

SLASH IN SALARIES
RESULT OF MEETING
OF THE FAIR BOARD

Secretary's Stipend and Pay of Members of the Executive Board Are Cut at the Annual Meeting.

ROBERTS HEADS THE BODY

Fremont Man Elected President and W. R. Mellor Re-Elected Secretary.

MANY MEETINGS ARE HELD

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Economy ruled at a meeting of the state board of agriculture today when the salary of the board secretary was cut from \$3,000 to \$2,500 and the stipends of members of the executive board governing the state fair and all superintendents of departments of the fair were placed on a basis of \$4 per day of actual service together with hotel bills and traveling expenses. The change was effected on a report of the special committee to revise the rules governing the board, the recommendation being that the secretary's salary be cut \$500 a year and that of each member of the board of managers from \$300 to \$250 and the treasurer from \$150 to \$100. Action was finally taken on a motion by Secretary Mellor that the per diem scale be fixed. The change applies to all connected with the Board of Agriculture drawing over \$1 a day, except the secretary, whose salary will be at the reduced figure of \$2,500. In view of the small balance of \$2,000 in the treasury, because of unfavorable years for the fair, it was decided to discontinue the publicity bureau as now conducted. The statutes impose upon the State Board of Agriculture the task of advertising the state, however, and the board decided to ask the legislature to appropriate \$5,000 for the biennium, or \$2,500 a year to pay publicity expenses. Practical unanimity prevailed on the salary reduction features. Officers elected for the ensuing year are: President—Joseph Roberts, Fremont; First Vice President—T. A. Olson, Ord; Second Vice President—L. M. Woodcut, Central City; Treasurer—George N. Dickson, Seward; Secretary—W. R. Mellor, Lincoln. C. H. Rudge retired from the board of managers because of illness in his family, but he would make it impossible for him to give his attention to the fair longer. Peter Younkers was re-elected after thirty years' service, but he declared that he would be unable to serve longer. The three new members elected were: J. McArdie of Douglas county, William James of Dorchester and George Jackson of Nockolls, speaker of the house of representatives. The meetings of organized agriculture were well under way today with sessions being held at the state farm, several thousand farmers being in Lincoln. Sessions tomorrow will be devoted to cattle breeders and Friday to the rural schools. Tonight a banquet, in which all associations joined, was held at the Lindell hotel.

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The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Partly cloudy; not much change in temperature. Temperatures in Omaha Yesterday: 8 a. m. 33; 9 a. m. 33; 10 a. m. 33; 11 a. m. 33; 12 m. 33; 1 p. m. 33; 2 p. m. 33; 3 p. m. 33; 4 p. m. 33; 5 p. m. 33; 6 p. m. 33; 7 p. m. 33; 8 p. m. 33. Comparative Local Record: 1914, 1913, 1912. Highest yesterday 37; 34; 31; 28. Lowest yesterday 12; 13; 1; 1. Mean temperature 27; 26; 24; 22. Precipitation 0; 0; 0; 0. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal: Normal temperature 32; 32; 32; 32. Deficiency for the day 0; 0; 0; 0. Total excess since March 1.0; 1.0; 1.0; 1.0. Normal precipitation .60 inch. Deficiency for the day 0; 0; 0; 0. Total rainfall since March 1.0; 1.0; 1.0; 1.0. Deficiency since March 1.0; 1.0; 1.0; 1.0. Deficiency for year period, 1912, 4.08 inches. Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State Temp. High-Rain-Fog-Chance. City cloudy 33 0 0 0. Cheyenne, partly cloudy 33 0 0 0. Denver, clear 33 0 0 0. Des Moines, clear 33 0 0 0. Dodge City, clear 33 0 0 0. Grand Island, clear 33 0 0 0. Lincoln, clear 33 0 0 0. Omaha, partly cloudy 33 0 0 0. Rapid City, snow 33 0 0 0. St. Louis, clear 33 0 0 0. St. Paul, clear 33 0 0 0. Santa Fe, clear 33 0 0 0. Sheridan, snow 33 0 0 0. Sioux City, clear 33 0 0 0. Valentine, cloudy 33 0 0 0. † indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

'ON GUARD'—This tiny chap is allowed to mount guard daily and march up on a sentry post outside the Palace of the Crown Prince in Berlin.



