# **Farmers Paying** Big Strike Toll, **Melady Declares**

Commission Man Says Labor Difficulty Is Playing Havoc With Farmers Who Feed Livestock.

"The packing-house strike is cer-tainly working havoc with the farmers and livestock shippers." said Gene Melady, livestock commission man. "It seems the farmer is always the goat, and this squabble between the packers and their employes is going to cost the farmers a world of money. It looked like this year would be a very profitable one for the farmer to feed livestock, and those who were fortunate enough to secure financial assistance to buy feeders felt confident they would have a reasonable profit for their efforts, as feed was so ridiculously low that they hoped to realize a fair price for their feed, to which they were surely on-

"If President Harding and Secre-Tary of Agriculture Wallace have the nterests of the farmer at heart, why don't they do something to expedite matters in this strike and see that there is a proper and satisfactory adjustment made on both sides and thereby save the farmer, who really needs help at this time?

"The few sheep and lambs that are eing fed and marketed, have been making some money up to this time, but there are very few farmers who have the sheep, the bulk of them being in the hands of a few who could get money. The banks did not seem inclined to loan money very freely to the average farmer for feeding sheep and lambs, even though feeders were selling at the lowest point in many years, but the loans were generally extended to the big interprice of mutton.

"The cattle feeders have not been making a profit up-to-date, and it locks like the balance of them will suffer a loss if the strike continues very long. The hogs have proved a life-saver for the farmer and have been selling to fairly good advantage. However, the weights of the hogs coming in would indicate that farmers are shipping hogs lighter than usual in order to realize quickly on them to meet their obligations, and without doubt later in the spring, the hog run will show a big falling off.

Pork and mutton have been pro-

fitable products and it is hoped that the few remaining sheep and lambs in the feed lots will continue to sell at a profit. However, if New Zea-land lambs are put on the market, as they were a year ago, the American feederss will not have much of

## Central City Opposes Increased Phone Rate

the part of private business and public utilities shows a downward trend. prevailing market prices of grain and yestocle in this great agricultural Bank of Omaha.

### Merrick County Officers Wage War on Bootleggers

Central City, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Specourt on the charge of selling intoxicating liquor, two counts being spe-cified in the complaint. LeRoy Church, who resides on Prairie island, will be given a hearing in county court. As the result of a search a small quantity of liquor was confiscated at his farm home in addition to what the officials believe is a portion of a still. The county officials are being assisted by Special Agent Will Moore.

### Nebraskans Will Attend Woolgrowers Convention

eived by lo-5 to 7. It is re-account of illness Wilson of McKinley, presthe association, will be unable to attend the meeting. It is expected that quite a delegation from Omaha and other Nebraska points

### Endicott Methodist Church

church and subscription petitions are in circulation to raise the funds. While this will be under the supervision of the Methodist denomination the edifice will be used as a The Methodist church at Steele

City has been sold to the Presbyterians for \$1,000 and this is to be donated to help build the Endicott

# Omahans Wed 60 Years Ago New Year's Day



the little town of Corunna, Ind. It girls do." was on New Year's Day.

wedding anniversary. He is 85;

Chuckling with amusement at the memory, Mrs. Owens told of her ests and therefore the average farm- wedding trip, overland by team, er will not profit much from the high from Indiana to her new home in Michigan.

Recalls Wedding Gown.

"If it were today we'd probably make the trip by airplane," she said, Then she recalled her wedding gown, a billowy loopskirt affair Miss Rose M. Owens, who is grand which swept the floor with yards secretary of the Eastern Star and and yards of material. Very decoland yards of material. Very decol-lete it was too, she admits with a O. sisterhood. A son died more

"Oh, yes, and we girls used to wear short sleeves and thin clothes in cold weather too, just like the girls of today. Land sakes, I don't at the function.

In the stirring war days of '62, see anything immodest in the way James Owens. Michigan youth led girls dress today. If I was a young his demure little bride to the altar in girl, I'd do just like the rest of the

Justead of a wedding veil, Mrs. Today, after a lapse of 60 Owens wore a wreath in her hair, years, they celebrate their diamond and to this day she treasures the wedding anniversary. He is 85: wedding day

Lived Here Seven Years. "They look so funny, now!" she

The Owens came to Nebraska 35 ears ago, settling in Bloomington. Seven years ago they moved to Omaha and now live at 406 South Twenty-ninth street, where they will be at home to their friends Sunday. The Owens have only one child, Miss Rose M. Owens, who is grand

than 30 years ago.

