

M'KELVIE MEETS WITH FARMER'S ORGANIZATIONS

Discuss Proposed Legislation; Question of Through Roads Across State Meets Opposition.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Representatives or organized agriculture to the number of about 100 gathered in the offices of Governor-elect S. R. McKelvie today and discussed legislation necessary to the best needs of the state from an agricultural standpoint. The morning session was executive and consisted chiefly in the governor outlining his policy regarding legislation and the consolidation of departments.

In the afternoon the meeting was public and general discussion was had on subjects under the morning program. The proposition of the reorganization of the state board of agriculture caused the most interest, at least on the part of members of the board who were present. Speaker Jackson, who is a member of the state board, asked the governor if he thought that he could fix up anything better than the system the board had had for 50 years past.

Governor Replies.
The governor replied by saying that when he was back home the nice little school house where he had attended school, and which had been adequate to meet all demands at that time, had now given place to a modern building. He disliked to see the old landmark go, but improved conditions demanded improved methods and he thought that would apply to the present board of agriculture. His plan would not abolish the board, nor take from it any of the functions as far as running the state fair and other fairs were concerned. The only change that would take place would be to take from it the agricultural activities connected with the gathering of statistics and the like.

Good Roads Question.
State Engineer George Johnson then discussed the matter of good roads, and this met with some opposition, the main contention being that the farmers did not like to see the roads built unless they took care of the traffic from the towns to the farms and back. They did not want to see a system of through roads which only looked after the tourist proposition. Mr. Johnson said that it was the intention to make special effort to cover the matter of heavy transportation from the farms to the towns.

Morning Session.
At the forenoon session, Mr. McKelvie discussed the tentative agricultural program which he expects to recommend to the legislature in his message. The first part of this dealt with the civil administrative code and one department under this code will be devoted exclusively to agriculture and kindred subjects. This department will have supervision of the duties that heretofore have come under the administration of the Food, Drug and Dairy commission, the State Board of Agriculture (except the state fair and other agricultural exhibitions), the Livestock Sanitary board, the Swallow Registration board, the Conservation commission, and at least one new section will be devoted to farm markets.

"'Twas
bliss in that
glad dawn
to be alive"

was written in the
new year of the
French Revolution,
when the sleeping
giant of Europe began
to shake himself
free from the
shackles of ignorance
and oppression.

Can not we, in
America, say the
"Happy New Year"
with even deeper
joy, since we stand
today with "hands
across the sea" to
the giant of Europe,
now in the full noon
day of his awakening.

Together we shall
end the age-long
mistakes that have
stood in the path of
Liberty, Equality
and Fraternity.

"A Happy
New Year"

THE
HOUSE of
MENAGH

Honored by Clan Gordon on Golden Wedding Day



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Pioneer Gage County Woman Dies at Home in Rockford

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. Susannah Lillie, a resident of Gage county since 1864, died in her home near Rockford yesterday, aged 87 years. She is survived by three sons and a daughter. Her husband passed away years ago. She owned a fine farm of 240 acres. Hindsdale Todd, for the last two years carrier of rural mail route No. 3 out of Beatrice, died yesterday of influenza in his home, aged 24 years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Todd, and is survived by his widow, who is seriously ill of the disease.

Private Emil D. Schwartz, a member of old Company C of this city, which left Beatrice on July 15, 1917, was severely wounded in action in France on October 25, according to a report received here yesterday by the War department. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwartz of West Beatrice, and has a brother, "Pud" Schwartz, with the American troops in France.

Miss Minnie E. Nielsen, a nurse in the Lutheran hospital here, died Sunday of pneumonia, aged 33 years. She was a sister of Miss Katherine Nielsen, the head nurse at the institution, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Nielsen of Western, Neb., to which place the remains were taken yesterday for burial.

Brother of Omaha Attorney Attacked by Pneumonia

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Will Rine, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Rine, graduate of the State university and star second baseman of the university baseball team, is lying critically ill of pneumonia following influenza at the Rine farm home north of Fremont. Mr. Rine is a brother of City Attorney John Rine of Omaha. His parents, who are sojourning in California, have been sent for.

