

MAY IMPOSE THE TAX

RULING IN CASE APPLIES TO NEBRASKA

LATE NEWS FROM CAPITOL

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Secretary of State Pool is much interested in a decision of the United States supreme court...

This decision appears to be on the same point which Judge T. C. Munger of the United States court recently decided in favor of the state of Nebraska...

Attorneys for the Rock Island have announced their intention of appealing but in view of the supreme court's decision in the California case this may be a useless proceeding...

Read Building in Nebraska

At a recent meeting of the Lincoln Commercial club, there was a general discussion of the convict road law adopted by the late legislature...

State Fair Increases Production

The Nebraska state fair board is going ahead with its plans for the 1917 fair, regardless of war conditions...

Indirectly, the board expects the state to perform an important service to the nation, inasmuch as Secretary E. R. Danielson pointed out the big exportation always tends to increase production of Nebraska's farms...

Acres is Much Increased

An increase of 21 per cent in the Nebraska acreage devoted to oats; of 95 per cent in the acreage for potatoes and 38 per cent in corn is shown in the monthly crop report...

The report indicates that much of the available land in the state, which has been allowed to remain idle in previous years, has been utilized in the big drive to increase the food production of the Cornhusker state...

Western and central Nebraska will undoubtedly prove Nebraska's big bread basket, the first report showing the least amount of crop damage there due to the severe winter and the largest increases in acreage...

The report sounds a warning to Nebraska farmers to make sure of their wheat seed for next fall. Will Not Be Enough Seed Wheat Many counties in Nebraska will not produce enough wheat to make seed for next year's crop...

Serious inroads into the ranks of male educators in Nebraska have already been made by the war, according to reports reaching the state superintendent's office...

CLASSES IN CANNING

Thirty Two-Day Courses in Systematic Instruction

The classes in canning held recently at the state university and last week at Wesleyan mark only the beginning of a systematic instruction in canning throughout the state of Nebraska...

Nebraska university opened its school with an enrollment of over 250. Wesleyan followed with about seventy-five. At universities all university women were admitted to the courses...

Plans for State Fair Exhibits

The Nebraska state horticultural society held its annual meeting at the Lindell hotel Friday night. Plans for the state fair horticultural exhibit were discussed and a committee, consisting of Prof. I. F. Howard, L. C. Chapin and Grove Porter...

State's Finances in Good Shape

The balance in the general fund has increased from \$156,000 to \$275,000, according to the monthly report of State Treasurer Hall. The total balance in all funds increased from \$1,200,000 to \$1,525,000...

Treasurer Hall is certifying the amount of the present apportionment to State Superintendent Clemmons, who will distribute it according to the provisions of the new law. It will be based on the enumeration of school children in each district...

Educational trust funds invested at the present time amount to \$9,940,258, not including the \$500,000 which the state recently spent for liberty bonds.

May Use From Activities Fund

Out of the 3-4 mill tax levy for special activities of the state university and its branches, made by the last legislature, salaries and administrative expenses may lawfully be paid, according to an official opinion given by Attorney General Reed...

Nebraska's winter wheat crop will be less than 10 per cent of the yield last year. This is according to careful statistics compiled under the direction of George Coupland, food conservation member of the Nebraska council of defense.

Anticipates Draft for N. N. G.

Draft of able bodied citizens between 19 and 45 to fill the ranks of the Nebraska national guard is anticipated by Adjutant General Phil Hall. President Wilson has power to enforce a draft for this purpose independent of the selective draft authorized under the recent army bill...

The adjutant general says that the Nebraska troops are about 700 men behind war strength—about 400 in the Fifth regiment and 300 in the Fourth regiment. The draft, if the president sees fit under his authority to exercise it, will be a strictly military conscription, differing in its volunteer characteristics from the civilian draft.

The two Nebraska regiments have only a month and a half before being mustered into federal service. This muster will also include about 100 national guard reserves, created under the national defense act of June 3, 1916.

