

Late Report Says Conditions Favorable for Potato Crop

Excellent condition of winter wheat and rye, improvement in oats, prospects of some fruit slightly decreased acreages in some of the staple crops, more tame grass pasture and summer fallow, and highly favorable soil conditions, are leading features of the latest weekly crop report of the Nebraska bureau of crop estimates.

Winter wheat acreage was reduced two per cent but the condition is reported to be fine, and very little, if any, abandonment is expected. Spring wheat acreage will be the same as last year with was about the usual pre-war acreage. Most of the other spring grain crops are up. Oats are improved and a slightly increased acreage is expected.

Preparation of ground for corn continues and a slightly decreased acreage is planned. Tame hay acreage is now large enough to meet all demands for hay, but the seeding of some tame grasses for pastures is planned. The seeding of sweet clover for pasture and as a soil builder is increasing.

Conditions are reported favorable for potatoes. The earliest planted potatoes soon will be up, but in western Nebraska the planting will be continued for another month. Last year's acreage was unusually small and a slight increase is expected this year.

Early blooming tree fruits like peaches, pears, apricots and plums are reported to be nearly a failure, but A. E. Anderson, agricultural statistician reports there are prospects for some cherries. Apples that blossomed early promise little fruit but the later blooming varieties range from poor to a fair crop. The vitality of fruit buds was very high this year, due to the light crop last year, and the favorable season last summer and autumn and for this reason were in better condition to withstand the freezing temperatures this spring. The last period of cool weather did some damage to small fruits, especially grapes.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY AT IMPERIAL MONDAY NIGHT

The Senior Class Play, "At the End of the Rainbow," will be given at the Imperial Theatre, Monday night, May 22.

The cast of characters, who have been trained by Mrs. Dunning, are:

Robert Preston	Sterling Harris
Douglas Brown	Carl Buechsenstein
Dick Preston	Tom Miller
Stanley Palmer	Ivan Wong
Ted Whitney	Reverend
Jack Austin	William Williams
Mariam Davton	Elsie Simpson
Nellie Preston	Dorothy Reynolds
Louise Ross	Helen Brown
Phyllis Lane	Mary Woolis
Katherine Knoj	Marie Howe
The Inn	Ruth Stanton
Emily Elliott	Sybil Hutchison
Jane	Evangeline Acheson
Mrs. Brown	Thelma Zobel
Polly Price	Helen Young
Elsa Ernest	Elizabeth Wilson
Marjorie Ernest	Glenn Lawrence
Marie Swift	Lillie Simonson
Molly Bruce	Violette Walker

Scene—A College Town.
Time—Present Day.

Act I.—"Den" in the Theta Phi House.

Early in College Year.
Act II.—Library in Preston Home.
Marian's Mask Ball.

Act III.—Interior of Athletic Club House.
Afternoon and evening of day of the game.

D. A. R. SPONSORING DRIVE TO AID NEAR EAST RELIEF

The D. A. R. are sponsoring a movement in the interest of the Near-East Relief to raise sixty dollars by the sale of sixty one-dollar coupons. This amount represents the life of a child child one year in the stricken district. Central School has purchased thirty of the coupons, each of which represents the life of a child for one week. Anyone who desires to donate to this cause can obtain information from either Alliance newspapers.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have offered two history medals to the schools of Alliance, one to Emerson and one to Central, for the pupils making the highest average in American history. Medals will be awarded at the close of this school year.

Come and see what is found "At the End of the Rainbow," Imperial Theatre, Monday evening.

