

GEORGE MICKEL ON EASTERN MISSION

Active in Affairs of National Association of Talking Machine Jobbers.

MICKEL INTERESTS THRIVE

George E. Mickel, president of the Nebraska Cycle company of Omaha and Council Bluffs, as well as of the Mickel Bros. Co., Des Moines, Ia., has again left Omaha upon an important mission connected with the National Association of Talking Machine Jobbers.

As former president of the association and present member of the executive staff, Mr. Mickel's services are in constant demand, his abilities as a hustler and Victor product promoter being recognized far and wide. Mr. Mickel's present trip takes him to Washington, D. C., thence to Camden, N. J., the home of the Victor industry, the headquarters of the New York, Chicago and other eastern points.

On his way east Mr. Mickel will superintend the laying out of plans for the complete remodeling of a six-story building at Des Moines, Ia., this structure having just been leased by the Mickel Bros. Co. for a period of ten years.

Omaha Concern Grows.
The growth of the Nebraska Cycle company is well known to Omahans, but it is not generally known that the Des Moines end of the institution is fully as large and well proportioned in a wholesale way.

The bustling activities of the Mickel brothers have borne fruit, for the Nebraska Cycle company is today credited with doing one of the largest wholesale Victrola businesses in the country—in fact, they are but fifth from the top of the list among all jobbers.

HYMENEAL

Zessin-Fricke.

Madison, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special).—Edward Zessin and Miss Martha Fricke were married at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, who is pastor of the Lutheran church. The groom is manager of the local Bell telephone plant. Mr. and Mrs. Zessin, after a visit to several eastern points, will be at home to their friends in this city after February 1.

McKnight-Gillispie.

Madison, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special).—Charles H. McKnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McKnight, and Miss Laura Gillispie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Gillispie, were married New Year's eve at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. W. H. Cooper, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. McKnight will spend their honeymoon at Kansas City. They will be at home at Madison after February 1.

Cady-Fletcher.

Annette Fletcher and Fred W. Cady were married New Year's evening at 9 p. m. by Rev. Charles W. Savidge at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Connors, Eighth and Fort streets. A large company of invited guests were present.

Seymour-Collister.

Miss Truie M. Collister, daughter of Thomas Collister, of Weeping Water, and Thomas Howard Seymour of Nebraska City were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge at his office at 12 o'clock, midnight, just as the new year was being ushered in. They were accompanied by Jesse T. Collister and L. R. Fussell.

Ward-Maple.

Avoca, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special).—M. P. Ward and Miss Goldie Maple were married today at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Maple, north of this city. They will make their home on a farm south of town.

Van Every-Otte.

Wabash, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special).—William G. Van Every and Miss Mary L. Otte were married Sunday at the home of the bride's parents. They will reside here, where the groom is one of the rural mail carriers.

Eckerson-Fritz.

Henry J. Eckerson of Bartlett, Ia., and Miss Kathryn Fitz of Louisville, Ky., took out the first license this year. They were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge at 2:30 Monday. They were accompanied by Clyde Sunblad.

Obituary Notes

HERMAN BOSCHULT, one of the pioneer settlers of Washington county, died at his home near Tolbasta. Mr. Boschult was 81 years of age and was a native of Germany. He came to this country when 18 years of age, with his parents. He is located in Washington county thirty-four years ago. He is survived by seven children. Mrs. Boschult died two years ago.

EDITH ALLEN, wife of Frederick E. Allen, a prominent farmer near Auburn, died at Los Angeles, Cal., where she and her husband were spending the winter. Mrs. Allen was about 70 years of age, and is survived by her husband and two sons, Arthur L. Allen, merchant here, and Elmer E. Allen, farmer, Nemaha, Neb. The body arrived at Auburn Tuesday and was buried at Sheridan cemetery.

MRS. JENNIE MCGEE, 419 North Fifteenth street, died Wednesday at her home as the result of heart disease. Miss McGee was 32 years of age and was well known in Omaha, where she had lived the greater part of her life. She leaves two brothers and two sisters. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 at Gentleman's chapel and interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

JAKE HENNINGSEN, 48 years of age, 519 Hickory street, who died Tuesday at the result of cancer, will be buried Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Patrick's church. Interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery. Mr. Henningsen is survived by four brothers and one sister, all of Omaha.

