

MYSTERY FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Farm Residence Near Royal, Neb., Burned Early Thursday

Royal, Neb. — (Special) — Fire of unknown origin destroyed the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Bartch, two miles southeast of here, Thursday morning.

Mrs. Bartch and their children were at Inman, Neb., visiting her parents and Mr. Bartch had spent the night at the home of his brother, a short distance away.

URGES LEGION TO TAKE HAND

Commander Would Provide Work for Unemployed

Omaha, Neb. — (UP) — In his first principal address since his election as national commander of the American Legion, Ralph T. O'Neill, Topeka, Kansas, speaking at the Armistice dinner of Omaha post Friday night called upon the 881,000 Legionnaires to find that many jobs for idle world war veterans.

He urged the 10,000 posts of the Legion to start work of constructing post homes or other needed buildings. Earlier in the fall, he said, 4,000 of the Legion posts replying to a questionnaire, gave an estimate of \$10,000,000 to be expended by that number at some time in the future for construction.

"The creation of jobs for nearly 1,000,000 men, and the building program which would reach \$25,000,000 at the same ratio if applied to all posts thrown quickly into the revival of business can easily be a turning force for the revival of good times," the national commander said.

O'Neill also announced that an unemployment commission of the Legion has been appointed and that a meeting will be held at National headquarters in Indianapolis in a few days. On the commission, he said, are representatives from large industrial centers, Howard P. Savage, Chicago, past national commander of the Legion, has been named chairman.

Twenty-eight other inmates of the penitentiary or reformatory will present their pleas before the board for either paroles or commutation.

CREDIT BUREAUS TO MEET AT GRAND ISLAND

Grand Island, Neb. — (UP) — Members of the Associated Credit Bureaus of Nebraska will be in Grand Island November 14, for the annual convention of the organization.

Credit men from 25 Nebraska bureaus are expected to attend, together with their wives. Entertainment has been arranged for wives of the delegates during the business sessions of the credit men.

FEIGNED ATTEMPT ON HIS OWN LIFE

Yankton, S. D. — (Special) — Friday afternoon Sheriff R. R. Milliken and Dr. F. A. Moore were called out to the Walloach farm to attend one John Czerwonka, who was supposed to have swallowed carbolic acid.

PUSHING WORK ON NEW STATE HIGHWAY

Creston, S. D. — (Special) — Work on the new state highway, north of Creston, is progressing rapidly. It is expected the work will be completed in a couple of days.

HER HEARING RESTORED BY AUTO ACCIDENT

York, Neb. — (Special) — A terrific wrenching of the back of her neck, when the automobile driven by her husband struck a large rock in the road, throwing Mrs. J. M. Johnson against the roof of the car, restored her impaired hearing.

WOMAN 92 YEARS OLD DIES AT WOOD LAKE

Wood Lake, Neb. — (Special) — One of the oldest women in this vicinity, Mrs. Emerline Louise Clarkson died here at the age of 92. She was first married July 3, 1855, to Daniel S. Lilly in New York.

DID BANK JOB, ASKS CLEMENCY

Nebraska Nurseryman Who Worked Lone-Handed Appeals to Board

Lincoln, Neb. — (UP) — H. L. Closson, Columbus nurseryman who turned bank bandit August 15, 1929, and looted the Bank of Lush-ton, will appear before the state pardon board November 12 in a plea for clemency for commutation of his 5 to 17 years in the penitentiary.

Closson, 64 years old, in his prison record told the story of his crime in the brief words: "Becoming dependent over financial affairs, I took about \$1,200 from the bank at Lush-ton, Neb., which was all returned." His record had been good prior to the robbery and he was considered a respectable citizen of Columbus.

C. A. McCloud, of York, president of the looted bank, has written the pardon board declaring that "Closson is not a criminal at heart," and that "I believe Closson has had his lesson and the public and society of his community and state, in my judgment, will not be injured any by his release."

