

Nebraska LABOR LAW SNAKE TROUBLE Two Youths Employed in Senate Are Under the Age Specified in Nebraska Statutes.

COFFEY MAKES INVESTIGATION (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The new labor commissioner, E. M. Coffey, has found two boys employed by the legislature who are under the age of 15. The law reads that no child under 14 years of age shall be permitted to work for hire during the hours when the public schools are in session and also providing that a child between the ages of 14 and 15 may be employed provided the child shall have reached the eighth grade in the common schools and shall have secured a permit from the school authorities, the same to be filed with the commissioner of labor. The children referred to are the sons of Lieutenant Governor Pearson and Senator Wilson of Frontier. Young Pearson is about 12 years of age and is employed as messenger clerk for his father, at \$3 a day. Wilson's son is 15 years of age and has a position as page at \$1.50 a day, with overtime allowance which brings his pay up to \$2.

RAIL EXPERTS RETURN FROM ST. JOSEPH HEARING

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Railway Commissioner Clark and Rate Expert Powell have returned from St. Joseph, Mo., where this week they attended the interstate hearing on the complaints of out-of-state points against Nebraska rates as being prejudicial to them. At St. Joseph, the complainants, including St. Joseph, Atchison, Council Bluffs and Kansas City, as well as the intervenors, Omaha, Lincoln and Denver, put in their cases. The hearing will get under way at Omaha beginning Monday. After submission of the evidence the case will probably be argued in Washington at some subsequent time. The complainants insist that Nebraska rates under general order No. 19 are decidedly unfair to them. The river points in particular contend that Nebraska rates are a big advantage in rates to interior points.

"FAINTING BERTHA" GOES TO INGLESIDE HOSPITAL

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—"Bertha Liebbecke," far-famed as "Fainting Bertha," has been moved upon another square of the board of her checkered career. Today, by order of the penitentiary insanity board, she was taken to the Ingleside insane hospital at Hastings. She had been at the penitentiary only four days, but during that time she had succeeded in making life miserable for everybody at the institution from Warden Peyton down to the most hardened convict. During these four days she had broken out every window pane within her reach; had screamed the long nights through until the corridors echoed from one side of the big gray institution to the other; had necessitated constant guarding, despite the vigilance of the prison authorities had attempted suicide by strangulation.

LITTLE CHILD FOUND AFTER NIGHT'S SEARCH

SCHUTTLER, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Hercule, the 3-year-old son of Ernest C. Fletcher, living five miles east of town, wandered away from home last evening, shortly before midnight, with his dog. An all night search resulted in finding him about two miles away, where he got through water, slush and snow in a driving rain. The baby said that he was on the railroad and two trains went by and he got off to let them go by and then laid down by a chunk of wood for a long time. Aside from being completely drenched and chilled, he was unharmed, although having been subject to the wet and cold for over ten hours.

JOHNSON FARMERS MEET AT TECUMSEH

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The annual Johnson County Farmers' Institute will be held in Tecumseh on Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21. Dr. S. E. Conford or Beatrice and Dr. O. E. Lindburg of Tecumseh, government veterinarians having in charge the hog cholera preventive work in Gage and Johnson counties, will give an account of the work here up to this time.

News Notes of Stella

STELLA, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—McPherson Bros., of near Dawson, in this county, had a twenty-seven-acre alfalfa field last season. Except \$3 paid for labor, the two brothers look after the alfalfa along with their regular work on a quarter section farm. They sold over 1500 worth of the alfalfa and had their winter's feed left. Stella has an Audubon club of thirty-four members. E. C. Roberts, cashier of the State bank, has been unable to walk the last week owing to a fall of eight or ten feet. Powell Jones, BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Doris E. Powell of Fairbury, and Miss Amy B. Jones of this city, were married at 10 o'clock, P. M., yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. W. A. Mulligan, officiating, immediately after the ceremony the young couple left on honeymoon trip to Wyoming. They will return and make their home at Fairbury.