MRS. EDWARD BRYANT died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Culwell, at Auburn, Monday. She was 56 years of age and had resided in the county for over fifty years.

ADELINE SHERMAN WIBORG, wife of Frank D. Wiborg of Cincinnati and New York, and a niece of General William T. Sherman, died at New York. Mrs. Wiborg was a native of Des Moines, Ia.

GOES EAST FOR TALKING MACHINE FIRM.



GEORGE E. MICKEL.

Little Chance for the Allies To Get Jobs in the House

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—(Special).—From the looks of the committee on employes representing the house, it would appear that the allies will have little chance to get in on the jobs and that the Irish, English and French might as well considered themselves subordinated and flee to their homes. The chairman of the committee is Hoffmeister of Chase, while his associates are Dau, another German, and Reishick, who will not be able to prove an alibi because of his name.

Not only from this standpoint, but from the one of landing a place, this committee is an interesting one. Every man is for the strictest economy along the job line, and it would not be a surprise if they required every member to look after his own cuspidor and waste basket.

Keeping Track of Hours.

Fairbury, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special).—The Rock Island division superintendent's office at this point has received instructions from the Chicago offices to keep a record of the rate of pay allowed the train and engine men under the Adamson law which was effective January 1. Superintendent M. F. Allen of the Nebraska division, with headquarters in this city, advises that the men are paid under the old contract rate or schedules.

See Want Ads Produce Results.

CANVASS OF VOTE CAST IN NEBRASKA

Joint Session of Legislature Held to Go Through Formality.

HOWELL'S WORDS STAND

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Nov. 3.—(Special).—Canvassing the vote of the last election in order to be sure that Nebraska had gone democratic, was the principal business transacted by the two houses this afternoon. The joint committee pronounced the election a success and adjourned.

In the senate it appeared at first, from occasional side remarks, that an attempt might be made to have an explanation of the vote of Senator Howell on the election of president pro tem expunged from the record. The other four Douglas county members did not like the remarks made by Howell, which they claimed reflected upon their integrity as members, but the members thought it would be a good thing to let the record stand as it might be of use later in the session, so when the time came for such a motion absolute quiet prevailed.

A communication from A. E. Sheldon of the reference bureau notified the senate that the Nebraska army had abdicated from its quarters on the third floor and that the bureau would be doing business at the old stand by tomorrow. It is the plan of the new procedure scheme to have all the bills possible censured by the legislative reference bureau in order to prevent duplications.

Both branches adjourned after canvassing the vote, until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Man Asphyxiated in Fruit Car at North Platte

North Platte, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special).—The second death within a fortnight to be brought about by fumes from charcoal heaters, used to warm fruit cars, occurred here when Simon Zilke, who was taken in an unconscious condition from a Pacific Fruit Express company's car in the North Platte yards, died at a local hospital. Efforts are being made to communicate with relatives or friends of Zilke, county authorities having wired H. Zilke of Chicago and J. Hautman of Stockton, Cal., whose names were found in his pockets. Zilke died without regaining consciousness. His identity was learned from his naturalization papers which were found in his pocket. Zilke was born in Germany in 1879. He became a citizen of the United States seven years ago.

Half Million in Improvements at North Platte City

North Platte, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special).—The year of 1916 saw the placing of better than \$500,000 if improvements in North Platte, the highest figure for improvements of any city of its class in the entire state for the twelve months.

The most noticeable improvement was the completing of the twenty-five blocks of paving which comprised the first paving district ever established in the city and was finished at a cost of \$111,000. Next in line was the starting of work on the magnificent Union Pacific station, which when completed, will have cost \$130,000. The junior high school building was finished at a cost of \$50,000, and the parochial school at a cost of \$25,000. The reconstruction of the Methodist Episcopal church, which is almost completed, will cost \$15,000. In addition to these buildings during the year there were completed or construction started on the following business buildings: First National bank building, \$45,000; Hotel McCabe, \$40,000; Morsch building, \$25,000; Mogenson building, \$25,000; Lock building, \$15,000; Belton building, \$12,000; Lipshitz building, \$15,000; Brodbeck building, \$10,000; Lamb building, \$6,000; Porter building, \$6,000. The combined cost of all buildings and improvements totals \$526,000. To this is still to be added the cost of construction of scores of residences ranging in cost from \$1,500 to \$4,000 and which will bring the cost of buildings and improvements well over the \$600,000 mark.

