

TURN IN INTEREST MONEY

Treasurer of Arthur County Hands in Small Bunch of Interest Collected.

LAPSE IN LIBRARIAN'S FUND

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—No sooner has Superintendent East of the Institute for Public Minded at Beatrice gained considerable favorable comment by turning over interest secured on deposit of state money in banks than along comes the treasurer of Arthur county and sends to the secretary of state the sum of \$1.49 interest on a warrant which he had collected.

Lindsay Lets \$1.07 Lapse.—The report of Harry Lindsay, state librarian and clerk of the supreme court, filed today, shows that there are 71,490 volumes in the Nebraska state library, an increase over the June report because of 419 volumes donated and 669 purchased in the fund collected for the printing of supreme court reports there is on hand \$7,633.15. For printing reports it has cost \$1,360.85. When the clerk was not looking the amount of \$1.07 lapsed back into the state treasury because things were run so nicely that it was not needed.

Irrigation Meetings.—Meetings in which the State Board of Irrigation are interested will be held this month as follows: State irrigation association, at Bridgeport, December 7, 8 and 9. County commissioner, at Columbus, December 14, 15 and 16. Nebraska Engineers' Society, Lincoln, December 17 and 18.

Auditor's Warrants.—There were 2,714 warrants written in the office of the state auditor during the month of November, aggregating \$306,357.71. During the year, beginning with January 1, \$1,854,573 in warrants were issued from that office.

GOVERNOR BYRNE TALKS TO DAKOTA DAIRYMEN

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Frank M. Byrne was the chief speaker at the closing session late this afternoon of the annual convention of the South Dakota Dairymen and Buttermakers' association, which opened here Tuesday. Other speakers included W. A. McArthur of the United States Department of Agriculture; T. A. Mehan, dairyman of the United States and state agricultural extension department, and Prof. C. Larson of the South Dakota Agricultural college. The place for the next annual convention will be decided by the executive committee.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, W. Willander, Berea; secretary-treasurer, A. P. Ryger, Brookings.

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Franz Koenig, carpenter, aged 74, committed suicide at his boarding place by shooting himself twice through the temple. The act was deliberate, Koenig fully changing his attire for his best clothes before committing the act. It is believed from his request to his landlady, before going to his room, for a lead pencil, that he wanted to leave a note. She had none, however, and no note was found. Koenig was a widower, but leaves a step-daughter residing at Kearney. He was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Plattdeutsche Verein.

Culls from the Wire

Earnings of the New York, New Haven & Hartford company for October indicated that New England is enjoying a large degree in the prevailing industrial boom. Operating revenue of \$5,523,254, shows an increase of \$384,000 over the corresponding month of last year, while net operating income of \$715,534 is increased by \$69,569.

Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, admitted on the stand at the New York trial of the eleven former directors of the road, that some \$10,000 in New Haven money had been spent in publicity and lawyers' efforts to block proposed extensions of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada into New England.

The report of the Council of the National Civil Service Reform league, which began its thirty-fifth annual meeting at Philadelphia, says that a campaign should be initiated looking forward to the demolition of the "spoils system" by which the senate must confirm appointments of officials who have nothing to do with the determination of public policy.

The finance committee of the Philadelphia city council has favorably reported an ordinance for a \$50,000,000 loan to be submitted to the voters at a special election, February 5, 1916. The proposed loan includes an item of \$40,000,000 for subways and elevated railways, \$5,000,000 for port developments, \$2,000,000 for a municipal art gallery, \$2,000,000 for the Philadelphia General hospital and \$1,000,000 for a convention hall.

The second aero squadron which will be stationed at Manila will be composed of six Junior military aviators, thirty-five mechanics and four hydroplanes, according to an announcement made at San Diego, Cal. Captain Arthur S. Cowan, U. S. A., head of the signal corps aviation school at North Island, said the squadron will leave San Diego for San Francisco late this month and sail for the Philippines, January 5.

Answers to the arguments of the government in the suit to separate the Central Pacific from the Southern Pacific railway were made in the federal court at St. Louis by counsel for the Southern Pacific. The argument was based largely on the proposition that the government having secured the dissolution of the Union Pacific merger, the government could not come into court now and on a contention seek the dissolution of the Southern Pacific.

Washington Affairs

Beet sugar production this year will be 865,291 short tons, the Department of Agriculture announced in a preliminary report. That is 122,000 tons more than last year's total. Production of beets was 6,822,000 short tons from about 54,000 acres, the principal producing states being Colorado, with 27,500 tons; California, 202,300 tons; Michigan, 129,300 tons, and Utah, 87,300 tons.

John H. Fahy, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, told President Wilson the business men want congress to establish a nonpartisan tariff commission and provide means to strengthen the merchant marine. Mr. Fahy declared there was great need for more ships to carry the exports of the United States. The president told Mr. Fahy he was studying both questions very carefully.

The new administration shipping bill, which would create a board to control water traffic, and provide for control of merchant vessels designed for use as naval auxiliaries, was the subject of a conference attended by Secretary McAdoo and Redfield, Senator Fletcher and Representative Alexander, chairman of the congressional merchant marine committee solicitor; Thurman of the Department of Commerce, and Commandant Berthoff of the coast guard.

