

Nebraska

ALDRICH FILES DECLARATION

Governor Deposits it in the Office of Secretary of State.

DOES NOT SECURE PETITION

Decides to Let Filing and Official Record Stand and Makes no Statement—McCook Protests on Phone Rates.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Chester H. Aldrich late this afternoon changed his mind about waiting until next week to make his filing as a republican candidate for governor and deposited his declaration with the secretary of state that he was a republican and that he would be a candidate for re-election as governor and asked that his name be placed on the primary ballot.

The nomination was filed on his own declaration and not by petition of electors.

At one time he contemplated issuing a statement in connection with his filing, but today announced he would let the filing and his official record speak for him, for the time being, at least.

The filing is also taken among the politicians to settle the rumors he might accept the senatorial race.

The citizens of McCook have filed with the railroad commission a complaint alleging that telephone rates in that place are excessive. The rates are \$1.50 for a residence party line, \$2 for an individual line and \$3 for business telephones.

It is alleged the rates are 33 1/2 per cent too high.

Asylum Farmer Sells Swine.

The farmer at the Lincoln insane asylum today sold seventy-five hogs which averaged 240 pounds each. Last year the asylum sold \$8,000 worth of hogs, but the amount this year will not be so great, though the number sold will be about the same. The hogs today brought \$6.18, while last year some brought as high as \$10.

Cupid Again Busy in Nebraska City

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Guy Davis Griffith and Miss Marie Wisler of Spicer were married in this city last evening.

Mack Collier, a member of the Nebraska City base ball team of 1910, who since has been in the employ of the Morton-Croshaw Packing company, was married last evening to Miss Louise Bues, daughter of Chris Bues, democratic candidate for sheriff this fall and one of the leading farmers of this section. They will make this city their home.

Albert Weisfeld, a traveling man with headquarters at Chicago, and Miss Myrtle Mackay of Lincoln were married in this city last evening. They will make Lincoln their home for the present.

CUSTER SUPERVISORS HIRE EXPERT ACCOUNTANT

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Board of County Supervisors, in session this week, had five expert accountants before them who were anxious to secure the contract for examining into the records of the county treasurer's office for the last eighteen years.

The finance committee recommended that the contract be given to J. S. Thompson of Oklahoma City, Okla., whose bid was very much the lowest. The work will be done at \$10 per day for the first thirty days, \$7 per day for the second thirty days and \$5 per day for the remainder of the time he is engaged, the county to supply clerk and stenographer and pay hotel bill, and railroad expenses of the accountant while engaged in the work. A contract was entered into with Mr. Thompson and a bond fixed by the board in the sum of \$1,000.

It is arranged that the work shall commence April 1, and it is expected by that time the record books of the various offices will be installed in the vaults of the new court house and will be easier of access in consequence.

DODGE SHERIFF ARRESTS MAN WHO TERRORIZED CROWELL

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 22.—Sheriff Beuman and his deputies came back this morning from Crowell with Charles Lester, who terrorized the town and attempted to hold up the postoffice and general store of Herman Diers last night. Lester was captured in the kitchen at the home of Roy Ellis, two miles from town, where he was formerly employed as a farm hand.

In the Crowell school last night Lester, who claims to be a cowboy from Oklahoma, tried to induce several men to help him hold up Diers' store. Getting no reply, he made the attempt alone. Covering Diers and a customer, Ben Janesovsky, with a pistol, he demanded money. Janesovsky knocked Lester down and a general fight ensued. Lester's gun was knocked unconscious. Lester ran out and got away. A posse followed him to Ellis' farm, but was afraid to attempt to enter. Lester surrendered to the sheriff.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE HELD IN RED CLOUD

RED CLOUD, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—A well-attended farmers' institute was held here Tuesday and Wednesday. The exhibits this year were large in number, both in the men's and the women's departments, and were as a whole of exceptionally fine quality.

There was also a large stock show in connection, but owing to the severe storm the parade that was billed for 9 o'clock Wednesday was called off.

The speakers for Tuesday were ex-Governor Shallenbarger, F. W. Chase and Earl Hamley. Those for Wednesday were E. P. Brown and Miss Louise Sabin.