### Iowa Schoolma'am State Finances to Be Explained in Elopement Here

Nebraskans Summoned to Josephine Smith of Northboro Tell of Conditions to War Finance Corporation.

against granting the he will describe financial and eco- the nature of an elopement, proposed new rates of the North- nomic conditions in Nebraska and Miss Smith, who teaches school, western Bell Telephone company; the Missouri valley. Mr. Thomas and whose home is Northboro, Ia., first, because the proposed exchange has headed the Omaha agency for slipped quietly from her home yes rates are based upon a temporary eight weeks and during that time terday, carrying her traveling bag, and not a permanent schedule, thus more than \$8,000,000 in loans have She met Mr. Nell at an appointed seing deceptive; and secondly, be- been approved and made available to rendezvous. They sped to Omalia cause the natural trend of service on Nebraska farmers and stockmen; by automobile, through 466 banks.

tion, which was organized among her mother. They will live in purpose of strengthening the groom. Raecke and Sheriff C. E. Clark are condition, he will ask further support of the War Finance corporation port of the War Finance corporation ators in Merrick county. William in carrying over long time paper ac-Stumpff of Clarks will be tried be- cepted by state banks from farmers ore Judge E. D. Jeffreys in county and stockmen, which while good, must be carried over a long period in

### Gage County Farm Bureau

Reduces Budget \$300 Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Gage County Farm Bureau has asked for \$4,100 to finance its activities during the year 1922, ac-300 less than the amount used last

Jail Sentence for Bootlegger Broken Bow, Neb., Dec. 30.— (Special.)—Louis Meacham, who lives between Sargent and Comstock, is serving a 30-day jail sentence for a second violation of the offense.

Rob Ansley Bakery Broken Bow, Neb., Dec. 30.-(Special)-Russell's bakery at Ans-Plans \$10,000 Structure | Steen into and robbed of ernor said. Endicott, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Spe-trance by breaking the panel of the ial.)—Endicott wants a new \$10,000 door and unfastening the catch. The

### The Bee's Free Shoe Fund

Bee's Free Shoe fund which closed charge of such matters. These additional donations to The last Saturday, have been received:

Wood Hill Farmers' Union

Elects Officers for Year
Table Rock, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Wood Hill local of the Farmers' union elected the following officers: President, E. D. Howe; secretary, Ora Crisler; board of directors, Murrey Herrick and Albert Kovanda. Mrs. Margaret Crisler was elected delegate to the Farmers' union state convention to be held in Omaha, January 11 and 12.

Sale Prices High

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)
—At the A. J. Hill farm sale near Diller livestock and farm machinery brought good prices. Horses sold all the way from \$80 to \$105 per head, and milch cows from \$50 to \$35 each.

Speeds to Omaha With

Missouri Man and Weds.

F. W. Thomas, head of the Omaha
Central City, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special)—At a meeting of the Central
City Commercial club, a protest was sent to the Nebraska State Railway the War Finance corporation where commission against granting the commission against

The ceremony was performed by With Mr. Thomas will appear At- Rev. Titus Lowe at his home here, absolutely necessary because of the torney General Davis of Lincoln and at 5:30 last night. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Schantz, president of the State Charles F. Novak of Omana were best man and best woman. Mr. Schantz is also president of couple plan to return to the bride's the State Agricultural Loan associa- home today to break the news to state bankers some time ago for the kio. Mo., the present home of the

### Sentiment Is Divided

on Plan to Tax Gasoline
Aurora, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)
—Sentiment as to the wisdom of Governor McKelvie's proposal to place a tax on gasoline was evenly

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Hutchinson were married here by Rev. J. T. Johnson, pastor of the Methodist church. Mrs. Hutchinson has been teaching school at Long Pine. Mr. Hutchinson is a Jeweler in that city. Governor McKelvie's proposal to place a tax on gasoline was evenly divided among the business men of divided among the business men of Aurora who attended a meeting at the Commercial club rooms on call of Senator Perry Reed, Representation of Sena tive Frank Anderson and officers of the club. More than half of those present opposed the tax and the speial session of the legislature. Many professed to believe that the colits activities during the year 1922, ac-cording to the budget filed with County Clerk Mumford. This is collection of all road taxes in that way would relieve the railroads and other corporations.