Regulations were issued by the Federal Reserve board as applying to bankers' domestic acceptance where state banks and trust companies permitted under state laws to deal in such paper. The regulations are based on the principle that the principal requirement is that such an acceptance must be based on a transaction covering a shipment of goods, to be evidenced by the accompanying shipping documents or secured by warehouse receipts.

Former Omaha Minister's Daughter Prima Donna at the Hippodrome

The appearance of Belle Storey, whose family name is Grace Leard, prima donna in "Hip Hip Hooray" at the New York Hippodrome, who is but 23, is the daughter of the late Rev. Asa Leard, a Presbyterian minister, formerly of Omaha, later pastor of Calvary church at Springfield, Mo. Mrs. Leard took Grace abroad while she studied in Milan, Berlin and Paris for two years. Returning to New York, she continued her study, and in 1910 began a concert tour of the south and middle west. She was with Evangelist W. E. Biederwolf one year while he was making a sawdust trail of Oklahoma and Kansas, and she confesses to trombone solos played to attract strollers to Rev. Biederwolf's sermons. Sometimes these trombone solos were on street corners. It was her concert manager who persuaded her to try dramatic work, and Miss Leard changed her name to Belle Storey. Her first appearance was at Hammerstein's Victoria, where she sat in a box and sang the chorus of a song sung by the performers on the stage. Two years in vaudeville followed and then Miss Storey was engaged for a part in "Chin Chin." Following a year at the Globe she was transferred to the Hippodrome.



Grace Leard

Australia Asked To Send 9,000 Men A Month to Front

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 22.—"We want over 9,000 a month—that is the irreducible minimum," said Senator George F. Pearce, minister for defense, a few days ago in reference to recruiting in Australia. "The army council has asked us to increase our percentage of reinforcements for the expeditionary forces. We have been sending them forward in a proportion of from 10 to 15 per cent—a total of about 6,500 per month. It has now been asked that we shall increase this to 20 per cent which will mean over 9,000 a month. This intimation should stimulate recruiting throughout the commonwealth as it shows that the need for men is increasing rather than decreasing. I feel sure that the manhood of the commonwealth will be capable of keeping up the requisite supply for the front." Thus far about 150,000 men have enlisted in Australia. Gilgandra, a town of 2,500 inhabitants in the wheat region of New South

Wales, has since blossomed into war fame by reason of the fact that a squad of thirty volunteers from that place have started on a 320-mile march to Sydney to go into training there. The residents of the town contributed \$1,000 toward the initial cost of the march, and all along the route donations of cash and articles of general use are being made by interested men and women, and at almost every stopping place fresh men are joining as volunteers. The movement was originated by the captain of the Gilgandra Rifle club, William T. Hitchen, a storekeeper, and has the approval of the defense department. A group of forty-five South Sea Island volunteers, also recently arrived in Wellington, New Zealand, from the Cook group, sonorously singing popular war songs in England in their native tongue. When the natives left the Cook Islands their friends and relatives had them farewell in native fashion by kissing their feet. When Wellington was reached the recruits marched to Parliament house singing "Tipperary" and "Are We Downhearted?" in the language of the Cook archipelago. The Maori members of Parliament, addressed them with patriotic speeches, after which there was a haka or Maori war dance by the Maori legislators.

Dr. Edmunds Makes Magnetic Survey of Portion of China

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) PEKING, Nov. 21.—Dr. Charles K. Edmunds, president of the Canton Christian college, is about to complete a magnetic survey of China, which the Carnegie Foundation of Washington, D. C., authorized him to make several years ago. Dr. Edmunds expects the preliminary survey to be completed by next May. This will embrace not only China, but all of Eastern Asia. When the work is completed there will be no point in this section of the world more than 150 miles from a station where magnetic conditions have not been investigated. Dr. Edmunds was engaged with the United States government in magnetic survey work before coming to China to accept the presidency of the Canton Christian college. He has traveled widely throughout Asia at such times as he could leave his educational work, and has the co-operation of a number of assistants in the survey. At each point where investigations are made, the scientist determines three things: The angle of variation of the magnetic needle from due north, the depth of the needle from the horizontal and the intensity of the magnetic force. In discussing the practical value of the magnetic survey, the Carnegie Foundation is making of the entire world, Dr. Edmunds said the results will make possible a more accurate use of the compass at sea by navigators and will be of great assistance to railway and mining engineers. Dr. Edmunds expects to pursue his investigations in Tibet throughout the winter.

A "For Sale" ad will turn second-hand furniture into cash.

UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA IS IN STATE OF SIEGE

The University of Omaha was virtually in a state of siege Wednesday afternoon when two youngsters armed with a shotgun threatened to shoot the school janitor. Not being able to find him they proceeded to look for several members of the foot ball team and finally disappeared before the police arrived.

Since the foot ball season started a number of small boys have been attempting to make the school their rendezvous. On one occasion they made away with the batteries connecting the class bells. A number of other thefts about the university has been traced to them. Monday afternoon when ordered away from the school premises, one of the youngsters in throwing a stone at the janitor broke a large plate glass leading to the office. The police are on the trail of the offenders.

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