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NINE GROUPS IN O'CONNOR FIGHT

Heirship Rights Are Being Tested in Action Brought at Hastings.

JUDGE CORCORAN HEARS CASE

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Nine groups of professed heirs are contesting the state's claim in a legal battle which opened in the district court this morning on the application of the state to have title in the John O'Connor estate quieted in the name of the commonwealth on the ground that there are no heirs.

The case involving the will offered by John T. Culavin of Omaha, has been appealed to the supreme court, but Culavin may make a showing in the heirship trial as a nephew. There are nearly a hundred visiting lawyers and claimants here, whose expense thus far has been estimated at about $30,000. The estate is valued at about $100,000. The taking of evidence was begun today on the claim of Hanora O'Connor of Leeper, Mich., and her four sons.

It is related that John O'Connor disappeared from Albany, N. Y., afout forty-five years ago. He was clerk of a school district board and at the time he left was short in his accounts. Evidence will be submitted to show that O'Connor came to Hastings, changed his name to O'Connor and made this city his home.

Objections to the jurisdiction of the court were raised this afternoon, but Judge Corcoran of York, w ohis presiding for Judge Dungan of this district, said he would not pass on the question until after the evidence is in. The trial is expected to last well into next week.

VICTOR WILSON FILES FOR RAIL COMMISSIONER

LINCOLN, Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Victor E. Wilson of Stromsburg made good his threat to enter for the democratic nomination for railway commissioner and filed this afternoon. Mr. Wilson is also an ex-member of the lower house, serving in 1909.

Crete to Have Farmers' Institute.

CRETE, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The university department of extension has planned for a farmers' institute to be held in Crete Saturday, January 8.

At 2 p. m. O. Hull of Alma will address the men on "Feeds for Stock and How to Grow Them." At the same hour Miss Frances Wyman of Lincoln will give a sewing demonstration for the women. In the evening Miss Wyman will speak on "The Efficient Kitchen," while Mr. Hull will speak on "The Farm Home."

The officers of the Crete Farmers' institute are: President, G. E. Leavitt; secretary, John Bovee.

Turkey Dinner for Newsboys.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The carrier boys for the Falls City Daily Journal were given a turkey dinner at the National hotel on New Year's day by the editor, A. R. Keim. Especially printed menu cards marked twenty covers, the guest list including the Journal office force. At the afternoon matinee they were entertained at the Movies theater, the guests of Manager W. T. Oliver.

AMERICA PLANS FORCE AGAINST COMBINED FOES

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army under federal control which with the reserves would total 1,500,000 in six years; 500,000 fully trained regulars and the remainder continentals.

2. Increasing by 50 per cent the equipment and personnel of the coast artillery in four years at a total cost of $81,000,000.

3. Accumulation in four years of reserve ammunition and material worth $104,000,000.

Details of Program.

In view of the enormous, and what they regarded as almost prohibitive, cost of these proposals, Secretary Daniels and Secretary Garrison mapped out the $1,000,000,000 six-year program which President Wilson has laid before congress, providing essentially as follows:

For the navy:

1. New construction within five years costing $500,000,000, which will add six battle cruisers and ten dreadnoughts to the fighting line by 1924.

2. Construction during 1916-17 of two battle cruisers and two dreadnoughts, with proportionate number of smaller craft.

3. Distribution of the remainder of the building program through the next four years at a rate of $100,000,000 a year.

For the army:

1. Expenditures within six years of approximately $600,000,000 to produce a total mobile federal force of 1,000,000 men, 141,000 regulars and 800,000 continentals, this force to be in addition to the national guard, now numbering 129,000.