Two Weddings in Gage County.

HEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Alva D. Rice of Virginia, this county, and Miss Sara C. Sherwood were married at the bride's home at Barnston Wednesday evening. They will make their home on a farm near Virginia.

Michael Richardson, yardmaster for the Burlington road at this point, and Miss Pearl Douglas of Wymore, were married here last evening by Judge Walden in county court. After a wedding trip of a few days to Kansas City they will make their home in Beatrice.

The key to success in business is the judicious and persistent use of newspaper advertising.

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Sutherland Woman Drives Away Man Who Attacked Girl

SUTHERLAND, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—In the absence of R. H. Callihan, watchman at the Union Pacific supply yards at O'Fallon, three miles east of Sutherland, last night, the car in which Mrs. Callihan and her 12-year-old daughter were sleeping was entered by a man. The cries of the daughter awoke Mrs. Callihan, who rushed to the girl's assistance. The intruder then struck the girl with a cleaver and floored the woman. The latter, who is quite husky, managed to get the better of him in a rough and tumble fight and in a quick flight, receiving a blow from the cleaver as he fell out the door. The man who attempted the assault is said to have been employed as a laborer by the company. He made his escape in the darkness after a mix with men who were attracted by the noise. The cut by the cleaver on the girl's back is not of a serious nature. Both are ill from the shock.

BROKEN BOW MAN ATTACKED BY FORMER EMPLOYE

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—James Thomas, proprietor of the steam laundry here, was assaulted this afternoon by Lowell Adair, an ex-ballonist. Adair, who had previously been working for Thomas, was let out of his job last week, and today, it is alleged, that he went into the laundry, caught Thomas unawares and struck him from behind, knocked him down and then kicked him in the face and side, breaking some of the ribs. Adair was arrested at his home by Sheriff Kennedy and taken before Judge G. Schwind, who placed him under \$400 bonds to appear January 2. The ballonist failed to secure bonds and was placed in jail. On two previous occasions when Adair had been in trouble Thomas had gone on his bonds. Adair gives no reason for the alleged assault.

POULTRY ASSOCIATION IS FORMED AT CENTRAL CITY

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Central City and the surrounding country possess a number of poultry fanciers and a movement has been on foot for several months to organize a poultry association. This sentiment was crystallized into action Tuesday evening when the Merrick County Poultry association was organized. The purpose of the organization, as set forth in resolutions, is, first, to promote in the county the breeding of the best kind of poultry; second, for promoting an annual poultry show; third, the mutual protection of poultry raisers against theft. The association adopted a constitution and by laws, and elected the following officers: M. G. Scudder, president; F. E. Sweetzer, secretary; George Wolcott, chairman of membership committee.

ST. LOUIS FIRM PAYS BACK TAXES IN JOHNSON COUNTY

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—In the year 1897 the Wrought Iron Range company of St. Louis had a number of salesmen and teams in this county at the time the assessing was being done and the same were promptly assessed. The company did not pay the taxes, however. Last week one of the agents and a team was in the western part of the county, engaged in delivering stoves, when the fact became known to County Treasurer V. C. Redfield, Sheriff E. J. Roberts attached the rig for taxes. The agent made arrangements with a Beatrice bank to stand good for the taxes and he was allowed to go. Today the county treasurer received a draft from the range company for \$22.71, the amount of the taxes, interest and costs of collection.

SHERIFFS WILL HOLD NEXT MEETING IN LINCOLN

FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Association of Sheriffs, which has been in session at Fairbury, concluded its meeting with a banquet at the Merchants hotel. James Dunkel of Grand Island, president, acted a toastmaster and each member responded with a toast. The following officers were selected for 1912: President, George Dunkel, Grand Island; vice president, John A. Jones, Nelson; secretary and treasurer, James Chirnside, Fairbury. The association selected Lincoln as the place for the next semi-annual meeting, which will be held in June or July. Owing to the inclement weather that prevailed the attendance was not large.

