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BROKEN BOW, - - NEBRASKA

To the Pole by Bear Power.

Capt. Ronald Amundsen, the explorer of the northwest passage, is the latest aspirant for the honor of discovering the north pole. Capt. Amundsen has a new scheme. He is not going to take any chances with airships, motor sleds or any other artificial achievements of modern ingenuity. His motto is: "Back to nature." He proposes to use things that are at home in arctic conditions. His motive power will be polar bears. The normal polar bear as he is found at large would have some disadvantages in the role of a domestic animal. His temper is not amiable, and it would be hard to keep him in a proper state of discipline, even with a club. The only effective argument with him is a gun, preferably at long range. But Capt. Amundsen purposes to employ bears that have never heard of the call of the wild. He is having them trained as cubs, so that by the time they grow up they ought to be as docile as horses. When he takes them north a trip to the pole will be a mere pleasure jaunt for them. The colder and meaner the weather the better they will like it. If they come to a break in the ice, such as the one that stopped Peary, they will enjoy swimming across. With sea flesh for their food they can live on the country. According to Capt. Amundsen a bear is ten times as strong as a horse and can haul as much as a hundred dogs. With six bears, therefore, he will have 600-horse power, or 600-dog power. Moreover, when tamed, polar bears are "tractable, reliable and affectionate." Even if they should eat their master in a moment of forgetfulness, remarks Collier's, no doubt they would regret it afterward.

Russian Church Architecture.

Nothing shows more clearly how far from the main stream of Europe the currents of Russian life have flowed than the architecture of the Russian churches. The new church of the Redeemer, erected in memory of the grandfather of the present czar, which was dedicated by the czar in St. Petersburg a few weeks ago, is a good example of the prevailing Russian style. It is not Gothic, nor Greek, nor Roman, nor yet Renaissance. The influences which have fixed the Russian church architecture are Asiatic rather than European, remarks the Youth's Companion. The predominating arches are Indian rather than Roman, and the domes, with their bulging sides, come from Asia and the non-Christian races. Russia itself was in closer relations with Asia than with Europe till Peter the Great turned the face of the empire westward and began the recreating of a semi-savage nation into a European power by building his new capital in close contact by sea with the western world. But the choice of the oriental type of architecture for so splendid a church as that recently dedicated proves that the influence of Asia is still strong.

No Work, No Food for Indians.

Indian Commissioner Leupp attributes the little trouble among the Utes to the fact that the Indians will not work and thus gain the compensation and the food which will support them and their families. Speaking of the policy of the Indian office, Commissioner Leupp says: "This office believes in applying the same rule that is applied to poor and ignorant men of any race. We believe in finding work for them and then in permitting them to go hungry if they will not accept the opportunity to make a living." He adds that it is the practice of his department of the government to treat the Indians kindly but to "insist that they shall cease to be paupers when there is work at which they can earn good wages practically at their doors." Can anyone point out anything unfair or unreasonable in that principle?

Because her husband in his will had expressed the wish that his estate, comprised of land and mortgages valued at \$150,000, should be kept intact until their five children had become of age a New Jersey widow took to the washtub to maintain the family, and when her strength gave out was much disturbed by the successful appeal made by her friends to the court for a comfortable allowance out of the property. To her the wishes of the dear departed outweighed all other interests. This incident teaches that the patient Griselda is not unknown in modern life.

The industry of making rubber from the guayule weed having made a bouncing start at Marathon, some hitherto unproductive regions of southwest Texas may be said to have started on the road to wealth with a springy stride.

The fossil remains of the first bird that ever lived on earth, the archæopteryx, have been discovered in Germany. We would think a bird with a name like that would get all twisted up in itself when it tried to fly.

The State Capital

Matters of General Interest FROM Nebraska's Seat of Government

Auditor Searle's Report.

The semi-annual report of State Auditor Searle for the period from June 1 to November 30, 1907, shows the outstanding warrants at this time amount to \$1,475,070.81; warrants issued during that period, \$1,048,445.18; warrants paid during that period, \$1,269,360.38. This shows that warrants to the amount of \$220,915 have been paid off in excess of the warrants issued, but this is due to the heavy payment of warrants issued against the temporary school fund. This issue was made last May, the amount being \$457,829. The warrants were paid just after June 1, bringing the payments in this six months' business and the issuance in the preceding period. As a matter of fact, the outstanding general fund warrants drawing interest amount to a greater sum than six months ago. June 1 the general fund warrants drawing interest amounted to \$1,133,544, while at this time the amount is \$1,385,564, a difference of \$252,020. This, however, was to have been expected, and is no indication that the state debt is increasing. The large appropriations of the last legislature have been paid during the last six months, while the collections are always less for this period of the year. During the next six months the collections will be larger and the amount of warrants issued less. Following are the balances in the suspended account due to the defalcation of Treasurer Bartley and the failure of the following banks: Capital National bank of Lincoln, First National bank of Omaha, Merchants Bank of Lincoln, Globe Loan and Trust company of Omaha, Buffalo County National bank of Kearney:

General fund	\$24,507.89
Sinking fund	180,101.75
School fund	25,671.38
Live stock indemnity fund	3,842.39
Permanent school fund	259,842.87
Permanent university fund	9,775.93
Agricultural college endowment fund	43,268.61
Normal endowment fund	12,600.09
Total	\$559,711.91

State Building Associations.

Secretary Royce in his annual report on the condition of building and loan associations compliments the organizations on their prosperity. The report shows the condition of sixty-six building and loan associations for the year ending June 30, 1907. Five new associations were organized during the year. There were 315,372 shares in force June 30 and the number of borrowing stockholders had increased 1,739 and the non-borrowing 6,492. The increase in assets during the year was \$2,461,102.

"There are some practices obtaining among the associations which I believe are subject to just criticism," says the secretary. "For instance, it is the practice of some associations having agents soliciting loans to collect a membership fee in advance. This practice works no hardship and gives no ground for criticism where the loan is accepted. However, where the loan is rejected for any reason it is a hardship on the proposed borrower and could hardly be classed a square deal. This department receives numerous complaints against this practice and believes associations should prohibit it, if for no other reason than it leaves a suspicion often in the minds of the applicants that the membership fee is the ruling incentive with the agent. If the loan is rejected the membership fee should be returned to the proposed borrower."

Governor Handles Large Sums.

Since last January, when he became the chief executive of the state, Governor Sheldon has received from the national government \$41,412.05 for the benefit of the soldiers' homes. This money has been paid on the basis of \$100 for each member of the homes. When he took the office Governor Sheldon received from Governor Mickey a total of \$23,537.40, which had been received from the government to pay off the enlisted men in the Third Nebraska regiment for the time they went into the service as National Guard members until they were mustered into the army. He has paid out during the year all of this except \$10,845.85. Every effort is being made by the governor and by the adjutant general to locate the soldier boys to whom this money belongs, but the work is proving a tedious job.

Sugar Beet Crop Dwindles.

The figures of the crop production in Nebraska, as returned to the labor commissioner by his correspondents throughout the state, indicate almost a lapse in the growing of sugar beets, owing to the difficulty in securing labor and the closing up of large beet sugar factories. The production for 1907 was only 30,609 tons.

Asks Contest Be Dismissed.

The Tri-State Land company, which has the largest irrigation canal in Nebraska, with headquarters in Scott's Bluff county, has filed a motion with the State Board of Irrigation, on the ground that the company's water rights have been adjudicated by the board and the supreme court. Mr. Stewart seeks to forfeit the franchise of the Tri-State company, alleging that it is a non-user of the water appropriated. Motion to dismiss the contest will be heard December 10th, or soon after.

Statement by Deputy Pierce.

Insurance Deputy Pierce says the National Mutual Fire Insurance company of Omaha was solvent when it was examined by his department the first of the year. The company is now in the hands of a receiver. Mr. Pierce has issued the following statement:

The annual statement of this company for the year 1906 filed with the insurance department of January 31, 1907, showed that the company was solvent on that date. Its sworn statement showed a surplus over all liabilities of \$18,132.74. The company was therefore licensed for the year 1907.

An examination of the company was made in June of this year by the examiner of the insurance department. This examination showed an impairment of \$15,000. It was thought at that time that by the observance of conservative methods and strict economy, the company could repair the existing deficit if given a little time. The company was advised that another examination would be made in the course of a few months and especial attention was called to the recommendation made by the examiner and urging the necessity of rigid economy in the matter of management expenses.

Another examination of the company was begun November 9, but was not completed until November 29. It was found that the losses incurred during the last five months and more especially since August 15, were disastrous and for the entire year the losses incurred equal 80 per cent of the premium income.

It was also found that the expenses had increased rather than decreased since the previous examination and that for the year they were equal to 70 per cent of the net income.

Expense of State Wards.

The per capita cost for maintaining the institute for the deaf and dumb for the six months ending November 30 was \$84.24, according to the report of Superintendent White. Officers' salaries amounted to \$30.28 per capita; employees' wages per capita, \$13.87; maintenance, \$40.06 per capita. The total amount expended for officers' salaries was \$5,420; employees' wages, \$2,843.65; for maintenance, \$7,171.15. For repairs and improvements \$1,122.24 was expended. Farm products consumed were valued at \$59.65. The total amount expended by this institution for the six months, excluding repairs, was \$15,079.60.

