

WILD TURKEYS TO BE HATCHED

Nebraska Game Department to Plant Them Along Beaver River

ST. EDWARD—(Special)—Several settings of wild turkey eggs are expected to be received here in a few days. They will be hatched by tame turkeys and the young ones will be turned loose along the Beaver river. The state game department is preparing to send settings of the wild turkey eggs to several sections of the state. The St. Edward League Walton league is interested in the project.

NEW MACHINES PUT INTO USE

Nebraska Wheat Harvest Being Conducted Along Most Modern Line

FAIRBURY, NEB.—Many farmers between Fairbury and Steele City are trying swathers ahead of combines in their harvest work this year.

The wheat is nearly dead ripe and figured at 25 and 30 bushels as the cutting starts.

F. R. Kennedy, farmer near Fairbury, is getting between 25 and 30 bushels an acre with a combine.

The swather is a newer machine than the combine. Its advantage over the combine is in its avoidance of sweating and loss of quality in the threshed wheat. It requires fewer men than binder or header.

Wheat must be dead ripe for cutting with a machine, or there is danger of sweating. The swather may cut the grain while it still contains spots not quite ripe. The grain is then left in the field to cure a few days, before being picked up and threshed with the combine, modified to lift the wheat and straw.

DAKOTA COUNTY CASE REVERSED

Section Laborer Had Secured Judgment for \$14,000 for Injuries

LINCOLN, NEB.—(Special)—The \$14,000 judgment obtained in Dakota county against the Minneapolis and Omaha railroad company by Stacy Hensley, a section laborer, was set aside by the supreme court Tuesday, in an opinion to which Judge Deam vigorously dissented.

Hensley was seriously hurt when he had climbed on a car to look into it following an order from the foreman to see what was in it. The accident occurring in the yards at Emerson where the company has been in the habit of accumulating scrap and then shipping it to Hudson, Wis.

The court sustains the claim of the plaintiff that the company was liable for the man's injuries, but that his attorneys erred in bringing it under the federal employers' liability act, which covers accidents in interstate commerce. The court says that there was nothing of interstate traffic in gathering scrap at Emerson which could just as well have been diverted to some point within the state. When the equipment reached that condition it had lost all of the character of interstate commerce.

The court says that as the petition alleged facts that brought the case within the federal act, there can be no recovery at common law, for the reason that the federal act limits the defenses that may be urged at common law, including that of comparative or contributory negligence. Under such circumstances a judgment under the common law cannot be entered where at the trial the form of action barred defenses that would have been available in a common law action.

GIVEN YEAR IN PRISON FOR CHICKEN STEALING
ATKINSON—(Special)—H. H. "Heine" Clausen of Atkinson was given a year in the state penitentiary by Judge Dickson when he pleaded guilty to a charge of chicken stealing. He had been held at O'Neill awaiting trial.

ELECTRICITY TAKES PLACE OF THE HEN
BEATRICE—(UP)—The temperamental hen of W. L. Leigh has been pleased. For 18 days the hen refused to set. So Leigh placed an electric light globe in her nest and turned on the current. Fourteen chicks have been hatched.

THEY KEPT WEDDING SECRET FOR A YEAR
ROSALIE—(Special)—Announcement has just been made of a marriage which took place a year ago. Miss Florence Wittmer, daughter of Mrs. Helen Wittmer, of Rosalie, and Wendell Hamilton, son of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, of Coleridge, were wedded on June 14, 1928.

AGED NEBRASKA TEACHER IS SERIOUSLY ILL

BEATRICE—(UP)—Miss Anna Batten, who ended 50 years of teaching this year, is in a serious condition here, suffering from a nervous breakdown. She has taught in the Wynmore schools for 39 years, during which period she has had no substitute teacher. Only twice in the period has she been absent from her school room. She began teaching school in Pawnee county, when that section of the country was sparsely settled and was a pioneer country.

FIRECRACKERS CAUSE DOG TO JUMP TO HIS DEATH
OMAHA—(UP)—Worry over booming firecrackers that were thrown in his direction resulted in "Sonny Boy," a German police dog, hanging himself last night. He had been left chained on a second story porch by his owner, Jim Brown. In trying to get away from the firecrackers, the dog plunged under the porch railing to his death, hanging suspended in the air by his collar and chain.