ADMITS FORGERY AND KILLS SELF

Distiller Negotiates Bogus Receipts and Commits Suicide When Unable to Take Them Up.

HE IMPLICATES CHICAGO MAN

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Charles Ledowsky, president of the Fox River Distilling company of Chicago, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the alleged forged warehouse receipts of R. E. Wathen & Co. of Louisville, committed suicide by shooting on a railroad train entering Chicago today. Ledowsky was on a Michigan Central train from Syracuse. He telegraphed ahead to a Chicago undertaker, requesting him to meet the train and take his body, as he intended to do away with himself. An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against Ledowsky's company last Monday, scheduling assets of \$20,000, against liabilities of nearly \$300,000. Attorney Sidney Stein, representing Ledowsky's creditors, stated that Ledowsky had confessed to him that he had forged warehouse receipts for whiskey valued at \$250,000 to \$300,000 and disposed of them through banks which he victimized. Stein said that he discovered the forgeries while acting for his clients. Two Chicago banks were the principal losers. When Ledowsky found that he could not meet the demands of the banks he left the city, Stein said. This was a few days before the bankruptcy proceedings. The bankruptcy proceedings were before Judge Landis in the United States court. He appointed the Central Trust company receiver. In the confession, which Stein made public, Ledowsky speaks of forgeries on R. E. Wathen & Co. distillers of Louisville, and names a business man of Chicago as being the only person besides himself who knew that they were fraudulent. Text of Confession. "The confession, dated January 17, reads: 'To whom it may concern: I, Charles Ledowsky, by my own free will, herewith declare that I am the sole maker of all warehouse receipts signed R. E. Wathen & Co. or Poyntz Bros. company. (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)'

Kentucky Night Riders Whip Girl

LEICHERFIELD, Ky., Jan. 20.—Night riders, disguised as negroes, last night visited the home of Miles Duval, near here, during the absence of the family, seized his daughter, Nellie, 19 years old, and dragged her severely. A physician pronounced her injuries not serious. Three men have been arrested and placed in jail.

WILSON MAKES SLATE FOR TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—William H. Parry of Seattle, Wash., Joseph E. Davies of Wisconsin, now commissioner of corporations; E. N. Hurley of Chicago—George F. Peabody of New York and a man from the south, were on President Wilson's slate for appointment to the new federal trade commission. It was expected the nominations might go to the senate this week. Mr. Parry is a progressive republican; Davies, Hurley and Peabody are democrats.

WOMAN PRESIDES OVER THE ARIZONA SENATE

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 19.—Mrs. Frances Munds of Tavalon, the only woman elected to the Arizona senate, presided over that body today during lengthy consideration of a bill to amend the law relating to the fees and salaries of county officers.

VILLA'S MEN ARE LEAVING CAPITAL; FOES APPROACHING

Followers of Pancho Evacuate Mexico City and Start for Northern Parts of Country.

CARRAN ISTAS DRAW NEAR

Large Force of Constitutionalists Reported to Be Moving Toward Apam.

CONVENTION IS IN SESSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Secretary Bryan today announced the receipt of a telegram from Mexico City dated 4 p. m. yesterday, saying "The followers of General Villa are leaving for the north and it is reported that the general offices of the National Railways are to be at Chihuahua. An announcement by the State department said: 'A report was current in Mexico City on the 19th that a large force of Carranistas was moving in the direction of Apam, about fifty miles east of Mexico City and that they were repairing the track as they came. Apam is said to be the center of a large agricultural district from which a large amount of supplies can be obtained and, according to estimates, five or six days will be required to repair all damage on the line of the Mexican railway. The convention still continues in session and it had adopted the first two articles of the proposed plan of government. A manifesto has been issued calling on the Mexican nation to support the convention. General Villa was confirmed as commander-in-chief and was given a complimentary vote of confidence. The department was informed that General Villa was expected to arrive at Aguas Calientes on the night of the 19th and that so far not many troops have deserted him."

