

Nebraska STATE'S PRINTING OPEN TO THE WORLD

Democrats at Lincoln Decide to Receive Bids for Public Work from Outside Firms.

MAY RESULT IN LOWER PRICES (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 26.—(Special.)—Free trade is to be exemplified by the democrats in letting contracts for state printing. Nebraska print shops are to bid against Chicago and other foreign houses in the future.

While business interests of Nebraska are engaged in a campaign of education in which the slogan is "Stand up for Nebraska" and "Patronize Nebraska-made Goods," the state will have an opportunity to stand up for itself.

Today a representative of one of the big printing firms of Chicago arrived in Lincoln and he has given it out that he proposes to camp here until the bids are let. Just what this will mean, of course, will be determined when the bids are opened.

Recently the state saved about \$600 or more in letting a printing contract to a Missouri firm and this may have the result of bringing lower bids from the Nebraska firms which have been in the habit of getting the work. The bids will be let next Friday.

First Alfalfa Grower of the State Is Dead

AUBURN, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—Bernard Ottens died at his home in this city yesterday, lacking a few days of being 87 years of age. He was one of the early settlers of this county, having located on a farm west of town in 1856. For years his home was the only dwelling between Tecumseh and the Nemaha river. His house was known far and wide as the road house where entertainment was furnished travelers.

Mr. Ottens was born in Germany and leaves a large estate. He was the father of the parochial school here. He claimed the distinction of being the first person to grow alfalfa in Nebraska. He got seed from Germany and commenced the propagation of this plant thirty-five years ago. He demonstrated to his neighbors its value as a forage plant, and wrote many articles in favor of it for the farm papers.

Nebraska School News

OSCEOLA, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—The annual commencement exercises of the Osceola High school opened at the Auditorium building here last night with the class day program, made up of numbers contributed by members of the class of 1915. There were altogether twenty-nine graduates this year, the largest class in point of numbers ever finishing the course of study. The Auditorium was well filled, with the friends and citizens of the community, and in all respects the program proved highly entertaining.

RAVENNA, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—A class of nine will graduate from the Ravenna schools this week. The usual festivities, consisting of graduating exercises, junior reception and class play, are being held this week. The graduates are Julia Jelinek, Bessie Hervert, Pearl Viach, Blanche Smaha, Ben Hlava, William Habe, Edward Koestel, Emil Smaha and Edna Stark. The baccalaureate sermon was preached at the Methodist church by Rev. C. G. Gomon last Sunday evening.

OXFORD, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—The second annual banquet of the Oxford High School Alumni association was held here Monday night. Seventy of the alumni attended. After doing hearty justice to the sumptuous banquet a short program of toasts was given, with Dr. A. D. Davis acting as toastmaster. The subjects and speakers were: President's address, Charles Rider, '13; response, Merlin Springer, '15; "Sids Lights Co-incident with Education," Dr. J. D. Hamilton, '06; "The Higher We Climb, the Broader the View," Ada Nielsen, '08; "The Children's Hour," Beatrice Barber, '10; "Yesterday and Today," Anna Heller, '05; "Omnia Gilla est Divina in Partes Tera," Oliver Pick, '05. H. L. Lee was elected the next president of the association.

DUNBAR, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—Rev. M. E. Lumbard of the First Presbyterian church delivered the class sermon Sunday evening to the class of 1915 of the Dunbar High school at the Presbyterian church. The commencement exercises will be held in the Dunbar opera house on Thursday evening, May 27, with Hon. F. L. Graves of Campbell as orator. The members of the class are: George W. Spreitzer, president; Harry P. Pittman, vice president; Donna A. Lowrey, secretary; Will Seba, treasurer; Caroline Heinke, John Baker, Vera Myrtle Helms, Paul Baker, Mary A. Ramey, Howard W. Ramey, Lucretia Mead, Amy L. Brinson, Aileen Mullis, Ona Marie Rose, Marie C. Kruse, Edna E. Redaway and Leemore W. Westcott.

Get Rid of "Spring Fever." A lazy liver and sluggish bowels will overcome any ambitious and energetic man or woman and make them feel all tired out, dull, stupid and lifeless. Foley Cathartic Tablets relieve constipation, restore healthy bowel action and live up your liver. They are wholesome and thoroughly cleansing; do not grip or nauseate. They banish that full, close, heavy feeling. J. L. Knight, Fort Worth, Texas, says: "My disagreeable symptoms were entirely removed by the thorough cleansing they gave my system." Sold everywhere.—Advertisement.

