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THE WEATHER FAIR SINGLE COPY TWO CENTS.

COMMISSIONERS MAKE ESTIMATE ON COUNTY FUND

New Board, Following Reorganization, Decides Approximately Million Dollars Will Be Spent. COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

MEET WITH ROAD EXPERT

Nearly one million dollars, about the same amount as estimated at the beginning of 1916, will be required to keep the machinery of Douglas county going for another year, the county commissioners decided at their meeting yesterday afternoon.

Four Get the Axe.

Four appointees of the old board got the axe when the reorganized commissioners' body started operations.

A. E. Agee was appointed superintendent of the court house, to take effect April 1. He will succeed Joe Calabria.

W. T. Hogan, who relinquished, by request, his deputy sheriff's star when Sheriff Clark stepped into Felix McShane's shoes, was appointed administrator of county charities.

John L. Sexton will be the superintendent of Riverview detention home after February 1. M. E. Thompson is the present superintendent.

Committees for 1917 were named as follows: Judiciary—McDonald, chairman; Lynch and Compton.

Court House and Jail—Lynch, chairman; O'Connor and Compton.

County Hospital—Bedford, chairman; Lynch and O'Connor.

Riverview Home—McDonald, chairman; Bedford and O'Connor.

Charity—O'Connor, chairman; Bedford and McDonald.

Roads and Bridges—Compton, chairman; McDonald and Bedford.

O'Connor, chairman of the construction committee; Compton, chairman of the committee of the whole.

At the morning session, Commissioner O'Connor was elected chairman of the board.

Goods Roads Man Here.

James E. Wonders, division engineer of the federal good roads, fifth district, together with directors of the Commercial club met with the board in regard to the establishing of the permanent headquarters of the government good roads bureau in the court house.

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The Weather

Table with weather data for Omaha and various locations.

FORMER BRITISH PREMIER—May be new envoy to the United States to succeed Sir Cecil Spring-Rice as British ambassador to Washington at an early date.



LORD ROSEBERRY

SENATE VOTES TO DRY CLEAN DISTRICT

Sheppard Prohibition Measure Passes Upper House by Vote of 55 to 52.

SPIRIT OF BITTERNESS

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Sheppard prohibition bill, forbidding the sale of intoxicating liquor in the District of Columbia, but allowing small importations for personal use, passed the senate today, 55 to 52.

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Ginning of Cotton Shows Increase Over Previous Year

Washington, Jan. 9.—Cotton ginned prior to January 1 amounted to 11,845,225 running bales, including 188,052 round bales and 113,359 hales of Sea Island, the census bureau today announced.

Three Persons Injured When Big Warehouse Collapses

Cleveland, O., Jan. 9.—Three persons were badly injured, two fatally and scores had narrow escapes today, when a portion of the five-story warehouse of the Cleveland Storage company collapsed without warning.

HOUSE PARCELS COMMITTEE WORK TO ITS OWNERS

Douglas County Representatives Get Four Chairmanships in General Distribution of Honors.

RICHMOND LANDS AGAIN

Norton of Polk Heads Committee on Judiciary, Regan Railroads.

HOWARD GIVES INAUGURAL

Four Douglas Men Are House Chairmen

Lincoln, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Under the assignment of standing committees, as prepared by the committee or committees of the house and agreed to by the house this afternoon, Douglas county gets four chairmanships, the honors going to Richmond as chairman of the committee on cities and towns, Shannon as chairman of the committee on fees and salaries, Howard on labor and Lovely on privileges and elections.

Denies Advance Information.

Bernard Baruch of New York denied that he had any advance information regarding President Wilson's peace note. He said: "I had no information of any nature from anyone connected directly or indirectly with the administration or any other sources in connection with the president's peace note or Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech until I read of them in the newspapers."

Cause of the Flourry.

"The thing that affected the market," said Baruch, "was first Von Bethmann-Hollweg's peace note from Germany. That was followed by Lloyd George's speech in Parliament which at the very outset tended to strengthen the market December 19.

Wouldn't Pass Hat.

Short speeches were made by Helen Bournois in behalf of the French soldiers and by Thomas Majors, who was invited to the chair by the lieutenant governor. Mrs. Bournois tried to prevail upon Secretary Gene Waltham to pass the hat, but the secretary told her it would do no good as none of the senators had yet drawn any salary, so she departed, but may return a little later when the picking is better.

Address by Howard.

The senate adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow, after listening to the address of Lieutenant Governor Howard, which was as follows: "Senators of Nebraska, I greet you in the bond of a common service, in the spirit of pure friendship, in the desire and in the hope that our joint labors may work the welfare of our commonwealth and all of our fellow citizens therein."

