157.18 Sugar 1,221.00 Beans 1,221.00 Meat 3,975.12 Other food supplies 6,968.21 Carpets, rugs, pillows, bed-sling, curtains, furniture 4,529.04 Dry goods 4,011.49 Hooks, papers, stationery 842.32 Drugs, surgical instruments 1,828.29 Land, new buildings, permanent improvements 2,114.10 Soap, laundry supplies 1,199.56 Kitchen and dining room hardware, crockery 734.10 1,828.29 Live stock 656.40 Not listed elsewhere 2,514.31 Total \$88,450.81

CUSTER MAN FILES SUITS FOR DAMAGES AND DIVORCE

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Joseph H. Steinhagen, a farmer living sixteen miles west of Calloway, this county, has brought suit against W. L. Pettit of the same place in the sum of \$5,000 for alienating the affections of his wife. In his complaint to County Attorney Beal, Steinhagen says that he has put up with this condition of affairs for three years and now proposes that Pettit shall make some reparation for the damage he has caused in his domestic circle. A suit for divorce has also been brought by Steinhagen. The Steinhagens were married in 1886 and have four children, the youngest being about 6 years of age. The husband has taken his four children and is now making his home with his father-in-law. Pettit, the defendant in the damage suit, is said to possess some property in the shape of live stock.

NO SPEAKER YET SELECTED TO ADDRESS TAFT MEETING

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—As yet no speaker has been selected for the Taft meeting to be held in Lincoln December 20. The committee in charge of the affair is looking for a man who will be agreeable to all factions in the party. It was at first decided to have Senator Brown select the speaker at Washington. The latter has declined by saying that congress is too busy to send any of its members away for that purpose. He indicated that he did not know where an available man could be found. The matter is in the hands of ex-Congressman Pollard, and it is up to him to find a man who is not too busy and who has the required qualifications.

Surveyor and Board at Outs. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The board of supervisors and County Surveyor Pethoud held a rather stormy session this evening because the surveyor refused to make surveys in the southern part of the county until the money advanced by him for help in his department was forthcoming. When Pethoud refused to obey orders a resolution was passed asking for his resignation. Pethoud was appointed by the board to fill the unexpired term of his father, the late A. J. Pethoud, and the board has a right to remove him. He was elected surveyor last fall, and in case he loses his job he will only have to wait until next month when he steps into office again.

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Fancy Suspenders 50c to \$2.50. Initial Handkerchiefs \$1 and \$1.50 per box.
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Merrick Officials Reject Part of Bids to Build Court House

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—After deliberating for two days without deciding upon who should build Merrick county's new court house the Board of Supervisors adjourned last evening. However, by a process of elimination they have narrowed the field of contractors down to three, so that it is probable when the board reconvenes next Friday one of these three will be given the contract. Seven bids were presented, and after reading the bids the board went into secret session. After long deliberation the following bids were rejected: Northwestern Construction company, Fremont, Neb., \$107,800; W. O. Jensen company, Omaha, Neb., \$105,920; J. D. Betts, Topeka, Kan., \$86,736; Gray Construction company, \$87,384. This narrowed the field down to the following bidders: H. Eulenberger & Co., Chicago, \$91,350; Rowles & Bailey, Oklahoma City, Okl., \$88,911; Wagenknecht & Gordon, Sioux City, Ia., \$84,228. The bids were upon the court house completed and furnished ready for occupancy, according to the plans and specifications. It now seems assured that the bonds can be disposed of at par, as the supervisors state that they have a buyer who will take them at their face value. It is also understood that each of the contractors bidding for the court house have sufficient backing to take up the bonds before closing their contract for the building.