Nebraska POWER PLANT IN FINE TRIM

Land Commissioner Beckman Reports Favorably on Consolidating Grand Island Companies.

PERMANENT WORK BEING DONE (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—Land Commissioner Fred Beckman returned today from Grand Island, where he made a survey of the property of the Grand Island Electric company and of the Central Power company, whose owners wish to consolidate. They are owned principally by the same parties and are offered by the same officials and an application was recently made to the State Board of Irrigation, consisting of Mr. Beckman, Governor Morehead and Attorney General Reed, for consolidation.

The certificate under which the Grand Island Electric company received its power right stipulated that its rights could not be transferred to any other company and it was to ascertain who composed the Central Power company and how much work has been done that prompted the land commissioner to investigate. Commissioner Beckman is satisfied with the proposed consolidation. He rode from Grand Island to Beolia, along the route of the transmission lines, and is convinced that the company is all right in every way. The work being done is of a permanent character, the nature of the construction being such that he was convinced the company means to develop a big power unit. The dam from which the power will come has a fall of twenty-eight feet. The company proposes to sell power at the rate of 5 cents per kilowatt, according to information received by the commissioner.

A. J. Koenigstein, Madison County Attorney, Indicted

MADISON, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—The grand jury sitting here brought two indictments against Arthur J. Koenigstein, county attorney of Madison county for the term ending January 1, 1915, and city attorney for the city of Norfolk for the municipal year ending May, 1915. The first indictment contains twenty-four counts charging him with taking bribes from one Fern McDonald, a keeper of a house of ill repute in the city of Norfolk. Nineteen counts are for \$50 each and four counts are for \$75 each. It is charged in this indictment that the first bribe was taken February 28, 1913, and the last one December 21, 1914. The second indictment contains four counts, and each count charges the former county attorney with having taken and accepted as a bribe \$50 from one Nannie Meyers and Riley McLinn, keepers of a house of ill repute in the city of Norfolk. The first bribe it is charged was taken September 30, 1914, and the last one December 21, 1914. Koenigstein was placed under arrest by Sheriff Smith and brought into town yesterday afternoon in custody of the sheriff on warrant issued on the indictments. The cause was assigned for trial June 1. The defendant and his brother, Jack Koenigstein, signed the bonds.

Commissions to Cadet Officers

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—Governor Morehead is today issuing commissions to university cadet officers, which will be issued to them on graduation. Those who will receive them are: Majors: A. H. Dinmore, Lancaster county; L. Ewing, Jefferson county; H. R. Harley, Lancaster county; M. A. Reed, Lancaster county. Captains: W. H. Baumann, Douglas county; W. M. Brya, Lancaster county; R. F. Clark, Douglas county; R. E. Fee, Douglas county; H. W. Graham, Douglas county; G. G. Hewitt, Custer county; R. M. Higgins, Custer county; L. L. Hines, Randolph county; H. P. Miller, Lancaster county; M. C. Rohrbaugh, Douglas county; P. O. Southwick, Lancaster county; P. M. Wickstrom, Lancaster county. First Lieutenants: F. C. Albert, Platte county; H. J. Tompkins, Lancaster county; R. P. Wagner, York county. Second Lieutenants: K. C. Pouta, Jefferson county; A. V. Kjelson, Dawson county.

Twenty-Five Skeletons Unearthed Near Ponca

PONCA, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—A mound containing some twenty-five human skeletons was unearthed by the sons of William White, living about ten miles south of here, and is now the object of curiosity to the people in this part of the state. Its discovery was purely accidental, having been made by the small boys while setting traps for rabbits. Several small bones had been uncovered by govt. and the boys took them home thinking they were bones of an animal. Upon closer investigation by Mr. White they were found to be human bones. After an hour of digging a human skeleton was found. Encouraged by this discovery the investigators proceeded and when the search was completed there were about twenty-five skeletons found. Some were the skeletons of children and others were recognized as belonging to old men. Indications show that they were buried with haste, the bodies being thrown into an excavation three feet deep and twenty feet square, regardless of position. Some were even piled upon others. No weapons or other articles were found with them, except a few fragments of clay pottery. The bones show no mark of violence and if the victims met death simultaneously they were probably shot. The skulls show that they were unmistakably that of Indians. They were buried about 100 years ago, according to estimates.

