

Nebraska PLUM HUNTERS TRY TO SOLVE MYSTERY

Recent Turndown of Chairman Langhorst Cause of Much Discussion.

NEVILLE CLOSED BOOK

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Much mystery surrounds the turning down of Chairman Langhorst of the democratic state committee for the position of food commissioner by Governor Neville.

One rumor is that the new governor has said he was under no obligation to the state committee, as he had to make his campaign for himself and received little or no assistance from the democratic machinery.

Another story, which appears to be authentic, is that Mr. Langhorst was unable to get the support of National Committeeman Arthur Mullen for the place, the latter giving the reason that the First district had already been recognized by the re-appointment of George Johnson, whose home is in Falls City.

Plan of Distribution.

This again brings up the distribution of patronage with the question of an equal division among districts will follow. The First district at present is well represented with appointments, among the number being Henry Gerdes of the board of control, Warden Fenlon of the penitentiary, Chief Engineer Johnson of the board of irrigation, Secretary Roysse of the banking board, besides several jobs of a minor nature. If the "pass it around" plan is to govern, some who think they have a "lead pipe cinch" on reappointment, may be just as badly disappointed as is Chairman Langhorst.

Most comment follows the remark by Chairman Langhorst that "I am still going to be for the prohibition amendment." The food commissioner is a factor in regulating sales of near beer. During the last year Commissioner Harman had prosecuted many of the near beer vendors for violation of the pure food laws relative to misbranding.

As to the Dry Law.

A story that certain wet candidates for office, county, state and otherwise, who have been elected, were going to make prohibition so brutally prohibitive as to make it noxious, has caused much apprehension. The rumored plan is that the state will either be made so dry that people will become disgusted and go back to high license or the law made inoperative so that it will have the same effect.

No one accuses the new governor of being in this class, but some insist much pressure will be brought to bear to bring about that condition. There are many who insist no one will be able to dictate to the new governor. They insist that the very moment Mr. Neville gets the idea into his head he is being used for that purpose, such persons will lose the friendship of the new governor for all time. This latter idea appears to be the prevailing opinion among those who have been reading between the lines, and may eventually turn out to be the right dope.

Fremont Eagles Will Have New Building

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 14.—The Fremont Aerie of Eagles has definitely decided to erect a home of its own to cost approximately \$25,000. This decision was reached at a recent meeting. It is planned to have the building ready for occupancy at the expiration of the lease the order has on the quarters it now occupies. Negotiations for a site are under way, a committee consisting of County Judge Walford Winterstein, William Barz and M. H. Woslager, having been appointed to have charge of this feature.

Music Teacher Sues Omaha Street Railway Company

Ebba Loifgren, music teacher, 1017 South Twenty-third street, has filed suit for \$7,500 against the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company. She sets forth that she received injuries October 19 when struck by a street car.

To Ward Off Winter Complexion Ills

To keep the face smooth, white and beautiful all winter, there's nothing quite so good as an ordinary mercuric wash, rough, chapped or discolored skin, intractable in this weather, is gently absorbed by the wax and replaced by the softer, fresher skin beneath. The face exhibits no trace of the wax, the latter being applied at bedtime and washed off mornings. Creams, powders and rouges, on the other hand, are apt to appear clogged at the pores, and, by their alternating expansion and contraction of the skin, due to changing temperatures, they are advised to try this simple treatment, not an ounce of mercuric wash at any drug store and use like cold cream. This will help any skin at once, and in a week or so the complexion will look remarkably youthful and healthy.

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Fremont Man Said To Have Been Killed May Be Still Alive

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. William Sparks, who had received notice of the death of her husband, William Sparks, a former Fremont merchant, who is with a Canadian regiment on the French front, has received word from the British war office to the effect that no record of his having been killed has been made. A letter addressed to Mr. Sparks by his wife several weeks ago was returned, marked "killed in action." Mrs. Sparks wrote to the war office and has been informed through an official letter that so far as the office knows Mr. Sparks is still alive. Mrs. Sparks has not heard from her husband for over two months, however.

Notes from Beatrice And Gage County

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Kilpatrick Bros. of this city have finished the grading work on the eighteen-mile line which they are building between Emery and Welch, Utah, for the Union Pacific. The contract amounts to \$6,000,000. Three tunnels will have to be constructed before the work is finished, which will be some time next summer. Three thousand men have been employed on the work the last few months.

Funeral services for the late City Commissioner G. T. Reynolds will be held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. N. P. Patterson, the pastor, assisted by Rev. L. D. Young of Lincoln.

Lon Turner, the leading merchant at Barnestown, is lying critically ill from an attack of pneumonia at his home there.

Harry C. Guldner and Miss Sarah Ann Killen, both of Adams, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Killen today.

William Eitzen and Miss Elsie Albert, both of Clatonia, were married yesterday at the court house by Judge Walden.

Mrs. U. S. Raynor of this city died this morning at a local hospital, aged 49 years. She was the wife of a well-known farmer here, and was the mother of five children. She is survived by her husband and two children, Boyd and Nina Raynor of this city.

Butter Farmers Will Have County Agent

David City, Neb., Dec. 14.—The name of Butler county was added to the list of Nebraska counties now employing county agents Saturday, when farmers from all parts of Butler county gathered here and formed a permanent organization for the purpose of hiring a county agricultural agent. Frank Hess of Surprise, Neb., was elected president of the newly formed organization. W. E. Hewitt of David City was chosen secretary. A board of directors was also picked to direct the work of the organization.

