

SPEEDY ACTION ON RIVER SEEN

Governor-Elect of Nebraska Says Navigation of Missouri Soon

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Speedy completion of the upper Missouri navigation project was predicted by Arthur J. Weaver, governor-elect, at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce waterways committee here last night. Weaver is president of the Missouri river navigation association.

"Herbert Hoover in campaign speeches advocated 9,000 miles of inland waterways in the Mississippi valley," Weaver said. "Work is being done on the Missouri now between Kansas City and St. Joseph. All authorized stretches, including the one between Kansas City and Sioux City must be completed within six years."

PRIVATE LIFE FOR GOVERNOR

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Gov. Adam McMullen has no desire to remain in politics after he relinquishes his gubernatorial seat to Arthur J. Weaver, December 3, he said today.

McMullen announced he will retire to private life for the present. "Whether I ever run for public office again will depend upon the circumstances," he said.

McMullen said he already had eight opportunities to start in the business world. They ranged, he said, from newspaper publishing to chautauqua speaking.

GIRL APPEALS IN BURT COUNTY ESTATE CASE

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Alice Mussack appealed to the supreme court today from a decision of the Burt county district court that deprived her of the \$2,000 judgment that a jury directed should be paid to her by the executors of the estate of Pearl B. Gordon, a Decatur business man. The girl said that after the death of his wife, Gordon came to her home in Southwest City, Mo., and asked her mother, a relative, to allow one of her daughters to come and make her home with him. He promised that he would make the girl his heiress on equal terms with his other children. Miss Alice, then 18 years of age, was finally prevailed upon to accept the proposal. This was in 1918. Four years later she left the Gordon home and returned to her own. When Gordon died some years later, he gave her a bequest of \$500. She thinks her just share should be \$5,000. For this she sued.

The executors defended on the ground that the contract was that she would remain with Gordon's family until his death, and this she did not do. They also said she had been allowed to teach school and to keep all she made, and that her earnings from this source were \$2,000. In addition she was given money from time to time. The jury gave her a verdict of \$2,000, but the court set this aside and entered judgment for the estate upholding the contentions of the executors.

BETTER ROADS AGITATION TO KEEP UP IN NEBRASKA

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Agitation for more paved roads in Nebraska will be resumed now that the election is over. W. A. Ellis, secretary of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce public highways committee and leader in the fight for good roads, declares.

"Nebraska must wake up to the necessity of building permanent highways," Ellis said. "There are several ways of financing them which paying as you go is the least desirable. The best way is either to increase the gasoline tax or to issue bonds as Iowa has done."

DIVORCED WIFE WOUNDED. FORMER HUSBAND IS HELD

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—When his efforts at reconciliation with his divorced wife, Mayte Fry, failed, Thomas T. Foster quarreled with her last night during an automobile ride. They were still quarreling when they reached the woman's home. Her mother came to the door and Foster, according to police reports, drew a revolver and threatened her. The divorced wife struggled with him for possession of the weapon which was discharged, the bullet passing through her right hip. Foster will have to answer charges of shooting with intent to kill, police said.

NEGRO WOMAN CLAIMS ASSAULT BY WHITE MAN

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Mrs. Marie Rugg, negro, told police last night a story of kidnaping and assault. She said she had been held 24 hours in an abandoned shack near Lincoln by two white men who picked her up on the street Wednesday night with an offer to "see her home." They released her last night and she walked to the police station, she said.

CLOTHING PROJECT GROUP MEETS AT WEST LISMORE

Wilcox, Minn., (Special)—The members of the West Lismore Clothing project held their first monthly meeting in the Lismore schoolhouse, Wednesday afternoon. The membership has increased from 10 last year to 17 this year. The local leaders are Cora Madison and Mrs. Joe Thompson. They attend the leader's school at Aberdeen once a month, under direction of Miss Reed, from the state agricultural college, and then bring the lessons to the local group.

SUPREME COURT REFUSES CLAIM TO KERN ESTATE

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The Nebraska supreme court today refused to recognize the claims of Mrs. Helen Johnson to the estate of Minnie Kern, one time "Queen" of Sioux City's underworld. The action affirmed the decision of the district court of Lincoln county.