Nebraska Has Funds to Meet

Federal Hygiene Bill Lincoln, Dec. 31.—(Special.)— Governor McKelvie stated today that Nebraska had an appropriation ready liquor law. Meacham had just paid and waiting for a like appropriation a fine of \$100 and casts for the first from the federal government to aid in child hygiene work as outlined in the government child hygiene bill. "As I understand it, congress has passed the bill but the appropria-tion has not been made," the gov-

County and City Will Join

in Caring for Destitute Aurora, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.) -Hamilton county and the city of Aurora have decided to take care of destitute cases in the city on a 50-50 basis. A committee consisting of County Attorney John J. Reinhardt A. W. Hickman and Rev. J. D. M. Buckner has been appointed to have

... \$2,216.48 Poultry Association at

Beatrice Names Officers Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Beatrice Poultry association elected the following officers: President, S. A. Seymour; secretarytreasurer, David Kassing; superin-tendent, Charles Showers. It was decided to hold the next poultry show the first week in December, 1922.

3.00 Work on New Park Started ork on New Park Started

at Beatrice; Pool Planned
Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)

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Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.) Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31,-(Special.) -Work on Beatrice's new park is under way and it will be pushed to completion as fast as possible. swimming pool probably will constructed in the new park in the

# Deaths and Funerals

J. M. Gillespie.

David City, Neh.—J. M. Gillespie, pionesf of Butier county and a citisen of David City for the past few years, died in Octavia, where he and Mrs. Gillespie had sone to spend the winter. Surviving Mr. Gillespie are his wife, two sons, D. E. Gillespie of David City and S. M. Gillespie of Boone, Ia., and three daughters, Mrs. Le Dimmick of Constantine, Mich., and Miss Fluma Gillespie, teaching near Octavia. Mrs. John Carey.

Callaway, Neb.—Smith Preston of Ocon-died at his home after being ill for une time. He was born in Canada in 26.

Mrs. Elizabeth Starry. Beatrice, Neb.—Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Starry, 13, were held in the family home at Wymore. Burini was it Blue Springs. Mrs. Starry had been a charge of the Cottage hotel at Wymore or years. She is survived by two daughters.

Helen Metcalf. Broken Row, Neh.—Funeral services were held at the Gates church for Helen Metcalf, 18, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry G. Metcalf, who reside near

Mrs. Hamilton Weathers.
Gothenburg. Neb. — Mrs. Hamilton Weathers died at her hene in this city. she is survived by four children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Miss Eather Greene.

Gothenburg, Neb.—Miss Eather Greene died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Greene, in this city. Besides her parents she is survived by one brother and three sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. V. Hunter.

William C. Towle.

York, Neb.—William Towle, who resided in the vicinity of Charleston, committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn, Mr. Towle had been suffering from a temporary indisposition, but had shown no signs of melancholia.

William Schuett.

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Hloomfield, Neb.—The funeral of Wilder Schuett 23, was held in the West-side Lutheran church here. Mr. Schuett died in a Sloux City hospital. At one time Schuett was the largest man in this section of the state, tipping the beam at about the 400-pound mark.

Emerson, Is.—An injury sustained by Bruce Abel, high school basket ball playor, resulted in his death. Several weeks ago the young man's ankle was badly

### Weddings

Miller-Bosley.

Pawnee City, Neb.—Miss Dorla Bosley of this city and Everett Miller of Shelty, Neb., were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bosley, in this city on Christmas day, Miss Bosley has been teaching at Shelby and met her husband, who is a farmer there, Rev. C. N. Dawson officiated.

Martin-Bauer.

Pawnee City, Neb.—Miss Sarah Bauer of this city was married to Carl Martin, also of this city, at Lincoln. Mr. Martin is employed by a jewelry firm at Sheider, Ia. Miss Bauer has been employed by F. C. Calhoun, jeweler, here.

Pawnee City, Neb.—Hubert Morrison, farmer, was married to Miss Nets Callus of Table Rock, at the home of the bride. They will be at home on the farm of the groom after a short heneymoon.

Cussing County Weddings.

West Point, Neh.—Among the marriages of Cuming county people taking place this week were those of Ellis C. Barker to Miss Francis Goranson, and that of August Horst and Miss Adele Steenken.

Robertson-Wadsworth.

