

**SHORT COURSE IN AGRICULTURE OPEN**

Special Arrangements Are Made For Study at State University.

The College of Agriculture, State University, has just issued a bulletin outlining the advantages offered for a short course in agriculture beginning January 5 and closing March 12, 1909.

Those who attend the shorter course in agriculture will receive instruction in general agriculture and dairy husbandry. The course in agriculture will include instruction in the study of soils, commercial fertilizers, farm machinery and implements of tillage and field crops. Among the subjects to be treated in animal husbandry are live stock judging, live stock feeding, breeding of the stock, and diseases of live stock.

The instruction will be given by Prof. J. J. Hooper and W. D. Nichols. The same professors will have charge of the classes in farm dairymanship. The subject of horticulture will be in charge of Professors C. W. Matthews, A. H. Gilbert and Lon Moore. Miss Sue Dobyns McCann will instruct classes in economic entomology; Prof. W. E. Rowe will give instruction in road construction and maintenance; Judge William T. Lafferty in farm law; Mr. Harold U. G. News, local U. S. weather observer, with the subject, Weather Forecasting as Related to Farm Practice.

The course is designated for farmers' sons who can not spare the time and money to pursue a four year course. It is expected that a large number of farmers will take advantage of the new course offered.

**WINCHESTER CAMP ELECTS ITS OFFICERS**

W. O. W. Have Made F. C. Singleton, Past Consul Commander.

Winchester Camp No. 82, W. O. W., at their regular meeting Friday night elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

- F. C. Singleton, Past Consul Commander.
- George D. Andes, Consul Commander.
- R. M. Clark, Advisory Lieutenant.
- G. M. Hart, Banker.
- C. A. Tanner, Clerk.
- O. B. Watts, Escort.
- J. M. Wilson, Watchman.
- Joe E. Tanner, Sentry.
- M. B. Tanner, G. W. Beihn and W. E. Singleton, Board of Managers.
- Drs. I. H. Browne and W. A. Bush, camp physicians.

Fifty-eight Acres Bring \$2,000. G. W. Allan sold Saturday to M. L. Conkright 58 acres of his farm, near Indian Fields, with no improvements, for \$2,000.

School Term Expires. The six months' term for country schools at Sugar Ridge, Vienna and Roundtree will expire Friday.

**COUNTY FARMERS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING**

Mr. H. V. Thompson Talks on "How to Care For Winter Lambs."

The first regular monthly meeting of the Clark County Farmer's Association was held Saturday afternoon at the county house and was attended by a large and interested audience. The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock by President Hoskins. Secretary White was not present and Mr. Lucien Beckner was appointed temporary secretary.

Mr. H. V. Thompson, of the county, read an interesting paper on "How to Care for Winter Lambs," and he also discussed other important branches of the sheep industry. His principal topics were the selection of stock and the methods of breeding. By special request, President H. K. Taylor, of Kentucky Wesleyan College, delivered the address which he made at the tobacco banquet Tuesday night on "Keeping the Boy on the Farm."

At the close of his remarks Mr. George Karsner, of Fayette county, then addressed the meeting on the subject of "The Grange." He signified his intention and willingness to establish a grange here. The farmers were very much interested in the matter and a number expressed their hopes that a grange would be organized here. The next meeting will be held the second Tuesday in January.

**BEECH HARGIS TRIAL SET FOR WEDNESDAY**

Fratricide's Case Will Be Called in Estill Circuit Court.

The trial of Beech Hargis, charged with the murder of his father, Judge James H. Hargis, will be called for trial at Irvine, in the Estill Circuit Court, on Wednesday of this week on a change of venue from Breathitt county, where the crime was committed.

The trial will attract widespread interest because of the fact that the son of a former feud leader is to be put on trial for his life on a charge similar to those which have made Breathitt county famous in the annals of criminal history. From the expressions of attorneys and friends it is believed that both the defendant and the Commonwealth will answer ready for trial.

Attorneys for the defendant in the case are: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Young, Judge J. J. C. Bach, R. B. Redwine, ex-Governor W. O. Bradley. The attorneys for the prosecution in addition to Kelly Kash, Commonwealth's Attorney, are A. Floyd Byrd and S. K. Kash.

**EXHIBITION GAME.**

There will be an exhibition game of Broom Ball played at the Auditorium Monday night between the first and second teams.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early and in the Morning.



DAVID BELASCO, FAMOUS AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHT.

David Belasco is to the stage today what Dion Boucicault was two generations ago or what James A. Herne was ten or twenty years ago. Mr. Belasco is a master of stage technique. His "Heart of Maryland" was a forerunner for such careful productions as "The Girl of the Golden West" and his other plays that have won such signal popularity. Much of Belasco's success lies in his ability to produce that subtle attribute of the modern drama known as "atmosphere." He never writes of things he does not fully understand, and when he has staged a play it is well nigh perfect in every detail.

**VISITS PRESIDENT AND JUDGE TAFT**

Mr. R. R. Perry Tells of Esteem in Which Congressman Langley is Held.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—One of the first men that I met on entering the hall where the commercial congress convened was Col. John I. Martin. He thought that we had met at the Denver convention and that I was a delegate there and had assisted in nominating Mr. Bryan. We apologized to each other and became good friends. He acted as Sergeant-at-Arms of both the commercial congress and that of Rivers and Harbors.