Two hundred and twenty-five local farm labor agencies, operating under a central bureau at Lincoln, maintained by the federal government, have been organized in Nebraska to aid in the work of securing necessary help and placing them where needed. About sixty of these are at county seats and the remainder in other towns...

For Referendum of Limited Suffrage Blank petitions for the referendum on the limited suffrage law passed by the last legislature are now being mailed out from Omaha, on letterheads of "the Nebraska association opposed to suffrage." This letterhead bears the names of about thirty women, some of whom are the wives of prominent men in Lincoln, Omaha, Fremont and other cities of the state...

MINOR NOTES FROM ALL PARTS OF NEBRASKA

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- June 15 to 24—Nebraska State Horticultural Association camp meeting at Lincoln. June 18-20—Nebraska Press Association Annual Convention at Omaha. June 18 to 24—National "Red Cross" Week. June 19—Annual Meeting State Pharmaceutical Association Meeting at North Platte. June 19-20—Nebraska State Sunday School Convention at Omaha. June 25 to 27—International Ass'n. of Railway Special Agents and Police Meeting at Omaha. June 26-29—Semi-Centennial Celebration at North Platte. July 23 to 28—State Tennis Tournament at Superior. August 6 to 18—Farm Tractor Demonstration at Fremont. September 3 to 7—Nebraska State Fair at Lincoln.

Joe Spiser, 14 years old, 5626 South Twenty-third street, Omaha, pinched a two-year-old Easter egg too hard. It exploded and he was overcome with the smell. He was unconscious for more than two hours and it required the work of Police Surgeon Shanahan with the pulmonator to bring him to. It has always been the custom of the family to save all Easter eggs.

Recruits to the Nebraska National Guards will serve only during the war emergency, according to orders from Washington. The effect of this order, it is believed, will tend towards bringing the Fourth and Fifth Nebraska regiments to full war strength within a very short time.

O'Neill citizens have finally concluded that the sandy streets of the town cannot be made into slightly boulevards without being paved. Business men along the main street petitioned the city council to establish a paving district, which they did. Work will begin soon.

G. C. Porter, of Omaha, state secretary for Nebraska of the socialist party, resigned his position, declaring he could not sympathize with certain elements within the party to oppose conscription.

The badly decomposed body of Joe Drevo, drowned in the Blue river near Crete, May 26, was found recently. Drevo had gone fishing the day he was drowned. A \$50 reward was offered for the recovery of the body.

Dodge county farmers are rushing grain to elevators. William Settles, prominent farmer, living near Morse Bluff, sold 11,000 bushels of corn for \$15.2 a bushel, receiving a total of \$167,200.

Eleven new members have enlisted in company G at Hastings, bringing the company up to eighty-five men. A special effort is being made to recruit to war strength by July 1.

One prominent farmer of Richardson county estimates that 40 per cent of his winter wheat crop was saved and declares this may be a fair estimate for the entire county.

Gibbon has organized a company of home guards with a membership of thirty. The town has already contributed twenty men to fight for Uncle Sam.

Red Cloud is to pave six and one-half blocks in the business district. The bids are to be opened June 29.

Mrs. Phillipa Banks, who died suddenly at her home at DeWitt, was the mother of nineteen children. York's volunteer fire department has purchased \$1,000 worth of Liberty loan bonds.

The heavy rains in the vicinity of Auburn have necessitated the replanting of many acres of corn.

Contract has been let for paving two districts in the residence part of Superior with asphalt.

A delegation of Knight Templar from North Platte escorted the body of Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) to his last resting place where the remains were interred in a grave blasted from solid rock on the top of Lookout mountain, near Denver, on Sunday, June 2. The ceremony was attended by 10,000 people.

A total of \$3,400 has been subscribed in the east central district of Nebraska toward the Y. M. C. A. war work fund. Committees have undertaken to raise \$4,000, and they are confident of getting this amount.