EXPLOSION HAS ITS AFTERMATH

Movement on at Omaha to Forbid Storing of Fireworks in the City

OMAHA, NEB.—(UP)—As an aftermath of the explosion of fireworks in the Brinn and Jensen Paper company's plant, causing the death of two men late Wednesday afternoon, Fire Chief Patrick Cogan announced today he would ask for a city ordinance forbidding the storing or selling of fireworks within the city limits.

The present ordinance forbid the storing of fireworks in a building of more than one story. The Brinn and Jensen fireworks were stored on the fourth floor.

Fire Commissioner A. A. Westergard, however, said an ordinance such as Chief Cogan advocated, is not necessary but more strict enforcement of the existing ordinance is needed. Fire Inspector Harry Green said he would immediately see that all fireworks jobbers comply strictly with the present ordinance.

"The fireworks in the Brinn and Jensen building were stored contrary to the city ordinance or the men probably would not have been trapped as they were far above the street," Green said. "It's going to be hard for the next concern that violates the ordinance."

The explosion that started the fire in the Brinn and Jensen wholesale store occurred on the fourth floor. It is said, where the fireworks were stored. Two men, Myron Jensen, 20 years old, son of J. P. Jensen, president of the company, and Harry H. Jones, 57 years old, vice president of the company, lost their lives in the pre-fourth of July fire. Damage to the company's stock and building will total nearly \$200,000.

Municipal Judge George Holmes declared he would appear before the city commissioners Tuesday to advocate the passage of a city ordinance prohibiting the sale or use of fireworks within the city limits.

SUB-NORMAL CHILDREN ARE GIVEN TRAINING

NORFOLK—(Special)—Miss Evaline Kayl, of Norfolk, is a teacher in the Martin Luther home at Sterling, Neb., which is a home and school for Lutheran children whose minds have not developed normally. There are 45 children enrolled from Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, California, New Mexico, Texas and Massachusetts.

The home was founded in the fall of 1925. Officials proceed on the theory that there is a key to every child and that the key must be found. No whipping, slapping or scolding is allowed. The children are punished when necessary but punishment consists in withholding certain privileges. Solitary confinement is sometimes resorted to.

The children are taught in an academic department according to their intelligence quotient. There is an art department, also, where the children are taught various crafts. The girls are learning simple household duties and the boys taken into the garden and among the livestock.

The art department includes manual training, basketry, embroidery, moulding, flower making, and tin craft. Religious training is also an important part of the work.

BANKERS NOT KEEN ABOUT ROBBER FUND

OMAHA—(UP)—A dead bank robber evidently is not worth \$5,000 to Nebraska bankers.

An attempt to collect \$5,000 from Nebraska bankers to serve as a reward for a dead bank robber failed and only 425 bankers, instead of the needed 700, have signed to contribute to the fund, the Nebraska Bankers' association reported.

As a result, an attempt will be made to have the 425 signed bankers pay \$7.25 each, making the reward \$3,000 instead of \$5,000. Only contributing bankers would benefit by the plan.

GIANT BULLFROG IS CAPTURED AT BRIDGEPORT

BRIDGEPORT, NEB.—(Special)—One of the largest green bullfrogs ever seen here was captured by Willard Humpal by hand in the Gebauer lake. It measured 10 inches from the tip of the nose to the end of the foot and was 16 inches in circumference.

VERMILION MAN GIVEN RED CROSS HONORS

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Among 101 persons living in 15 states to receive special first aid and lifesaving honors of the American Red Cross is a South Dakota resident, Howard W. K. Zellhoefer of Vermillion.

The awards, announced at the Red Cross midwestern headquarters here, were made for outstanding bravery, long hours of work or for both.

ELK POINT MAN PAYS FINE AND LOSES HIS AUTO

VERMILION—(Special)—When Melvin Austin, of Elk Point, stopped at a filling station in Vermillion Tuesday morning to secure some gasoline the halt proved a costly one, for officers were on hand to examine the cargo of his coupe. They discovered a gallon of alcohol and seven cents of other liquor.

When arraigned before Judge Collier, Austin pleaded guilty and was fined \$265.20 besides losing his car which was confiscated under the state laws.