For 16 Years in Position. For the past sixteen years he also has been Sergeant-at-Arms of all



R. R. PERRY In the East Room of the White House.

the Democratic national committee meetings and the Democratic national conventions. Col. Martin formerly was speaker of the house of representatives of Missouri and judge advocate of the national guard of that State.

He is a member of the United States Supreme Court bar, and his record as an orator, both before the courts and on public occasions, is a brilliant one. It is said that Col. Martin perhaps is the best-fitted man to fill the position of Sergeant-at-Arms or general manager at large gatherings and conventions in the country.

Although he attended this meeting of the Rivers and Harbors Congress as a delegate from the Upper Mississippi River Improvement Association, he also has attended the meetings of the congress at a delegate representing the State of Missouri and the city of St. Louis, having been appointed to the position by the

Governor of the State and by the mayor of the city.

Met President Roosevelt.

Saturday in company with Mr. Langley, our Congressman, I met President Roosevelt, and later Mr. and Mrs. Taft; also Mr. Sherman, the Vice President-elect.

It should be a source of pleasure to the voters of the Tenth District to know the esteem in which Mr. Langley is held in Washington, not only by Republicans but by Democrats as well. Talking to a Democratic Congressman who is on the Committee for Public Buildings, he said, "No use to tell me any more about your wonderful city, I will favor anything that John Langley asks for." There is not a Congressman that stands closer to Mr. Roosevelt or will be closer to Mr. Taft.

Endorses Langley.

Mr. Sherman said to me, "You people will make a mistake if you don't keep John Langley in Congress as long as he lives, or will consent to serve."

Since arriving here I have been so busy that I have not had time to visit any of the places of interest. I can say truthfully that I have not in any way, on this visit, tried to promote my personal interests, present, or future. And that I have put in my whole time for the public good, to help Winchester and Clark county and some individuals that need help. I leave for home tonight.

R. R. PERRY.

**ROB POSTOFFICE; SECURE \$2,500**

Robbers Sandbag Deputy Postmaster and Escape With the Booty.

Special to The News.

SAULT ST. MARIE, Mich. Dec. 14. Robbers entered the postoffice here today, sandbagged the deputy postmaster, Frank Higgins, and escaped with twenty-five hundred dollars.

Ambassadors Free from Taxation. Ambassadors are to be envied for their freedom from the burden of taxation. They disburse not one cent in taxes, either directly or indirectly, as for the custom house it is non-existent so far as they are concerned. No duty whatever is charged in respect of wines, cigars, cigarettes, etc., that are consigned to them.

New England Originality.

At a Lynn, Mass., wedding recently, bright, new coins were thrown after the departing bride and groom, instead of the traditional rice and old shoes. That was awfully reckless, considering how near Lynn is to Nahant and Boston.

**TELLS HOW HE GOT HIS START**

Judge Taft Speaks at McKinley Memorial. Eulogizes Martyred President

New York, Dec. 14.—President-elect William H. Taft, speaking at the dedication of a McKinley memorial organ in Metropolitan temple, told an audience which repeatedly interrupted him with applause the story of his official association with the late president, and declared with reference to the Philippine Islands that the policy laid down by Mr. McKinley in 1900 had been the policy of the present, as it will be the policy of his own administration in the White House.

"In February, 1900," said Mr. Taft, in relating the personal narrative of his resignation from the bench and entry into public life which in eight years has brought him to the presidency, "while in the courthouse at Cincinnati I received from Mr. McKinley a telegram which read like this: 'If you have no other engagement, you will do me a great favor by calling on me in Washington some time next week.'"

"I did not know of any vacancy existing on the supreme court bench at that time, but I went to Washington just the same. Arriving at the White House, I was ushered into the cabinet room and there I met the president. 'Judge,' he said, 'I'd like to have you go to the Philippines.' I said, 'Mr. President, what do you mean by going to the Philippines?' He replied, 'We must establish a government there and I would like for you to help.' 'But, Mr. President,' I said, 'I am sorry we have got the Philippines. I don't want them and I think you ought to have some man who is more in sympathy with the situation.' 'You don't want them any less than I do,' replied the president, 'but we gave got them and in dealing with them, I think I can trust the man who didn't want them better than I can the man who did.'"

Mr. Taft paid a striking personal tribute to the character of Mr. McKinley and declared that it was peculiarly fitting that an organ should be dedicated to him whose whole life was one of harmony.

**WIFE REFUSES TO TELL**

Search For Missing Fidelity Funding Official Brings No Results.

New York, Dec. 14.—The search of process servers and others for Patrick J. Kieran, the missing former president of the Fidelity Funding company, has made no progress. Kieran's wife returned to New York and is now at the Devonshire. She refuses to discuss the whereabouts of her husband.

John Thomas Smith, a lawyer, who represents a number of Kieran's creditors, is in Pennsylvania, expecting to find the missing man. The hearing to determine whether state or federal receivers shall adjust the affairs of the Fidelity will be continued today at the office of Referee Olney.