Burlington Porter Fined on Illegal Liquor Charge

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—William Hackley, a colored porter on the Burlington road, was fined \$300 and costs yesterday by Judge Woolsey of Wymore on three counts, one for bringing liquor into a dry state, the second for having liquor in his possession and the third for transporting liquor to be delivered. The amount of the fine and costs were \$321.50, which Hackley arranged to pay.

Auto Thieves Steal Car While Owner Is in Church

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Two Ford touring cars were stolen in Fremont over the weekend. Will Peters lost his car while attending the theater and H. C. Wheeler's machine was stolen while he attended church.

Blue Serge Suits to Order at Reduced Prices

For a short time I will make to your measure a high grade, all wool, guaranteed, fast-color blue serge suit, bought to sell at \$60, while they last, \$50. This suit, skillfully tailored from all-wool fabric and quality trimmings, will hold its shape and outwear two or three ready-made suits that contain cotton and poor trimmings.

See the other big bargains I have to show you in all pure wool fabrics at \$40 to \$60.

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NEW YEAR'S WILL BE COLDEST DAY OF THE WINTER

Mercury Goes to Ten Below at Several Points in State; No Sign of a Blizzard.

The new year will be ushered in with snow and the coldest weather of the winter, according to the prediction of Colonel Welsh, in charge of the Omaha weather bureau. At 9 o'clock Tuesday morning the thermometer registered 5 degrees above zero. The coldest weather reported from any place in Nebraska was 10 degrees below zero at Alliance and Sidney. Valentine reported 8 degrees below and Sioux City, Ia., reported zero weather, 5 degrees colder than Omaha.

The coldest temperature reported to the Omaha station was from North Dakota, where the mercury sank to 30 degrees below zero.

New Year's day will be snowy with a bitter, cold, penetrating wind. Officials say that the weather will be bad but they do not expect a blizzard.

While the weather all through the Missouri valley and west to the mountains is cold, there is nothing approaching a blizzard. This is the report coming to the railroads.

Monday and Monday night there was some snow, but generally not enough to interfere with traffic, as the snow was in the air and not on the ground. Out in the state there are snow flurries Tuesday, but as a rule the weather is clear, with high no. 12 west winds.

Winner, just over the Nebraska line and in South Dakota, reported a temperature of 16 degrees below, and up in the Black Hills country the range was from zero to 18 below. Sheridan, Wyo., reported 16 below.

Omaha Boys in France Send Greeting to the Chamber of Commerce

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce received a postal card Tuesday morning that will be very interesting reading to the friends and relatives of the boys of the old Fourth Nebraska regiment.

The postal is from Bordeaux, France, and is addressed to the "Omaha Commercial Club." On the front of the postal is written "From the Omaha boys of the 127th F. A., formerly old Fourth Nebraska."

The message side of the postal is as follows:

"Bordeaux, France, Dec. 6, 1918. —Dear Mr. Commercial Club: Just a few lines to let you know that the 127th F. A. are figuring on being home before many days. There are about 800 Omaha men in this regiment, so look for a big time when we arrive."

"THE OMAHA BOYS."

Employe of Nebraska Power Company Hurt by Electric Current

Ray Born, 2768 South Thirteenth street, an employe of the Nebraska Power company, was badly burned by a power wire at the substation at Thirtieth and Larimore streets at 1 o'clock Tuesday. He was working among power wires and at the direction of another man pulled a switch which caused a heavy current of electricity to pass through his body. The shock also caused an explosion which created considerable disturbance in the neighborhood. Born, who was made unconscious by the shock, was taken to the Swedish Memorial hospital on Twenty-fourth street, where it was found that his arm had been seriously burned.

Gage County Line Stock Men Want New Legislation

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Provisions of a bill which has been drafted by the legislative committee of the Gage County Live Stock association to be placed before the legislature, urge a state appropriation to aid the federal government's fight on tuberculosis in stock; revision of the fence law and a dog law to protect the growing sheep industry, and a liberal appropriation for the equipment and maintenance of the state serum plant. Another provision relates to the sale of stock remedies. The bill was prepared by Frank C. Crocker, president of the county association. County Agent Rist, Frank Putnam, Frank Thornburg and A. D. Graff.