ORDINANCE No. 313

AN ORDINANCE providing in connection with the Licensing of Plumbers and Drain Layers for the Payment of a Fee and the Filing of a Bond and Repealing Section Three of Ordinance Number 140 of the City of Alliance, Nebraska.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska:

Section 1. That after favorable action by the City Council granting a license to any person, persons, or corporation to carry on a plumbing or drain laying business within the City of Alliance, Nebraska, and before the same shall be issued, the applicant or applicants shall pay to the City Treasurer the required fee of twenty-five dollars and shall file a receipt for the same, together with an approved surety company's bond in the sum of two thousand dollars with the City Clerk, which bond shall be approved by the Mayor and Council and shall be conditioned upon the protection of the City of Alliance against all loss or damage which may occur on account of such license through any carelessness or negligence in either the execution or protection of his work or by reason of any unfaithfulness or inadequate work done by such person, firm or corporation, or by his or their employees and that such licensees and his employees will also conform to all the conditions and requirements of the City of Alliance for his or their government.

Section 2. That section three of Ordinance Number 140 of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, entitled, "An Ordinance to regulate the construction, alteration and repairs of sewers and plumbing, providing for the licensing of plumbers and drain layers, prescribing qualities and materials and workmanship, defining the duties of the sewer commissioner in connection therewith, providing penalties for violation and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith," and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof be, and they hereby are repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

Passed and approved this 28th day of April, 1921.

(Seal) R. M. HAMPTON, Mayor.

Attest: GRACE H. KENNEDY, City Clerk.

SOCIETY

The Thursday Bridge Club was entertained by Mrs. E. H. Boyd yesterday. First prize was won by Mrs. William Mitchell. A delicious four course luncheon was served at 1:30 with spring flowers as decorations.

Miss Wolford, of Lincoln, state organizer of the P. E. O., was an Alliance visitor today. She was entertained at the A. V. Gavin home upon her arrival last night, and a breakfast was given by the P. E. O. at the home of Mrs. M. S. Hargraves at 9:30 this morning, after which a special meeting was held. Miss Wolford left Friday noon for Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McManis are entertaining at a 6:30 dinner this evening in honor of the birthday of their daughter Dixie. Guests are the Misses Katherine Harris, Edna Mae Miller, Josephine and Elizabeth Wilson, Theresa Looney and Helen Young. Decorations will be of pink and white. The evening will be spent informally in games and dancing.

Mrs. J. L. Overman entertained the Sunday school class of her son Lloyd at her home on Platte avenue last evening, from 7:30 till 9:00 p. m. Games were played during the evening and refreshments of sandwiches, cake and ice-cream were served. Favors were gaily colored balloons. Members of the class are Elson Potter, Kenneth Fulmer, Keith Sturgeon, Lloyd Overman, Cecil Coats, Joe Bramer, Edward Knight and Hoover McKenzie.

Mrs. Addie Durham, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Minor Morris, will entertain friends at the Palm Room Thursday afternoon. A five-course luncheon, with table decorations of spring flowers will be served, and Monte Carlo whist will be played during the afternoon. Guests invited are, Mesdames Dorothy Hershman, E. J. Baskin, M. J. Baskin, William Mitchell, H. Gantz, Robert Reddish, H. E. Reddish, W. Metz, Elmer McManis, H. DuBoque, F. E. Holsten, Marcus Frankle, J. J. Dixon, William McLean, E. H. Boyd, S. W. Thompson.

Mrs. Lillian Grinnell of Newcastle, Wyo., who was operated on Monday at the St. Joseph hospital, was reported very low today.

Mrs. F. R. Dixon of Newcastle, Wyo., returned to her home Tuesday after a few days' visit with Mrs. Ernest Potarf.

Miss Bertha Schieb, of Tabernash, Colo., who was called here a few weeks ago by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. W. A. Coleman, returned to her home yesterday. Mrs. Coleman is much improved at this writing. Engineer J. A. Wolverton, formerly of Alliance now of Crawford, is reported dangerously ill with rheumatism.

W. M. Woods has accepted a position at the Reo garage in the mechanical department. He will begin work this week.

W. B. Barnett expects to move into his new home 926 Cheyenne, the first of next week.

Charles E. Adams, manufacturing jeweler at Thiele's leaves Saturday for Ponca, Neb., to visit home folks. He will be away two weeks.