WILL VOTE ON BONDS TO REPLACE BRIDGES

FALLS CITY—(UP)—A resolution authorizing a special election August 6 on a \$150,000 bond issue to replace bridges destroyed by ice and floods in Richardson county was adopted by the county commissioners.

The proposal calls for an interest rate not to exceed 5 per cent. The exact interest to be determined by the actual sale of the bonds. It was formerly believed that a \$250,000 issue would be necessary for bridge work but careful planning resulted in \$100,000 being clipped from the original figures.

STATE CLAIMS O'CONNOR CASH

Attorney General of Nebraska Files Action in Federal Court

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—Suit will be filed in federal court by the attorney general's department to attempt to obtain \$12,000 spent by the state upon the estate of John O'Connor, cobbler and pioneer of Hastings, who died in 1915.

Since O'Connor's death heirs in 22 states and three foreign countries, exceeding more than 1,000 have laid claim to the estate left by the reclusive.

The estate is valued at more than \$100,000. The state contends there are no living heirs of O'Connor and the estate escheats to the state. It is contended that Charles O'Connor and others claiming to be heirs have failed to prove any relationship.

FIRE DESTROYS FARM PROPERTY

Barn and Other Outbuildings on Ashford Place Burn—Loss \$4,000

WINNEBAGO, NEB.—(Special)—A complete set of outbuildings on the John Ashford, Jr., farm one half mile north of here on Federal highway 77 was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, when a small child playing with matches set fire to the barn. The burned buildings consisted of a large barn, cattle shed, corn crib, granary and pump-house.

The neighbors and local fire department succeeded in saving the dwelling and other buildings, which were threatened by the flames.

The value of the property and the grain and hay destroyed was estimated at \$4,000.

PLAN TO IMPROVE LAKE NEAR TEKAMAH

TEKAMAH—(Special)—An organization has been perfected here to work for the improvement of Lake Quinnebaugh. Carl Holland is president and Lloyd Lawrence, secretary and treasurer of the group. A committee consisting of A. M. Anderson of Tekamah, Ben Evans of Decatur and Carl Erickson and Gene Ogden of Lake Quinnebaugh, will investigate conditions and report on needs at a meeting soon.

An engineer will be secured to survey the land around the lake and determine the best plan to make the lake better for fishing and swimming. The main trouble is how to prevent the Missouri river, which is nearby, from filling the lake with silt that overflows from the river.

The state has offered to spend at least \$1,200 in work there if people interested in the improvement will put up additional money to make the improvements worthwhile.

NORFOLK CASE ON THIRD TRIP TO SUPREME COURT

LINCOLN—(Special)—The lawsuit between the Norfolk Packing company and the American Insurance company has made its third appearance in the supreme court. It is over a \$3,000 policy covering the loss of the plaintiff's, inflicted in 1920. The packing company was hampered on previous appeals by the fact that the policy, along with testimony taken at the first trial, was destroyed in a fire in its lawyer's office in Norfolk, where he had the bill of exceptions filed away in a safe. The jury gave its judgment not long ago for \$3,000, but the insurance company says that a traveling crane and not a windstorm caused the damage and that there wasn't any windstorm.

DECIDE "U" APPROPRIATION WAS LEGALLY MADE

LINCOLN—(UP)—At a conference of state officials it was decided to follow the opinion of Attorney General C. A. Sorensen in using the \$2,215,000 appropriation for the University of Nebraska, approved by the legislature but omitted through a clerical error.

Sorensen in his opinion advised the officials that the money had been properly appropriated and could be used by the state.

Many departments of the university which would have been closed will remain open because of the action of the officials.

ABANDON WHEAT POOL IDEA FOR THIS YEAR

LINCOLN—The newly organized board of directors of the Midwest Grain Marketing association in session here Tuesday night, definitely abandoned plans for a wheat pool this year, but voted to conduct a pool in 1930. Arrangements are to be made immediately for the handling of the crop. Otis Smith, Omaha, was elected general manager and salesman of the association.

