

M'KELVIE HAS NO OBJECTION TO CRITICISM

Will Recommend That Bill Be Introduced Prohibiting Appointment of Relatives to State Positions.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Neptosis, as far as the state administration of Governor-elect McKelvie is concerned, will be found wanting, the new executive declared in a was merited, and appreciating that the criticism of appointments made was merited, and appreciating that fact he has withdrawn them and appointed others to their places. Not only that, but he will recommend to the legislature in his message next Thursday that a bill be passed prohibiting the appointment of relatives to any place in his department by the head of a department.

Governor's Statement. Three additional appointments in the department of banking are made necessary by the resignation of O. McKelvie, who was appointed bank examiner, and Miss Hart and Miss Miskell, who were appointed to clerical positions in that department. Miss Miskell decided to remain in the position where she is now employed, with Burkett, Wilson and Brown, and Mr. McKelvie and Miss Hart tendered their resignations in order that the administration might be relieved of criticism on account of nepotism. All of these resignations were voluntary and have been accepted.

For myself, I am prepared to say (and I think I voice the sentiments of Mr. Hart, who will be secretary to the banking board) that I do not resent the criticism that was directed against the dangers surrounding the appointment of my brother and Miss Hart. It was just and I accept it as happily as I would be prompt to ignore the political clap-trap and partisan piffle which too frequently marks the comment upon such subjects.

Called by Furnace Man. In fact, I do not object to criticism at any time, regardless of the source from which it emanates. Why, only recently my furnace man gave me a calling down and I let him get away with it because he was right.

However, regarding the two appointments in question, I offer this explanation: I have always been associated with my father and my brothers more or less, in a business way and it was most natural that I should in this instance, invite my father to accept a position for which he is eminently well qualified. The same may be said of Mr. Hart with reference to his daughter. She has been associated with him in his bank for some time and has proven herself to be a trustworthy and capable employe upon whom he could safely impose unusual responsibilities.

But I realize that nepotism in public office is an unsafe practice and in order that others may be spared making the unintentional error that was committed here, I shall recommend to the legislature the passage of a law preventing it in every department of state government.

Land Commissioner Wants Legislation to Build More Parks

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—A state park commission is advocated by Land Commissioner Grant Shumway in his biennial report to the governor. In it he says: "My attention was called to the fact that among the unclassified lands were tracts of five, 10 and 20 acres in several counties over the state. These were originally subdivisions under the law which provided timber for the use of the people. The attention of the Lincoln Automobile club was called to 20 acres lying eight miles south of this city. After an examination of the association leased the 20 acres and have converted it into a park. There are some grand old trees—a number of elms, hackberry and scattering walnuts—over this tract. The shade is so dense that grass does not properly develop under the trees, and I would suggest an amendment to the law permitting the removal of a portion of the timber from school lands, under the direction of the land commissioner, where it may be found that the proper conservation and profit of the tract be better observed by the sale and removal of such timber.

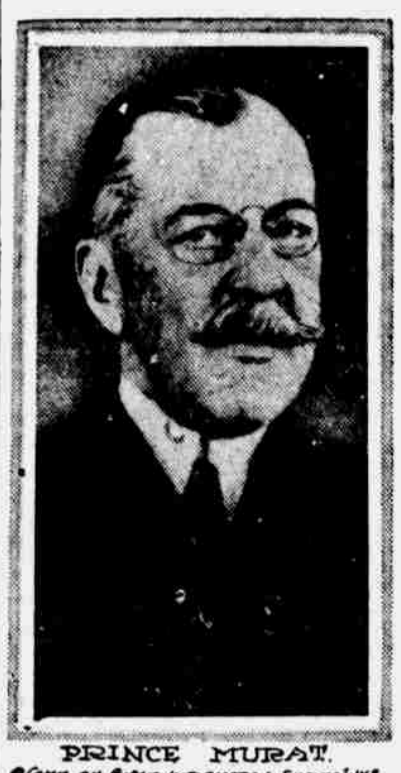
Wants Park Commissioner. I would recommend also the creation of a state park commission, of which the land commissioner should be made chairman and an examining committee of five members, one from each of the five largest cities, to examine all tracts of state land of less than 40 acres; also private lands which might be acquired, to determine their availability for park purposes.