GRAIN OFFICIAL LOSES APPEAL

Former Manager of Company Denied New Trial by Supreme Court

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The Nebraska supreme court decided today that Burton Gorton, former manager of a defunct grain company, must serve his term in the penitentiary for embezzling \$1,000 from the grain company.

Gorton is a son-in-law of Thomas Murray, former president of the defunct Dunbar State bank who started serving a sentence in the penitentiary last week on a conviction of forgery.

S. DAKOTA BANKING LAW GIVEN RECOGNITION

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—The legal status of the state superintendent of banking for South Dakota was fixed today by the state supreme court, in a case from Douglas county, where the First State bank of Herrick, S. D., was suing G. Harley Conant, Omaha man, on a note that he endorsed for a relative after it had once been renewed. At the time of the renewal the bank was in the hands of the state superintendent, and Conant challenged his right to maintain a suit in the name of the bank.

The court first held for Conant, but on rehearing reverses itself and enters judgment for the bank. The court says that under the statutes of South Dakota a bank retains its legal entity even after it has been taken over by the commissioner and does so until it has been finally liquidated. It follows, it says, that where the superintendent takes charge is merely acting as trustee for all parties concerned, and especially the stockholders, and therefore has the legal right to bring a suit in the name of the bank.

PIONEER OF WAYNE COUNTY DIES AT WINSIDE, NEB.

Wayne, Neb., (Special)—William Benshoof, 89 years old, Winside pioneer who resided in Wayne county since 1882, died at his Winside home. Funeral rites were held here yesterday with Rev. J. B. Wylie officiating.

In 1865 Mr. Benshoof was married to Marion Cooper at Blue Grass, Ia., who with four children survive. They are Perry, of Van Tassel, Wyo.; Curtis, of Winside, Edwin, of Wayne, and Mrs. Art Auker, of Winside.

Mr. and Mrs. Benshoof enjoyed 63 years of wedded life, during which time good health prevailed until a few days before he died.

URGE PASSAGE OF LAW FOR RETIREMENT OF TEACHERS

Kearney, Neb., (UP)—A resolution of favoring the adoption by the state of Nebraska of some well worked out form of teacher retirement system was passed by the board of education recently.

It was indicated by those working for the adoption of such a system that an attempt will be made to get the approval of several boards of education throughout the state and then present the proposition to the next legislature.

Members of the school board expressed the belief that the system was a good thing for the teachers and a safeguard not only to the children but to school boards who must decide whether to hire again teachers who have become incompetent through old age.

NURSE ASKS COURT FOR REVERSAL OF CONVICTION

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The supreme court has been asked by attorneys for Gertrude Williams, a trained nurse, convicted in Nance county of practicing medicine without a license, to reverse her conviction and fine of \$100 and costs.

It is said on the woman's behalf that she was called in a case of child birth and arrived before the doctor and ahead of a storm. Wind and rain prevented the doctor from getting there in time and the nurse cared for the mother.

The state alleged that she went there for the purpose of taking full charge of the case. Her husband is a doctor. It is said that she treated other mothers in like extremity. Other doctors in the county are said to have financed the prosecution.

FUNERAL HELD FOR FORMER WAYNE NEWSPAPERWOMAN

Springfield, Neb., (UP)—Funeral services were held here Tuesday for Miss Elizabeth O'Brien, former associate editor of the Wayne, Neb., Herald. Recently she had been employed at the Y. W. C. A. in Omaha. During the World war she endeavored to become a war correspondent for a Chicago syndicate but was denied to go overseas.

ADVISES FARMERS NOT TO SELL CORN TOO QUICKLY

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Nebraska farmers who have corn to sell this year should consider the advice of Secretary of Agriculture, W. M. Jardine, and not sell too quickly, the state and federal bureau of agricultural statistics said in a report issued today.

"Present indications point to a good even market for the crop. If for the first few weeks, the terminal markets are not over loaded," the report stated.