SOME REASONS FOR FAILURES

Bank Investigation Committee Gets Down to Work in Systematic Manner

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—Some of the basic reasons for the numerous bank failures in Nebraska were revealed Monday in a report of the special auditing committee made to C. A. Schallenberger, chief bank examiner in charge of the state banking investigation.

The report was made on the Citizens State bank of Ralston, Neb., which closed in 1925.

The report remarked on the illegal use of funds of the bank by T. J. Shannahan, president, who used the money to finance real estate ventures. The bank carried the president's notes, aggregating more than \$15,000, signed by the president's wife.

Abstraction of the funds of the bank by Shannahan, for his own personal use, were noted in the report. Criminal prosecution was started but Shannahan was acquitted on a charge of embezzlement.

Frozen assets in the form of loans to irresponsible individuals without security and loans in excess of the legal limit were among other reasons for failures.

The specific case at Ralston showed violation of the banking laws and poor management by the bank officers, the report said.

While the bank was operated by the defunct guarantee commission for a period of less than a year, a net loss of \$5,418 was registered the report showed.

It is expected that many of the causes shown in the failure of the Ralston bank will be disclosed in closed banks, the chief examiner said.

MAY BATTLE IN NEBRASKA OVER TEACHING PROHIBITION

LINCOLN—(UP)—What may develop into a state fight over the spreading of prohibition propaganda in Nebraska schools developed here Monday.

Charles W. Taylor, state superintendent of schools, testily answered President Burke of the Omaha board of education, who announced that an enlarged course against the use of liquor would not be offered in Omaha schools.

Taylor retorted that the state superintendent's department had no quarrel with Burke, "unless of course that Burke takes the attitude that the plain provisions of section 6446 should not be applied to the city of Omaha."

The section referred to by Taylor is a state statute requiring that the evils of liquor be taught, Taylor said. While the section has been touched only lightly, the coming year will find a rigid course taught in Nebraska schools in regard to the use of intoxicants and narcotics, Taylor said.

BEING EDUCATED BY STATE OF NEBRASKA

GRETN—A Nebraska youth, educated by a gratitude fund established by the state, has been graduated from high school here and will enter the state university this fall.

He is Roy Blunt, 16 years old, whose father was mortally wounded by a posse which surrounded a wagon in which he was forced, at the point of pistols, to drive to Omaha with three convicts who had murdered a Nebraska prison warden to escape.

This was 16 years ago, just prior to Roy's birth.

Answering a knock at the door on that fatal morning, Blunt, the father, was confronted by the trio and at the threat of death was compelled to prepare their breakfast, and then ordered to drive them to Omaha.

Surrounded some miles from his home, Blunt, the innocent victim fell from a pistol shot fired by one of the possemen. A volley of shots followed and one of the men, Shorty Gray, was killed, and John Dowd, another, ended his own life.

Charles Morley, the third, was captured and spared from hanging by the intervention of older members of the posse. He is still in the penitentiary.

Since the father's tragic death, young Blunt, his sisters and other members of the family have lived with grandparents, aided by the legislative appropriation which will enable him to complete his university training.

TRUCKING LIVESTOCK TO OMAHA MARKET INCREASES

OMAHA—(UP)—Use of trucks for transporting livestock to the Omaha market is reaching huge proportions, figures for the first six months of 1929 reveal. Since January 1, a total of 777,238 hogs, 152,764 cattle and 178,716 sheep were trucked here from places as far as 250 miles away. During the same period last year 691,258 hogs, 123,519 cattle and 144,558 sheep were trucked in.

THREE SISTERS WEDDED ON THE SAME DAY

OMAHA—(UP)—Three daughters of Mrs. J. Starrett of Hiawatha, Kan., were married Saturday, two in Council Bluffs, Ia., and the other at Hiawatha.

YOUTH STRANGLED TO DEATH BY WAD OF GUM

SCOTT'S BLUFF—(UP)—The seventh drowning in Nebraska since Saturday night was recorded here Monday with Harry Young, 15 years old, son of Mrs. Frances Young, of Geving, strangling to death while in swimming. The youth is believed to have strangled on a wad of gum. Dr. Ted R. Ciddell, of Scottsbluff, who attended the youth, said he apparently had about three sticks of gum in his mouth and in gulping for air, the gum became lodged in his throat. There was no water in his lungs.