2. Expenditure of the full $81,000,000 recommended by the War college and board of review for new coast defenses.

3. Expenditure of the full $104,000,000 recommended by the experts for reserve material.

DEATH RECORD

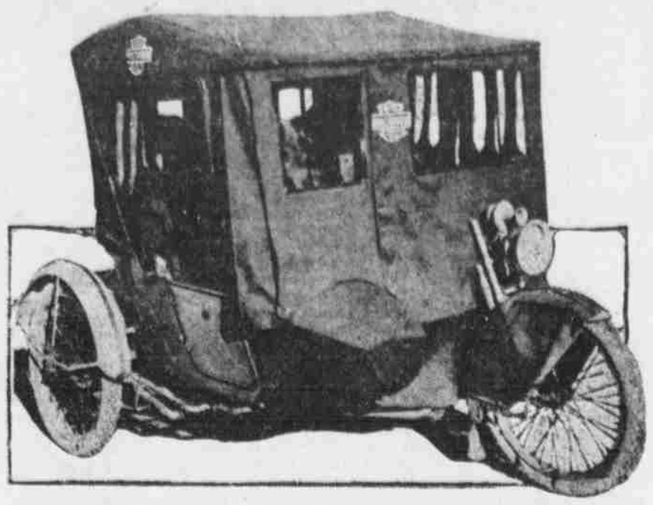
William Martin.

ANSELMO, Neb., Jan. 3.—Special.)—William Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Martin of this place, succumbed to the ravages of Bright's disease just before the new year was ushered in. He had been a sufferer for many months. He was about 33 years old and leaves a widow and five small children, the youngest about 5 months old.

Mrs. Henry Kelley.

ANSELMO, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Henry Kelley, who died early Thursday morning at her home here, occurred Saturday from the St. Anselms Catholic church. Mrs. Kelley with her husband was an early settler in this community and was prominent in social circles. Mrs. Kelley leaves besides her husband, who is president of the People's State bank, two sisters, Mrs. Pierce Kane of this place and Mrs. Ben Johnson of Broken Bow.

Motorcycle Comfort in Winter



A new top for a motorcycle and side-car, the invention of Victor H. Roos, 2708 Leavenworth street, is attracting considerable attention locally.

The motorcycle and side-car are enclosed on all sides and bottom. The top is a regular one-man fold-up, same as an auto top. Over the driver the top is collapsible and is put in a bag under the side-car when not in use. It can be taken down in a few minutes and no tools are required. Jiffy curtains are used on both sides.

On account of the motor being enclosed the heat is held inside the "limousine" and it is warm and comfortable even in the coldest weather. In the summer the motor will be on the outside of the enclosure and ventilated to keep it from being too hot.

ENTERS CONGRESSIONAL RACE IN SECOND DISTRICT

Ben. S. Baker

Mayor of Holdrege Shoots Self Hunting

HOLDREGE, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—John Bragg, mayor of Holdrege, accidentally shot himself in the head while hunting this afternoon. It is thought the wound will prove fatal. The accident occurred as he was crossing a fence, pulling a gun after him.

THREE MEN DRILL WAY OUT OF TEKAMAH JAIL

TEKAMAH, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—While the sheriff and his wife were attending a reception of the Masonic lodge in this city Saturday evening, three of the eight men in the county jail made their escape, by drilling a hole in the north side of the brick wall of the jail.

The escaped men are Joe Adams of near Uehling, Neb., who was awaiting trial on the charge of criminal assault; Ed Miller and Sam Williams, who are accused of stealing a horse and buggy from a farmer near Lyons, and who were arrested by Sheriff Compton of Washington county, at Blair as they were driving out of the livery, stable with the stolen property.

The remaining men in jail gave the alarm and in a short time the sheriff and his deputies were hot on the trail of the men, but up to this time have not been successful in catching them.

STATE TREASURER HALL IN ANNUAL REPORT

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—According to the annual report of State Treasurer George Hall there is a balance in the state treasury, or there was a balance November 30, 1915, of $1,204,708.35, as against $746,108.92 November 30, 1914.

The total receipts during the year were $7,411,202.65 and the disbursements $6,952,603.22. The fund on hand is divided as follows:

Cash and checks on hand	$ 19,050.60
Cash on deposit	893,948.40
University warrants on hand	93,328.98
Normal school warrants	106,380.37
Johnson county warrants held as cash	2,500.00
Bonds on hand as cash	88,000.00
Total	$1,204,708.35

TEEDE VICTIM OF JOKE AS FIRST CHILD ARRIVES

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Assistant State Superintendent A. V. Teede started out the new year with a new baby at his home, the first in the family. The story goes that the nurse placed the baby with three others of about the same age in a room at the hospital and then called on the happy father to pick his child.