Katy Rail Man Tells Wilson Business Is Slowly Improving

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Business and railroad conditions in United States were slowly improving, by Frank Trumbull of New York, chairman of the railroad legislative advisory committee and chairman of the boards of Chesapeake & Ohio and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroads. Mr. Trumbull said he did not expect a great business boom, but that a gradual betterment of conditions was noticeable throughout the country. Mr. Trumbull said the recent eastern rate increases had been of material benefit to the roads and he was hopeful the application of the western roads would be granted. Mr. Trumbull presented to the president what he termed a "bird's-eye" view of the general business and railroad situation. He took up in detail conditions in different sections of the country and said help was particularly needed in the west.

Men Who Raided Oleo Coloring Plant Had To Fight Bulldogs

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 20.—Bills for the purchase of \$20,000 pounds of white oleomargarine were introduced as evidence in the federal district court here today in the trial of Joseph May and William Brown on a charge of failing to pay the tax on colored oleomargarine. The bills were found in a stable when it was raided by internal revenue agents in February, 1913. William H. Callie, who led the raid on the stable, told of the affair. He said the entire bill was introduced as evidence in the federal district court here today in the trial of Joseph May and William Brown on a charge of failing to pay the tax on colored oleomargarine.

MARY PHAGAN'S MOTHER SUES PENCIL COMPANY

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 20.—Counsel for Leo M. Frank and the state of Georgia announced today that the supreme court would be asked to hear Frank's appeal in his habeas corpus proceedings during the week of February 22. Mrs. J. W. Coleman, mother of Mary Phagan, filed suit against the National Pencil company today, asking damages of \$10,000. The complaint charges the girl was killed by Frank, who was superintendent of the company's factory, and by James Conley, a negro sweeper, now serving a year's sentence upon conviction as an accessory after the fact in connection with the murder.

PROPOSES TO REPEAL WYOMING PRIMARY LAW

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Abandonment of the primary method of nominating candidates for public offices, "root, trunk and branch," to use the language of the author of the measure, is the purpose of a bill by Senator George H. McClellan of Big Horn county, which he introduced in the state senate yesterday. The bill provides for repeal of the direct primary act in its entirety, and for the nomination of candidates by the party convention system, with a proviso that a candidate may be nominated through a petition signed by a specified number of qualified electors of his district.

I WANT TO BUY THE FOLLOWING: Banks, billiard and bowling (not over \$200 in city); clothing, hats and caps; six stocks of groceries; two hardware; two jewelry; manufacturing; four restaurants. For further information about the above opportunities, write to "I Want" Ad section of today's Bee.

Germans Are on Defensive Along Sixty-Mile Line in East Prussia

PETROGRAD, Jan. 20.—(Via London.)—Along a sixty-mile front from Ciechanow to the south of Mlawa to Dobryan, on the Vistula, twelve miles below Plock, the Germans are on the defensive against the Russian advance towards East Prussia. During the last three days heavy artillery engagements have occurred at various points along this line. Meanwhile the struggle is in progress for possession of the left bank of the Vistula, from its junction with the Bura at Wisnograd, westward to Dobryan, approximately forty-five miles. Possession by the Russians of Wisnograd and their footing on the left bank of the Bura in that vicinity affords them a base for their operations against the Germans, who are in force to the west of that position and effectually prevents a movement upon Nowo Georgiewsk.

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT

Artillery Exchanges at Some Points and Spirited Infantry Encounters at Others.