FAMILY OF NINE IS STRICKEN WITH TRICHINA

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—A family of nine stricken with trichina poisoning is the report that Dr. Earl E. Boyd brings in from Prairie Creek township, the afflicted parties being Fred Nickel, a prominent German farmer, his wife and seven children. It is supposed that the family contracted the ailment from eating some underdone sausages. Although none of them are regarded as being in a dangerous condition, all are very sick. This is the first case of genuine trichina poisoning that has occurred in this locality in a long while.

THREE LINCOLN BOYS CONFESS FIFTEEN ROBBERIES

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 22.—Three boys, 9, 10 and 12 years of age, are accused of having committed fifteen robberies in University Place, a suburb, in the last few months. The youngest of the trio was discovered robbing the residence of John Horach last evening and confessed to his complicity with the other lads in former crimes. The three lads, whose names are suppressed by the authorities, will be tried in juvenile court. The sums secured in most cases were small.

Merrick County Land is High.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—That Merrick county land is still advancing in price in spite of the rather poor season is shown by the sale this week of eighty acres of the old J. R. Ratcliff farm just west of the city, across the road from the Teschmacher ranch. The owner, D. C. Smith, has this week sold this eighty to Charles Ericson of this city, receiving in payment \$12,000. Two years ago Mr. Smith bought this farm for \$125 per acre.

Lid Goes On at Wymore.

WYMORE, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Mayor Mauck has ordered out all slot machines, dice games, raffles, card games and all gambling devices of any sort. The order has been complied with.

Old Mansion Burned.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 22.—Fire destroyed the residence of Miss Clara Koch at Lorraine, Mo., last night. The loss is about \$12,000. The house was one of the oldest in northeast Missouri.

Half-Minute Store Tak

Soon you will be setting up the Christmas tree—getting ready to decorate it—putting on it all sorts of playthings and remembrances for the little ones and their elders as well. You'll be brimming over with the spirit of good will. You'll be wishing every one a Merry Christmas and every one will be wishing you the same. But, we want to say it first. This great store appreciates your patronage and wishes you and your friends a most Merry Christmas and long string of them.

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL XMAS. OMAHA'S ONLY MODERN CLOTHING STORE

King-Swanson Co. 16th & HOWARD STS. THE HOME OF QUALITY CLOTHES

It's Worth a Special Trip Down Town

to see the splendid Holiday show this store is making in all departments

This store never entered the holiday season so splendidly prepared to supply every masculine want, need or desire. Our stock contains thousands of articles particularly selected to attract givers of useful gifts. Also, our salespeople are carefully schooled in the gentle art of gift giving and their suggestions will be valuable to those undecided. Their advice is only a part of our superb store service. If you are not on the lookout for appropriate gifts, but a man with notions of dressing up for Christmas, this store should claim your first attention. In no other store can you see such an array of desirable things to wear.

What Man Wouldn't Appreciate a Gift Selected From This List--

It's more difficult to answer that question than it is to solve the problem of what to give. Anything you get here is precisely like what he would get for himself.

- Bath Robes—\$3.50 to \$15.00
Smoking Jackets—\$4.00 to \$12.50
Shirts—\$1.00 up
Night Shirts—50c to \$5.00
Fryjamas—\$1.00 to \$10.00
Collar Bags—75c to \$2.50
Tie Rings—50c to \$2.00
Fancy Suspenders—50c to \$2.50
Silk Mufflers—\$1.00 to \$3.50
Knitted Mufflers—50c to \$12.50
Fur Gloves—\$2.50 up to \$12.50
Silk Hosiery—50c to \$1.50
Dress Gloves—\$1.15 to \$2.50
Collar and Hdkts. Sets—\$2.50 to \$3.00
Toilet Sets—\$2.50 to \$10.00
Clothes Brushes—\$2.00 to \$5.00
Silk Ties—50c to \$3.00
Knitted Silk Ties—50c to \$3.50
Initial Handkerchiefs—\$1.00 and \$1.50 Per Box
Silk Handkerchiefs—50c to \$1.50
Cotton Handkerchiefs—\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 Per Box
Tie Pins—50c to \$5.00
Cuff Buttons—50c to \$5.00

A Good Suit or Overcoat Makes an Ideal Gift--

While our stock is selected to meet the approval of the man who is going to wear the garments and while we sell many thousands every year to actual wearers—with never a complaint from them—a great many people see in our garments the realization of their desire to make ideal gifts. We want to see every such person and we want to see every fellow who intends dressing up for the greatest of all holidays.