Harvard, Neb.—Miss Maude Wadsworth and George Robertson, both emuloyed in Hastings, were married here. The wedding was held at the home of the bridge mother, Mrs. Albert Jacobs.

Legion Rabbit Hunt.

Superior, Neb.—The Superior American like men were on the hunt and in two hours and 30 minutes they brought in 157 rabbits.

Aurora, Neb.—George A. Fagan and
Ora Bella Wellington, both of Hampton,
were married by County Judge Fred
Jeffers.

Weaver-Peterson.

Aurora, Neb.—Raliph L. Weaver of Omaha and Miss Edna B. Peterson of Hamilton county were married here.

Moffitt-Graham.
Aurora, Neb.—Fred A. Moffitt and Miss
lima Graham of Giltner were married
y County Judge Fred Jeffers. They
fe prominent young people of Giltner
nd will make their home in that town.

Lewis-Comer.

Aurora, Neb.—John R. Lewis and Miss Blanche Comer were married by Rev. C. C. Dobbs at the Christian parsonage. They will make their home two inites south of Aurora.

Uldrich-Larrenstein,
Tork, Neb.—Godfrey Uldrich and Martha L. Larrenstein, both of Geneva, were
married by County Judge H. G. Hopkins.

York, Neb.—Alfred D. Mooney and Pauline Powers were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powers, Rev. Elmer F. Em-hoff officiated.

Packett-Barrett.
Pawnee City. Neb.—Clyde Packett of this city and Miss Christine Barrett of Table Rock were married at the county court house. Both are rural residents and will continue in the business of farming.

Two Couples Married.

Miss Iva Watson of Albion and Walter
A. Lander of St. Edwards, and Mirs
Pheebe Smith of Sloux City and Ciyde
D. Sawyer of Sargent Bluff, la., were
married here by Rev. Charles W. Savidge

Schnitz-Coykendall.

Moorefield, Neb.—Emil A. Schultz and Miss Jessu M. Coykendall were married by the county judge at North Platte. Mr. Schultz is a prominent young farmer of this place and the bride is assistant procipal of the Moorefield High school.

survives her husband, together with two anns. J. W. Demuth and N. M. Demuth both of Butler county.

William B. Meck.

David City, Neb.—William B. Meck.

died at his home in Octavia. He had lived near and in Octavia for 11 years. He is survived by a son, L. L. Meck, of Octavia, and a daughter, Mer. Priscilla Kilhefner of Lincoin.

J. M. Gillespie.

David City, Neb.—J. M. Gillespie, pionar of Butler county and a citizen of Butler County and Butler Coun

Roberta Jorgensen,
Comberland, In .- Roberta Jorgensen, 6,
laughter of Chris Jorgensen and wife of
lumberland, died as the was being taken
by automobile to a kospital in lowa City
or an operation.

Broken Bow, Net.—Funeral services were held here for Professor Loren Corent, whose body was brought here from Brownville, Tex. Rev. Charles G. Gomon preached the sermon. Professor Corent was the founder and president of the Bruken Bow business college and was later with the Standard Chautauqua eystem as platform manager for a number of years. The local Masonic lodge attended the funeral in a body and conducted the services at the grave.

West Point, Neb.-Emilia Augustus Wistrom. 46, died at her home here. Fu-neral services were held at the West Side M. E. church.

Mrs. Margaret Stewart

York, Nob.—John P. Kelly, one of York county's early sattlers, died at North Platte and the body was buried at York. Julin F. Gutschaw.

Schuyler, Neb.—The funeral of John F. Gutschaw, 53, was held in the Presbyterian church Rev. Mr. Cook officiated. The Knights of Pythias lodge conducted the rites at the cemetery, He had resided on a farm near Schuyler since early childhood. Mr. Gutschaw had served Cotfax county as road overseer and deputy sheriff.

Mrs. Wm. H. L. Bradley

Beatrice. Neb.—Mrs. William H. L.
Bradley died at a hospital here. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
M. F. Wolf of this city.

Mrs. Perry Griffith.

Red Oak. Ia.—Mrs. Perry Griffith was ktoked to death by a horse at the fumily home at Kelley, In.

Union Revival Meetings.

Nelson, Neb.—A series of union revival meetings will open here New Year's day. They will be held at the Methodist church. Rev. Charles Robel will have charge.

Auxiliary Is Entertained,
Superior, Neb.—The American Legion
was host to the Woman's Auxiliary at a
o'clock dinner. Rabbit was served. Wives Are Entertained, Broken Bow, Neb.—The members of the Rotary club entertained their wives at an claborate 7 o'clock dinner.