During a heavy electrical storm at Kimball, the fourth toe of one of Mrs. Barrett's feet was taken off by lightning, and her daughter, Mrs. Butterfield had her heel split open, when lightning struck the Butterfield home. Mrs. Barrett's toe was taken off as clean as if it had been amputated with a surgeon's knife.

The York Board of Education has elected Prof. James B. Crabbe, of Laramie, Wyo., superintendent of the York public schools for the ensuing year.

Roy Markham, treasurer of the High School alumni at North Bend and prominent young merchant, was drowned in Clear Lake, near North Bend. Searchers found his faithful dog sitting beside his clothing.

A charter has been granted for the new Citizens' State bank, recently organized at Lyons, with a capital stock of \$50,000. A new building site is to be erected as soon as possible.

A deal has been closed for a plant to be installed in Theiford to furnish heat, light and power for public use in the town.

For the first time in more than twenty years snow fell in this state in June. A large area of the western part of the state was covered with snow to a depth of one to three inches June 2.

A Farmers' Union Co-operative association has been formed at Verdon, its purpose being to sell and buy grain, live stock and all farm products.

Hundreds of acres of corn in Dodge county were washed out by recent heavy rains and will have to be replanted.

County Judge E. M. Slattery of Dawes county bound over S. Maloney, H. Wolf, W. S. Dolan, Gus Tylee, P. Winkler and C. W. Pipkin, all of Omaha, and Alton G. Fisher, L. K. Mote and C. I. Day of Chadron to the district court, bond being fixed at \$500 for each defendant, on charges of conspiracy to blackmail County Attorney Ed Crites of Dawes county and Mrs. Robert Hood of Chadron, after one of the most dramatic sessions ever held in the county court at Chadron. Trial of the case was set for June 22.

Charles H. Tully, 50 years old, pioneer stockman and prominent member of the democratic party, died at his home in Alliance after a sudden attack of apoplexy. Two days before his death, Mr. Tully had received notification of his appointment as a member of the newly created permanent state forestation commission by Governor Neville.

Notwithstanding refusal by state authorities to allow the sale of stock until after an investigation by a geologist, citizens of Red Cloud are promoting the Big Chief Oil and Gas company to bore for oil in the vicinity, and have decided to go ahead with the work. It is said chances of finding oil around Red Cloud are very favorable.



HERMAN BLACK. Publisher of the Chicago Evening American, who will deliver an address at the annual convention of the Nebraska Press Association at Omaha, June 19.

A flag which had been raised over the school house in District No. 17, Sherman township, Gage county, with appropriate ceremony and left flying to the breeze during the night, was found the next morning torn to shreds and tied to the door knob of the school house. The sheriff is looking for the culprit, who will be sternly dealt with if caught.

D. F. Ensign, the young man who was beaten by a mob after making an unpatriotic remark in Omaha, after being released from jail, appeared at one of Omaha's recruiting stations and wanted to enlist in the National Guard. The National Guard refused to take him. "We need men, but we don't want such men," he was told by the officer.

Holdrege, Columbus, Chadron, Beaver City, Orleans, Oakland, Arcadia, Bostwick, Hebron, Arthur, Decatur, Clay Center, Pender, Cambridge, Wahoo, Madison, Plattsmouth, Nelso, Syracuse, Clark, Hemingford, Alma and Omaha have offered to raise companies for the new Sixth Nebraska regiment, recently authorized.

The foundation for the new Methodist church to be erected at Ames has been installed and work on the structure has begun. The edifice will cost \$3,000.

North Platte is to hold a Semi-Centennial celebration during the week of June 25.

Cellars were filled with water, out-buildings blown away, trees uprooted and heavy damage done to gardens and crops in eastern Nebraska by a terrific wind and rain storm that visited the region last Tuesday night. Almost the entire town of Papillion was deluged under five feet of water as the result of a cloudburst, which caused Pappio creek, running through the center of town to overflow.

