

# CABBAGE CROP WAS GOOD ONE

Nebraska Farmer Demonstrates Corn Not All He Can Grow

Benkelman, Neb.—(UP)—Sauerkraut for an army could have been made from the crop of 10 tons of cabbage grown on the farm of George N. Pringle, near here, this year.

Pringle proved to surrounding farmers that possibilities of western Nebraska soil are being overlooked when he planted nine acres to cabbage this year. His bank books show a profit of \$4,500 from the crop, or an average income from each acre of \$500.

Other reports of minor crop productions in the state during the last season include that of Carl Smith, Scottsbluff county farmer, who planted 14 acres to beans after a sugar beet crop had failed. Smith showed receipts of \$102.60 an acre, and a clear profit of \$75 an acre after the cost of production had been subtracted.

Various reports of profitable production of clover, alfalfa and blue grass seed have been made.

**CITE OFFICERS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**  
Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Two police officers, who killed robbers in gun battles within the last month were recommended for the police distinguished service medal by the citation committee Friday.

The officers are Detective Ray Strong, who was with Sgt. Fritz Kruger when Kruger was shot and killed by Fletcher Moore and Detective Tony Franck. Moore died from bullet wounds from the guns of Strong and Kruger.

**OBERT MAN SERIOUSLY HURT IN AUTO SPILL**  
Obert, Neb.—(Special)—Ludwig Nedergaard, cashier of the Farmers State bank here, was a victim of an unusual accident. He was returning from a business call in the country when his auto dropped into a rut and turned over. He was painfully cut about the face and otherwise bruised. He was taken to the hospital at Hartington, where several stitches were taken.

**FARMERS DONATE WORK IN GRAVELING ROAD**  
Hartington, Neb.—(Special)—The farmers in the Bow Valley church community have just finished a one-mile graveling project. The farmers donate a certain amount of work and the county pays for a certain portion of the expense. Frank Thoen, owner of a gravel pit, donated the gravel for the project. Scores of men and their teams worked on the job several days.

**HARTINGTON DOCTOR HURT IN AUTO CRASH**  
Hartington, Neb.—(Special)—Atorney B. Ready and his son, Dr. F. L. Ready, miraculously escaped death in an auto collision southwest of this city. Dr. Ready had been on a professional call to the country and his father had accompanied him for an auto ride. On the return the car collided with an auto parked on the road. The parked car was owned by Conrad Hefner of Coleridge, and the lights had gone out. He was trying to repair them when the crash happened. The Ready car turned over and both occupants suffered minor cuts and bruises.

**ISSUES STATE WARRANTS FOR \$2,145,045.73**  
Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Warrants calling for payment of \$2,145,045.73 from the state treasury were issued by the state auditor's office during November. The sum was accounted for in 11,925 state warrants.

Of the amount, \$647,287 came from the general fund for support of the various branches of the state government. There was paid out \$111,635 from the capitol fund; \$34,771 from the fish and game fund, \$872,700 from the gasoline tax fund for road work, \$256,648 from the federal aid road fund and \$5,214 from the motor vehicle registration fund. From the university cash fund, \$89,082 was paid out and \$23,378 was paid from the federal university fund.

**VERTEBRAE DISLOCATED**  
Winside, Neb.—(Special)—William Brune, Jr., 12 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brune, suffered several dislocated vertebrae at the base of his skull, one of which was cracked, while playing football, Monday afternoon. He was taken to a Norfolk hospital Monday night where he was put in a cast.

**WANTS COMMITTEE TO MAKE HEALTH SURVEY**  
Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Formation of an especially designated committee or commission, to conduct a study and survey of the entire health question, is recommended as the most important action that can be taken in the interest of Nebraska public health, in the report of Dr. J. P. Bartholomew, director of the public health bureau.

The report recommends a specific educational program, established within the bureau, for the purpose of supplying accurate information on health matters.

**FIRE DAMAGES SEVERAL CARS AND GARAGE**  
Crofton, Neb.—(Special)—A new truck and several autos and the building occupied by the C. M. Bankett garage were badly damaged by fire of unknown origin, Friday. Carey Mitchell, garage mechanic, sustained bad burns on the hands and face.

# HARD TO TRACE HIS KIDNAPER

Fremont, Neb., Forced to Drive Stranger to Albert, Lea, Minn.

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—Effort to trace the kidnaper who compelled Paul Looschen to drive with him to Albert Lea, Minn., will be difficult and probably unsuccessful, according to Sheriff W. A. Johnson, owing to the fact that Looschen failed to report the matter until he returned to Fremont.

Looschen, who is a land appraiser for a bank, said that his kidnaper got in the car just outside of the Fremont city limits, on highway No. 30, and rode with him to Elk City. When Looschen told the man that he was as far as he was going, the stranger told Looschen to drive on until he got orders to stop. Looschen kept going.

When they reached Albert Lea, the man got out and told Looschen to hurry home. Then he relieved Looschen of \$21 and disappeared. Looschen drove back to Fremont, without stopping except for gasoline.

**CONSUMERS WARNED ABOUT STORAGE EGGS**  
Lincoln, Neb.—Nebraska egg consumers were urged Saturday by O. V. McCracken, head of the pure food department of the state, to guard against the substitution of cold storage for fresh eggs in making purchases.

Investigation over the state, he said, revealed that numerous grocers were marketing cold storage eggs in that manner.