Hold Military Ball.

Broken Bow, Neb.—Joseph E. Palmer
Post, American Legion, held its annual
Christmas ball at the city hall. The attendance this year was a record breaker.

ous and will be sent to the Child Sav-lug Institute at Omaha. Monday after-noon a Christmas party was given to the primary and beginners' departments of

this week were those of Ellis C. Barker to Miss Francis Goranson, and that of
August Horst and Miss Adele Steenken.

Pratt-Hoffman,
Harvard, Neb.—Miss Edna Hoffman of
this city, and Ernest Pratt of Tobias,
were married at the home of the bride's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoffman,
Mr. Pratt is employed by a lumber firm
at Tobias,

the Pageant at Cambridge,
Cambridge, Neb.—The Methdiat En'scorium to an audience of 600 people. The
pageant was the Bethlehem story, Mrs.
R. D. Mousel was chairman of the workers who had the training and directing
of the program. There was a cash offering taken for the children of all lands.

Firemen to Meet.

Albion, Neb.—Twenty-five members of the Albion fire department will join firemen from other towns in the state who are to meet at Columbus on their way to the state convention of volunteer firemen which convenes in Norfolk January 17, 18 and 19. The meeting at Columbus has been arranged by that city for a big entertainment the night before the opening assistences to meet at Columbus on the night of January 18: Gering, Bayard, Scottsbluff, North Platte, Lexington, Kearney, Cothenburg, Central City, Aurora and Fremont.

Legion Names Officers.

Bigapring, Neb.—The George S. Johnson post, American Legion, elected the following officers: Walter Little, commander; Ray Parker, vice commander; Ray Parker, vice commander; Ray Lintz, adjutant; Wallace Armstrong, finance officer; Otto Mauser, sergeant-at-arms; Houston DePriest, historian; William Peterson, athletic officer; Walter Kallsen, publicity officer.

Masons Hold Joint Meeting.

Schuyler, Neb.—Twonty members of Accacia Lodge, A. F. & A. M. visited David City lodge and assisted in raising two men to the degree of Master Masons. W. W. Wells, state deputy, gare the lecture and the Schuyler lodge exemplified the work. Oysters and coffee were served.

Footballists are Entertained.
Aurors, Neb.—The football boys of the High school were the guests of honor at the dinner of the Rotary club, which was held at the Christian church. Coach Henry F. Shulte of the State university was the speaker of the evening.

are thodist parsonage. Rev. L

was rejeated upon request. The program presented by the Methodist Sunday school was rejeated upon request. The program was written and directed by Mrs. Levi Welskill, it consisted of a series of tableaus with unique costuming and many colored lights which brought out the Christmas story.

David City, Neb.—A large gathered at the Comments of the state board of control, isching the first woman occupying that position.

Packett-Barrett, is city and Miss ble Rock

# Over Nebraska

Superior, Neb.—At a meeting of the executive board of the Commercial club of Superior plans were made for 1922 and a prospectus outlined. The general sentiment seems to indicate a turn for more activity in commercial lines.

Dedicate New Rooms.

Central City, Neb.—The rooms especially decorated and fitted up as the home of the Business Men's club and including the entire second floor of the Y. M. C. A. building were dedicated. A banquet wan

# State Engineer **Gives Out Facts** on Gasoline Tax

Lincoln Automobile Club Gets Information on Bill Proposed for Passage by Legislature.

formation relative to the proposed of doing it to enhance republican tax on gasoline to be considered by chances and in the event that he is the legislature at its special session himself a candidate for any office, which begins Tuesday, January 24. will come dangerously near entangling himself in the corrupt practice organization at its request by George act."

K. Leonard, assistant state engineer. that gasoline tax revenue will be retary of state in the G. O. P. pri-used for maintenance of roads," maries. Leonard writes. "At the present time, money need

ed for maintenance of state county roads is derived from fees from motor vehicle registrations. The money obtained per car is less than that of a great majority Benedict, Neb.—Mrs. Margaret Stewart, states and a trip through surround-iting. Mrs. Stewart was one of the ing states will, without doubt, proved dest settlers in the vicinity of Benedict. we have made a smaller amount of we have made a smaller amount of money go further than they have.