DAMAGED PONDS ARE REPAIRED

Fish Hatchery Near Valentine, Neb., Being Put Into Much Better Condition

Valentine, Neb., (Special)—The rebuilding of the damaged ponds in the state fish hatchery at the lower end of the canyon is about completed. The spillway also is near completion and the dams between the ponds are up to their required levels. The piping is installed and the water is feeding into the ponds, making them ready for use.

Steel culverts have been installed in the pond dams with a final outlet into the spillway, providing for extra drainage from the ponds, if it is ever required.

The spillway across the ponds, according to engineers, built along the east side of the ponds, across the canyon from its former location, will carry four times the bulk of water that caused the recent disaster at the hatchery. The ditch is 40 feet wide and will easily carry an average of six feet in depth.

Three large ponds with two holding ponds where the former spillway was located, are provided. This work has been done so as to fit in with a continued development of the upper canyon region wherever practical.

The gravel taken from the spillway will be used to gravel a roadway into the canyon, with concrete curbs on either side. This will run through a scenic drive.

SAYS DETECTIVE WORK IS NOT ALL ROMANCE

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Good detective work is 90 per cent. hard work and 10 per cent. the romantic qualities of deduction and inference emphasized in fiction, Ben Danbaum, detective inspector, told the Good Fellowship committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

He cited several instances to prove that clues are achieved not by brilliant theorizing, but by careful investigation and painstaking sifting of every scrap of available information.

In reply to questions from members, Mr. Danbaum said that he was convinced that recent "cat" burglaries in Omaha were the work of several men, rather than of one. "We picked up four or five prowlers, and connected each of them with the so-called 'cat burglaries,'" he said.

Mr. Danbaum said the pursuit and capture of Frank Carter, the "snipe" killer, was one of the most interesting cases he had worked on. "We know that the 'sniping' was all done by one man, because we had the shells he fired. The firing pin on every gun is different, and we could tell, by a microscope, that all those came from the same gun. People laughed at us, but we knew we were right."

After his capture Carter showed no remorse, Mr. Danbaum said. "He told me that after he had killed Dr. Searies, he went to a movie and nearly killed a man there. It was a sad picture, and that fellow laughed right at the saddest part. He deserved to be shot," Carter told me," the inspector said.

HIS THIRST FOR BOOZE RESULTS IN ARREST

Walthill, Neb., (UP)—Wayne Anderson, living east of Walthill, was caught in possession of a gallon jug of liquor by Marshall E. B. Riley.

Riley suspected Anderson of having liquor and when Anderson started to run took after him. But Anderson outran him and got across the railroad tracks, when he suddenly became thirsty and stopped to take a drink. Looking around, he saw Riley had overtaken him and submitted to arrest.

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS AMERICAN LEGION WEEK

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Governor Adam McMullen issued a proclamation today setting aside the week of November 11 to November 17 as "American Legion week," and recognizing November 11 as Armistice day.

The proclamation urged "every citizen to aid the American Legion and the Legion auxiliary in their membership efforts."

GRAND ISLAND PRISONER HANGS SELF WITH CHAIN

Grand Island, Neb., (UP)—After having virtually completed a 15-day sentence in the county jail here recently, Louis Kamerad, 32, hung himself with a short piece of chain wrenched from his bunk.

Dependency over a divorce action started by his wife while he was in jail caused the action, Sheriff Round said. The man was sentenced to 15 days in jail for stealing two bushels of oats valued at \$1.15. The last 10 days of the sentence was on a diet of bread and water.

EARLHAM BOY RECEIVES BIG PRICE FOR BABY BEEF CHAMP

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Howard Hill, 17, Earlham, Iowa, obtained \$2,268 for his grand champion baby beef animal, Black Caplad, at an auction held Tuesday at Ak-Sar-Ben livestock show.

ASSOCIATION TO MEET SOON

Minneapolis, Minn., (UP)—Greater protection of youth against tuberculosis is the aim of physicians, nurses, teachers and school executives who will attend the 21st anniversary meeting of the Minnesota Public Health association here Thursday.

The annual session, bringing out-of-state anti-tuberculosis leaders, is held during the convention of the Minnesota Education association, to enable members of the latter to attend.