Do not forget "At the End of the Rainbow," Imperial Theatre, Monday evening. 44

MIRROR'S

By MOLLIE MATHER.

The woman in gray sat on the park bench looking wistfully over the river. There was some nameless attraction about her, which caused passers-by to look back a second time. But the woman was all unobserving. A tall, distinguished-looking man, entering the tree-bordered path, stood watching her, a satirical smile on his lips. Then, purposefully he advanced and seated himself at her side. The woman, after one started glance, caught the gray chiton which draped her small but and drew it like a curtain across her face; the man laughed shortly.

"Would you deprive me even the pleasure of viewing your features. Margot?" he asked, "or is it that you would hide something there from me?"

"What," the woman answered indifferently, "have I to hide?"

The man leaned back regarding her averted face.

"Your true affection for me, perhaps," he said.

She turned upon him then, a small fury, the gray of her eyes darkening beneath their darker lashes.

"You have no right," she retorted, "to speak to me like that. Did you dare—to follow me here?"

The man still smiled.

"I did," he admitted.

"I promised," he reminded, "not to revert to the question of love. Yes, I believe that you did love me, Margot, years ago, while I—have never ceased to love you."

"Now," he said breathlessly, "let us have this thing out. Tell me exactly why you are leaving your husband."

She shrugged.

"So many unbearable reasons! His indifference, his intolerance, most of all—his faithlessness."

The man straightened. She laughed mirthlessly. "The girl, a queer, bobbed-haired sort of creature."

"I thought when I saw her first in his office that he was unusually patient and painstaking in his directions. The new and inexperienced one was evidently learning to operate the typewriter. It was not my husband's fashion to be so kindly helpful. When I inquired concerning her, I remember that he was evasive, and uncomfortably embarrassed. I met them one evening several weeks later as they were walking in a suburban district. They did not see me as I drove the car. My husband had telephoned that an engagement would keep him from returning home to dinner. I did not mention the episode to him, and he is unaware that I witnessed that evening stroll. It may have come about by chance or accident. I do not care to ascertain. His manner of chiding disapproval, the frowning change in him—made me only wish to free him of my presence."

She arose abruptly.

"Now," she asked her listener, "are you satisfied? I have told you all."

The man considered.

"Margot," he asked gently, "do you love your husband?"

"And if I love him or not," she said wearily, "what is that to you?"

Tensely he leaned forward grasping her hands.

"It is everything to me," he said, "if you can forget those old sweetheart days, I cannot. We pledged ourselves to each other then, and I have never altered. Today I am ready to offer anew the old love, the old allegiance."

Unconsciously the woman's fingers tightened in his own, through tear-filled eyes she looked bravely at him.

"But there would first have to be perfect trust," the man said, "perfect confidence. There is no other foundation for lasting happiness. Our happiness must be lasting, Margot."

From his shoulder, presently, the woman lifted her radiant face.

"Dearest," she said, "I have been trying hard to fight this thing out, while always my heart called for you. And now, of course, there can be no separation between us, you will explain, perhaps, about that bobbed-haired girl?"

The man, who was Margot's husband, looked down upon her with shining eyes. "That was old Wellington's daughter," he answered slowly, "the man who absconded recently with part of the company's funds. The girl lives with her mother. They are as honorable as unfortunate, and together, conceived the idea of working out in a measure the father's debt. It was the only way that they could hope to repay. So we agreed trying to help the girl at the same time by giving her instructions. As my helper, the lot was assigned to me. The night you met us her mother had sent for me to make an offering of gratitude. I could not refuse to go. She wished my advice, Margot, in a gift for you, a choice of certain beautiful tapestries. The girl had asked that her identity be kept secret from everyone, they felt so utterly disgraced, these two. And, Margot, did you never think that my disapproving manner may have been a reflection of your cold suspicious one? We are often mirrors, my dear."

"Then," said the little woman in gray as she clasped her husband's arm, "we shall try hereafter to see in our mirrors the reflection of happiness only, and perfect trust."

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