

### All Court House Offices Are Closed in Honor of Washington's Birthday

Today ranks as a legal holiday, and practically every office in the court house is closed to properly observe the occasion. This is the second time this month that the county officers have had a holiday, although few of them took advantage of the opportunity on Lincoln's birthday. Today, however, the action is practically unanimous, and if any of the officers are at their desks, they have taken the precaution to carefully lock the doors.

The county commissioners are the only ones who don't desire to observe the holiday. They have just so much work to do, and the sooner it is finished, the sooner they can lay aside official cares. This goes far to explain why the three of them are spending today in auditing claims.

Everything is quiet at the city hall, too. A notice on the city clerk's door bears the news that the office will remain closed all day. Police Judge Roberts spent a short time in his office, but cases may not be tried on a holiday and there was nothing else happening to keep him interested.

### AMERICAN LEGION NOTES

Nebraska is not the only state in the union where the American Legion is engaged in a strenuous campaign for a larger membership. Illinois and Indiana are having very successful drives, and numerous new posts are being established in the southern states. There are now over 10,000 posts of the legion scattered over the world.

To definitely discover just how many service men want a cash bonus in preference to other forms of adjusted compensation as provided by the Fordney bill, a plebiscite was recently taken of the legion members in Illinois. In spite of the unemployment situation, which tends to increase the needs of the veterans for ready money, forty-six per cent of the legionnaires preferred some form of compensation other than cash. The legislature of North Dakota, Oregon and Minnesota have passed resolutions urging the United States senate to pass the Fordney bill.

In deciding not to ask the legislature for a state bonus, the legislative committee of the American Legion was influenced to a great extent by observing the working of the cash bonus act in North Dakota. The Nebraska Legion is asking that the wounded, disabled and needy veterans be taken care of first, by means of the bill they have introduced to appropriate two million dollars to buy liberty bonds, the interest being used for the needy ex-soldiers. Cash compensation will be slow for a large number of North Dakota veterans, for the money is to be raised by a direct tax on property and it is estimated that only 3,000 claims can be paid each year.

To do away with this delay in drawing their \$25 a month state compensation which will in many cases be several years, the Fargo post of the Legion has organized an association which will lend money on bonus claims. From a fund borrowed from members of the post, money will be lent to any service man at eight per cent, with the provision that the borrower must assign his claim to the association as security. An amount up to half the face value of the claim may be borrowed.

Nebraska service men are watching with a good deal of interest the controversy in Massachusetts over the state law giving civil service preference to veterans. A newly elected commissioner recently discharged eleven veteran employees of the department of public property and parks, only to find that the American Legion was solidly back of the men and would carry the matter to the courts if necessary. The commissioner was forced to apologize for disparaging remarks about service men.

One hundred thousand Mennonites, who were prevented from settling in the United States largely because of opposition of the American Legion, now plan to take over several thousand acres of land in Mexico, according to word received at legion national headquarters here from I. C. White, adjutant of the legion's department of Mexico. The Mennonites are being expelled from Canada.

Because the members of the sect live under a communistic form of government, speak only German and refuse to accept the obligations of citizens of the land in which they live, the second annual convention of the Legion opposed a colonization project in Mississippi. A later attempt to settle in Louisiana was fought by legion members of that state under the leadership of the Pelicanaire, official Legion newspaper.

Legion leaders pointed out that the Mennonites refused to serve in the Canadian forces during the world war and that they have not complied with the Canadian laws which provide that school instruction be conducted in English. Previously to the settlement in Canada, thousands of the sect were forced to leave South Dakota because of their refusal to comply with the laws of that state.

Arrangements for entertaining thousands of delegates to the third annual convention of the American Legion, which will be held October 31, November 1 and 2 of this year in Kansas City, Mo., are being made by legion posts of that city and state. Marshal Foch is among the distinguished guests expected by legionnaires. The corner stone for Kansas City's \$2,000,000 Liberty Memorial building to four hundred men of that city who gave their lives during the war will be laid during the convention.

Judge Henderson remembers the time when the old-fashioned woman used to be satisfied with the society page, but now she wants the whole newspaper.—Arkansas Thomas Cat.

### RANDOM SHOTS

Being a reformer isn't so difficult a job as we had imagined.

Verily, it hath its reward.

We know lots of men who have a scientific interest in home brew recipes. Once we met up with a scientific thirst. It must have been scientific—it was so thorough.

### Do You Know This Dick?

"Why did you let him get away from you?" thundered the chief.

"He—er—took a mean advantage of me," replied the green detective. "He ran across the grass in the park, and—"

"Why didn't you follow?"

"Well, there was a notice there 'Keep off the grass!'"

In the language of the colored parson, "Blessed am he who expects nothing, kase he ain't gwine to be disappointed."