**Alleges Cruelties in Prison.**

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 14.—Allegations that modes of punishment belonging to the dark ages and obsolete methods of enforcing discipline are employed in the Kansas state prison at Lansing are made in the first annual report of Miss Kate Barnard, commissioner of charities and corrections, submitted to Governor C. N. Haskell. The report recommends immediate action upon the convening of the legislature in memorializing congress to permit Oklahoma prisoners to be sent to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, and that the contract with the Kansas institution for the care of Oklahoma prisoners be canceled.

**Senator Elkins Purchases Bank.**

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Elkins of West Virginia and a syndicate of local interests have obtained possession of the stock of the American National bank held by Robert N. Harper, the bank's former president, and now the head of the Washington chamber of commerce. The market quotations of the stock hover around \$175 a share, but a larger figure than this was paid. The transfer of the stock gives the syndicate headed by Senator Elkins absolute control of the institution, which is capitalized at \$500,000 and has \$2,200,000 in deposits. The bank is the fifth strongest in the city.

**Cleveland Gets Skating Tournament.**

New York, Dec. 14.—Cleveland was selected as the place for the holding of the national skating championship, week of Jan. 25 to 30, and Pittsburgh for the international competition the same week, by the International Skating Union of the United States and Canada.

**TAFTS TO SPEAK ON TUESDAY**

Civic Leaders to Hear President-Elect and Wife at Federation Meeting.

New York, Dec. 14.—The guests of honor at the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, which begins its sessions in this city today, will be President-elect Taft and Mrs. Taft, both of whom will deliver addresses at the federation's dinner, to be held tomorrow night.

Judge Taft will speak on the work of the federation's public employees' welfare committee, of which he is chairman, and Mrs. Taft's topic will be the work of the women's department of the federation, in which she takes a keen interest.

**Gompers and Ridder on Program.**

Several other addresses will be delivered at the dinner. Among the speakers will be Seth Low, Andrew Carnegie, Herman Ridder and Samuel Gompers. The announcement of the expected presence at the dinner of the two last named gentlemen, who opposed Judge Taft's election, has caused considerable comment.

Among the subjects to be taken up at the meeting of the federation are the following:

How may the employe and his family be protected against financial stringency in case of accident, illness or death?

Shall this country follow England by providing old age pensions for dependent citizens? Shall the Massachusetts voluntary savings bank annuity plan, designed to encourage thrift and providence, be generally advocated in the United States? Or will the need in this country be met by the establishment of postal savings banks?

**German Plan Proposed.**

Shall the state or the employer, or the state, employer and employer jointly, as in Germany, bear the burden incident to death or bodily injury of employes?

Are there trade agreements between organizations of employers and organizations of employes that can be regarded as conspiracies in restraint of trade under the Sherman act?

Should trade agreements with public service corporations contain provisions for arbitration of all disputes before striking?

**MAINE TO LEAD FLEET**

American Battleships Will Take Part in Inauguration of Gomez.

New York, Dec. 14.—Bound for Hampton Roads, where the fleet to take part in the inauguration of President Gomez at Havana on Jan. 23 will rendezvous, the battleship Maine sailed from this port. The Maine is the flagship of the third squadron, with Rear Admiral Conway H. Arnold in command. She is expected to head the squadron on the visit to Cuba, and it is understood the other vessels will be the battleships Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire and North Carolina, and the cruisers Chester, Salem and Birmingham. The fleet, after the Havana ceremonies, is to meet the homecoming battleship fleet and escort it to Hampton Roads.

**Sought Pardon For Flickinger.**

Washington, Dec. 14.—Representatives Keifer, Cole and Ansherry of Ohio and Representative Landis of Indiana called on the president to seek a pardon for Edward Flickinger of Gallon, O., who is serving a sentence of imprisonment for alleged complicity in the wrecking of a national bank. The visitors told the president that while Mr. Flickinger was an officer of the bank he knew little about its operations, and should not be held responsible for the dishonesty of others. The president did not give his callers much encouragement.

**India in a Ferment.**

Calcutta, Dec. 14.—Great excitement prevails here owing to developments in the agitation which has been going on for some time against the government. The most prominent Bengal leader in eastern Bengal, Dutta, was arrested at Burdigha and conveyed to an unknown destination. Another prominent Nationalist leader, Mitra, editor of the Sanjibani, has been arrested at Calcutta, while the editor of another native paper has been sentenced to transportation on the charge of sedition.

**Kills Bride and Agent.**

Roodhouse, Ill., Dec. 14.—William Barnhart, a switchman on the Chicago & Alton railroad, shot and killed his bride of three months and then walked to the Roodhouse hotel, where he killed Carl Clapp, an elevator agent. The cause of the crime is not known.

**Christmas Edition...**

The News will issue its Christmas Edition on Tuesday, Dec. 15th.

It will carry many Special Holiday Features, Christmas Stories, Poems, Illustrations, Etc.

It will be the Shopping Guide for the busiest days of the Holiday trade.

THE ADVERTISERS WHO DESIRE SPACE HAD BETTER NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

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