OHIOA BANKER RETURNS AND WILL FACE CHARGES

Geneva, Neb., (UP)—C. H. Brinkman, former cashier of the defunct State bank of Ohioa near here, is free on bond today after having returned of his own volition to face embezzlement charges in connection with the bank failure.

The bank was closed October 22 and a shortage of slightly more than \$10,000 was discovered. Brinkman left a note in the bank vaults saying a shortage would be found and that he did not intend to stay to face the situation.

Today he passed off his former action with the assertion that he simply "had become panicky." Brinkman said he had "gone east" but had started back as soon as he saw from Nebraska newspapers that a warrant had been issued for his arrest.

ARREST FORMER PIERCE BANKER

Frank Pilger Held at Lincoln on Charge of Embezzlement from Estate

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Frank Pilger, former president of the defunct Pierce State bank, was arrested here yesterday under a warrant charging him with embezzlement. The amount stipulated in the warrant was not made public.

The embezzlement charge connected Pilger with the loss of money from an orphan's estate, of which he was the administrator.

The Pierce State bank has been closed since last March 3 and Pilger has been conducting a collection business in Lincoln.

Secretary Bliss, of the department of trade and commerce, said the guarantee fund commission will lose about \$350,000 in the Pierce failure.

RANCHER GIVEN 20-YEAR TERM

Pleads Guilty to Killing Farm Hand and Dismembering the Body

Oshkosh, Neb., (Special)—On a plea of guilty, W. L. Harris, 38 years old, Garden county ranchman, has been sentenced to 20 years in the state penitentiary on a charge of murdering and then cutting up the body of his hired hand, William O'Daniel, and mooring the parts in a nearby lake. But for the free and full confession made by Harris, it is doubtful if the state could have convicted him.

O'Daniel was a former convict and had the reputation of being a bad man with a gun. His disappearance was not regarded with suspicion when it occurred last January, everybody accepting Harris' statement that the man had quit and gone away. Months later suspicious circumstances arose that led the officers to question Harris, and without any hesitation he admitted the murder.

Harris says that O'Daniel had worked for him for nearly a year, but he was discharged because of an attempted assault he made on Mrs. Harris while the rancher was in town. A few months afterwards O'Daniel came back to get some horses he had left in the Harris pasture, and the two men found them near the lake. Harris says that O'Daniel apologized for his previous conduct, and asked permission to marry a daughter of Harris in her early teens. Harris responded with rough language in refusal, and as he tells the story, O'Daniel drew his gun and fired at him, but missed. Harris took the gun away from him and beat him over the head with it.

"I must have gone crazy then," he says, "as I cut up the body and dropped it into the lake through the ice. I went about my work as usual, never even telling my wife. The big mistake I made was in cutting up and hiding the body. I might have got off when the jury heard by case."

GIVEN TWO YEARS FOR PASSING BAD CHECK

Crofton, Neb., (Special)—R. E. Hill has been given two years in the penitentiary at Lincoln for passing a worthless check on Miss Myra Laird when he purchased a car from her in 1925. After passing the check he left here and but recently returned and was arrested.

INSURANCE COMPANY'S LOSSES AMOUNT TO BUT \$5.00

Kearney, Neb., (UP)—The Buffalo Farmers Mutual Insurance company here has paid only \$5 in claims during the last 10 months on \$1,250,000 insurance in force, it was shown at a directors meeting here yesterday.

IOWA STATE COLLEGE Calf Wins at Omaha

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Bruce Domino V, purebred Hereford senior calf, was adjudged grand champion steer of the first Ak-Sar-Ben livestock show here last night. Bruce Domino V was entered by Iowa State college at Ames. He weighed 1,625 pounds.

University of Wyoming's entry, a Hampshire, won the grand championship barrow in the hog division. A Berkshire exhibited by the University of Nebraska won the reserve championship.

HE ANNOUNCES ROAD PROGRAM

District Engineer Tells of Northeast Nebraska Projects for 1928

Wayne, Neb., (Special)—District Engineer A. O. Tilley of Norfolk, has announced the following proposed schedule of road improvement for next year:

The road between Wayne and Winside is to be graded. Highway No. 35 was graded between Winside and the county west of Hoskins within the last two years, and is to be extended east to Wayne and west to Norfolk.