SILVER CREEK WOMAN ON BOARD OF CONTROL

LINCOLN—(UP)—Mrs. Nellie Benson, of Silver Creek, took up her duties Monday as the new member of the state board of control, succeeding Mrs. Carrie Birss, whose term expired Saturday.

DRILLING MAY START SUNDAY

Complete Equipment and Crew Arrive at Bassett to Begin Oil Well

BASSETT, NEB.—(Special)—With the arrival here Saturday of all equipment necessary to begin drilling the oil well as contracted with Harry T. Osborn, president of the North Central Development and Drilling company of Slou City, Ia., business men and merchants of Bassett, Newport and Springview, Neb., are making tentative plans for a big celebration to be held at the lease when the well is "spudded in," which will probably be on Sunday, July 7, according to present plans of Mr. Osborn.

It was decided to hold the "spudding in" ceremonies on Sunday so that more people would be free to attend.

Mr. Osborn also has a full drilling crew here ready to commence work of moving the machinery to the site and make preparations for start of drilling operations.

The location of the well was determined by geophysical and magnetometer surveys throughout this territory some weeks ago. Arrangements for the drilling were made by local business men with Mr. Osborn, who insisted that no stock be sold or offered for sale to the public, handling the matter strictly on a lease proposition.

GIVEN PRISON TERM FOR "CHILD STEALING"

BROKEN BOW—(Special)—Clarence Roth, who pleaded guilty to a charge of child stealing, was sentenced to three to five years in the men's reformatory at Lincoln by Judge Hostetler in district court.

Roth was arrested several weeks ago in Medicine Bow, Wyo., after authorities here were notified that he had taken the 13-year-old daughter of Fred Kelsey of Callaway with him. The two were returned here and the girl was sent to the industrial school at Geneva.

Roth is 22 years old and married, but separated from his wife. He had served a 22-months term in the Idaho penitentiary for forging a \$10 check there.

TO HIGH COURT WITH HER CASE

Boone County Woman Resists Paying Husband's Debt to Bank

LINCOLN, NEB.—(Special)—Attorneys for Mrs. Rose Wiehn, owner of many acres in Boone county, have asked the supreme court for a rehearing of the case in which she was ordered to pay \$4,000 to the trustee of a failed bank which held a judgment against her husband. She was a widow when she married Wiehn, who is a one-armed man. He had loaned the money to her before they were married, and her defense against the charge that the gift was to defeat the claims of creditors later established was that she needed a man to direct farming operations and Wiehn needed a home. In consideration of her furnishing him the home and guaranteeing him a share of her estate did he survive her, he tore up the \$4,000 note. She defended this as a proper transaction. The court said she must pay his creditor.

Her attorneys say that this decision overturns 50 years precedent to the effect that where the trial judge and jury have had an opportunity to observe the conduct of witnesses on the stand the verdict or judgment they render will not be set aside unless obviously contrary to the evidence. They say that the court has misconstrued the evidence and has used circumstances entirely innocent and easily explainable to reach an end not justified by the facts, and that it should accept the judgment of the jury on the facts without question.

NEBRASKA HAD TWO SUNDAY DROWNINGS

LINCOLN—(UP)—Two deaths by drowning resulted in Nebraska Sunday. Glen Underwood, 18 years old, of Exeter, lost his life at Fountain beach at Fairmont when he plunged into the pool in an attempt to rescue another youth, who was saved by others. Clara Dorrance, 19 years old, of Omaha, was drowned in Noyes lake near Waterloo while attending a picnic.

PLAYING WITH SHOTGUN 12-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLED

CHAPPELL—(UP)—Glen Rees, 12 years old, son of a Chappell merchant, was killed instantly Saturday by the accidental discharge of a shotgun with which he was playing.

MISSING YOUTH FOUND IN THE BLACK HILLS

RUSHMORE—(Special)—Ernest Royer, who disappeared from his home several days ago, was found at Rapid City, S. D., and returned to his home here.

TO MEET FATHER SHE NEVER SAW BUT HAS HEARD

MITCHELL—Mrs. M. R. Schram, Mitchell, never has heard her father's voice except as played on phonograph records and when he is singing over the radio, and has never seen him so far as she can remember. The father is Jules Verne Allen, "singing cowboy."