The total cost of running the state school for the blind at Nebraska City for the last six months was \$7,478.4, a per capita cost of \$137.91. For general repairs, addition to the main building and a tubular fire escape, \$5,934.31 was spent. This is shown by the semi-annual report of Superintendent J. T. Morey, filed with the governor. An addition to the main building cost \$3,701; general repairs, \$1,433.31; fire escape, \$800. Of the appropriations of 1905, \$7,063 lapsed into the state treasury. The institution rented two acres of land, expended \$11 for rent and seed and raised \$57.50 worth of vegetables, berries and cane. From the broom shop, whose machinery and material is valued at \$580, there was sold \$85.52 worth of brooms.

Warden Beemer Reports.

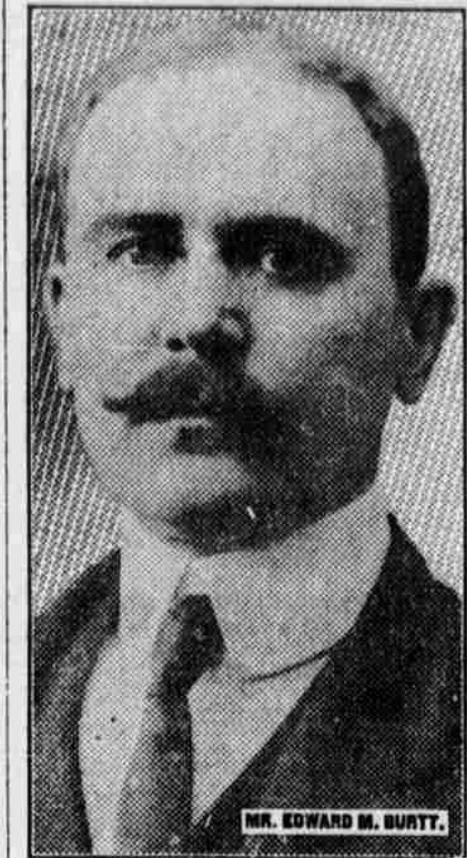
The semi-annual report of Warden A. D. Beemer, filed with the governor, shows that for the six months ending November 30, 1907, convicts of the penitentiary earned \$18,156.99, of which \$9,082.54 is unpaid by the prison contractor. The total cost for this period for maintenance was \$27,696.33. The total per capita cost for the six months was \$98.72; per capita earnings for the same period was \$50.03, making an actual net per capita cost to the state of \$48.69. The warden reported that the convicts had earned in making repairs and improvements around the institution \$9,007.60 and for the value of farm produce consumed, \$3,872.07, he credits the institution. Claims against the maintenance fund amounted to \$4,983.10; against the general repair fund, \$432.76; office and contingent expense fund, \$89.32.

Secretary Junkin Reports.

Secretary of State Junkin told the last legislature he believed he could collect \$60,000 in two years in fees if the law was amended so as to increase the fees for filing articles of incorporation, requiring the re-filing of brands and make the \$1 license fee for motor vehicles an annual license. These changes were made in the law and the estimate of the secretary of state is being closely approached. His semi-annual report shows the collection of \$15,354.49 in six months. This with \$12,373.72 received during the previous six months makes a total of \$27,908.21 in fees received during the year. This is about double the amount ever received in one year by any previous secretary of state. The office expenses for the six months exclusive of salaries amounted to \$1,465.97. The fees received during the six months aggregated \$15,354.49.

Mother Appeals for Son.

Mrs. M. A. Loar of Leavenworth, Kas., has written Governor Sheldon a very pathetic letter asking for the release from the penitentiary of her son, who was sent up from Greeley county. The son has an application pending before the governor for a pardon. The mother writes that she fully expected the son to be home by Thanksgiving but inasmuch as he was not she asks the executive to cheer her declining years by allowing him to come to her in time to eat Christmas dinner at his old home.

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"The hen has four legs. He done it."

Thoughtful little Ignatius, at the foot of the class, pondered deeply, and at the end of 15 minutes' time, allowed for correction, he wrote:

"He didn't done it; God done it."

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Truthful Boast.

A party of traveling men in a Chicago hotel were one day boasting of the business done by their respective firms, when one of the drummers said: "No house in the country, I am proud to say, has more men and women pushing its line of goods than mine." "What do you sell?" he was asked. "Baby carriages!" shouted the drummer, as he fled from the room.—Success Magazine.

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An old bachelor says that some women marry for the purpose of obtaining a listener who can't get away.

NEBRASKA POINTERS

STATE NEWS AND NOTES IN CONDENSED FORM.

