

MCKELVIE MAKES ADDRESS BEFORE U. S. GOVERNORS

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solved most promptly by the application of a graduated tax upon land. Such a tax should fall most heavily upon non-resident land owners and those who hold the land for speculation.

To reduce the ills of tenantry, Mr. McKelvie told the governors that land lease laws which will encourage the proper cultivation, and rotation of crops and the building of necessary farm equipment should be enacted. A lease of sufficient length to permit such a policy is necessary.

"Rural school consolidation," said Mr. McKelvie, "offers the best means for county educational improvement in which Nebraska has been far behind other states. The way for further consolidation should be provided by removing all barriers, and the state should be restricted that all sections will share equally in the benefits."

Discussing farm marketing conditions, the speaker commended the farmers for their splendid efforts toward increased production, but suggested that more attention be given to marketing. The farmer has been taking the other fellow's price for his products. Agencies which are not economically necessary in distribution of farm products should be removed, and unnecessary speculation, artificial price control and profiteering must come to an end.

Believes in Co-Operation.

"Farmer co-operation," predicted the speaker, "will solve the problem. Under the proper encouragement and with the barriers removed co-operation will overcome the competition of all other agencies that are uneconomic. In addition to co-operative institutions at local shipping points, terminal markets and boards of trade must be open so that co-operative enterprises will have an even break. In addition to co-operative marketing by farmers, the foundation of co-operative credit societies should also be possible in order to provide cheaper money for financing farm enterprises."

To be successful, co-operation must have the unselfish willingness of the individual to pool his interests with his neighbors for the common good, Mr. McKelvie believes. Co-operation which has for its purpose an unfair advantage for any individual or interest will meet the same fate as that which now threatens private interests which have taken unfair advantage in the past. While farming is the basic industry of Nebraska, it is not the only important one.

Upon efficient administration will depend the success of any agricultural policy. The governor-elect hopes that a better definition of powers and duties of the law enforcement and educational departments will make for efficiency in administration. An elimination of the numerous boards and commissions which now have control over several branches of agricultural activity will simplify the handling of agricultural matters.

22 Deaths from Flu as Citizens Dodge Orders of Health Commissioner

Twenty-two deaths in Omaha from Spanish influenza in the 24 hours ending Wednesday morning were reported to the city health commissioner.

Moving picture houses have ropes stretched across the entrance to each alternate row of seats, but some patrons step over the ropes and occupy the seats as before, according to the movie house managers.

Big signs printed in red are posted in the street cars, solemnly stating that the cars are not permitted to carry more than there are seats for. But many cars are crowded to capacity as heretofore. One of the provisions of Dr. Manning's street car order is "no passengers on the platforms."

"The platform is the one place on the car where the germs don't have a good show," said a passenger, and he remained on the platform.

Ministers to Ride for Half Fare on All Government Roads

Next year clergymen, both active and supernumerary, men and women actively engaged in religious work, Young Men's Christian association and Young Women's Christian association superintendents and secretaries, if they travel on railroad trains operated by the government are going to ride at half rates, providing they provide themselves with the proper credentials.

Hotel Men Will Fight Nation-Wide Prohibition

New York, Dec. 18.—The American Hotel association in executive session here today decided to wage a nation-wide fight against the proposed prohibition amendment and also against the emergency agricultural bill "frier," which prohibits traffic in intoxicants after Jan. 20, 1919. A committee of three men was named to take charge of the campaign.

More Units Assigned.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Additional units overseas, including about 1,500 officers and men, assigned by General Pershing for early conveyance home, were announced by the War department today as follows: 35th, 149th, 158th, 173d and 801st aero squadrons, 102d and 111th trench mortar batteries, headquarters 39th brigade, coast artillery.

The diet during and after influenza. Horlick's Malted Milk, nourishing, digestible.

The Most Joyful Christmas
Since A. D. 1 will be that of A. D. 1918. Christmas gifts should be personal and permanent.
RYAN JEWELRY CO.

PROGRESS MADE IN EXCHANGES

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only in favor of a league of nations, but believe the formation of such a league absolutely indispensable to the maintenance of peace. But the particular plan of the League to Enforce Peace I have never directly or indirectly endorsed."

League Constitution Drafted.