The commissioner is opposed to the sale of the school lands of the state, except that part which is required to be sold under the present law. He believes that free and open bidding should be had in all cases. He calls attention to land sold in Wyoming under the bidding system for \$60 an acre, where land in Nebraska, just across the line, of the same quality, brought only \$20 an acre under the present system.

Ban Lifted on All Social Gatherings in Fremont

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The ban on public dances in Fremont has been lifted. The board of health after a meeting yesterday decided to raise the restrictions on gatherings of a special nature as the result of the improvement in the influenza situation. Since the quarantine law became effective a week ago only 25 cases have been reported. In the same time ten homes have been released from quarantine. The total number of influenza cases in Fremont since the epidemic first struck the country is 1,420. The pneumonia cases total 104.

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF PRINCE MURAT



PRINCE MURAT, late of President Wilson during his stay in France. The prince's beautiful mansion in Paris has been turned over to President Wilson for his use during the peace conference.

ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS SCHOOLS OF STATE GROW

Nebraska Has 7,216 Districts Which Employ 13,248 Teachers; 138 Sod Houses and 27 Log Buildings.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—There are 7,216 school districts in Nebraska with 7,681 school houses, according to the biennial report of the state superintendent, now about ready for distribution. There are 13,248 teachers, of which 12,098 are women and 1,150 men. The men draw an average monthly salary of \$86.31, while the women draw on an average of \$56.20. There is a total enrollment of 300,011 scholars, of which 149,491 are males and 150,520 females. The census gives 390,026 students, 198,329 being males and 191,697 females. The females are shown to be the best in attendance, as 109,552 is the average attendance of the girls against 104,825 of the boys. Total wages earned by all teachers is given at \$6,433,974 for women and \$960,237.39 for men teachers. The report shows that there are 138 sod school houses in the state and 27 log houses. There are 573 built of brick, 105 of cement or stone and one of galvanized iron. The balance, 6,837, are frame structures. Other valuable information is given as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes: Number of school houses built within the year, Number of districts having nine months or more school, Value of district property, etc.

Children subject to compulsory education law who have attended required time: Males 97,548; Females 98,745. Total 196,293.

Aggregate number of days attended by all pupils: Males 9,316,622; Females 10,122,113. Total 19,438,735.

The Weather

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Includes: Omaha, clear, 29; Denver, clear, 46; Salt Lake, cloudy, 40; etc.

M'KELVIE PICKS BLISS TO TAKE BROTHER'S JOB

Governor-Elect Selects Elm Creek Man When He Drops Brother Because of Nepotism.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—A vigorous shake of the old political plum tree by Governor McKelvie disclosed that there was a little fruit left in the foliage. Some of the fruit heretofore shaken off proved not to be just what was wanted, and because of nepotism blemishes was cast aside and new fruit selected. The appointments are as follows: Banking Board—Examiner (to fill place made vacant by resignation of O. McKelvie), Clarence G. Bliss, Elm Creek; assistant clerk, A. L. Bechter, Pierce; stenographer (to fill places made vacant by resignation of Miss Hart and Miss Miskell), Rena M. Waterman, Lincoln. Insurance Board—Actuary, W. B. Young, Omaha.

Printing Bureau—Stenographer, Orlan Nesbit, Hastings. State Board of Pardons—Stenographer, Matilda Heagney, Lincoln. All Army Vets.

Inspectors in Food, Drug, Dairy and Oil Commission: V. G. Ziemer, Grand Island; Herbert Kinney, Jackson; Eden K. Drake, Burdard; Frank L. Snide, Springfield; H. R. Hickman, Wayne; Edgar H. Johnson, Vausa; Frank C. Prince, Ord; W. B. Bottenfield, Nelson; C. S. Fay, Taylor; John Webb, Tecumseh; John F. Wenstrand, Wahoo; E. H. Dunaway, Overton; Howard E. Carstensen, Omaha; Thomas Zacek, West Point; Millard South, Norfolk.