Nebraska Farm Hand Given Judgment for Wages

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—A court decision that attracted some attention this week was rendered by County Judge Ford, when he declared that Henry Spedel, aged 42 years, and unmarried, should receive from the Ferdinand Boss estate, on the west table, this county, the sum of \$1,000, back wages. The evidence showed that Spedel, who was a stevedore of Boss, had gone to work on the latter's farm twenty years ago and never received any compensation for his labor. Boss died in 1911, but, according to state law, Spedel could not be included as an heir to the estate and he accordingly sued for \$3,000 for ten years labor. The evidence further showed that the claimant, by himself, had farmed forty acres of land and did all the house work, including the family washing. Spedel is considerably broken in health and the court ruled that he was entitled to \$5 per month for four years.

COMMUNITY WELFARE WORK AT CENTRAL CITY IS SUCCESS

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The rooms of the Community Welfare association in this city have been the scene of exceptional activity during the last two weeks of stormy weather. This organization of a little less than one year's standing in the community is proving the fulfillment of its mission, affording a place of amusement in the best environment for the men and young men of Central City and the surrounding country. The list of members has now become established and is experiencing a steady growth, the total enrollment being about 100. The rooms, five in number, are located above the Burke Mercantile company, and are elegantly equipped. The receipts have to date so far exceeded the expenditures that the directors have been enabled to take up several advance notes given in payment for the billiard and pool tables. There are separate rooms for reception, reading, cards, pool and billiards and smoking. Traveling men, who have been guests at the rooms, declare the organization one of the most progressive of its type in the entire state.

HUMBOLDT MAN NAMED COMMANDANT AT HOME

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—John F. Walsh of Humboldt has been appointed commandant of the Old Soldiers' and Sailors' home at Burket. The appointment was announced today by the Board of Control. Mr. Walsh succeeds Commandant Ferdinand Zimmer, whose commission expires March 17. The present commandant was appointed by Governor Morehead two years ago. The actual change will not take place until Commandant Zimmer's commission expires.

SMALLPOX QUARANTINE IMPOSED AT WOOD RIVER

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Dr. W. M. Wilson, health inspector for the State Board of Health, returned last night from Wood River, Neb., where he went to diagnose a certain epidemic to the nature of which the local authorities were in dispute. He decided that the disease was smallpox. Three or four families are afflicted. Dr. Wilson put on strict quarantine regulations.

Notes from West Point

WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Marriage licenses have been granted during the week as follows: Jonas Birky and Miss Lizzie Schantz, Johannes A. Bunjes and Miss Edna Theresa Hansen, Theodore Olgmueller and Miss Caroline Schmecker and Herman Reeson and Miss Mary Schlecht, all of Cumby county. The marriage of Herman Reeson and Miss Mary Schlecht took place at St. Mary's church, Wednesday morning. They will reside on the Ford Novak farm, north of this city. W. H. Harstick, the newly appointed postmaster, has taken charge of the office. He succeeds Colonel J. C. Elliott, who has held the office for the last twelve years. F. F. Wortman, a prominent farmer, fell Thursday and broke his leg. Articles of incorporation of the Cumby County Loan and Title company have been filed in the office of the county clerk. The incorporators are: W. H. Delinger, Otto H. Zacek and Hugo M. Nicholson. Henry Fuchtmann and Miss Minnie Hehhausen were united in marriage at the Catholic church in Aloys Tuesday. They will go to housekeeping at once on their own farm.

Improvements at Central City

CENTRAL CITY, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—With the approach of spring, Central City is looking forward to exceptional building activity in the business section. Negotiations are under way, which if completed, involves the transfer of the lots formerly occupied by the opera house. It is the general belief that the building destroyed by fire some weeks ago will be replaced by a two-story brick, modern in every respect. The front is one of about sixty-six feet, and will house two and perhaps three firms on the ground floor. Dr. H. E. Glatfelter, present owner of the property, has signified his intention of erecting a modern two-story brick on his lots just south of the "big" drug store in the western part of the business district, operations to begin just as soon as the weather will permit. May Extend Water Plant. CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—At a special meeting of the city council last evening it was decided to submit to the voters the proposition of issuing bonds to the extent of \$100,000 for the extending of the mains of the water plant. This action has been pending for some time, the city engineer, B. V. Benson, having previously prepared plans and specifications in detail. The election will be held March 11.