Teede is a German, so it is said, but proceeded to pick out the Irish kid in the bunch. Peace will now be declared.

Grip Epidemic at Anselmo.

ANSELMO, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—There is an unusual amount of sickness in this section of the country. Grip, frequently terminating in pneumonia, has been almost epidemic. Several deaths have occurred within the last two weeks resulting from this complaint. Physicians have been rushed until one of them had to take to his bed and himself had a narrow escape from the grim reaper. The changeable weather is blamed as the cause of so much sickness.

NOTES FROM BEATRICE AND GAGE COUNTY

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The Virginia Farmers' institute will be held next Thursday and Friday, and plans are being made to entertain a large crowd. The speakers will be Superintendent Trauernicht, Farm Demonstrator Liebers, P. L. Gaddis, S. R. McKelvie and Mrs. Emma Reed Davidson

Thomas J. Woods, a pioneer of Beatrice and for the last twenty-five years employed in J. R. Spicer's harness shop, died suddenly Saturday of pneumonia, aged 70 years. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Eylene. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Centenary Methodist church.

The Board of Education of Wymore held a meeting Saturday afternoon to consider the advisability of closing the schools because of the smallpox outbreak there, but no action was taken. The churches have been ordered closed and no social gatherings will be held until conditions improve. Two new cases of the disease were reported Saturday.

Mrs. S. J. Pearsall, for the last thirty years a resident of Beatrice, died Saturday at her home in this city aged 75 years. She is survived by her son, Milton Pearsall of this city, and one daughter, Mrs. George Hurn of Lincoln. The body will be taken to Tecumseh today for interment.

NEBRASKAN INTRODUCES ALFALFA IN MINNESOTA

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Prof. W. L. French, now an instructor in agriculture in the public schools of Austin, Minn., is visiting relatives here. He formerly lived in this county. Five years ago, when Prof. French assumed his work in the Austin schools, there was no alfalfa raised in that section. It was unknown grass to the farmers there. The agricultural classes of the Austin school do much demonstration work and Prof. French had the pupils work with alfalfa from the beginning. The results were almost surprising, the grass thriving nicely. As a consequence the farmers near Austin became interested, and Prof. French and his classes went among the argriculturists and told them how to raise and harvest the grass. At the end of five years there are thirty-five farmers reporting good crops of alfalfa, and there will be many more to raise it another year.

House Burned at North Bend.

NORTH BEND, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The house occupied by Henry Kellerman, manager of the Farmers' Co-Operative union, was practically destroyed by fire Sunday morning about 11 o'clock. Mr. Kellerman and family had started to drive to Scribner about an hour before the fire was discovered by neighbors, who succeeded in saving a small portion of the furniture. The fire seemed to have started in a closet on the first floor and burned between the walls in such a manner that the hose company could not reach it. The loss on the building was covered by insurance. Mr. Kellerman carried $1,000 insurance on the contents.

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One Man Killed and One Fatally Hurt by Runaway Car

McCOOK, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—O. U. Charlot was instantly killed and S. S. Simmons fatally injured in the McCook yards of the Burlington company about 7:30 this morning when a loaded coal car ran over them. The men were inspecting an empty coal car on a side-track when a knuckle broke on a coupling of a loaded coal car which was being pulled up the steep incline into the coal chute. The released car dashed down the incline and ran over the two men. Both are married and have families.

PETITION FOR ZUELOW ON FILE AT LINCOLN

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—A petition was filed this afternoon with the secretary of state asking that the name of Otto Zuelow of Schuyler be placed on the primary ballot for the republican nomination for congress in the Third congressional district.

Mr. Zuelow served in the lower branch of the state legislature in 1905 and has since that time been mayor of his home city of Schuyler and more recently postmaster.

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URE AT THE STATE HOUSE TO ATTEND TAX HEARING

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—County Treasurer W. G. Ure of Douglas county was here today at the hearing before the supreme court of the state treasurer's suit to compel the county treasurer to make monthly remittances of taxes due the state.

Mr. Ure will be a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff of Douglas county, according to his own statement, and expects to land and fight out the battle with Sheriff McShane at the polls.