"At the present time, construction money raised by the state to meet federal aid is obtained by means of tax levies and about 11 per cent of receipts in the state treasurer's office goes for construction of state

highways.
"It is the intention, if the gaso-line tax law is passed, to do away with that part of the real estate tax which is applied to the roads. In short, the gasoline tax will be used entirely for construction and not for

North Platte Commerce Body

Elects Officers for Year North Platte, Neb., Dec. 31 .merce elected R. D. Birge, W. R. Maloney, Frank L. Mooney, E. N. Ogier and L. E. Mehlmann to succeed the five directors whose terms expired. Frank L. Mooney, cashier of the First National bank, was elected president; Carl Simon, vice president, and L. E. Mehlmann, treasurer. Ira L. Bare was re-elected secretary. The organization's work for the past year covered a wide range and the manner in which the activities were handled seem to have satisfied the membership. The board of directors extended a vote of appreciation to John B. Edwards, the retiring president, for the splendid work performed by the organization during the year.

Held on Felony Charge Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31 .- (Special.)-Arthur Surrat, wanted at Wray, Colo., on a felony charge,

store for two years, will move to Kear-ney. He will enter into a partnership in a furniture store.

Superior, Neb.—Managors of the farmers' creameries from over the state met in convention here. O. M. Enyeart was the presiding officer. Notes as to business conditions were compared and discussion carried on far future activities in this work. Representatives were here from Fremont, Franklin, Superior and a number of other points in Nebraska. The Farmers' creamery of Superior, with the Commercial club, acted as host.

New Movie Show.

Pawnes City, Neb.—Archer King, movie theater promoter of this city, has added another show to his list. He will open a pleture show at Crab Orchard January 7. Mr. King now owns and operates four shows in four different towns in this section of the state and the new one will be his fifth. inmates than at any previous time.

Superior, Neb.—Edsall and Elliott began cutting on their pond here. The ice is not as thick as they would like, but fear-ing a turn to warmer, they will out their first crop now. The ice measures seven and three-eights inches.

Chester Wants Light. Deshier, Neb.—A delegation of business men from Chester inspected the Deshier light and power plant. There is a move-ment in Chester to secure light and power from this place.

Close Subscription Contest.

Broken Bow. Neb.—The Custer county
Chief closed a subscription voting contest,
awarding cash gifts as follows: \$500 to
Mrs. E. V. Stinespring of Merna; \$400 to
Mrs. Vivian Thornton of Berwyn, and \$100
te Leo Melham of Broken Bow. Joins Lumber Company,

Resume Weekly Luncheons.

Bulld New Office. Pairbury, Neb.—The Fulton Transfer raise \$5,000 to assist in financing the company, in Fairbury, are building an proposition. About \$2,000 was raised office and garage, \$0x66 feet. The work will be completed by February 1.

THE CRETE MILLS CHAM

It bakes light-white-creamy-loaves with a crisp brown crust-that's why-

The careful housewife chooses-

# Gaston Opposed to Voluntary Wage Cut

Lincoln, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—One state employe openly opposed to the proposed 5 per cent reduction in wages appeared today.

He is W. L. Gaston, assistant sec-tetary of state, who is drawing \$2,640 a year. Prior to the meeting of the

ast legislature Gaston was receiving \$1,800 a year.

"I do not want to consent to a voluntary reduction," Gaston said, "I worked 27 months during peak

Lincoln, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The
Lincoln Automobile club will start
the new year with clear, concise inor for reduced taxes will be accused

The 5 per cent reduction with "There has never been a state- \$1,000 exempt would cut Gaston's ment sent out from the governor's salary \$82 a year. Gaston at the office or from this one to the effect present time plans to run for sec

# Insurance Head Opposes Merger of Two Companies

. B. Young Declares Affairs of Security Benefit Association Worst He Has Investigated.

Lincoln, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—A report on an investigation by state report on an investigation by state it would have been necessary to insurance examiners of the Security check road building activities. Benefit association of Topeka, Kan. formerly the Knights and Ladies of Security, filed with W. B. Young, of 1 per cent.' state insurance commissioner, criticises a merger effected between that company and the National American company of Kansas City.