The Nebraska press association called a halt on one of its ancient customs at the last meeting. Heretofore the office of president has rotated from year to year between the republicans and democrats, and this time the second republican was chosen. A. B. Wood of Gering says it is because there are so few democrats left that if this custom were allowed to go on, it would soon be necessary for them to repeat.

Ole Buck has discovered that his plant concerning the lavish portions of mashed potatoes served at banquets has struck a sympathetic chord in the heart of more than half the editors of the state. It's surprising how many people have got next to the mashed potato gouge.

The next crusade we are going to unite with will be when someone starts a campaign to force restaurants to serve a full quarter-pie instead of a sliver.

If there is any man who really likes liver and bacon, let him stand up now to be counted. Can't you remember the days when the butcher always threw in a chunk of liver for the eat?

Some of these days we're going to have a special calendar to give us the names of the weeks. There's a bicycle week, a pay-up week, a religious week, and ten or twelve others, and now comes some idiot who wants to establish a proposal week.

There's this about it: It either takes a man (or a woman) only about ten minutes to propose, or else it takes six months. A week isn't the right time limit, no way you look at it.

We're figuring now that there ought also to be a few years. This is already Read-The-Herald year, and if it only turns out to be Advertising year, everything will be lovely.

They can't tell us that the Imperial isn't perfumed. We dropped in last Saturday morning, just after the stuff had been sprinkled around, and even the organist was ready to take the count.

The man with the perfume scattered a couple of ounces on our coat lapel, and the next nine men we met looked at us suspiciously. Two barbers and a cowboy followed us for eight blocks, but the wind changed and we finally made our escape.

Exciting times at the Palm Room: When a piece of ice slips down the waitress' neck.

### The Wisdom Teeth

"Father, have you cut all four of your wisdom teeth?"

"Yes, son. I have purchased a used car, accepted a nomination, been chairman of a local reception committee, and married your mother."

Bill Maupin says: "We used to have to surmise whether they were bow-legged or knock-kneed. Now we have to surmise whether their ears are clean or otherwise. The girls insist on keeping the boys guessing."

### Advice to the Worried.

M. K. G.—Unfortunately for you, the man you think you love is married. However, we can recommend two or three others in the same line. Send a stamped envelope, and tuck in a couple of \$10 bills for full particulars.

Margie—Your young man is most unreasonable. If you want to wear half hose, and can get by the censors, you have our blessing.

Ed. K.—You seem to be quite certain the young lady you call upon loves you sincerely, but you are worried because she yawns when you whisper sweet nothings in her ear. If you haven't tumbled, nothing we can say will save you.

Bill—Sorry, but the law doesn't permit us to print home brew recipes. You can buy a fair grade of moonshine, however, from every fifth man in Scottsbluff. Take our advice and don't try to make it.

Mose—We know of nothing that will successfully remove ink stains from a postage stamp.

The choir of the Presbyterian church will present a program of music, singing, living pictures, etc., at the church Thursday evening March 3. 27

### WITHIN HIS REACH

Particular Customer (in tailor's shop)—Where's your man who usually measures me for trousers?

Tailor—He had to leave, sir. He got rheumatism and couldn't stoop low enough to measure to the bottom of men's trousers.

What's he doing now?

He's measuring for a ladies' tailor, sir.

France is afraid of the man on horseback. Over here we fear the eighteen-year-old child in the big automobile.

### MRS. MARY O'NEILL IS GIVEN TWO WEEKS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS

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C. L. Hashman and George Carroll, county commissioners, and Miss Avis Joder, county clerk, testified to conditions at the O'Neill home. The mother and three children are living in one room in a house on West Third street. There is one bed in the room, and all of them have been sleeping together. There is a cookstove, a box for a table and one chair. The mother does washing in the same room in which they eat and sleep. At the time the matter was called to the commissioners' attention, the family had a sack of potatoes, a little flour and some coal, nearly all of which had been donated by neighbors.

Mrs. O'Neill told of having additional furniture at the freight office, but said she did not have money enough to pay the freight bill. The commissioners paid this bill, and purchased some additional groceries, and if Mrs. O'Neill is able to make a fair showing at the end of two weeks, she will be given further time.

The three children, Harvey, aged thirteen; Hallie, aged ten, and Anna, eight, are the only children now with their mother. A son is farming near Dunning; and the mother has temporarily lost track of three daughters, two of whom are married. The third is Rose Etta O'Neill, a fifteen-year-old girl who first became known in Alliance when her mother asked the police to retrieve her from a band of wandering Holy Rollers. Rose Etta three times ran away with the holy ones.

The mother in her testimony showed that she is doing her best to care for her children. The three were sent to school immediately upon arriving in Alliance, and are comfortably dressed. Mrs. O'Neill said she has earned an average of \$10 a week during her stay in Alliance, and has had to pay \$10 a month rent for the one room. She expects to get sufficient work to practically double her earnings, and has found another place to stay.