Suits \$10 to \$40 Overcoats \$10 to \$50

Our \$15, \$20, \$25 garments are the best ever sold at those prices.

If you would make a real, royal gift to a man give him one of our elegant for lined overcoats at \$40 or better



If You Need Shoes You Need Crawfords--

Because they satisfy every shoe desire you can have and the additional desire which you probably have to save \$1.50. \$3.50 and \$4.50 \$2.50 SHOES OF GREAT MERIT SLIPPERS FOR GIFTS \$1.50 to \$3.00

Hats and Caps for Holiday Wear--

Make fine gifts—and an unusually large number have been sold by us to gift givers. STETSONS \$3.50 UP ROUGH HATS \$2.50 UP FUR AND SEAL CAPS \$2.00 UP CLOTH CAPS 50c UP



Blackhand Letters to Crete Men Sent to Postal Authorities

CRETE, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Anonymous Black Hand letters have been received by Mayor Dredia of Crete, as well as by Joe Spirk and Frank Osborn, a negro hack driver. Rev. Mr. Huntington also received an anonymous letter, but it contained no threats as the others did, and is not considered seriously. The threat against the mayor was of the worst character, that of dynamite.

The following is the letter to him: Mayor Dredia. You are here notified to get Nigger Frank out of Crete within three weeks time, if not your house will be dynamited and the undertaker will have your name. Have Frank move on and you will be a gentleman. Now, beware; your time is limited from Black Hand, not the preacher. If you would of searched that old nigger's barn you would have found Talley. From Black Hand. Dead nigger soon in Crete. He was starter of all this. Let a poor white man have that job hack driving.

Joe Spirk, a young fellow having a room over the smoke house, also received a letter, telling him to leave that room and the town or he would get treated badly." Frank Osborn, who has been a hack driver at the Burlington depot for many years, also received a letter of the same character. He is accused of knowledge of poker dens, improper relations, etc., and ends up by saying: "If you don't cut this out you will be headed down to the bridge with a rope around your neck."

Osborne, who has known many people's questionable secrets, says Talley has not been in his barn for over a year, and that while he has known about the gambling joints, he has not been in league with them. He is a jolly old negro who everyone in town knows and trusts, and suspicion does not rest heavily upon him. The mayor is wrought up over the case. He has submitted the letter to the postal authorities at Kansas City for investigation, and says he thinks he knows who the guilty parties are, and that he has evidence that will put the officers on the right track. He says he knows no reason why he should drive Osborn from town.

The Huntington letter only contained a few suggestions as to the future conduct of the minister's prosecution, and no disclosures as to what these were have been made.

Chief of Police Atteberry went to Omaha today on the report that Talley had been seen there, and will be arrested shortly.

MILFORD MERCHANT IS SLUGGED BY HIGHWAYMAN

MILFORD, Neb., Dec. 22.—W. D. Alexander, a merchant of this place, was slugged by a highwayman last night and is in a dangerous condition. The robber got away with \$200. He is thought to have made his escape on a train passing through here shortly after the robbery and police in other cities have been notified to be on the lookout.

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MORE CHRISTMAS TREES SOLD Fifty Per Cent More Children Will Have Trees This Year.

OMAHA MERCHANTS ARE SMILING Business Has Been Great and the Colder Weather Friday Helps Out All Along the Marts of Trade.

Omaha will use 50 per cent more Christmas trees than last year. In 1910 Trimble Bros., the big handlers of the trees in Omaha, bought six carloads of trees and had some of them left. This season they bought nine carloads and have sold every tree.

The retailers report a big sale and say they will have very few left by tonight. The Missouri river, into which the left over Christmas trees are usually dumped, will have to forgo its annual meal this Christmas.

Yesterday's fair weather made Omaha merchants smile, for it filled the stores with people, making up for the discouragement of yesterday, when "soft" weather kept shoppers away. Had the weather been bad, the merchants feared that Saturday, the final Christmas shopping day, would find the stores so filled with people that they could not be waited on properly.