Three projects are scheduled for highway No. 20. The road between Waterbury and Jackson will be graded and earthwork projects will be finished between Randolph and Belden and Allen and Laurel. Repair operations have been necessary this fall on account of heavy rain last month between Waterbury and Allen.

Gravel will be placed on highway No. 15 between Pilger and Schuyler. This stretch of road was graded this year.

Gravel will be placed on the road between Madison and Newman Grove and between Neligh and Albin next season.

Tilley states that most of the snow fences are now in place for the winter along the main highways.

WOLF CHASED IN AUTO AND KILLED BY HUNTERS

Clarks, Neb., (Special)—While hunting pheasants in the sandhills of the ranch of Mike Shaunesy near here, Frank Rademacher and Arthur Schwartz of York, killed a wolf which a man in a car was chasing. The driver headed the wolf toward the hunters and they promptly dispatched it.

Shaunesy, owner of the ranch and driver of the car, is a large cattle and sheep feeder. He had returned from Mexico only a few days ago with a shipment of 5,000 sheep which the wolf had been preying on.

BATTLE CREEK CONSISTORY MEMBERS GIVE BANQUET

Battle Creek, Ia., (Special)—Local Consistory members were hosts to the Ida County Consistory club at 7 o'clock banquet at the Masonic hall, Thursday evening. Owing to the snow storm, Sioux City and Holstein delegations were unable to attend. The dinner was served by the members of the O. E. S. At the conclusion of the banquet a musical program was presented by local talent.

PIONEER OF WAYNE COUNTY LAID TO REST AT WAYNE

Wayne, Neb., (Special)—Peter W. Oman, Wayne county pioneer, who lived at Winside in recent years, was buried in the local cemetery. He recently passed his eighty second birthday and had been in the best of health until a few days before his death.

A resident of this county for 46 years he took an active part in its early history. He was one of those who established the local Methodist church. He has held the office of county commissioner and assessor.

Besides his widow he is survived by five children Clyde, of Wayne; Bert of St. Lawrence, S. D.; George, of Wakefield; Mrs. Pearl Jensen, of Winside, and Mrs. Daisy Van Scoik, of Pierre, S. D.

Six grandsons acted as pallbearers, and Rev. L. R. Keckler and Rev. J. B. Wylie had charge of the services.

BEGINS THIRTY FIRST YEAR WITH BANK

Battle Creek, Ia., (Special)—Chris H. Dahl, cashier of the Maple Valley Savings bank, began his 31st year with the bank last Wednesday. He gave up farming to accept a position as bookkeeper with the bank and later was promoted to cashier.

TEKAMAH EDUCATOR HEADS TEACHERS OF DISTRICT

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—District No. 2, Nebraska Teachers association elected Frank E. Bishop, superintendent of schools at Tekamah, president; Mable Marsh of Blair, vice president and Miss Mary McNamara, Benson high school, secretary-treasurer. Bishop defeated Mrs. Ferne W. Neoll of David City. He succeeds Leon Smith, assistant superintendent of Omaha schools. The convention closes today.

CAR THIEF CAUGHT TO BE TAKEN TO PIERRE

Butte, Neb., (Special)—Hayes De Priest, of Hollow Rock, Tenn., was caught here with a 1927 Chevrolet coach, which he had stolen at Pierre, S. D. He had deserted the car and was taken into custody by Sheriff Barnes just as he was ready to take a train.

De Priest admitted the theft, saying that he wanted to go home and was taking that way to get there. He is 17 years old and claims this is his first offense.

He is being held for Pierre authorities.

FINDS HUGE BONE OF PREHISTORIC ANIMAL

Decatur, Neb., (Special)—A large petrified bone resembling the knee joint of some prehistoric animal, measuring 15 inches in diameter, was found on the farm of J. B. White, near Decatur. Mr. White has disposed of it to the Nebraska Historical society, which claim it to be the knee joint of a huge prehistoric animal which is presumed to have been moved from Canada during the glacial age. A search will be made for other bones.