Judge Tash called attention to the unsanitary conditions under which the children are being reared, and said that unless the mother could show, after a fair opportunity, that she was able to give them proper care, he would commit them to the state home.

"This is a civilized community," the judge said, "and I do not intend to let these children grow up underfed, undernourished or without a proper chance in life."

Ed. Fletcher has been confined to his home for the past few days, suffering from an ulcerated tooth.

### AT THE CHURCHES

#### BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

More high places in the Sunday activities of the Baptist church. Number one—a still greater attendance at Sunday school. We are gradually nearing the two hundred mark. Number two—the largest addition of any one Sunday, ten; four by letters, three by conversions, three by experience, making thirty-one for the month. Can you beat it? Number three—the largest evening audience since our coming, all pews filled and chairs in the aisle. Number four—the largest number of children and young people at the regular services. Number five—the largest B. Y. P. U. attendance. Number six—the best congregational singing in the city. O, boy! didn't they make the roof tremble with their lusty voices?

What does all of this mean? It means that the revival spirit is perennial and that we are in for the greatest steady campaign of soul winning in the history of the church. Must we depend upon the so-called annual revival? Must we hire an outsider to draw a crowd? What is the preacher paid for anyway? Did you notice that choir work? Those specials are getting to be a real treat. It speaks well for the leader, Miss Young and the members.

Someone said that the pastor was a dynamo of optimism, alas—we plead guilty. Come out to the church overflowing with the spirit of optimism. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30. We are looking for seventy-five. Come. The topic is, "I have learned by experience." Come ready to tell of some one thing you have learned in your Christian experience.

The Phil-Baraca are having a Washington birthday party at the parlors tonight.

#### EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOTES

St. Matthew's Episcopal guild will give a kensington Wednesday afternoon at the parish house at 2:30. Each member is requested to bring a guest. The funds received will be used to purchase flowers for the altar Easter Sunday, after which they will be sent to the hospital. Mrs. Reynolds will be hostess, assisted by Mrs. C. Bradbury, Mrs. H. E. Gantz and Mrs. Elmer McManis.

#### CHRISTIAN CHURCH NOTES

The colonial tea given by the Young People's Missionary circle last evening at the church was well attended. The auditorium was staged to represent the home of George and Martha Washington, and tea was served in the annex. The tables were appropriately decorated with the national colors and a very pleasant evening was spent. A miscellaneous program was given during the forepart of the evening. The

following program was given:

Piano solo, Miss Dorothy Wendelboe. "America," by the audience. Reading—"The Minister at Tea," Eva Beal. Violin solo—"George," Billie Swenson. "Sketch of the life of Washington," Lena Price. Song and pantomime—"When You and I Were Young, Martha," Misses Leah Weaver and Sylvia DeMoss. Duet—"An Old-fashioned Garden," Misses Leah Weaver and Sylvia DeMoss.

Readings, Frances Fletcher. Several games and contests were held and prizes given. Marie Bailey won an American flag. The sum of ten dollars was received in the silver offering. Miss Leah Weaver and Chas. Larkin took the roles of Martha and George Washington, and were assisted by others in colonial costume, Misses Glenna Lawrence, Leah Weaver and Marie Frazier presided in the tea room.

The ladies' aid will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. James Rice, Ninth and Laramie. This is the February birthday meeting, and those having birthdays during the month will be guests of honor.

#### M. E. CHURCH NOTES

The M. E. choir will meet with Miss Edna Martin, 507 Laramie Thursday evening at 7:30. Mrs. E. C. Drake will assist Miss Martin as hostess.

#### DR. BOWMAN—office in First National Bank Building. 8th

S. J. Iossi of Yale Siding has some very fine seed kubanka macaroni spring wheat that took the first premium at the Nebraska state fair for yield and rust-resisting qualities. He believes it to be a money-maker for a Box Butte county farmer.

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#### PROOF POSITIVE

Judge: "The policeman says you caught a firefly and were trying to light a cigarette from it. Isn't that proof you were intoxicated or hopelessly crazy?"

Prisoner: "Your honor, if you ever had any experience with the French 'briquets,' you'd know there's hopelessly crazier cigarette lighters than a firefly."

Though the old-fashioned dollar is coming back it finds this a changed world.

### Peter Haag Reported In Serious Condition At Ingleside Hospital

County Commissioner George Duncan has received advices from W. S. East, superintendent of Ingleside hospital at Hastings, that Peter Haag, an insane patient sent there a few weeks ago from Box Butte county, is in a serious condition. Superintendent East states that Mr. Haag's condition has shown no improvement since he was admitted to the hospital. His paralysis is very profound and he is almost entirely helpless. The hospital authorities are not prepared at this time to say whether there is any hope for improvement.

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