Much of the corn that was planted early around Ord was washed out by the recent heavy rains and a great deal of the corn is now in sprouting.

In spite of the cold, wet weather, and, although many farmers over the state have had to replant their corn, corn crop prospects for this year are much brighter than in any previous year, according to railroad crop reports.

The Mitchell Community club passed a resolution at its last regular meeting giving its unqualified endorsement to the Scottsbluff County Council of Defense, recently organized, and the State and National Councils of Defense.

Harold Edgerton, a 14-year-old Aurora boy, upon completing his first \$100 in the savings bank at once made application for a Liberty bond from the Fidelity National bank. This \$100 represents fourteen years saving of gifts and earnings on the part of the boy.

The Lincoln Commercial club has gone on record favoring the use of convicts on Nebraska roads, and urges state authorities to engage in the making of brick or other suitable road building material under the law passed by the last legislature.

At the Nebraska yearly meeting of Friends at Central City a campaign was launched for \$75,000 to be appropriated for the joint endowment committee of the college and church extension boards.

The Alfalfa Land company of Hay Springs reiterates its offer of 10,000 acres of land free to anyone who would use it for agricultural purposes. The land is situated in Sheridan county.

Omaha has annexed two more suburbs, Benson and Florence, and now claims a population of 214,000.

PERSHING IN EUROPE

VANGUARD OF OVERSEAS CONTINGENT SAFE IN WAR ZONE.

PARTY GIVEN GREAT OVATION

Greeting of Pershing and Staff Kept Secret—No Announcement As to When Troops Will Follow.

London.—A British trans-atlantic steamer came slowly into her mooring in a British port last Friday morning with the most interesting complement of passengers she ever had carried during her years of plying between American and English ports.

The passengers consisted of the staff of the First division of the American army that will co-operate with the British and French armies on French soil in the world war—General John J. Pershing and his personal staff, numbering nearly sixty.

There also were on board about seventy private soldiers, a clerical force of the same number, a score of British officers from Canada and a large party of adventurous civilians, including several women.

The voyage over from America was an uneventful one. No submarines were encountered. The weather was good and the sea smooth.

American destroyers convoyed the ship all the way. British destroyers met them 100 miles off the Irish coast.

The coming of the American soldiers had been kept secret outside the official circles, and there was no crowd gathered at the pier.

There was, however, a large group of British admiralty officers at the landing station to welcome the vanguard of the first contingent of American troops to aid the allies in their battle for liberty. Pershing and his party were given a great ovation at the British port and upon their arrival in London.

Two Hundred in Party.

Washington.—Major General Pershing, whose safe arrival in England had been announced, has with him 198 officers, enlisted men and other attaches. The party sailed more than a week ago without any publicity being given to their departure despite the fact that it was known to some American newspapers. Reports from Paris declared sites for the camps of American troops had been selected. Presumably General Pershing will inspect these and make complete arrangements for the reception of his troops.

No information as to the composition of the American force, or when it may be expected to reach France, has been given out beyond the original statement that a division of regular troops supplemented by a regiment of marines would be sent at the earliest practicable date.

Quake Destroys Towns.

San Juan Des Sur, Nicaragua.—San Salvador, Santa Tecla and neighboring towns and villages were destroyed in an earthquake which lasted throughout Thursday night of last week, according to advices received here from the president of Nicaragua.

Washington.—Dispatches from American Minister Long at San Salvador, sent while the volcano of San Salvador was erupting, said part of the city had been destroyed by fire, and that great damage was done.

San Salvador is about three miles southeast of the volcano of San Salvador and is the seat of government of the smallest, but most densely populated, of the republic of Central America.

More than 200 persons have lost their lives in San Salvador in the last two years as the result of earthquakes.

Rigid Economy Necessary.

Washington.—America's 1917 wheat crop, as forecasted June 8 by the Department of Agriculture, will fall far below normal, despite a prospect for more than an ordinary yield of spring wheat. A total yield estimated at 656,000,000 bushels will give the country 16,000,000 bushels more than last year's crop, but with the heavy demand from abroad and virtually no reserve store, it will not meet war needs unless the country practices the most rigid economy.