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BANKER HAS HUNCH WILSON REQUESTED BY KAISER TO ACT

Charles H. Sabin, Trust Company Head of New York, Has Advance Tip of Information About Peace Note.

TALKS TO THE COMMITTEE

Washington, Jan. 9.—Charles H. Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust company of New York, went on the stand at the opening of the leak inquiry this afternoon. He testified he was in no way connected with the Stock exchange and said he did not know in what connection he was called.

Walsh Filed Complaint.

The complaint was placed against Thaw with District Attorney Swann by Frank P. Walsh, former chairman of the United States Industrial Relations commission, who, appearing as Gump's counsel, alleges that Thaw enticed the youth to his rooms at a hotel here Christmas night and there beat him with two whips three different times until he bled and became almost unconscious.

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HARRY K. THAW IS INDICTED FOR WHIPPING YOUTH

Slayer of Stanford White Is Charged With Flogging 19-Year-Old Fred Gump Until Blood Flows.

LAD IS ENTICED TO ROOMS

Accused Man Cannot Be Found, But Alleged Accomplice Is Arrested.

MEETS BOY IN CALIFORNIA

New York, Jan. 9.—Harry K. Thaw, who was legally released fifteen months ago from an asylum for the insane where he was sent after he killed Stanford White, was today indicted here, charged with kidnaping Fred Gump, jr., of Kansas City, Mo., a youth of 19 years, and assaulting him with a whip.

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REPRESENTATIVE HENRY—Of Texas, chairman of the house rules committee, who is conducting the inquiry into the "leak" scandal by which it is alleged certain Wall Street operators profited from advance information concerning the recent German peace note.



OMAHA BANKS HOLD ANNUAL MEETINGS

Changes in Directorates Are Announced at Several Financial Institutions.

ONE INCREASES SURPLUS

The Omaha National bank at its annual meeting yesterday, transferred \$500,000 from the undivided profits to the surplus, thus giving the bank a surplus of \$1,000,000, as well as a capital of \$1,000,000, which it has had for some time. At the same time one of the vice presidents, W. H. Bucholz, was designated as first vice president, a designation which is new in this bank, as in past years vice presidents have not been designated as firsts, seconds, etc.

No Definite Statement.

All through his testimony Lawson hinted at names higher up, but no amount of questioning would bring him down to a definite statement.

Would Disclose Winnings.

In the course of the discussion of the unnamed trio of whom the congressman is said to have spoken a special committee of the senate also the amounts of money they were supposed to have made from stock transactions.

Knows What to Do.

"My opinion is that the break was weeks in coming and that the leak gave certain operators an opportunity to prepare for the crash," said Lawson.

New Business Develops.

The First National has developed some new business during its short existence in the new quarters in the new building at Sixteenth and Farnham streets. The very first day in the new location the bank received over 100 new accounts.

PEACE NOTE LEAK WORTH A MILLION TO THE OFFICIALS

Lawson Tells Congressional Committee that Men High Up Knew of Contents of President's Note.

WILL NOT DISCLOSE NAMES

At Proper Time and Before Proper Parties Will Give Desired Information.

WILL NAME SUMS MADE

Washington, Jan. 9.—The leak investigation seemed to make its first progress toward some definite point today when Thomas W. Lawson, after much questioning and urging, promised that, should the house order a formal inquiry, he would disclose the names of the cabinet officer, the senator and the New York broker, who, he said, a congressman told him, were engaged in a stock gambling partnership and had profited through advance information of President Wilson's peace note.

To disclose the names to the house rules committee, Lawson repeatedly refused, even when confronted with three separate resolutions to put him in contempt, for two reasons.

First—He contended the rules committee had no power to conduct a thorough investigation, including one of the stock exchange such as he urged, and he would not be assured of an investigation if he disclosed the names.

Second—Lawson said he considered that disclosure of the names at this time would have a disastrous effect for the country and the administration. In preference to that he preferred being punished for contempt of congress.

Congressmen questioned, cross-examined and pleaded in vain with the Boston financier to give the names of the informing congressman, the cabinet officer or the senator.

"I cannot name the cabinet officer to whom I have referred without mentioning another official of higher position," said Lawson, "and that would be more serious than if I cast a cloud over the entire congress and was sent to jail myself for life."

At today's hearing Lawson frankly acknowledged he was more interested in a congressional investigation of the New York Stock exchange which would result in remedial legislation than he was in investigating the leak in President Wilson's peace note.

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