COURT ORDERS EXPRESS CO. TO OBEY SCHEDULE

Must Put New Intrastate Rates into Effect or Show Cause by January 10.

Lincoln, Dec. 31.—The Nebraska supreme court today issued an alternative writ of mandamus directing the American Railway Express company to put into effect a schedule of intrastate express rates as promulgated by the Nebraska State Railway commission or to show cause by January 10 why the commission's rates should not become effective.

The supreme court's action was taken on an application filed today by the railway commission for a writ of mandamus to compel the express concern to adopt the commission's schedule of charges instead of charging rates ordered effective tomorrow by the federal railroad administration.

The commission whose rates are lower than the federal charges, questions the railroad administration's right to control intrastate express business.

Checker Expert Dies.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 31.—Lyman N. Stearns, known as an authority on the game of checkers died here today.

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THE KAISER SAID
"Hand in hand, with God's help, we shall gain victory in the coming year," one year ago today, January 1, 1918.

Find the Crown Prince.
YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
Left side down nose at left arm.

Thayer County Fair Holds Annual Meeting in Deshler

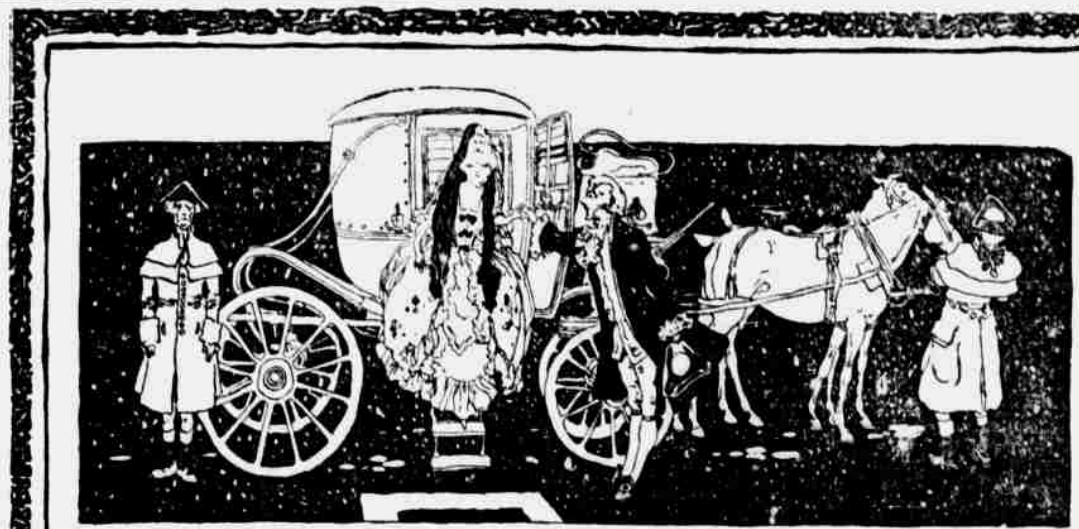
Deshler, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Thayer County Agricultural society Monday, Paul Grupe, John Albrecht and Richard Rodeburg were elected directors for three years. The following officials were re-elected unanimously: Albert Caughey, president; John Rodeburg, vice president and superintendent of grounds and buildings; E. J. Mitchell, secretary; Richard Rodeburg, treasurer; John Albrecht, chief of police. A sheep department was added with George Weimers, superintendent. The fair will be held the week before the state fair.

Firemen's Convention to Be Held in Fremont Jan. 21

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Reports sent out to the effect that the annual convention of the Nebraska State Firemen's association, scheduled for Fremont January 21, 22 and 23, had been called off owing to the influenza epidemic, are erroneous. Plans for the convention are being made by the committee of the Fremont fire department and Commercial club. No official announcement from the president, J. W. Guthrie of Alliance, calling of the convention has been received.

Start Suit to Collect on Soldier's Insurance

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Suit to collect \$2,500 on an insurance policy held by Priv. Edward Pruss of Snyder, who died at Camp Dodge last fall, has been started in district court by Robert Frahm, administrator of the young man's estate. The defendants are the Bankers Reserve Life Insurance company of Omaha.



With ye Best of Wishes for a very Happy New Year to all

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C. C. Shimer, Secretary.

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