The nurseryman was captured by state officers at his home a few days after the robbery of the bank following his return from hiding out at various towns near Lush-ton. With him was the money he had taken in the robbery. He was traced through the license plates on the bandit automobile.

ANCIENT SWORD TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Columbus, Neb. — (UP) — William Rickert, farmer of near here has turned over to the state Historical society an old sword which was found in the ruins of an Indian house on his farm. The sword is believed to have been carried into the state by a member of the ill fated Spanish expedition of 1720.

CRACKSMEN PAY VISIT TO OAKDALE BUSINESS HOUSES

Oakdale, Neb. — (Special) — One of the boldest robberies known in the history of the town was pulled off Monday night. Robbers entered the section house, stole a sledge hammer and a bunch of tools, then went to Main street, broke in the glass door of the Farmers' Union store and entered, breaking open the safe and stealing \$150 and a gold watch. At the Chevrolet garage they got \$6.50 from the safe. At the Malm Drug store they did not succeed in getting the safe open but left it in a badly battered condition.

RANDOLPH PRIEST IS SENT TO HARTINGTON

Randolph, Neb. — (Special) — Rev. Bernard H. Lordeman, Catholic pastor here for 16 years has been appointed by Bishop Rummel of Omaha to be pastor of Holy Trinity church at Hartington. While here Father Lordeman erected a fine church and has been active in community affairs. He will be succeeded here by Rev. B. H. Teves formerly at Petrusburg and Fordyce.

FARM NEAR LYONS SELLS AT \$151 PER ACRE

Lyons, Neb. — (Special) — At public auction the Peter Froid farm southwest of here was sold for \$151 an acre. There are 115 acres. It was bought by Gus Froid and Mrs. George Osberg. The sale was held to settle the Froid estate. It is said by those who know land values that the farm is worth much more.

Q. What was Douglas Fairbanks' real name? R. L. F. A. His name was Ullman, but he now has the name, Fairbanks, legalized.

United States Needs Courage to Face and Admit Economic Facts

Stephen Bell, in Commerce and Finance.

One of our English subscribers who has been on a rather extended tour of the United States and Canada, visiting not only the cotton belt but the middle west and Pacific coast, keeping his eyes and ears open as he traveled, called on us recently for a chat before sailing for home.

"You Americans, by and large, are a queer lot." "Well," we replied, "it has sometimes seemed to us that even Englishmen have their peculiarities. What is it about us that has struck you as particularly queer?"

"A number of things. For one, your apparent fear of facing the real facts and truth about the state of business and your sublime confidence in faith cure as a remedy for business troubles."

"Confidence in faith cure? We don't quite get you." "Exactly. Your newspapers and business journals are full of it, talking voluminously and most persuasively of the 'psychological factor' as a business depressant. They believe, or affect to believe, that by painting the picture in brighter colors than it really is they are helping to restore the lost prosperity, though they have little knowledge of how prosperity came to be restoring."

"Everything of a bearish nature seems taboo, and only prophecies of a 'constructive nature' that tell of good times coming are in demand by the business press. Your government especially seems to foster this disposition. Your president addresses the bankers in Cleveland, playing up all the favorable things he can think of and minimizing the unfavorable, but saying nothing at all of the factors that are holding back business recovery as if he feared their mention would magnify their malign power. His secretary of agriculture manifests a strong desire to find a scapegoat on which to lay the blame for the failure of the Farm Board and other government agencies to sustain the prices of wheat, cotton and other things."

"I find that the press of Great Britain has been much misunderstood in this country because of its indomitable determination to draw as accurate a picture of the real business situation as is humanly possible. When and where it finds the situation black, it says so, believing that a knowledge of the truth affords the surest way to finding a remedy for it. We carry into the business situation the same principle that was invoked by Marshal Haig when he declared that our troops were 'fighting with their backs to the wall.' With this knowledge before us, we buckled up as we never would have done had he assured us the situation was 'well in hand.'"