TRENCHES LOST AND RETAKEN

PARIS, Jan. 20.—Absolute quiet on some parts of the battle line in France, artillery engagements of greater or less severity at others, and spirited infantry encounters at still other places, all are set forth in the official announcement given out by the French war office this afternoon. None of the engagements recorded seems to have been of great importance. The statement follows: "From the sea to the Somme, in the region of Niport, there was yesterday a fairly spirited artillery engagement in the course of which the enemy endeavored in vain to destroy our bridge at the mouth of the Yser. In the meantime we were successful in demolishing a portion of their defenses at this point; also we were successful at the Union farm, near St. George, where the enemy had strongly organized positions. Biangy Violently Bombarded. "In the sector of Ypres and near Lens there were yesterday artillery exchanges of varying intensity. There was also a very violent bombardment of Biangy, near Arras, but it was not followed by an infantry attack. "From the Somme to the Argonne there has been nothing to report, nor has there been any activity in the sector of Soissons, or in the vicinity of Craonne or near Rheims. "In the region of Camp de Chalons, as well as to the north of Perthes and of Masnières, our artillery directed an effective fire on the field works of the enemy. "Lost and Retaken Trenches. "In the Argonne, in the forest of La Grurie, the enemy delivered a violent attack upon one of our trenches. Our troops, who for a moment gave way under the shock, later recaptured in two counter attacks all their positions and maintained themselves therein. The first of these attacks gave us a greater part of these positions and the second completely the work. "At St. Hubert the Germans blew up by means of a mine the northeastern projection of our trenches. Our troops threw themselves into the excavations caused by these explosions and prevented the enemy from taking possession of them. "To the northwest of Pont-a-Mousson, in the forest of LaPrete, we established ourselves at a distance of 100 yards in front of the German trenches captured by us the day before yesterday. At the end of the day (Tuesday) the enemy here delivered a counter attack, but without success. "In the vicinity of Thann there have been artillery engagements in which the advantage rested with us."

Bryan Named by a Witness in Regard To Island Contracts

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—M. E. Davis of this city, a contractor for supplies, testifying today in the investigation into the conduct of James M. Sullivan, American minister to the Dominican republic, related an alleged conversation with William O. Beer, friend of Sullivan and attorney for the Banco Nacional at Santo Domingo, as follows: "Mr. Beer mentioned Mr. Bryan, the secretary of state, in these words—my associates who will have to share in our profits in any contracting work obtained at Santo Domingo are Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hamill and no less a personage than the secretary of state. "The Mr. Glynn referred to, the witness said, was Martin H. Glynn, former governor of New York; the Mr. Hamill was Representative James A. Hamill of New Jersey; the contracts, he said, were contracts which a Mr. Coll of the Walsh Coal company, building contractors, expected to get in Santo Domingo. "Mr. Davis said that he went to Santo Domingo with Mr. Coll and that Mr. Coll paid Beer money in connection with the anticipated contracts. "The witness said that Beer had asserted that Messrs. Bryan, Glynn and Hamill were "all interested in seeing Santo Domingo improved," and that arrangements had been made by the administration with the Dominican government for the expenditure of \$6,000,000 in public improvements. "I took him to mean Mr. Bryan," continued Mr. Davis. "Did he say Mr. Bryan?" asked Mr. Phelan. "He didn't use the name Bryan," replied Davis, "but I inferred that was who he meant."

General King Says Program for Peace Will Not Work Out

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 20.—"While nations continue to arm and prepare for war, as long as man remains as God made him, war will be inevitable in spite of the desire for peace. Though the editorial essays and the pleas from the rostrum for disarmament are very beautiful, the program for universal peace will not work out. "These declarations were made by General Charles King, U. S. A., retired, in an address before the annual school for Wisconsin National Guard officers here today. "God takes care of fools and of the United States," was the quotation from Prince Bismarck that General King used to illustrate the country's general unpreparedness for war.

Idaho House Passes Anti-Alien Land Bill

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 20.—An anti-alien land ownership bill was passed by the house of representatives of the Idaho legislature today. There were only two votes against the bill, one of which was cast by Speaker Conner. The bill prohibits the acquisition of land in the state by alien persons, firms or associations, except by the enforcement of liens or through inheritances. In such cases it is provided that the land so acquired must be disposed of within five years or be forfeited to the state. The bill makes no mention of race or nationality. It provides that land may be acquired by aliens after first citizenship papers have been taken out. The measure now goes to the senate. The senate of the Idaho legislature passed the Hart resolution today providing for the submission to the voters of the state at the next general election of an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor after May 1, 1921. Only one vote was cast against the resolution.

