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CAPITOLS ARE INSPECTED BY NEBRASKA BODY

Governor McKelvie Reports on Conditions Found in Neighboring State Buildings.

Lincoln, Nov. 8.—(Special.)—Governor McKelvie returned today from the trip with the state capitol commission, which inspected capitol buildings in Missouri, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The governor also made an address before a joint meeting of the Kiwanis and advertising clubs of St. Louis Thursday. The capitol commission will not hold a meeting until December 1, which will be after the architects have presented their plans for the new building. Under the rules of the board Nebraska architects are given the first chance to draw plans. From these plans a selection will be made. Then the commission, if not exactly satisfied, will call for plans from outside the state.

Following is the report of the governor on the different inspections made:

Missouri Capitol.
"At the little river town of Jefferson City there has come into being a really great architectural movement, which the Missouri state house crushes almost to extinction in the modest surroundings. It certainly profits by the contrast. Phoenix-like, it has arisen from the ashes of a former capitol. One re- grets, however, that the Phoenix could not have better justified the parallel by flying a few feet higher, for it certainly stands upon a most depressed and depressing site. Of a beautiful, almost white stone, a Missouri marble, it stands the reincarnation of some stately structure of old Rome. One is struck with the simplicity of the design and the scale of its every detail. Profoundly impressive in its unfinished state, we anticipate with impatience the glory of its ultimate completion.

It differs most from other state buildings in the two fundamentals of material simplicity and harmony of scale.

Marble walls and floors promise much for its durability and permanence, while they set the pace for a dignified, chaste and restrained scheme of decoration. It is to be regretted that the furnishings of the building were not entrusted to the same wise guidance which led to its architectural accomplishment. So far, Missouri has little to regret in the program of its capitol building—even in the making of provision for future growth and in her mechanical equipment there seems to have been a wise intelligence in command. Tracy & Swartwout of New York were the architects, having won their appointment in an important competition held under guidance of the American Institute of Architects of the more recent American state houses viewed from the several angles of utility, cost, dignity and beauty of design. It takes no great stretch of the imagination to justify awarding first place to this classic genius, which has brought such distinction to Jefferson City and Missouri, and such unstinted credit to the distinguished members of the capitol commission, who are responsible for the result.

Missouri capitol, commenced approximately March 24, 1911. Contract let for foundation of building April 21, 1913. Contract for main part of building, November 18, 1913. Furnished for occupancy, July 1, 1917. Built practically all from local stone, with exception of very little for interior decoration.

"The capitol of Minnesota, (Cane Gilbert of the Woolworth building,

architect), 1896-1905, is a classic domed structure of white Georgian marble, occupying an elevated site of some 10 acres, situated in the heart of St. Paul, but without adequate setting, and with no proper or dignified approaches. In spite of these drawbacks, it is a monument of great impressiveness and one whose influence has been clearly marked on all our state buildings of later date. It combines with marked success the monumental and practical requirements, the harmonizing of which has proved so difficult a problem. In common, however, with all her sister states, Minnesota has failed to anticipate her future growth and finds herself today facing an outgrowth capitol building. How she will meet the situation remains to be seen. Let us hope that nothing will be allowed to encroach on or disturb the monumental character of her present home, and that future generations may continue to be instructed and impressed, as we have, by this stately pile with its wealth of architecture and its treasures of art. (Cost of capitol, \$4,500,000).

Wisconsin Capitol.

Wisconsin capitol cost \$7,250,000 and was completed in 1915. "Since the beginning of time ambitious designers have essayed to use the Greek cross as a plan on which to erect great architectural monuments. In the most recent example, the state building at Madison, Wis., architects will recognize the same limitations that have called down an adverse verdict on former examples. George B. Post & Sons of New York, the architects, must content themselves with the thought that they have given us not only our second highest, but one of our most impressive domes, and withal a stately and very beautiful building, if they may not claim to have solved the vexed question of a crucial plan. One fails, on entering the building, greets, however, that the Phoenix could not have better justified the parallel by flying a few feet higher, for it certainly stands upon a most depressed and depressing site. Of a beautiful, almost white stone, a Missouri marble, it stands the reincarnation of some stately structure of old Rome. One is struck with the simplicity of the design and the scale of its every detail. Profoundly impressive in its unfinished state, we anticipate with impatience the glory of its ultimate completion.

School Fund Benefits by Death of Western Man

Lincoln, Nov. 8.—(Special.)—The school fund of the state will receive an added amount of \$2,425.34 from an escheated estate coming to the state from lands belonging to Frederick W. Weise in Arthur and McPherson counties.

Weise died some time ago, leaving 520 acres of land in these counties and a government bond for \$1,000 of the third Liberty loan. The land brought \$1,425.34 when sold and with the bond reverts to the state because there are no known heirs.

Mann Act Convict Escapes From Nebraska County Jail

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 8.—(Special Telegram)—Harry Jones of Indianapolis, convicted last week in federal court under the Mann act and sentenced to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., for two years, Friday with two other prisoners escaped from the county jail. The three took an automobile and have not been caught.

SUIT AGAINST GREAT NEBRASKA WOODMEN ORDER

Seek to Enjoin Company From Changing Its Character and Raising Its Rates.