Johnson Fair Holds Its Annual Meeting

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Johnson County Agricultural and Mechanical association was held at the court house in Tecumseh Thursday afternoon. The old officers were re-elected, as follows: President, L. M. Davis; vice president, J. M. Weber; secretary, J. B. Douglas; treasurer, T. J. Pierson. Herman Ernst, Jr., R. P. Reynolds and E. G. Jury were elected members of the board of directors. In two years the indebtedness of the association has been reduced \$2,300, notwithstanding the fact that some substantial improvements have been made to grounds and buildings in that time. The total indebtedness of the society is \$1,650. The action of the Tecumseh Chautauque association in the grounds with certain buildings on the grounds with certain understanding with the fair people, was ratified. The thanks of the stockholders were returned to J. B. Douglas and the other officers who worked so faithfully in the interests of the 1911 fair, and to William Ernst for the splendid exhibits he made. Mr. Ernst was chosen a delegate to the National Corn show in January.

NO PEONAGE IN BEET FIELDS OF NEBRASKA

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The statement before a congressional investigating committee that peonage exists in the vicinity of beet sugar factories naturally attracts attention here. In this section the field workers are principally of German extraction, and are prosperous. In the spring they take up humble quarters in or near the beet fields, and receive \$9 per acre for the hand work. They are permanent citizens of the community and many own their own

State Grange Favors Protective Duties on Raw Materials

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The first annual session of the Nebraska State Grange was held in the assembly rooms of the city hall on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The session was under the personal supervision of National Organizer Charles B. Hoyt and was largely attended. Thirteen out of twenty-one local granges being represented. The sessions during both days were held behind closed doors and were strictly official. The affair was brought to a close Wednesday night, upon which occasion an entertaining program was rendered by Central Nebraska Pomona Grange. Resolutions were adopted favoring a system of parcels post and the proposed amendment to the Nebraska constitution known as the Initiative and referendum. Another resolution says that placing raw materials on the free list hurts the producer, helps the manufacturer and does not benefit the consumer.

NEWS NOTES FROM FAIRBURY

FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Calvin P. Steele camp, Sons of Veterans, held its first election last evening. The officers are: Ray Wells, commander; Roy E. Riley, junior vice commander; Frank Johnston, secretary; Al Westling, treasurer; Fred Price, color sergeant; W. D. Johnston, musician; Harry O. Yonts, sergeant of the guard; John Ireland, corporal of the guard; W. H. Taylor, camp guard; Vern Yonts, picket guard; Oscar N. Gurnsey, patriotic instructor. Mrs. Frank Whitmore of this city leaves next week for Burlington, Ia., to spend the holidays with her parents. She will then go to New York City with New Year's and study music with Frederick Brtzen.

Superintendent A. L. Caviness and the faculty of the Fairbury high school have issued a circular to the parents of the high school students making a vigorous protest against social activities during the school year. Every failure to make credits in the high school is attributed to too much social indulgence. Ira Bean, 14 years of age, had a preliminary hearing before County Judge C. C. Boye Thursday on the charge of stealing a pig valued at \$5. Judge Boye sentenced him to the reform school at Kearney. Several months ago Mrs. Bean removed to Idaho and left her son to care for himself. A large air compressor has been received from the Rock Island shops at Horton, Kan., and will be installed in the shops at Fairbury to furnish air for operating tools and motors. E. U. Hyllesby and M. B. Coop have formed a partnership and will buy poultry in Swift's old stand.

Key to the Situation—Bee Want Ads.

RICHARD S. YOUNG DIES AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Richard S. Young, formerly a member of the city council and a prominent business man of this city, died this morning after a lingering illness. For more than a quarter of a century he was the head of the R. S. Young Supply company.

OTOE COUNTY NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. McKee of Palmyra Will Celebrate Golden Wedding Next Week. NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. J. Ran McKee on January 1, 1912, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at their home at Palmyra. Mr. McKee is one of the leading republicans and citizens of this county. He has been chairman of the republican county central committee for years and is one of the wealthiest farmers and land owners in the western portion of the county. They have sent out something like 300 invitations for the event. Benjamin F. Conklin died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Massey, yesterday and the funeral was held this afternoon. He was born August 12, 1845, in Indiana and came to this city many years ago. He leaves eight children—William, Glenn, George, Earl and Watt, and Mrs. William Massey of this city, and Mrs. Thraw of South Omaha and Miss Pearl. Miss Ollie Garwood, one of the operators for the Nebraska City Telephone company for several years, has been promoted to the position of cashier in place of Joy Tait, who has resigned to become clerk of the county court.