Office of State Engineer—E. H. Morey, deputy state engineer; A. S. Mirick, superintendent of highway construction; M. F. Black, chief draftsman; W. J. McEachron, C. M. Miller, J. F. Mullin, R. O. Green, W. H. Larson, Robt. McKee, field engineers; W. T. Hole, G. W. Walrod, F. A. Roland, Chris Rohrer, M. G. Burr, A. W. Woods, A. M. Gaddis, G. H. Kier, Ed. H. Vranas, C. A. Shannon, Homer Feller, James B. McKee, Margaret Noble, Gladys Ralston, Geo. Supp, Jas. A. Knapp, A. E. Anderson, Will Johnson, Thad Epps, R. Adams, draftsman; John R. Barton, clerk in drafting room; Louise Schultz, accountant, road department; Ruby M. Neville, clerk and stenographer, road department; Kathryn I. Ward, stenographer and statistician, irrigation department; Fay Forbes, stenographer and bookkeeper; A. W. Moffitt, state aid bridge inspector; F. L. Heckman, state aid bridge inspector; R. H. Willis, water superintendent, division No. 1; Page T. Francis, water superintendent, division No. 2.

From the West. Water Commissioners: C. A. Liljenstolpe, Scottsbluff; W. F. Chaloupka, Bridgeport; E. H. Hartman, Lewellen; Robt. Osborne, Harrisburg; Geo. M. Rannie, North Platte; W. T. Young, Kimball; Floyd Bailey, Culbertson; C. S. Radcliffe, Sidney; John Cook, Agate; Wm. Willis, William Springs; Jas. Spearman, Crawford and M. J. Gashart, Montrose. William B. Young, named as actuary on the insurance board, has just been discharged as lieutenant. He resigned as actuary of the North American Life Insurance company and voluntarily enlisted in the United States service early in the war and was discharged December 4 as a commissioned officer in the field artillery. Mr. Young attended the state university three years and completed his university course at the University of Michigan, specializing in actuarial science. He was recently offered a position by the war risk bureau of the federal government as an insurance expert. The inspectors in the Food, Drug, Dairy and Oil commission have all been filled by men who have been discharged and have recently returned from the military service.

Resolutions on Death of Miss Mabel Engler

The following resolutions were passed by the Peru Normal school faculty, as a tribute to Miss Mabel Engler of Omaha, one of the class of 1919, who died at her home a few days before Christmas: The members of the faculty of the Peru state Normal school desire to give expression to the deep regret and sadness they have felt in learning of the recent death of Miss Mabel Engler, and to bear testimony to the unusually high regard in which, as a student and as a woman, she was held.

Miss Engler commended herself to the esteem and affection of those who were privileged to know her by the breadth of her vision, the graciousness of her spirit, the nobility quality of her idealism, and the strength of her devotion to common service and personal duty.

Man Accused of Mail Theft

Fights Removal Proceedings. San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Arthur Howell, alias Young, former mail wagon driver in Denver, who was accused of the theft of mail sacks containing over \$250,000 in Liberty bonds and other securities from a Denver railroad station, appeared in the United States district court here yesterday on removal proceedings. Howell notified the court that he will fight removal to Denver and the hearing was continued until Monday. The theft occurred December 2 Howell was arrested in Oakland, Cal., December 10. Most of the stolen property was recovered.

Peru State Normal Notes. When the Normal school reopened December 31, after the Christmas holidays, practically all registered students were back in their classes. The few absences were reported as being caused by illness with flu. In order to be ready for any possible later outbreak of the epidemic here, the school infirmary has been transferred from "East Cottage" to a large modern two-story house, in charge of the school nurse, Miss Katherine Foster, and a competent matron. The normal school gymnasium has just been equipped with a fine new floor at an expense of \$1,000. Nearly fifty per cent of the S. A. T. C. men have returned to Peru as regular students. All but two plan to complete the year here.

LATE SUPREME COURT OPINIONS FOR NEBRASKA

Decisions Handed Down by the High Bench of State at Its Recent Sitting.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The following are rulings on miscellaneous motions and stipulations: 20209—Citizens Savings Trust Co. against Independent Lumber Co. of Omaha. Stipulation allowed; rule day extended to July 1, 1919. 20210—White against Omaha Film exchange. Affirmed. Martin, C. 20211—Nebraska Materials Co. against Prieke. Reversed and remanded. Martin, C. 20212—Hermann against Juliff. Affirmed. McGirr, C. 20213—Arthur against Arthur. Affirmed. McGirr, C. 20214—Verge against The W. & L. Foundry Co. Affirmed. Parriott, C. 20215—Yanda against Oldacre. Affirmed. Parriott, C.

