

Men Who Are Doing Big Things

BY F. A. BARROWS.
AMONG the many men, and there are many of them, whom the state university has been most ably represented, not the least conspicuous are Chancellor Samuel Avery, the late Dean Charles E. Beesey, Dean W. G. Hastings of the College of Law, Dr. George E. Condra, head of the conservation and soil survey department, and Dean Edgar A. Burnett of the State Agricultural school.

Chancellor Avery took his present position in 1908. The achievement which he and his friends feel is of the greatest value to the university and which will make him long remembered by the people of the state as an educational statesman of broad caliber, is the part he took in the settlement of the troublesome university location question by a vote of the people and the procurement of a three-fourths mill levy for the expansion of the city campus and the construction of new buildings. By this act alone, in less than six years' time, the physical plant of the institution will be more than twice the present size and will be equipped to accommodate more than twice the present number of students. The activity of Chancellor Avery in the matter of university extension has probably resulted, or will result, in the most significant development that the university may experience in its history.

The late Dr. Charles E. Beesey was one of the missionaries in the university history. His fame as a biologist of international repute, his labors in Nebraska for the benefit of the people of Nebraska, his long years of devoted service to the university he loved so well, in spite of opportunities for a more lucrative service elsewhere, his great kindness, natural sympathy and close personal touch with the students; these and many other elements of greatness, made Dr. Beesey almost an institution within an institution. Through Dr. Beesey the University of Nebraska became known to a large number of people who might otherwise have remained ignorant of its great services. Dr. Beesey was one of the largest and best advertisements the institution ever had and the university feels his loss most keenly.

For more than a decade Dean W. G. Hastings has been at the head of the College of Law and has behind him a record for honesty, efficiency and broad scholarship, both as a law practitioner, judge and teacher. His ability to answer almost any question propounded to him by his students, his ardent fairness, justice and tact in dealing with students and their problems have greatly endeared him to several generations of Nebraska graduates in law. Through him the university has gained in popular support.

The conservation and soil survey and Dr. George E. Condra are synonymous terms. One goes with the other. They have been so closely associated during the last few years and especially the last two years that nobody ever thinks of one without the other. As head of this department Dr. Condra has done a great work. In his soil survey and his bringing to the people of the country the state of Nebraska at close range through the



Chancellor Samuel Avery
University of Nebraska

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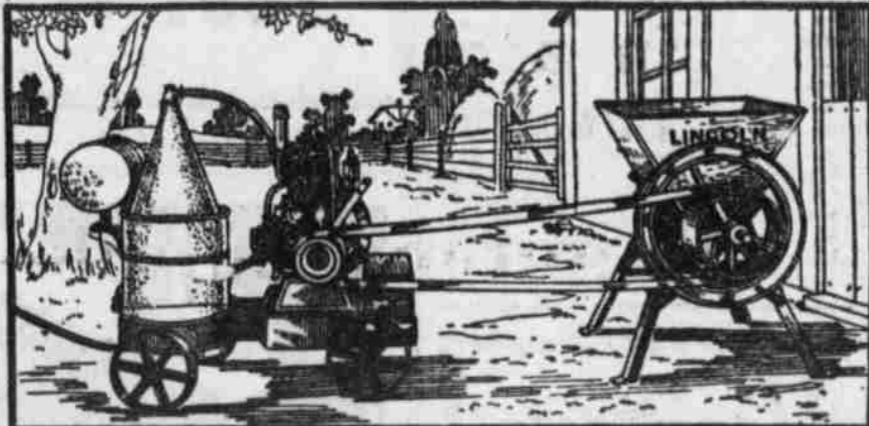
PROF. GEORGE E. CONDRA

motion picture machines and the screen, he has probably done more than any other one man to give the true conditions of the state to the world at large. Large numbers of contemplated purchasers of land can thank Dr. Condra because he was able to furnish them with the true condition of the soil in sections of the state where contemplated purchases were to be made. To his constructive genius the people of the state have been brought in closer touch to what their own state really is and the people of many other states have come to know Nebraska better and have gained a closer view of its great resources.

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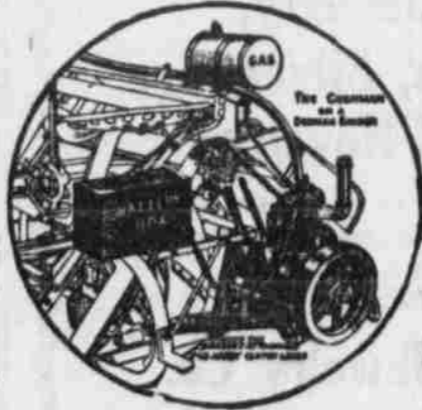
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Lincoln's Business Shows Great Growth During Last Year

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 west. Lincoln banks in 1914 made an increase of \$10,181,484 over the record of clearings for 1913. It is with more than ordinary interest, therefore, that in 1914 this remarkable record of growth was practically maintained, and, notwithstanding the adverse conditions of the year that have decreased bank clearings in the entire United States over 18 per cent compared with the record in the entire country in 1913, yet the Lincoln record goes on with practically the same increase that was made the year previous. It is an index of the steadiness of Lincoln business an index of the slight way in which unusual conditions have disturbed this city. There were no additions to banks in Lincoln in 1914 to increase clearings, the same number of banks being in business at the close of 1914 that there were at the close of 1913.

The totals by years follow:
 1913 \$9,541,224 | 1914 \$10,461,928
 1912 9,422,781

Real Estate Record.
 Fortifying conditions did not seriously affect Lincoln building last year nor did short crops in some portions of the state prevent an influx of people here to become enrolled in Lincoln's home-owning list.

The record showed a total less than any year for the last ten years, but this was due in a measure to the modification of the building ordinance allowing contractors to underestimate the cost of structures. The record of the ten years follows:

1905	.....	\$1,781,286	1910	.....	\$1,519,260
1906	.....	1,805,872	1911	.....	1,821,180
1907	1,928,479	1912	1,788,888
1908	1,799,389	1913	2,175,279
1909	2,065,988	1914	2,506,219

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