The report states that thousands of dollars were paid to officers of the National American "as a commission to bring the merger about when, robbing Davison's dairy of \$250. if any money could be paid for such made a written confession to Sheriff a purpose, it should go to the mem- Emery regarding the robbery. He bership and not the officers."

in many instances, receipts for money posited \$100 in the bank and used spent on payrolls were not available the balance of the \$250 for general to investigators. In concluding the report says: and paper connected with the asso- of burglary and was bound over to ciation are the worst coming under the district court.

our observation in years." called for considerable attention lately from Young and J. B. Chase. assistant attoreny general. Both officials have made several visits to Topeka to confer with Kansas offifinally all states in which the associa-tion has lodges and writes insurance special session of the legislature he

State Insane Asylums Have Record Attendance

Lincoln, Dec. 31 .- (Special.)-Nebraska insane asylums are further from prewar conditions than ever before in history.

The state board of control announced today that all three institutions maintained by the state for the house revealed a still and a quantity insane are carrying "peak loads," which means they are housing more

The total insane cared for by state this month number 2,890, divided as follows: Lincoln State hospital, Lincoln, 965; Ingleside State hospital, Hastings, 1,200; Norfolk State hospital,

Broken Bow City Council

Opposes Higher Phone Rate Broken Bow, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Broken Bow city council passed a resolution which was forwarded to the State Railway com- Cough, Sore Throat. mission registering an energetic kick against the raising of telephone the first feeling of a cold. rates. The water committee reported that the 60-horse power engine at the city plant had been thoroughly overhauled and that the new ing Sleep. well just completed was ready to

Lodgepole, Neb.—R. A. Peterson, former tablishment of the S. A. Fester Lumber company, has been chosen auditor for the E. C. Robinson Lumber company of St. Louis, with his headquarters at Picket.

Drive for Year's Budget Superior, Neb.—The Commercial club will resume their weekly functions have been the resumption of the Y. M. C. A. These weekly functions have been the resumption of the Y. M. C. A. William Street, New York, Medical Book was cast in favor of their continuance. Beatrice, Neb., Dec, 31. - (Spethe coming year, and committees numbering 80 men started out to

FLOUR,

CRETE MILLS

Crete Neb.

## Democrats Are Divided on Tax for Gasoline

Nebraskans Oppose Plan While Georgians Find it Utopia in Taxation

Lincoln, Dec. 31.—(Special.)— While Nebraska democrats are pro-testing against Governor McKelvie's proposed tax on gasoline, Georgia democrats hold the gasoline tax up as the next best thing to utopia in the taxation line. Following, in part, is what Thomas W. Hardwick, demcratic governor of Georgia, says of the gasoline tax there in a letter to Governor McKelvie:

"Replying to your inquiry as to the approximate cost of collecting the gasoline tax, I beg to state, there is none. The tax is levied on the distributor. Blanks are sent out to the distributors, who make sworn quarterly statements as to the amount sold, and therefore the cost of collection is practically nothing.

"The estimated revenue from this tax is \$800,000 per year."

Here's what James Duce, state inspector of oils in Colorado, says of the gasoline tax in that state:
"The tax certainly is a popular
one and beyond a few dealers, who, while sharing the public with it, attempted to evade paying the tax into the state, it has no opposition

"It is generally conceded the tax was necessary to provide revenue for building roads, and without it, taxation would have had to be increased to the amount of the tax or "The actual expenses of collection of the road tax is less than one-half

Wisdom Pleads Guilty to Robbing Beatrice Dairy

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.-(Special.)-Monte Wisdom, brought back from Kansas City on the charge of says he drove from Sabetha, Kan., The report also attacks the method December 4 and broke into the dairy of handling the payroll and charges and took \$250 from the safe. He that the president of the Security started on his return to Sabetha and Benefit association drew monthly spent \$70 for auto repairs. Arriv-checks of from \$8,000 to \$12,000, and, ing at Kansas City he says he deexpenses. He says no one was implicated with him. Wisdom pleaded "As a whole, the loans, mortgages guilty in justice court to the charge

Affairs of the Kansas association Nonpartisan Leaguer Will Fight Tax on Gasoline

Lincoln, Dec. 31 .- (Special.) - Abe Sorenson, Nonpartisan league attorney, announced if the gasoline tax combined and ordered an investiga- would personally supervise circul-t ing referendum petitions against the

Two Madison Men Held

on Bootlegging Charges Madison, Neb., Dec. 31 .- (Spe cial.)-Henry Hassman and Matt Henry were arrested by Chief of Police Kennedy charged with bootlegging. A search of the Hassman

of booze. Both men have families,

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