"Your avoidance of the fundamental factors that bring business depression is another manifestation of your queerness. It is no secret that your agricultural depression is due more to the inflation of farm land values far beyond the possible returns of farming operations than to any other cause, but no one, apparently, dares to assert publicly that business depression is due to the inflation of urban land values and rents. Both these overheads must be deflated before business can really recover."

"What you in this country need perhaps more than anything else is some strong, opinioned Jeremiahs who don't care a whoop whether they please the public fancy or not, who will tell you the truth about things."

TO SO HAVE LIVED.

Three of us went last Saturday to hunt the festive pheasant; It was a golden autumn day; And everything was pleasant. And then the car began to miss, Although a model "A." And we could barely creep along The gravelled right of way.

At Viborg then we found a man Who shortly made it pur, But not before the town had learned Just who and what we were; Nor is that quite exactly right, But over one of us, The town was quickly all aflame, As him they all discussed.

For Doctor Jim and Lawyer Sam They had no special use; But Doctor Jepson there must stop— They'd hear of no excuse. For 40 years they'd called on him, Nor ever called in vain; No stricken soul in all that town, But he had eased its pain.

And stop we did, the three of us, And in the softest beds We soon had stretched our weary limbs, And rested greying heads. Next morn the town was up betimes And at the break of dawn; With joyous greetings still kept up, The pheasant hunt was on.

Who shot those birds I'll never tell— It makes no never mind— But to our car the best of them, "Their way would quickly find. We had our limit very soon, No further need to stay, But it was hours after that, Ere we could get away."

Nor could we go till we agreed To come again, and soon; Our promises were all received As some new sort of boon.

Now looking back, I wish I'd lived So that in my own name, Somewhere, somewhere, just half that crowd Might pay me such acclaim. —Sam Page.

Mrs. McCormick Discorided.

From New York Times. The press will hardly agree with Mrs. McCormick that it is being "throttled" by the members of the Senate committee investigating her campaign expenditures and activities who have said:

"We have not at any time spied on Mrs. McCormick. We have not tapped her wires. We have not read her correspondence, either private or official. We did not rifle her files—nor have we, or any one of us, or any agent for the had knowledge of any such acts."

That denial is categorical. To controvert it indisputable evidence is required—some form of legal proof that the committee's statement is untruthful and that Mrs. McCormick's complaints have foundation. The Senators have properly notified publishers that libel laws operate against any who print unsupported charges that the committee or its agents have been guilty of criminal acts. Newspapers

Shabby Aftermath.

There is plenty of enthusiasm displayed about putting up posters, political and otherwise, and the hammers ring out right merrily, but taking them down after they have served their purpose is quite another matter. When election is over, or an amusement attraction passes into history, the posters advertising the event remain in their places to become weather beaten and to flap discolorately in the wind. These old advertisements add nothing to the beauty of a city or the surrounding countryside. As a matter of fact, they are eyesores. They should be removed as soon as they have served their purpose and

LAMONT ENTRY PICKED FOR CHAMPION STEER

Omaha, Neb. — Robert P. Lamont, jr., son of the secretary of commerce Thursday, placed among the major winners at the Ak Sar Ben stock show here when his Herford entry, "Mischief" was named grand champion steer of the stock exhibition. Lamont's ranch is at Larkspur, Colo.

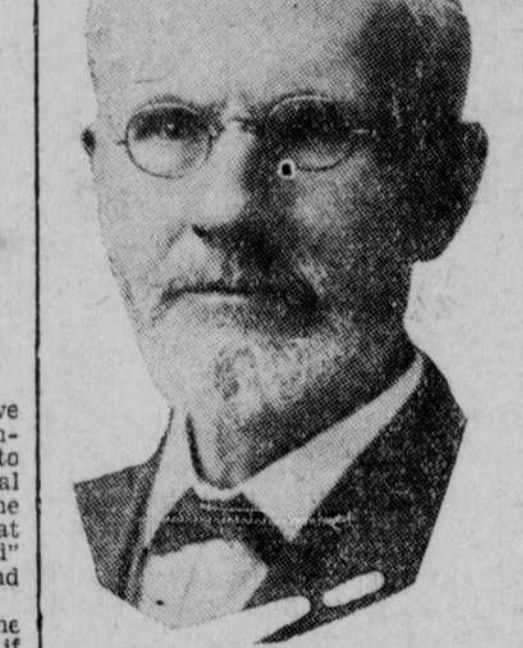
"Mischief" sold for 95 cents a pound at auction after his victory. The University of Wyoming entry Rosie Herrier was named reserve grand champion steer. He was also champion short horn steer of the show. The champion Angus steer was College Marshall, shown by the Colorado Agricultural college Fort Collins, Colorado.