The department forecasts a spring crop of 283,000,000 bushels, a big yield, but estimates of winter wheat production give a crop of only 373,000,000 bushels, 7,000,000 more than was forecast from the May 1 condition, but still far from the normal yield.

Socialists Threaten to Secede.

San Bernardino, Cal.—California socialists will withdraw from the national party unless the anti-draft resolution adopted at the socialist convention April 7 is repudiated, according to a statement made here by N. A. Richardson, member of the state executive committee of the socialist party of California, who was the socialist candidate for governor in 1914. Richardson said he had sent notice to that effect to the national secretary of the party.

Training Camps in Poor Condition.

Chicago, Ill.—Congressman Fred A. Britten of Chicago, member of the house committee on naval affairs with a number of physicians inspected sanitary conditions at the Great Lakes naval training station. Only 800 men out of 8,200 are fully equipped. Two hundred men were without any uniforms whatsoever. Only 2,600 rifles were found, whereas there should be from 8,000 to 10,000. A detention camp supposed to accommodate only 360 men holds between 600 and 700 daily.

FRIENDSHIP IS TRUE WEALTH

This Fact Was Recognized by Unusual Legacy Made in Will of Late Justice Lamar.

In the will of the late Justice Lamar of the United States Supreme court there was one very unusual legacy. He bequeathed his friendships to his family.

"To my family," the will runs, "I bequeath friendships many and numerous in the hope that they will be cherished and continued. True friendships are the most valuable of our earthly possessions, more precious than gold, more enduring than fame. As Henry Drummond has well said, 'Friendship is the nearest thing we know to what religion is.'"

The family that inherits such wealth is truly rich, observes a writer in the Youth's Companion. But it is a legacy that must be used if it would be preserved. Friendships cannot be locked away in safes or lent to unlikable exhibits and museums. Likable love and faith and courage, they belong to that intangible treasure of the soul that must be kept from destruction by constant service. It is not alone material things that "rust doth corrupt."

How many of us have let slip through busy or careless fingers the beautiful and glowing friendships of our youth? We did not mean to do it; indeed, we have often regretted the loss until, as the years pass, the regret gradually fades away. And if that is true of our own friends, how far more true of our fathers' friends! Yet there have been families where friendships have passed down from father to son for several generations.

There is food for thought here. How many fathers are building up fine and loyal and serviceable friendships that they can with pride and gratitude bequeath to their sons? How many mothers are storing up like treasures for their daughters? The question does not end there. How many young people of today are fitting themselves to receive such legacies? How many in all the varied and urgent calls of life are heeding the challenge to make themselves worthy of friendships by being loyal and fine tempered and generous friends themselves?

"A man that hath friends," the old book of wisdom declares, "must show himself friendly," and again, "Thine own friend and thy father's friend forsake not."

Women Melting Prejudice.

Fifty years ago trained nurses were unknown in this country. In 1873 certain ladies of New York decided to establish a school of nursing at Bellevue hospital. Mrs. Joseph Hobson, who was one of the founders, says in her book, "Recollections of a Happy Life": "Strange to say, doctors were our chief antagonists, the doctors of the Bellevue medical board. Not all of them, by any means, but enough to hamper and hinder and add to our difficulties."

The "conservative doctors" were especially trying. "We were ignorant women interfering with what was none of our business," and "they were utterly opposed to our interference." A year later the same board passed a resolution heartily indorsing the work.

In the same way many Englishmen opposed Florence Nightingale; and at the beginning of the present war the offers of service from woman doctors were not accepted. Now women in England are being urged to take medical training.

Before women take up any piece of work which up to that time has been done, well or badly, by men, they are required to expend a great part of their time, energy and money on getting permission to try.—Woman's Journal.