Aged Organist and Composer is Dead

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 20.—Dr. Edward S. Cummings, aged 92, organist and composer and first organist of the First Unitarian church of Worcester, Mass., when Rev. Edward Hale took charge of the congregation in 1845, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas M. Pluncane here yesterday. He is a teacher of pipe organ and piano in New York for sixty-three years.

The National Capital

Wednesday, January 20, 1915. The Senate. Met at 11 a. m. Senator Burton began the third day of his speech against the administration ship bill. Another democratic caucus will assemble tonight to consider amendments to the ship bill. The banking committee resumed consideration of rural credits legislation. The foreign relations committee authorized Chairman Stone to introduce a resolution to appropriate \$40,000 for proposed Latin-American financial conference. The House. Met at noon. The coast guard bill to consolidate the revenue cutter and life saving services was debated.

GERMANS DROP BOMBS INTO SIX BRITISH TOWNS

Kaiser's Airmen Deliver Their Long Predicted Attack on the East Coast of England Tuesday Evening.

TRY TO HIT THE ROYAL PALACE

King and Queen Had Left Sandringham Few Hours Before Bombs Exploded Near It.

FEW ARE KILLED AND WOUNDED

The Day's War News

GERMAN AIRSHIP said on English coast today Tuesday resulted in four or five deaths, the injury of several persons and considerable damage to property. So far as is known the Germans who performed this feat escaped unscathed. RUSSIAN OFFICIAL statement describes a series of actions along the Vistula, northwest of Warsaw, during January 17 and 18. In three of these engagements, it is said, the Russians won advantages. TWO VICTORIES over the British forces operating near the head of the Persian Gulf are claimed by the Turkish war office in a statement issued at Constantinople. ALLIES, who were making progress in Alsace until checked recently by the arrival of German reinforcements, are apparently on the defensive now. The official statement from Berlin says that the Germans have captured the town of Alstaden, north of Sennheim. A further advance in the Argonne also is reported, but this is disputed in the French statement. BULLETIN. BERLIN (by Wireless to Sayville, L. I.), Jan. 20.—The following official statement was issued here tonight: "From January 19 to 20 German airships bombarded the fortified place of Yarmouth and other places on the English east coast. The attack was successful. Considerable damage was done. "The airships were shelled, but regained their home port undamaged." LONDON, Jan. 20.—German airmen delivered their long predicted attack on England last night. From a base, presumably in Germany, they flew over the North Sea to the eastern coast of England, where, for nearly four hours, from 8:20 p. m. until about midnight, they circled over a group of some six English towns, only a little more than 100 miles from London, apparently dropping bombs at will. So far as has been learned today, four or five persons were killed by these missiles and about as many more were wounded. Whether these airships were Zeppelin dirigible balloons or aeroplanes has not yet definitely been established. There is increasing belief in London this morning that possibly only aeroplanes took part in the attack. There has been no news so far today to confirm the current report last night that a Zeppelin had been brought down on the English coast; on the contrary, it now appears as though all the German raiders have returned whence they came. Several Towns Attacked. (The most important towns over which (Continued on Page Five, Column One.)

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Watch the "For Sale" column of The Bee and you will be able to save a lot of good money on necessities of daily life. Household goods, musical instruments, sewing machines, office fixtures, typewriters, safes, lumber, coal and hundreds of other things can be bought CHEAP. This is a column of special bargains, fresh every day, for they do not remain unsold long. Usually the first call gets the advantage. It will pay big to watch the "For Sale" column of The Bee every day. Phone Tyler 1000

Hostile Airmen Fly Over Cologne

LONDON, Jan. 20.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Central News states that a Cologne telegram received there announced that two hostile airmen were seen over Cologne yesterday.

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