SERVES FLOCK HALF CENTURY

Bancroft, Neb., Minister. Recalls Incidents of Pioneer Days

Bancroft, Neb. — (Special) — Rev. William Harms, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church, seven miles southwest of Bancroft, has been pastor of that church for the past 50 years. He was born in Hannover, Germany and when 13 years of age came to America. He received the degree of M. A. from the Lutheran college of Watertown, Wis., and his theological training at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. In the year 1880, he received a call to his present church which at that time had only 13 members.

In speaking of those early days, he said, "Bancroft, Be-mer, and



REV. WILLIAM HARMS

Pender did not exist. Pender was an Indian reservation. There were no section roads. The railroad went as far as Lyons. That first winter was a bad one. We were burning corn to keep warm and cook our meals. The Indian reservation was burned off and all the snow drifted into our community. My sister was keeping house for me, and we had warning that a severe storm was approaching. As we had only enough corn left to cook two meals, we decided it would be best to go to a neighbor's house. We stayed with the neighbors for six weeks. No one could get to town. As I had six sacks of flour, they were distributed to all the neighbors to keep them in food till the weather was better. We had to go through the hay loft to get to the cattle, there was so much snow around the barn. But we lived through it, and it was a great experience."

Destroying Food.

From Los Angeles Record. California this year is producing 2,000,000 tons of grapes. The federal farm board, believing the price will be low, orders destruction of 300,000 tons of grapes in order to boost the price level.

"This may be good economics, but you will never make the man-in-the-street believe that a deliberate destruction of food, while thousands are hungry, is anything but a crime."

It is a crime, and the federal farm board, already preaching sabotage unchecked, is a party to it. Owen D. Young has a much clearer conception of things when he says:

"If America starts to burn surplus wheat and destroy surplus food when people are hungry elsewhere, that fire will start a conflagration we cannot stop. If America burns surplus cotton when people are unclothed elsewhere in the world, that fire will start a conflagration we cannot stop."

There is only one thing to do with a surplus, says the wise Mr. Young: "Sell it!"

A Lesson in Bridge.

From Detroit News. Another lesson one has to learn by more or less bitter experience is that an ability to shuffle a deck of cards like a vaudeville magician doesn't necessarily make your partner a swell bridge player.

But the Dear Things Crave Happiness, Not Comfort, You Know!

A news heading states that "Insanity Increases." No wonder. Women, who have the coolest, cleanest, most comfortable and cheapest styles of dresses, want to don men's clumsy, hot, ungainly, homely and awkward overalls. Ye God! —Lake Andes (S. D.) Wave.

Supreme Test

From Neteinkraker, Amsterdam. Chief: I want you to prove your powers as a salesman. Just sell that gentleman some of those cigars. Salesman: But I sold him some of them last week. Chief: That is the test.

WILL AUCTION 9,000 TURKEYS

North Platte Co-Operative Group Seeks High Bid on Holiday Birds

Scottsbluff, Neb. — (UP) — Approximately 9,000 turkeys will go on sale here Friday as the sale of the turkeys of the North Platte Co-operative Poultry Marketing association is held.

Bids on five carloads of the festive bird were rejected by the marketing committee of the association earlier this week when unsettled market conditions just preceding the election produced prices that were not acceptable to the sellers.