State Grange Favors Rural High Schools

Gibson, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Grange today favored rural high schools in the county to finish the grade. Officers were installed this evening. The next meeting place will be Ansley. The convention adjourned this evening.

COUNTY OFFICERS COMING TO OMAHA

State Association at Alliance Asks Legislature to Grant Higher Salaries.

OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Alliance, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—At the closing session of the convention of the Nebraska State Association of Commissioners, Supervisors and County Clerks here today resolutions were adopted asking the legislature for an increase of mileage allowance and a raise of approximately 30 per cent in salary, indicating that even county officials are feeling the high cost of living.

Resolutions calling for amendment to the statutes governing the building and maintenance of bridges over irrigation and drainage ditches were, after much discussion, passed by the convention. The resolutions call for the building and upkeep by corporations owing and maintaining these ditches; also when new roads are authorized and built crossing these ditches that the owners and not the taxpayers of the county should construct the new bridges and maintain them.

Former officers were re-elected and a special legislative committee named consisting of one member from each district and one member at large being appointed by the president.

Resolutions were adopted upon the death of three members of the association which occurred during the last year. James White of Otoc county, P. F. O'Sullivan of Cuming and S. H. Simonson of Merrick county.

Omaha was named as the meeting place of the 1917 convention. Hastings and Grand Island also bid for the honor.

Officers to serve the coming year are as follows:

President, J. Kennedy, York; secretary, L. R. Barlow, Lodgepole; treasurer, C. E. Hill, Hastings; auditor, Mike Casey, St. Edward; legislative committee, Julius Pitt, W. H. Wickett, Milo Casey, Emil Helms, Hugh Allison, Joe Wamok and Daniel Casey.

Lucy Oberg Files Suit For Divorce at Madison

Madison, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Lucy Oberg has brought action for divorce and alimony against her husband, Peter F. Oberg. They were married in 1900 at Madison. Mrs. Oberg alleges in her petition as grounds for action extreme cruelty.

Peter F. Oberg, the defendant, is one of the oldest settlers in Madison, having settled here in the early '70s, and is the present justice of the peace.

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We have gone through this Basement and gathered together the specials we mention below, just as examples of the wonderful values to be obtained here during this Christmas season.

Slippers

The Basement Christmas Slipper Stock Is Wonderful in Its Variety

Give a pair of Slippers and you give more than a mere present—you give comfort, and earn the gratitude of anyone to whom you give it.

Women's Felt Romeos, fur trimmed, hand turned soles, black, red, lavender, purple and brown. Sizes 2 1/2 to 8, at..... **\$1.25**

Women's Comfy Slippers, felt, padded soles, come in red, brown, black and gray. Sizes 2 1/2 to 8, at pair..... **.98c**

Men's Slippers, tan and black, Everett style, patent trimmed back, bay. Sizes from 6 to 11, pair **98c**

Boys' Slippers, in tan kid, Everett style. Sizes from 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, pair..... **\$1.25**

Boxed Handkerchiefs

For Christmas Gifts

Everyone will appreciate these for gifts and we have them in such wide assortment that you can choose just what you want and pay very little.

Women's Sheer Linen Handkerchiefs, with neat colored initials. Box of 6, for..... **75c**

Women's Fancy Lawn Handkerchiefs, with initials. 6 in box, for..... **39c, 59c, 69c**

Women's Handkerchiefs, with fancy embroidered corners. 3 in box for..... **29c**

Women's Silk Handkerchiefs, in assorted colors. Worth 25c, each, for..... **15c**

Women's All Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, plain. Worth 15c, each, for..... **12 1/2c**

Women's Fancy Embroidered and Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs, in sheer lawn and linen, also striped tissue. Each..... **10c**

Children's Novelties—Three Handkerchiefs in box for..... **15c and 25c**

Women's Fancy Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, also fancy embroidered, plain and corded. In white and colors. Many worth 10c, special, each..... **5c**

Men's Mercerized Initial Handkerchiefs, all initials. Worth 10c. Friday, 4 for **25c**, each. **6 1/2c**

Men's Wear

Suggestive Christmas Gifts

125 Dozen Christmas Neckwear, open end, four-in-hands. All new patterns, cut large. All silk. Special, at..... **29c**

50 Dozen Christmas Mufflers, reefer style. Fancy stripes. Very new. Special, at..... **29c**

Give Her a Rug

For a Christmas Gift

Axminster Rugs
Size 36x72, worth \$5.50, at **\$4**

Size 27x60, worth \$3.50—**\$2.50**

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Child's Manicure Sets, four pieces, file, buffer, buttonhook and cuticle knife. In fancy lined box. Black ebony finish..... **59c**

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Genuine Fancy Flowered Heatherbloom Petticoats, one in a box..... **\$1.69 and \$1.95**

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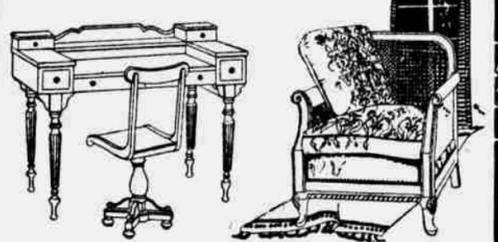
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