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Nebraska Missing Pilger Man Probably Drowned Himself in River

PILGER, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—John Blythe, who came to Pilger about a year ago with his family, is supposed to have committed suicide by drowning last Saturday evening. His wife died last winter and left him with five small children and as he was in poor health himself and unable to care for the children, the thoughts of putting them in an orphan home seemed to prey on his mind and last Saturday he wrote his sister and brother, who live near here in the country, that he was going to commit suicide by drowning and gave them instructions what to do with his children. He put the letters in the office Saturday afternoon, but his relatives did not get them until Tuesday and nothing was thought of his disappearance until that time. He was seen by the river bank Saturday evening by some boys who were fishing, and that is the last seen of him. He was about 35 years old and bore an excellent reputation.

Cloudburst Does Damage in Gage

BEATRICE, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—A cloudburst here today did considerable damage to crops in the local lands. From two to five inches of water fell at Rockford, Wymore, Blue Springs and other points in Gage county. About 100 feet of the Burlington tracks were washed out near Rockford and train service was badly hampered on account of the storm. Some damage was done to crops by hail in the vicinity of Wymore. Many windows were broken in town. The rainfall at this point was about three inches.

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CENTRAL CITY, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—Charles Stitzer, who for many years operated a drug store in this city and is known well throughout Merrick county, will again undertake the construction of a permanent dam at Lake Ericson. Several years have elapsed since his previous endeavors, and during that time he has been making a careful study of the causes of disaster, with a view to elimination in a renewed attempt. The work of surveying is now under way, and active work will soon begin. The new site is about one and one-half miles below the former one, and at a point better adapted by nature for the construction of the dam. Here the river takes a sharp turn and spends its energy on a high clay bank, thus sparing the heavy concrete barrier the direct force of the current. Lake Ericson was formerly a very popular summer resort for excellent fishing. Mr. Stitzer is confident it will again become so.

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Discount Clause of Customs Law Good

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The clause of the Underwood-Simmons tariff act granting a rebate of 5 per cent in duties on goods imported into the United States in American bottoms was upheld today by the court of customs appeals. The court held, however, that all merchandise imported in the vessels of nations with which the United States has so-called favored nation treaties, may receive a similar discount. The case probably will be appealed to the supreme court. As the United States has favored nation treaties with nearly all important commercial powers, the effect of the decision will be largely to reduce tariff revenues.

Hastings Orders Census

HASTINGS, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—The Chamber of Commerce has arranged to have a census of Hastings taken in the fall. The work will be done under the supervision of the government census bureau at Hastings expense.

Hamlet in Newport News

"Chick" Hamilton, the twirler who went south with the Athletics for a tryout, has signed a contract with Newport News.

Advertisement for Blatz Beer featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and hat holding a glass of beer. Text includes: 'At the end of the day - Home - a good dinner - and a bottle of Blatz BEER. MILWAUKEE'S MOST EXQUISITE BEER.'

Advertisement for Blatz Beer with text: 'PRAISE FOR BEER. Speaker at Meeting of American Society of Chemists Declare They Are Affinities. FROM SAME PRODUCTS. Here are a chemist's definitions: MILK—Hydrolyzed carbonaceous infusion, with or without flavoring substance. BEER—Fermented carbonaceous infusion with or without flavoring substance. Beer and milk have similar characteristics, are of nearly equal food value, and are produced in the same manner, according to Dr. Edward Gudeman in an address last evening before the Chicago Chapter of the American Society of Chemists. "Beer and milk are affinities," said Dr. Gudeman. "Both are produced from similar raw materials. In one case the materials pass through a mechanically operated contrivance called a brewery. In the other the materials pass through a more animated contrivance owned and operated by a female animal. "The changes due to metabolism in the brewery and in the digestive organs differ so little that an analysis of both beer and milk show the following: Water, 85 per cent; acidity, 3 per cent; ash, 3 per cent; difference, 14.5 per cent. "We can make milk into beer, and in fact, there are products on the market now made in that way. Koumiss is milk with an alcoholic fermentation of 2.4 per cent. SAYS IT HAS FOOD VALUE. "Has beer a food value? I don't think anyone will deny that it has a great food value, nearly equal to that of milk. It is a food, a condiment, a stimulant and sometimes a delicacy. "Why do men drink beer? Some of them for the food value, ignoring the taste and the aroma. Others for the taste and aroma, ignoring the food value. Dr. Gudeman advocated the setting of a standard for beer similar to that placed on milk. The standard, he said, would only determine the maximum amount of water to be placed in the brew. (Chicago Herald, March 11-12-13)

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