Although the turkeys have not been sold as yet, the following loading points and dates are announced: Lusk and Sidney, Monday, November 10; Bridgeport and Scottsbluff, Tuesday, November 11; Torrington, Monday and Tuesday, November 10 and 11.

The approximate value of the turkeys to be sold is \$30,000.

IOWA EXHIBITORS WIN PRIZES AT AK-SAR-BEN

Omaha, Neb. — Iowa exhibitors snared the greatest number of grand championship awards in the million dollar Ak-Sar-Ben stock show here Monday, the Hawkeye state exhibitors taking six grand championships.

Grand championship awards were: F. W. Hubbell of Des Moines grand champion Shorthorn bull; C. O. Graves of Georgetown, Ky., grand champion Hereford bull; Elliot Brown of Rosehill, Ia., grand champion Aberdeen-Angus bull; Wayland Hopley of Atlantic, Ia., junior grand champion Aberdeen-Angus bull; Allen Cattle company of Colorado Springs, Colo., junior grand champion Shorthorn bull; Tracey and Warye stock farm of Nashua, Ia., grand champion Red Polled bull; H. P. Olson, Alton, Ill., junior grand champion Red Polled bull.

In the lamb division the University of Nebraska swept all honors, while E. L. Lambert and Son of Corning, Ia., exhibited the grand champion and junior grand champion in the Percheron horse division.

'BUY NOW' CAMPAIGN IS SPONSORED BY ORPHANS

Omaha, Neb. — (UP) — Omaha is in the midst of a "Buy-Now" campaign which has been designated by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce publicity bureau as a means of overcoming business depression.

Newspapers, radio stations and all business houses are co-operating in making the campaign a success. Placards are appearing in store windows, while motion picture houses are running trailers advising patrons to "buy-now" and 200,000 ceter stickers and inserts have been ordered and will be distributed to Omaha business houses.

PROPOSED GAS RATES ARE REJECTED AT FAIRBURY

Fairbury, Neb. — (UP) — After several months of consideration, the city council Wednesday refused to accept the proposed rates of the Peoples Natural Gas company, purchasers of the Fairbury Gas company.

The gas company had made more than \$30,000 worth of improvements in the Fairbury company, and the council was unable to compromise on rates, there being a difference of about \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet. The council rates were 10 per cent more than at Belleville, Kan.

The gas company's offices were moved to Auburn. The company continues to supply this city with artificial gas through the local plant.

IEKAMAH STOCKMAN TO EXHIBIT AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill. — (UP) — Blue ribbons at the International Livestock exposition in Chicago will be coming back to Nebraska, according to the show officials this week who are completing the entry lists. The show opens November 29.

H. C. Stork of Tekamah, Neb., is the latest purebred stock grower to enter the show. The Burt county farmer will show a herd of prize-winning Polled Shorthorn cattle at the International.

The herd of 12 cattle shown by Stork will be entered in competition with cattle from every section of the country and Canada. Last year the cattle of this breed were shown from eight states.

FORMER HARTINGTON MAN RISES WITH PATHE FIRM

Hartington, Neb. — (Special) — Robert S. Ballantyne, who was born here and later moved to Norfolk, is now midwestern division manager of the Pathe Exchange, Inc., one of the largest film companies in America.

Ballantyne after going to Norfolk managed a theater there. Then he became manager of the Mutual Film company of Omaha. In 1913 he became manager of the Des Moines office of the organization and when the Omaha and Des Moines offices were merged, he became manager in Omaha.

NEBRASKA MAN RAISES OWN CIGAR MATERIALS

Wayne, Neb. — (Special) — William Fehrs, of Leslie precinct, raises his own tobacco and makes cigars for his own use. The tobacco stalk is about the size of a cornstalk and bears a cluster of pink flowers which form seed pods at the top of the stalk. The leaves are large and long, each stalk bearing several. The lower leaves, which are the largest, are best for cigars. Fehrs dries the others and feeds them to his chickens and hog-