THE PRESS, PULPIT AND PUBLIC

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska.

A new theater building is a forthcoming improvement at Grand Island. Miss Maynetta Marks has been appointed stenographer in the office of Secretary Mellor of the state board of agriculture.

Harry Haverly, recently resigned as steward at the Hastings asylum has begun his duties as proprietor of the Bostwick hotel in that city.

Five members of the family of Horace Kuwitzky, a plumber and contractor, of Nebraska City were asphyxiated and came near losing their lives.

A stick of dynamite exploding prematurely seriously injured J. W. Bowlin, employed by the Lincoln Brick company. The men were blasting in a clay bank.

In the district court of Sarpy county Judge Kennedy sentenced Edward Hike of Bellevue to a term of two years in the penitentiary on the charge of burglary.

Mary Tucker, of Lincoln, filed a suit for \$20,000 against the H. Herpolsheimer company. She was hurt in front of the store and alleges the sidewalk was defective.

The new high school building at Grand Island is practically completed and will be ready for occupancy immediately after the Christmas holidays. The furniture is now being installed.

While playing with a revolver in his room in a Hastings hotel, Robert Harris, 18-year-old son of Engineer Harris of the state hospital, was accidentally shot through the hand receiving a serious wound.

The Anti-Saloon league of Lincoln is making a campaign to have the anti-treating provisions of the Slocumb law enforced. Governor Sheldon has received more than fifteen petitions asking that treating be stopped.

Mrs. Emma C. Johnson, superintendent of the home for the friendless, has been appointed by Governor Sheldon for a term of two years dating from March 1. She has been at the head of the institution since March 1, 1905.

Deputy Food Commissioner Johnson has notified the county attorney of Cass county to begin prosecutions against a number of liquor dealers in Plattsmouth for violating the pure food law by not properly branding the bottles in which they keep liquor for sale.

Amos H. Gould, the banker of Belwood, Butler county, who was serving an eight years' sentence in the penitentiary was released during the month of November, according to a report filed by Warden Beemer with the governor.

Attorney General Thompson has received permission to file a motion with the supreme court for a mandamus to compel the Union Stock Yards company at South Omaha to file a report with the State Railway commission as do the common carriers.

New industries in Cass and Saunders counties have opened for business in the face of the hard times, notably a company in Wahoo for the manufacture of automobile devices and machinery, a farmers' elevator at Cedar Creek, and a tile factory at Louisville.

The state board of public lands and buildings has made a change in the material in two of the buildings to be constructed at the Norfolk asylum without increasing the price but at the expense of fireproofing for one building. The board gets stone instead of pressed brick.

The supreme court has appointed three of the bar commissioners to take testimony in the matter of disbarment charges against Attorney Allen G. Fisher of Chadron. The commissioners chosen are C. H. Sloan of Geneva, W. L. Anderson of Lincoln and H. P. Leavitt of Omaha.

The Nebraska City board of education is up against a serious proposition. They increased the salaries of all the teachers at the beginning of the school year and now they find that because of the fact that over 150 of the school children are out of school, at work, they will have to start a night school and they have not the funds.

Claiming that her husband, James Harrington, has been absent twenty-five years, Mrs. Sara Harrington, of Fremont, in probate court filed a petition asking to be appointed administratrix of his estate and for the court to find Harrington legally dead. A quarter of a century ago Harrington, then a young man, started for Omaha, on a business trip, kissing his wife goodbye. He has never been heard of since.

The statement of county recorder G. M. Lathrop of Otoe county shows that during the month of November there were fifteen farm mortgages filed, amounting to \$40,958.89, and thirteen released to the value of \$27,395.

A young man named Johnson, employed as a farm hand a few miles southwest of Beatrice, reported to the police that he was held up and robbed of \$28 at the Rock Island crossing in the southwest part of the city last week. The officers have no clue to the holdup.

Nitrogen in Animal Charcoal.

Why animal charcoal removes the color from colored liquids, while wood charcoal has no effect, has not been understood. A European chemist now finds that the action of the former is due to the presence of five to seven per cent of nitrogen.

On the Make.

Some men who believe in making the most of their opportunities unfortunately regard every other man as an opportunity.—Philadelphia Record.

Extremes in Brazil.

Brazil has no middle class. There are, but two classes there—rich and the poor.

Mistakes Some Women Make.

She is a foolish woman who thinks she can make a front by putting every thing on her back.—Exchange.

Evils That Rapidly Multiply.

Indiscretion, malice, rashness and falsehood produce each other.—L'Enclos.

No man can be brave who thinks pain the greatest evil; nor temperate who considers pleasure the highest good.—Cicero.

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