Burr Brothers Enter Pleas of Guilty

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Pleas of guilty were made today by Shelton C. Burr, president; Eugene H. Burr, secretary-treasurer; Charles H. Tobey, vice president; and Edwin Wesley Preston, an official of the Burr Bros. (Incorporated) stock promoters. Their offices here were raided last November, the men being charged with using the mails in a scheme to defraud investors.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS FOR CHOPPING OFF MAN'S HEAD

COUNCIL GROVE, Kan., Dec. 22.—N. T. Olsen, who was convicted of chopping off the head of Walter Newfarmer, his hired man, with a corn knife, was today sentenced by Judge King to twenty-five years in the penitentiary. He was granted a stay pending an appeal and was released on \$20,000 bond.

SANTA CLAUS FATALLY BURNED AT COSHOCTON, O.

COSHOCTON, O., Dec. 22.—While playing Santa Claus in a school entertainment Melville Shryock, 15, probably was fatally burned, and Jessie Turner, 13, his assistant, was seriously injured when a lighted candle fell and set fire to a Christmas tree.

The school building was crowded with persons, and in the panic that followed several teachers and a number of others were more or less seriously injured.

WILL LOCK OUT HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND

MANCHESTER, England, Dec. 22.—The committee of the Lancashire Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' association today decided to lock out the whole of the workers in the mills belonging to members of the federation, beginning on December 27.

The lockout is a protest against the attempts of trades unionists to force workers not belonging to the unions to join their ranks. No fewer than 100,000 operatives are involved.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.



HOTEL LOYAL

WILL SERVE Two Special Dinners

CHRISTMAS

At 12 to 2 p. m.—At 6 to 8 p. m. At \$1.50 Per Plate

Tables may be reserved in advance

Christmas Suggestions

Good Leather Goods

Slippers for Use in Pullman Cars. Art Colonial Sheep Skins. Traveling Bags with Toilet Bag Inside. Ladies' Shopping Bags. Oxford Bags. Suit Cases. Toilet Sets. Men's Card Cases and Bill Folds. Medicine Cases. Music Rolls. Lawyer's Brief Cases. Wardrobe Trunks—our own make. Hat Trunks. Steamer Trunks.

From the Cheapest That's Good to the Best Made.

Freling & Steine

Where Trunks are Made 1803 Farnam Street

A GOOD INVESTMENT

AT THIS TIME—\$50 for a Safety Box in our Burglar and Fire Proof Vault. It not only SAFEGUARDS your Private Papers, Bonds and Jewels over the Christmas Holidays, but for one year from the date of rental. Rent Vault space for Trunks and packages, if you need it.

Omaha Safe Deposit Co. Street Level Entrance to Vault. 1614 Farnam Street.

TOYS

Half Price on Hundreds of Sample Toys, Games and Dolls in good and perfect condition, some slightly soiled. Must be sold Saturday.

Dolls

- \$2.25 18-inch Dressed Doll ... \$1.10
\$2.25 15-inch Kestner Doll95c
\$1.50 12-inch Kestner Doll50c
\$1.50 16-inch Doll50c
\$1.10 Dressed Doll60c
\$2.10 18-in. Unbreakable Mama Doll, at95c
\$1.65 16-in. Unbreakable Mama Doll, at75c
\$1.50 Jointed Doll 23-in. 95c

Horses and Wagons

Busses, Wagons, Horses and Carts, Farm Wagons, Trucks, Automobiles, Coal Carts and Milk Wagons all at One-Third Off.

Animals

Teddy Bears, Woolly Dogs, Monkeys, Sheep, Foxes, Baboons, Scotch Collies, Pigs, all at One-Half Price.

Children's Furniture

Rockers, Chairs, Tables, Setees, Dressers, Commodes, Doll Houses, Canopy Beds all at One-Half Price.

Tea Sets

35c Tea Sets, 15 pieces 15c
75c Tea Sets, 21 pieces 40c

A Great Special for the Last Shopping Day Before Xmas

English Royal Stafford Cup and Saucer. Colored or gold rims. Popular size for tea or coffee. Regular value 30c. Special Saturday only . 19c Six for \$1.00



Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet Co.