Had Their Tickets.

Mary Ellen, the colored maid, had been carefully instructed by her new mistress in a number of things concerning which she appeared to be profoundly unenlightened. Particular stress had been laid upon the proper manner of receiving visitors and of informing the mistress of their presence in the house.

Perhaps altogether to much had been said about it or perhaps Mary Ellen had stage fright at the crucial moment, for when the first callers came after Mary Ellen's advent into the family she "ushered" them only as far as just inside the hall door. Taking the cards they gave her, and leaving the visitors standing there, she went to the foot of the staircase and shouted:

"Mis' Gallatin! Oh, Mis' Gallatin! Der's two ladies down here dat's come to see you and dey's fotch dere tickets."

Sun-Heated Water.

Seventy-five per cent of the homes in southern California, it is said, have solar heaters, which furnish the hot water for domestic purposes. The arrangement is simple, and consists of water pipes placed on the roof of a house under a glass top and underneath them some sheets of copper painted black. Under the rays of the sun the water expands, creating a circulation thereof in the pipes until the water reaches the boiling point, and it will remain hot for more than 48 hours after the sun stops shining. It is not often that there is any fallure of sunshine for more than two or three days, and as a consequence there is hot water sufficient for all purposes with rare exceptions throughout the year. The cost of a solar heater is not great, and a handy man can make one for himself.

A Valuable Machine.

Brite—I see they have invented a machine that measures the millionth part of an inch.

Plodder—By jingo! That's the very thing to size up that part of my boy's brain which tells him where he put his cap.

Going Back Too Far.

Marion—I see by the papers that a woman has just been arrested for a crime committed in 1870.

Myrna—That kind of news makes me nervous. When I was a little girl I played the corset.

The Reason for Toll Charges. Less than one-fourth of the telephone subscribers make three-fourths of all the long distance telephone calls.

The long distance lines are used only occasionally by the large majority of telephone subscribers. For this reason a charge is made for each long distance call instead of meeting the expense of providing this service by increasing the local telephone rates.

If we gave free long distance service it would mean that all telephone subscribers would pay the cost of maintaining the long distance lines which are used generally by only a few.

TAMMANY IS 128 YEARS OLD. Famous Political Organization of New York Was Founded by William Mooney, an Upholsterer.

Tammany is 128 years old. On May 12, 1789, William Mooney, an upholsterer, who previously had been active as one of the Sons of Liberty, founded in New York what was intended to be a patriotic and social organization, the secret society of St. Tammany, or Columbian order, which in 1805 was regularly incorporated as a fraternal aid society.

It was divided into 13 tribes, each of which had its separate totem. The officers became known as the grand sachem, the sachem, the sagamore, or master of ceremonies, and the Wisinksi, or doorkeeper.

His Threat. A month or two after the war started a collier entered a large hotel on Timeside and ordered refreshments, saying: "Big prices now; An might as weel be a big man."

On discovering that the waiter was a German, the irate pitman, choking with anger, leaped to his feet, ran the frightened Teuton to the door, and assisted him into the roadway with his foot, and then, wheezing round upon the trembling, expostulating proprietor, he spluttered: "Man, if I vor you dare to set a thunderin' Jarman to wait on me agen, Aa'll twist ye an' him round yer aan necks, an' ram th' pair o' ye haafway door yan an throats until thar's nowt to be seen ov ye but th' ends ov yer dirty shirt-collars stickin' out ov yer bloomin' red eyes. Noo ye knaa what to expect if ye de!"—London Tit-Bits.

He Got the Job. "Why did you leave your last position?" asked the boss, sizing up the applicant for a job.

"You see, sir, I was fired—"

"What do you mean coming to me for a job, when you were fired?" roared the other.

"I merely meant to say, sir, that I was fired with an ambition to work for you."

Some 200 female textile workers have been deported from Ghent by the German authorities.

A Wise Move is to change from coffee to POSTUM before the harm is done. "There's a Reason"