Nebraska Hastings to Vote on Anti-Saloon Issue

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—U. S. Rohrer, for years the leader of the prohibition forces here, announced that a proposition to abolish saloons, pool halls and Sunday base ball would be submitted to a referendum vote at the April city election. Prohibition has not flourished in city elections here for several years. The state associations of opticians and jewelers will hold their annual convention in Hastings next week. Several hundred members are expected to attend, including National President Combs of the Jewelers from Omaha. All bakers in Hastings today united in raising the price of bread to 6 1/2 cents. This follows a reduction in the weight of loaves three weeks ago. The Chamber of Commerce has re-elected President James N. Clarke; vice president, A. H. Parsons, and treasurer, A. A. Lumbach for another year. An effort will be made to employ Dr. A. E. Turner of Philadelphia, former president of Hastings college, as secretary.

Oxford High Debaters Defeat Beaver City

OXFORD, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The first debate in the state of the high school debating league question for the season of 1914-1915, was held in the Oxford opera house last evening, between Oxford and Beaver City. Superintendent Overport of Beaver City presiding. Oxford had the affirmative and Beaver City the negative. The Beaver City debaters were Edward Carter, Justin Woodruff, Dana Harper, and Lawrence Merwin, alternates. Oxford debaters were Ralph Cole, Merlin Springer and Fred Hellmer, with Roy Bender as alternate. Judges were Superintendent William Schaefer of Culbertson, Principal J. C. Mitchell of Hastings High school and L. E. Mumford. The decision was two for Oxford and one for Beaver City.

TWO MADISON RESIDENTS ARE CALLED BY DEATH

MADISON, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Erasmus Dow Wells died early this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Dickey, after a lingering illness dating from Thanksgiving, the cause of death being due to dropsy. Robert B. Cato died at the Methodist Episcopal hospital, Omaha, at an early hour this morning, the result of an operation. The deceased was born at Memphis, Tenn., February 23, 1862, being 52 years of age. He came to Madison with his family in 1894 and remained until 1903. Excepting a few years residence at Kearney, immediately following his departure from Madison he has resided at Valley, engaged in the hardware business. He is survived by a wife, two daughters, Mrs. Robert Compton of St. Francisco and Mrs. Josie Smith of Kearney, and four sons, Harry, Louis and Albert at home at Valley, and Robert F. Cato of this city.

FAIRBURY MAN SUES ON FLORIDA LAND DEAL

FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Herman Conerus, a well known business man of this city, has instituted proceedings for the recovery of \$2,000 damages against the Florida Farm company. According to his allegations, Mr. Conerus purchased a tract of Florida land, making monthly payments, and the company asserted it could be cleared for 50 per acre. The land is located seven miles from the sea shore. Mr. Conerus moved his family to Florida and proceeded to clear the land, but found the cost of clearing amounted to nearly \$50 per acre; also that the soil was almost pure sand and worthless. He also alleges that malaria fever prevailed in Florida, and that insects make life miserable. Mr. Conerus spent nearly six months in Florida and then returned to Fairbury and refused to make further payments on the Florida land. When Mr. Shields, the agent, called for collection of payments, Mr. Conerus immediately instituted a suit against the land company and the agent.

BOX BUTTE DEMOCRATS SAY THEY ARE PLEASED

ALLIANCE, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Chairman William Mitchell and Secretary John O'Keefe, of the Box Butte county democratic central committee, forwarded the following telegram today to Congressman Sutherland: "We observe in the daily press that you have accorded State Chairman Thompson the privilege of naming the postmaster of his home city in your district. In behalf of the democratic organization of this county, we congratulate you for your courtesy in this appointment, which is gratifying to the democracy here, and we believe that it will tend to promote harmony within the democratic ranks throughout the state."

Two Nebraska City Boys Hurt

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—While coasting down the hill in Kearny addition, Roy Savage and Will Golden were severely injured. Savage received a broken bone in the left foot and

DEPARTMENT MANAGER WHO RETURNS TO HAYDEN BROS.



George T. Foster has assumed charge of the buying and sales management of the linen, bedding, wash goods and domestic departments for Hayden Bros. Mr. Foster's return to Omaha, after an absence of eleven years, to again enter the service of his former employers, will be received by his host of oldtime friends with pleasure. During his absence from Omaha, Mr. Foster was in charge of several departments for Rothschild & Co., one of Chicago's largest street department stores for nine years, and during the last two years was engaged in the dry goods commission trade of Chicago. Mr. Foster is enthusiastic regarding the present commercial aspect of Omaha, and enters the trade here with genuine pleasure and unbounded confidence in Omaha's future greatness.