Father and daughter will have a reunion for the first time since the daughter was a babe about 1 year old, when the father concludes an engagement he is filling in Hollywood.

MORE HIGHWAY CONTRACTS LET

Nebraska Department of Public Works Makes Awards for Graveling

LINCOLN, NEB.—Contracts for the construction of 41 more miles of gravel highway in Nebraska were awarded by the state department of public works.

Projects included in the letting were: Between La Platte and Omaha, 7.2 miles; between Union and La Platte, 18 miles; between Merna and Victoria Springs State park, 10.4 miles; between Richland and Columbus, 5.5 miles.

The first three improvements went to L. G. Crownover, Lincoln contractor, with a total bid of \$3,049.20, on the first; \$12,645.60 on the second, and \$19,230 on the third.

The fourth was awarded to the Central Bridge and Construction company of Wahoo, with a total bid of \$3,153.70.

The four projects will cost \$38,077.50, and with exception of the Victoria Springs job, all must be completed by July 15. The contractor has until November 1 to finish the other.

On July 11, the largest highway letting of the year will be held on projects which will cost approximately \$2,000,000.

BANK BANDITS GET COLD FEET

Depart Without Cash When They Discover Surroundings Not Favorable

NELSON, NEB.—(UP)—Three faint hearted bandits lost their nerve Friday in their alleged attempt to rob the Commercial bank here and they retreated without gaining any funds.

When Cashier James F. Murphy was alone in his cage, an automobile with three strange men drove up to the building. One of the supposed robbers remained in the automobile as driver, a second stood at the bank door to prevent entrance of any persons, and the third man confronted the cashier with a request to exchange a roll of small denomination bills, which he tendered, for bills of larger denomination. Cashier Murphy opened the money drawer but told the man there was nothing but small bills in the bank.

No gun was drawn but the stranger backed his way cautiously out of the bank, never taking his eyes off the cashier. The three left town in their automobile.

The bank is so arranged that entrance cannot be gained to the cashier's cage without going through a back room and this apparently discouraged the alleged attempt to rob the bank.

MANY HOMING PIGEONS RELEASED AT NORFOLK

NORFOLK—Fifteen hundred pigeons belonging to Chicago and Chicago suburban homing clubs were released here at daylight Saturday morning.

WHEAT HARVEST HAS COMMENCED IN NEBRASKA

BYRON—(UP)—The first new wheat is being harvested this season by William Fintel, who is cutting a field with a binder to save the crop from further falling and matting on account of the recent heavy wind and hail.

Fritz Bruner is cutting his oats, which, while not entirely ripe, is going down badly.

RAILROAD PREPARING TO HAUL WHEAT CROP

WYMORE—(UP)—Preparing for the approaching wheat harvest, the Burlington railway is hauling an average of 200 grain cars daily from the storage yards at St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph to stations in western Nebraska and northwestern Kansas.

DEPOSITORS TO PASS ON SALE OF BANK

FREMONT—(UP)—Depositors of the closed First National bank of North Bend will meet at North Bend Saturday night to determine whether an objection will be made to the confirmation of the sale of the bank to Rodney Dunlap, Fremont attorney.

Dunlap's bid of \$37,600 was the highest of four submitted to Judge F. L. Spear, in district court.

Confirmation of the sale will not be made until Tuesday.

Other bids were \$23,101 by George S. Austin, of Lincoln; \$15,000 by the Central Credit company, of Lincoln; \$12,000 by Arthur C. Sidner, of Fremont.

FOUR COUNTIES SEND CLUB WORKERS TO CAMP PIERRE

PIERRE—Four counties—Hughes, Potter, Stanley and Sully—will be represented at the annual 4-H club camp to be held at Pierre, beginning July 9, and ending July 13.

WINDOM PEOPLE VOTE AGAINST SUNDAY MOVIES

WINDOM—(Special)—In a fairly heavy vote Wednesday the people of Windom turned down the proposition for Sunday movies by a margin of three votes, there being 456 yes and 459 no. The council has pledged itself to pass an ordinance against Sunday movies if the vote resulted in a majority against. The Wonderland theater has been running Sundays for about a month, there being no ordinance against it.