Nebraska City, Neb., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—The most interesting lawsuit, from many angles, ever started in Otoe county opened its first chapter Friday afternoon, when D. W. Livingston, counsel-in-chief for the plaintiffs, filed in the district court a petition in behalf of Charles E. Fowler, George W. Parr, John S. Clinkenbeard and William F. Yowell, who sue for themselves and all other persons similarly situated and similarly interested, as plaintiffs, against the sovereign camp of the Woodmen of the World, a fraternal beneficiary association, incorporated under the laws of the state of Nebraska, as defendant.

Notable Legal Talent.

The plaintiffs are represented by D. W. Livingston of Nebraska City; Wilkerson and Barnett, attorneys, of Sedalia, Mo., and Wilfley, McIntire, Nordin and Nelson, attorneys of St. Louis, Mo.

The purpose of the suit is to enjoin the defendant and its officers from putting into effect the new rate, on January 1, 1920, that was adopted at the sovereign camp meeting held in Chicago in July of 1917. These rates are much higher

than those now in force. The petition charges that the act of the sovereign camp in adopting the new rate is in violation of the laws of Nebraska, where the corporation has been organized, and its own constitution and by-laws; that old members are raised to a prohibitive new rate at their present attained age, and that the rates sought to be put into effect are higher than those of old-line insurance companies.

Has 800,000 Members. The effect of the new rate laws and plan of operation is to change the association from a fraternal benefit association to an old-line insurance company in violation of the laws of Nebraska and its own constitution.

The petition also states that the membership in the defendant lodge exceeds 800,000 persons, who will be affected by this change and the results of this litigation.

Robbers Loot Farmers' Union Store In Lindsay

Lindsay, Neb., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—Burglars broke into the Farmers' Union store here and carried off all the silks, most of the best shoes and leather vests. The loss is estimated at \$2,000.

The loot was carried off in a car. It is believed the robbers have some convenient hiding place not far away.

Notable Wedding Takes Place at West Point

West Point, Neb., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—Wednesday Julius Behling and Miss Louise Daberkow were married at Emanuel Lutheran church. The attendants were Miss Anna Behling and William Dakerkow. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Behling and both parties are members of prominent families and early settlers. They will establish a home near Beemer.

Special Committee To Continue Probe Of High Prices Here

Lincoln, Nov. 8.—(Special.)—While the meeting Friday of the legislative committee appointed to look into the matter of calling a special session of the legislature to deal with punishment of profiteers did not develop sufficient interest on the part of the public to warrant a call being made, the committee is not going to discontinue its efforts. Members say they have just started in.

Remarks of some of the speakers that "we couldn't do anything" does not meet with the idea of the members of the committee. In fact, it rather spurs them on to redoubled efforts. They do not believe that, knowing that an evil exists, the people of the state should throw up their hands and let it continue to exist. The committee has been finding out some things in the past few days and it believes that something will be done before snow flies.

Members are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the meeting called by Governor McKelvie for November 25. They expect to get some ideas from that meeting which will help materially in discovering some way to meet the situation and solve it in a way that will get results.

Bogus Whisky Swindlers Must Face Irate Farmers

Fremont, Neb., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—Jay Schmidt and J. L. Smith were brought to Fremont from Lincoln by Sheriff Condit on a charge of having offered whisky to a number of farmers with the understanding that the checks were not to be cashed until the goods were shipped.

Fremont Man, Thought Dead for Nine Years, Cables From Honolulu

Fremont, Neb., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—Loren D. Whelpley, former Fremont merchant, who disappeared nine years ago, leaving his wife and four daughters, was heard from at Honolulu in a cablegram received by a local bank. Whelpley's only sister, Mrs. Addie Beebe, died three weeks ago and the cablegram referred to the administration of the

Table Rock Man Returns

Table Rock, Neb., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—Dominie Schimenti, the well-known Italian-American of this county, arrived in New York from overseas October 28 on the transport America and was sent to Camp Dix for discharge. Mr. Schimenti will return to Pawnee county.

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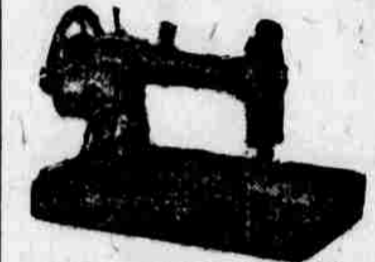
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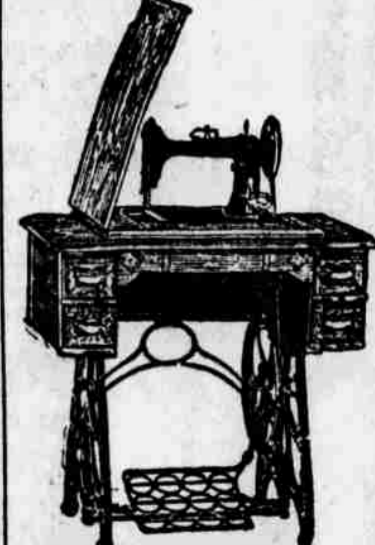
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