Golden receiving a bad shake-up from a fall over a twenty-foot embankment. The hill is about eight blocks long and quite steep. A number of other accidents have occurred on the hill this winter.

ALL RAIL NORTH AND SOUTH Possibilities of Linking Alaska to Peru Spines of Two Hemispheres.

The stimulation of commerce between North and South America, due to the European war, has revived interest in the project of an all-rail route connecting the United States with the countries of the southern hemisphere. When this plan is carried out, as it is almost certain to be some day, for strategic as well as commercial reasons it must be extended to include a railway connection with Alaska, where the United States government now has surveying parties in the field selecting routes for a railway system to develop the resources of that country. Such a railway, reaching continuously from the great plateau of central Alaska to the pampas of South America and beyond, would constitute the biggest enterprise of its kind ever undertaken, if it were not that more than half of the line has already been built and is in operation. Since the surveys of the Pan-American railway were made there has been a steady development in railway building in South America, particularly in Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina, so that much of the work planned at that time has already been done. That portion of western Canada lying east of the Coast range, formerly considered a forbidding country with an Arctic climate, has been invaded by two trunk-line railways, and its resources are being rapidly developed. One of these railways, the Grand Trunk Pacific, reaching as far north as Hazelton, B. C., would form the last link for connecting Alaska with the states of the Pacific coast. There would then be a continuous system of railways running from the central plateau of Alaska through the United States and Mexico to Auyta, a Mexican town on the border of Guatemala. The big gap remaining to be closed begins at Auyta and extends through Central America, Colombia, Ecuador and northern Peru to a connection with the Bolivian railways. In Central America, Ecuador and Peru short stretches of existing railways could easily be incorporated in the plan.

Half a dozen different routes would be available for forming the link through the United States. Over a route passing down the Pacific coast to El Paso, Tex., and thence through Mexico City to Auyta, the total distance by rail from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Buenos Aires, Argentina, would be about 12,700 miles. About 7,000 miles of this distance is covered by existing railways, leaving about 6,000 miles to be built. On a basis of a liberal estimate the entire undertaking could probably be completed for less than \$200,000,000. Every variety of climate, from arctic

SADIE IS A JOY-RIDING HEN She Knows the Car Number and Lays Eggs to Pay Her

There must be a spunky strain, a vainglorious, nomadic streak, in "Sadie" somewhere. "Sadie" is a brown leghorn hen of uncertain age, outwardly no different from any other respectable, nest-loving bird, but in reality a "harum-scarum" "fly-by-night" and a "nose-do-well," no better than the worst night hawk. "Sadie" is the joy-riding hen. Every night for the last ten days she has stolen a ride underneath Scovill avenue (Cleveland) trailer No. 32, clinging to her precarious and perambulating perch from the Bolton car barns, Quincy avenue and East Eighty-ninth street, all the way to the city and back to the barns. Little does "Sadie" care whether the fare is 2 cents or 2, whether the penny transfer charge is refused or gobbled up to appease a hungry deficit. "Sadie" must have a hunk, and have it she does. The carmen declare she has at least

elementary knowledge of mathematics to the extent of knowing one figure from another, for she always picks trailer No. 32 for her trip.

Commissioner Witt's attention was first called to "Sadie" last night when she hopped from beneath the Scovill trailer at Superior avenue and West Third street, where a traffic jam caused a delay. "Sadie" wanted to know what the trouble was. When she found out she hopped back to her place. Richard Murphy, motorman, and William Myers, conductor of motor car No. 32, pulling the trailer, said "Sadie" has made the trip with them for some time. It was suggested to Mr. Witt that he have a nest put under the trailer for "Sadie's" convenience and for the practical reason that she would, if given this inducement, probably pay her fare by laying an egg each trip.

John Hunt, starter at the Bolton barn, discovered and named "Sadie." Everett Bean, dispatcher, and Fred Knight, barn clerk, did not believe Burt's story until they had "Sadie" watched one night. The three men now contribute to a fund to buy corn, wheat and chopped meat for "Sadie." The hen's contribution to the fund is an occasional egg laid in a dust heap in the barn—but this of course doesn't make up the deficit.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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