Senator Leon Bourgeois, president of the French society for a league of nations, and Count D'Estournelles de Constant, also a delegate of the society, gave to the Associated Press today a brief account of a conference they had had with Premier Clemenceau. A draft of the complete plan for the constitution of such a league, they said, was submitted to the premier, upon which an exchange of views took place.

The premier declared that the principle of a league of nations would not fail to be inscribed in the preliminaries of a peace such as would be decided upon by the allies.

WORK OF PEACE MISSION RAPIDLY TAKES SHAPE.

Paris, Dec. 18.—President Wilson today paid his first visit to the headquarters of the American mission, conferring briefly with Col. E. M. House, Secretary of State Lansing, Henry White and others, and inspecting the organization now rapidly taking shape.

Mr. Wilson drove in an army motor car to the Place de La Concorde, where all the American activities are centered.

Before the president's arrival the American delegates conferred for two hours regarding general plans, mapping out work and dividing it into sections.

Progress was reported in the formation of important branches of work under the guidance of American professors who now have practically perfected their inquiries.

TREATY OF PEACE SIGNED PROBABLY FIRST OF JUNE

Paris, Dec. 18.—President Wilson and Marshal Foch talked for half an hour last night. The subjects under discussion were mainly in reference to the armistice between the allies and Germany. Mr. Wilson was most favorably impressed as the result of this first extended conversation he has had with the marshal, according to Marcel Hutin, of the Echo De Paris.

Hutin states that it is most probable that the treaty of peace will be signed at Versailles some time about the beginning of June and that Marshal Foch will lead the allied arms under the Arch of Triumph in Paris within 15 days after peace is declared.

RED CROSS FUND THERMOMETER SHOWS BIG JUMP

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arrived at 30,000 and could go no higher.

The big jump in membership returns over the number reported the first two days of the drive is evidence that the Red Cross campaign to enroll every man, woman and child in Douglas county is now in full swing.

The committee in charge now look for huge additions to the membership totals to roll in each day. The total receipts for Wednesday was \$7,165.

Leading Omaha business houses are falling into the 100 per cent honor roll. Among those already reported by Ross B. Towle are Sunderland Machine company, Nebraska-lowa Steel, Nebraska Foundry, Skinner Macaroni, W. G. Cleveland Drug, York-Allen Ice, Smith-Lockwood, Anderson Brake Adjustment, Steril, Martin-Cott Hat, Standard Oil, Lee-Cost-Anderson, Paxton-Vierling, Omaha Broom, Paxton-Mitchell, Jubilee, National, J. F. Bloom, Sunderland Bros., Home Builders, American Securities, Epeneter Cornice works, Mueller & Johnson, Melchior Machine shop, Kava Kola Bottling, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, all automobile, auto supplies and motorcycle companies solicited by L. H. McDermott, Bankers Realty Co., Nebraska Power Co., Beacon Press, Candyland, Robert Dempster and American Express company.

The woman's committee, headed by Mrs. F. W. Judson, reported 2,500 memberships in the house-to-house canvass Tuesday. The supply of Red Cross buttons ran out and celluloid pins had to be called into use.

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT SUPREME

GIFT LUGGAGE
It's Sensible



Durable Leather Bags, the kind you'll be proud to give, priced from

\$18.00 to \$30.00



Suit Cases made of Seal, Walrus and high grade cow hide; fitted with Parisian ivory. So highly appreciated by ladies who travel. From

\$25 to \$125



\$35 to \$165

FRELING & STEINLE
Trunks, Bags, Suit Cases, and Good Leather Goods
1803 FARNAM STREET



Half a Century Ago

Half a Century Ago every community could be supplied to some extent with locally dressed meat, drawing on live stock raised nearby.

Now two-thirds of the consuming centers, with millions of people, are one to two thousand miles away from the principal live-stock producing sections, which are sparsely settled.

The American meat packing industry of today is the development of the best way to perform a national service.


The function of providing meat had to develop accordingly. Those men who first grasped the elements of the changing problem created the best facilities to meet it—large packing plants and branch houses at strategic points, refrigerating equipment (including cars), car routes, trained organization, profitable outlets for former waste—which became the natural, inevitable channels for the vast flow of meat across the country.