WAYNE CHECK ARTIST ARRESTED AT HOLDREDGE

Wayne, Neb., (Special)—J. C. Montgomery, for whom local officers have been holding a warrant on a bad check, was arrested at Holdredge according to word from police of that city.

Montgomery gave a \$50 check as part of a first payment on a new car here. The check proved worthless. He was arrested at Holdredge after raising a check he had received in payment for chickens stolen from a farmer and sold to a poultry dealer of that city.

It is not held likely that he will be returned here to answer charges, as he will be prosecuted at Holdredge, according to information received by Sheriff Stephens.

OMAHA VOTERS HAVE BIG TASK

Feared Many Will Be Unable to Cast Ballot in Time Limit of 12 Hours

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—If Omaha voters take more than an average of five minutes to mark their ballots next Tuesday some of them will be unable to exercise their voting rights in the 12 hours the polls will be open. Election Commissioner William McHugh warned here today.

Each voter will be asked to mark 10 separate ballots. These include national, state, judicial, county and metropolitan utilities tickets with half a dozen bond issues and constitutional amendments thrown in.

Persons taking advantage of the absent voter privilege here have been voting at the courthouse for the last several days. McHugh said the average time taken by each voter is five to six minutes.

There are six voting booths in each of the 193 precincts, he said, and unless the vote is expedited it will simply be impossible to register the will of the more than 85,000 persons he expects will vote on November 6.

To meet the situation extra judges will be provided in many precincts. Registration this year is heaviest in history. While the 106,000 names on McHugh's books have been whittled down to 97,000 by deaths, removals, duplications, and other causes, he figures nearly 90,000 votes will be cast here.

So far no evidence of fraud has been discovered in registration, McHugh said. Several score clerks have been busy for weeks checking and rechecking names on the books.

Counters will begin work in each precinct at 3 p. m., election day. Under the law, however, no results can be made public until the polls close. With such a heavy vote in prospect it is likely that the result will not be known until several hours later than is usually the case.

Ratio of voters expressing party preference remained at about 10 to 7 in favor of the republicans after duplications had been removed, McHugh said.

FLYING SCHOOL AT FREMONT TO CONTINUE

Fremont, Neb., (Special)—E. A. Beesmer, head of the Beesmer Flying school, was uncertain upon his return from Walnut, Ia., today, whether he would endeavor to continue the school. He had called a meeting, he said, of all the remaining 12 students and their parents, to discuss the matter. Assured that the project would continue to receive support, Beesmer said, he would order another airplane and employ a successor to Adolph Pavel, flying instructor, who fell to his death with his young pupil, Johnny Seville, 19 years old, of Walnut, Ia.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL KILLS LARGE PELICAN

West Point, Neb., (UP)—A huge pelican, measuring eight feet from tip to tip of its wings and weighing 12 pounds, was bagged by Supt. R. A. Bunney on the West Point schools. This beautiful specimen of perhaps the largest wild bird in this country is being mounted by George Porath and Lester Gaster of the taxidermy class of the school and will be presented to the school library.

Bunney took this specimen for educational purposes by special permit from State Game Warden O'Connell.

DIES FROM ACCIDENTAL SWALLOW OF POISON

Kearney, Neb., (UP)—John Dorsey, a farm hand, died here yesterday from the effects of poison he drank accidentally more than a week ago. Dorsey took a swallow of a solution of blue vitriol from a jug he thought contained water.

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Guy R. Davis of Fairbury, was chosen president of the First district of the Nebraska Teachers' association at the close of the annual convention yesterday. H. H. Thomas of Hebron was named vice president, Joseph W. Miller of Beatrice, secretary, and Don R. Leech of Harvard, treasurer.

FREMONT GETS ANOTHER LIGHT RATE SLASH

Fremont, Neb., (Special)—Another cut in the series of rate reductions, growing out of increased business and lowering expenses through the use of special equipment, was announced by the municipal light and power plant. Fourteen hundred small consumers in Fremont and adjacent territory benefit and income of the municipal plant is reduced \$1,200 a month. The reduction is from 6 1/2 cents to 5 1/2 cents per kilowatt hour.