The following rulings on motions for rehearings: 18732—Diers against Ahrendt. Overruled. 20216—Dwargak against Bohson. Overruled. 20187—Brunko against Village of Snyder. Overruled. 20217—Burs against Diers. Overruled. 20218—Pank against Stevens. Overruled. Only Son of Auburn Woman Killed While Hunting. Auburn, Neb., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—While hunting with two companions of about his own age, Lee Porter, 14-year-old son of Mrs. Carrie Porter of this place, accidentally shot himself in the head with a shotgun. The companions of the boy placed him on a sled and took him back to the edge of town, where they were met by physicians with an automobile. The boy died before the car reached town.

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Girl Killed in Pittsburgh

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Ogden, Utah, Jan. 5.—Irene Hayford, reported to have been murdered in a rooming house in Pittsburgh, Pa., by Dionisios Giakenoulis, a restaurant man formerly of Salt Lake City, was known in Ogden as Karna Hayford. Her brother, E. F. Green, reports that he last heard from his sister in a letter dated from Pittsburgh, December 28, in which she said she had been sick and compelled to find work in order to pay her doctor bills and provide money for the return trip to Ogden. She left Ogden, according to the brother, last July, following her husband, who had been drafted into service at an army camp in West Virginia, from which place she followed him to an embarkment camp in New Jersey, and after seeing him depart overseas had entered service as a waitress at Pittsburgh. The brother knows nothing about Giakenoulis in the case, nor any of the circumstances that may have led up to the tragedy. He speaks of his sister as a prepossessingly good looking girl of 19 years.

"Wet" Majority Claimed in California Legislature

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 5.—Ratification of the national prohibition amendment is the chief issue that faces the forty-third biennial session of the California legislature which opens here tomorrow. A "wet" majority is claimed in the assembly, but the senate is said to be in doubt. I. W. W. Trial to Be Resumed. Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 5.—The trial of 46 persons charged with an industrial workers of the world anti-war conspiracy will be resumed in the United States district court here Monday and the government probably will conclude its case next week. Robert Duncan, special attorney for the Department of Justice, said tonight. Condition of the juror whose illness caused postponement of the trial was reported much improved.

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RUSS PEASANTS WAGING WARFARE UPON BOLSHEVIKI

Archangel Government Gives Recognition to Strenuous Guerrilla Campaigns in Volodga Province.

Archangel, Jan. 5.—In recognition of their valuable services against the bolsheviks the provisional government has decided to supply volunteer and partisan detachments with food and to support their families. This is the first official recognition of the peasant bands which have been waging strenuous guerrilla campaigns through northern Russia. President Nicholas Tschalkovsky, of the government of northern Russia, told the correspondent today that these bands are doing much to overthrow the bolshevik regime. There recently was a great uprising of peasants in the vicinity of Nizhniks in Volodga province and another party of insurrectionists blew up bridges on the railway between Volodga and Kotlas. Bolsheviki troops were sent to quell these insurrectionists, but, contrary to bolsheviki reports, the provisional government is informed that the revolts are still in progress. Cossacks Take Udinsk. Irkutsk, Siberia, Jan. 5.—General Senenoff, stung to action by the attempt made on his life at Chita, immediately ordered his forces to capture the important strategic center of Verkhne Udinsk, midway between Irkutsk and Chita, and depose the officials. The correspondent on his arrival at Udinsk found the Cossacks in complete control of the town. Among those arrested at Udinsk were Colonel Baronofsky, the military commander in the region, his chief of staff, commandant of the station and the telegraph operators. Friends of Colonel Baronofsky succeeded in capturing him from the Cossacks and began a wild dash toward Irkutsk across frozen Lake Baikal, 300 versts away.

Large advertisement for Doan's Kidney Pills. Includes headline 'Is Your Back Giving Out?', an illustration of two men talking, and several testimonials from Omaha residents. The testimonials describe various ailments like back pain, kidney issues, and general weakness, all cured by Doan's Kidney Pills. The ad concludes with 'Read These Omaha Cases:' and 'Doan's Kidney Pills' in large letters.