Bride of Eighty Asks For an Absolute Divorce

Auburn, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special).—Charging cruelty, desertion and non-support Mrs. Tallitha Payne, 80 years old, has filed with the clerk of the district court, her petition where-in she asks for an absolute decree of divorce from one Steven T. Payne, to whom she was wedded early last spring. She alleges that while her spouse is a good painter and capable of earning good wages, he has continuously refused to furnish her with the necessities of life, one pair of shoes constituting the total of his efforts to support her since they were married. In addition he is charged with having knocked her to the floor and with having used improper language toward her without provocation. Filing his answer and cross petition the first of the week the defendant denies each and every charge of the petition of his wife and asks that he be given the decree of absolute divorce instead of the wife. He alleges cruelty. He avers further that he married the plaintiff only after she

had proposed to him, but since he did marry her he has provided for her at all times as well as could be expected and surely to the best of his ability. The case comes up from the Johnson vicinity and will no doubt cause considerable interest because of the advanced age of the parties there-to.

Missouri Pacific Ordered To Move Depot Into Ralston

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—(Special).—The Missouri Pacific section foreman at Ralston will lose his home—the depot at Seymour lake—and his chicken house—the freight station—for the Nebraska Railway commission has ordered the depot to be moved three-quarters of a mile over the hill to Ralston.

The Ralston Business Men's association demanded that the commission order the Missouri Pacific to put a new depot, team track and stock yards right in Ralston, where the Burlington has a station employing three men. The town, the commission found, has 500 people, ships out 413 cars from its seven factories, and its two stock markets, and the competing road received \$18,448 worth of business last year.

The section foreman's house was mentioned in the commission's findings, as well as his chicken house. The road was ordered either to move its property from Seymour lake into Ralston, or build a new depot and stock yards.

GREAT BRITAIN IS BEST BUYER OF U. S.

Purchases Made by the United Kingdom Last Year Are Nearly Two Billions.

FRANCE BUYS A BILLION

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Purchases of nearly \$2,000,000,000 made the United Kingdom by far the best customer of the United States in 1916. An analysis published today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce shows that no other nation bought so much by half.

France during the year more than doubled its purchases here, but still fell a bit short of a billion dollars. Canada was third with \$600,000,000. Beside the central powers, the three neutrals of northern Europe alone of all the world failed to receive more American goods than in 1915.

American exports to Germany during the year were more than \$1,000,000. Austria-Hungary took less than \$100,000. Japan in 1916 took \$94,000,000 of American goods against \$40,000,000 the year before; Cuba, \$145,000,000 against \$3,000,000; China, \$29,000,000 against \$19,000,000; Russia, \$144,000,000 against \$37,000,000; South America, \$197,000,000 against \$129,000,000. Imports from South America during the year increased 50 per cent.



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2 Bundhar Wiltons, 9x15.....	80.00 57.50	1 Hardwick Wilton, 4-6x7-6.....	23.00 19.00
1 Best Quality Body Brussels—11-3x13.....	55.00 41.50	3 Seamless Axminsters, 6x9.....	21.50 17.75
2 Best Quality Body Brussels—10-6x10-6.....	60.00 51.50	4 Best Quality Body Brussels, 6x9.....	25.00 19.50
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2 Bundhar Wiltons, 11-3x15.....	101.50 75.00	2 Standard Wiltons, 6x9.....	31.50 23.50
2 Bundhar Wiltons, 10-6x10-6.....	72.50 41.50	4 Hartford Saxony, 8-3x10-6.....	70.00 42.50
1 Standard Wilton, 10-6x13-6.....	78.50 57.50	2 Whittall Anglo Indians, 8-3x10-6.....	65.00 50.00
3 Bundhar Wiltons, 10-6x12.....	80.00 55.00	4 Reversible Seamless Fiber, 9x12.....	7.50 6.00
		2 Whittall Anglo Persians, 9x12.....	82.50 67.50
		3 Whittall Anglo Indians, 9x12.....	69.50 57.50
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(Like Illustration)

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