The Otoe County Pet Stock and Poultry show closed this afternoon and in every way has been a big success. The prizes were awarded to the various winners this afternoon, and most of them were captured by persons residing outside of the city. William C. Andrews, state dairy inspector, has been here inspecting the dairies. He found the milk was not all up to the requirement and the dairies were not as clean as they should be. He gave notice that another man would be here in a short time and complaints would be filed.

Jury is Discharged. AUBURN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—In the case of the state against Weldon Shively on the charge of removing mortgaged property, the court yesterday noon discharged the jury, which had been out over forty-eight hours.

GAGE COUNTY NEWS NOTES

Farmers' Elevator at Ellis Declares Dividend—Taft Club Elects Delegates. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ellis Farmers' Grain and Live Stock company was held yesterday, when a dividend of 15 per cent was declared. These officers were elected: S. S. Pleasant, president; W. H. Miller, vice president; P. J. Zimmerman, secretary; H. W. Scheve, treasurer; H. W. Scheve, Grant Cunningham and Ross Hill, board of trustees. Jesse Newton of Wymore, who is reported to be a candidate for governor, says that he has no statement to make at the present time. He states that he may be in a position to give out something definite soon. The executive committee of the Taft Republican club met yesterday and selected delegates to the state convention of Taft clubs to be held at Lincoln December 19. Beatrice and Gage county will send a delegation of a hundred or more to the convention. S. R. Krantzel, an old resident of Blue Springs, had his left leg badly crushed while assisting workmen in moving a large safe in his office. At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Willis, five miles south-west of Filley, was solemnized the marriage of Clyde R. Rossell and Miss Hestie L. Willis, Rev. J. E. Davis officiating.

Underwood Does Not Like President Taft's Tariff Suggestion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Chairman Underwood of the house committee on ways and means today expressed the belief that Secretary of State Knox would find little encouragement in the house of representatives on his request that the president be given sweeping powers to compel foreign nations to grant tariff concessions to the United States. The secretary's proposition was made in a letter to Chairman Underwood in which he elaborated on President Taft's suggestion in his recent message to congress on foreign relations that the tariff law be amended so as to provide a graduated means of meeting varying degrees of discriminatory treatment of American commerce in foreign countries. Chairman Underwood declared that he does not favor personally such a plan.

PRIZES AWARDED WINNERS

Against of Judges Gives Final Decision in Booklovers' Contest. NAMES PUBLISHED TOMORROW. Total Number of Answers Larger Than Those Sent in for First Contest and Coupons Mount Much Higher. Final action was taken by the board of judges in The Bee Booklovers' contest yesterday afternoon and the list of winners was gone over for the last time. The names of the total fifty-five winners was approved and the last checking was done. The names of the winners will be published in The Bee tomorrow. The judges who awarded the prizes were Rev. M. O. Laughlin, chairman; R. H. Manly, Henry Kleser, Philip Schwartz, C. T. Walker, C. D. Vance, Charles Garake and Homer S. Curtis. The number of answers to the seventy-five puzzles in this second contest ran into the thousands, the total being larger than those which were sent in for the first contest.

Large Number of Coupons.

The number of coupons used by individuals was larger than in the first contest, but the winner of the first prize had more answers incorrect than did the winner of the leading prize in the first contest. Details regarding the two contests and a comparison of the answers will be set forth in an article that will be published in The Bee tomorrow. Interest in this second contest was much greater than in the first. A large number of prominent society people were among the contestants. Included were many who have automobiles now and who only have entered the game because they enjoyed the picture solving.

MRS. ECKERSALL SECURES INJUNCTION AGAINST SPOUSE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—An injunction against Walter H. Eckersall, former star quarterback on the University of Chicago football team, was issued by Judge McDonald in the superior court late today. The injunction was issued to restrain Eckersall from annoying or interfering with his wife, who has filed suit for divorce. Mrs. Eckersall charges her husband with cruelty and nonsupport.

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