If there were a better way to perform this necessary service, American ingenuity and enterprise would have discovered it, and others would now be using it.

During 1918, Swift & Company has earned a profit on meats (and meat by-products) of less than 2½ cents per dollar of sales—too small a profit to have any appreciable effect on prices.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.


Omaha Local Branch
Thirteenth and Leavenworth Streets
F. J. Souders, Manager



Thompson Belden's
the natural
GIFT HEADQUARTERS

for every one who
knows the Best
and wants to give it

Thompson Belden & Co.



Some Few of the Many Good Christmas Gifts We Have

KID GLOVES
Milady who receives Trefousse Gloves will be pleased with your expression of good taste. There are no finer gloves from all of France.

LINENS
Decorative pieces of hand embroidered Madeira work, cluny, lace, Mosaic and filet lace. A wonderful addition to the linen chest of every housewife who never has too many linens. When they are presented in a Thompson-Belden wrapping one knows your judgment has been good.

BLOUSES
From The Store for Blouses—a specialty shop of engaging appearance at this busy Christmas season. Here you will find blouses for every day time and evening occasion; each attractive in its own individual way. They will cost whatever you choose to spend.

FOR THE BABY
Charming little dresses, wraps, bonnets, booties, veils, kimonos, really everything wee babies could require. The finest imaginable selections that are much different from the ordinary.

SILKS
A blouse or dress pattern is truly a worthwhile remembrance.

THE MEN'S SHOP
Buy all the time with shoppers who find it the best place to fill the gift lists for men folks. A fine selection of haberdashery awaits your coming. Only such things as men choose for themselves—so women need have no hesitancy in coming here to purchase Christmas Gifts.

NEGLIGEEES
Daintiest creations of fine silks and laces that will gladden the heart of any woman.

BATH RUGS
Strictly utilitarian, but none the less appropriate as a gift, for these we have decorated in colorful patterns that add a note of attractiveness not often seen in Turkish bath mats.

FINE FURS
There is most as much pleasure in giving as there is in receiving furs at Christmas time. Particularly when they are Thompson-Belden furs, of known quality. Purchase here in confidence Coats, Costes, Capes, Neck-pieces, Muffs, and perfectly matched sets.

CAMISOLES
Beautifully fashioned garments of lovely materials, smartly styled. How could one fail to be appreciated?

CHILDREN'S COATS
For warmth, good looks and pleasure small folks will favor coats, when they are so desirable and new as these we are now showing.

HANDKERCHIEFS
The best of qualities in any style one could desire; priced moderately also.

HAND BAGS
Velvet and beaded bags are favorites this season, and rightfully so as you can quickly see at a glance. Back straps of fine leather are also in great vogue.

SILK UNDERWEAR
It used to be that silk underwear was prohibitive in price but not so at present. But there never was a time when women failed to admire it and desired to own some of their own. We are ready with a fine selection of correct styles, sensibly priced.

FOR THE HOME
Embroidered table scarfs, center pieces, pillows. A wealth of new ideas that in most instances, are exclusive. Those who are undecided in their gift choices will do well to visit the art-needlework section.

WARM BLANKETS COMFORTERS And The Like
Because bedding of quality is thought of only by the discriminating few is no reason why it should not be considered. Do you know of a housewife who couldn't care for a pair of beautiful wool blankets or fine athen covered down comforter?
MOTOR ROBES claim a place as a gift of particular desirability. Look about a bit in this section.

A MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATE
A great many people know they wish to give something from this store, but prefer not to do their own choosing—for various reasons. So they purchase a certificate which is good at any time in any section of the store. Issued for any amount. The holder of such a gift has the opportunity to enjoy a personal selection.

BATH ROBES
For women; fashioned from attractive blankets and styled to suit the most fastidious.

LINGERIE
Perhaps of silk or crepe de chine. A gown, a chemise or combination. Hand sewn and embroidered under-muslins from the Philippines too, for your viewing.

SHOP IN THE MORNING WHEN YOU FIND IT CONVENIENT
Stocks have all been re-arranged then—every one is fresh and rested, ready to give you the best of service, for we are not remaining open evenings at present. The Thompson-Belden Store
WILL BE OPEN THE THREE EVENINGS
immediately preceding Christmas—Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.