

Lincoln Bureau of The Omaha Bee

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COLLEGE BOYS VOLUNTEER TO WORK IN MINES

State University and Omaha Students Will Go to Coal Producing States.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Governor McKelvie this morning issued a proclamation to governors of coal-producing states that 500 students of the University of Nebraska have volunteered their services in the mines, in an effort to relieve the national coal famine. His action was the result of a meeting with a committee of the students, who met last night under the leadership of Leonard Koine, a law student at the university, and adopted a resolution to volunteer for work in the mines. Conditions at the university with regard to the fuel shortage is still severe, but the board of regents has decided to keep the university running until the holidays, on the present supply of coal if possible. Governor McKelvie will go to Denver Wednesday, where he will hold a conference with Governor Shoup, of that state, and Governor Carey of Wyoming for the purpose of doing something to help out the coal situation in all three states. Governor McKelvie was in conference with Governor Carey over the phone and told him that Nebraska would furnish men to run the coal mines if Wyoming would furnish protection, and that the federal government was relieved in these states coal would be sent to Nebraska. It is for the purpose of getting action on coal that is held back for want of transportation that the conference will be held. Governor Carey stated that there was a surplus of coal in Wyoming, but that the facilities for handling it are wanting. Jack Beacom of the University of Omaha will open a bureau today in the Chamber of Commerce, where

he will be from 9:30 to 3:30 to receive registrations of students who will volunteer for mine work and wood chopping. Transportation of volunteers will be paid and they will be assigned to work where the products of their efforts will help to relieve the Omaha situation. Mr. Beacom stated that he already has the names of 75 students who will engage in this work, and he added that nearly all are ex-service men. "We expect to have an enrollment of 1,000 here within a few days," Mr. Beacom predicted.

Attorneys Deny Charge Of Illegal Practice

Lincoln, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Bartos Bros. & Wilbur, attorneys, have filed an answer in the supreme court to the charges of illegal acts in connection with the practice of law made by the county attorney of Saline county with the idea of having them debarred from practice. They deny all charges made against them in seeking to obtain money from different individuals in order to keep them from going into the service of the United States. In the case of Henry Damkroger the attorney alleged that when Damkroger came to them and said that he did not want his son to be fighting against his cousins who lived in Germany it was suggested that the boy might be changed to some other department where he would not have to fight his relatives.

Appropriations Asked For Nebraska Projects

Washington, Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—In the book of estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, Secretary Glass asks for the following appropriations: \$102,500 for the Geneva Indian school, divided as follows: \$82,000 for annual support, \$6,000 for a new commissary building, \$10,000 for repairs and improvements, \$4,500 for an extension of the water system. The following appropriations are also recommended: \$15,000 for river improvements between Kansas City and Sioux City; \$1,000,000 for the North Platte reclamation project in Nebraska and Wyoming; \$120,000 for the Belle Fourche project in South Dakota.

FALLS CITY MAN ELECTED HEAD OF CONVENTION

A. J. Weaver Named President of Constitutional Body—Victor Rosewater Reports on Survey.

Lincoln, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The constitutional convention was called to order at 12:10 by Secretary of State D. M. Amsbury and prayer was offered by Rev. Elmore of the First Baptist church of Lincoln. Mr. Gaston, chief clerk in the office of the secretary of state, called the roll and all members answered except M. J. Higgins of Colfax and T. C. Osborne of Scotts Bluff.

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the selection by Thomas R. Kimball of Omaha and Irvin K. Pound, well known Chicago architect, and the selection was made without knowing who sent in the plans. It is the purpose of the commission in selecting the final plans, which will now be the next thing

in order, that these three architects meet in competition without outside architects and the selection will be made, taking into consideration the ability of the architects to supervise the work. It is expected that about six or seven outside architects will compete in the final round.

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