"Fresh eggs are scarce this time of the year, and should sell for more than cold storage eggs. Good storage eggs, however, are a wholesome food and contrary to the opinion of many they have not been in storage for more than one year," McCracken stated, explaining the Nebraska laws forbid the holding of eggs longer than 12 months.

Purchasers he said, should insist that they know whether they are buying a fresh egg or a cold storage egg.

Mr. McCracken called attention to the candling law that compels the inspection of eggs the year around with the exception of January, February, March and April. Household-ers also should carefully scrutinize advertisements and should not be misled by statements that "top quality eggs" are always "fresh country eggs."

**NEW PRIEST FOR MEMORINE PARISH**  
Crofton, Neb.—(Special)—Rev. Father Francis Werthman, of Omaha, has been assigned to succeed Rev. Father H. J. Buerger at Memomine, Neb. He was transferred from Beemer, Neb.

**WIDOW HELD FOR POISONING HUSBAND**  
Plattsmouth, Neb.—Mrs. Inez L. Weaver, 27 years old, was arrested here Sunday on a warrant charging her with first degree murder in the death of her husband, George, 30 years old, at his home Tuesday. Doctors reported that 15 grains of a poison had been found in the dead man's stomach.

Mrs. Weaver pleaded not guilty. She was taken to Omaha for safe keeping. She refused to discuss the case.

County officials said they had traced two purchases of poison to Mrs. Weaver, the first made Monday, the day her husband was stricken at his work in the railroad yards here, and the second the next morning.

**HARTINGTON MAN DIES, WOUND SELF-INFLICTED**  
Hartington, Neb.—Wounded by slugs from a shotgun which penetrated his stomach, Louis Dicks, 28 years old, laborer, died in a hospital here Sunday. The Cedar county sheriff, after an investigation, said that Dicks died of self-inflicted wounds.

When Viola Dicks, 8 years old, returned to her home, she found her uncle lying in a pool of blood which was flowing from a wound in his stomach.

Neighbors of the Dicks family took the man to a hospital, where he died an hour later.

**THIEF TOOK THEIR \$200 WORTH OF CHRISTMAS**  
Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—It took Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Brady of Atkinson, Neb., all Thursday morning to do their Christmas shopping, but it took a thief only a few minutes to steal the \$200 worth of gifts from their car, parked in front of the Live Stock Exchange early Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Brady is former president of the Isaac Walton league.

# BAN COASTING CITY STREETS

Omaha Police Commissioner Hopes to Prevent Fatal Accidents

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—There will be no coasting on the streets or sidewalks of the city of Omaha, Police Commissioner Westergard declared Thursday, the first "coasting day" of the season, in an effort to prevent fatal accidents.

Mr. Westergard will offer for adoption to the city council Monday an ordinance making coasting illegal. He will also make the suggestion that slides be constructed for coasting in the city parks.

For several years "coasting zones" have been placed throughout the city with policemen on duty as "traffic" officers. Despite precaution, there has been an average of five deaths and 15 accidents from coasting collisions.

# FARMER CO-OP HAS BIG YEAR

Orleans, Neb.—(UP)—December audits of the books of the Farmers Equity Co-operative creamery here reveal the organization has experienced its best year in 1930. The creamery is among the largest of its kind in the world.

The audit shows the plant turned out 5,491,993 pounds of butter during the year and made a net profit of \$44,258 for its stockholders, a majority of whom are farmers.

The output of the plant this year was 500,000 pounds greater than for last year, while general production in the United States showed a 19 per cent decrease. Profits of the concern were \$7,000 greater than last year, despite unfavorable market and price conditions.

During the 13 years of its existence, the company has made a net profit of \$414,000. There are 30,000 stockholders in the company. A large branch is operated at Denver and a new \$40,000 plant is now being completed at Crawford.

**TO CONTINUE DRILLING ON OIL PROSPECT**  
Holdrege, Neb.—(UP)—Drilling in the August Bergman test oil well will continue throughout the winter until one of three things is reached—oil, gas or granite.

Announcement that the drilling would be continued was made when the drillers reached the contract depth of 3,750 feet. The test is now in line, and the hole is bottomed with a six and five eighths casing.

**WALTON LEAGUE HONORS ITS PAST PRESIDENTS**  
Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Two past presidents of the Nebraska division, Isaac Walton league, will be presented with medals for "distinguished service," Nebraska directors of the league have announced.

Frank Brady, of Atkinson, who was president of the state organization for four years, and Dr. S. P. Cresap, Nebraska City, immediate past president, are the two designated to be honored.

Presentation ceremonies for Brady were held Wednesday night at a dinner for sportsmen of southeastern Nebraska. Presentation services for Cresap also were held but the medal will be sent to him in Florida, where he is now residing.

**EXPLAINS OPPOSIT' ON TO BANKER'S PARDON**  
Lincoln, Neb.—Attorney General C. A. Sorenson explaining why he declined to concur with other members of the state pardon board in ordering the parole of Charles L. Beebe, 60 years old, former Wakefield banker, from a one to 20-year term for forgery after Beebe had served about a year of this indefinite sentence, said: "I do not believe that Beebe served sufficient time for his crime to have his punishment stand out as a lesson to other bankers who may see fit to break the law."

# SLEEP WALKER BADLY INJURED

Has Both Bones in Leg Fractured, But Didn't Know It

Norfolk, Neb.—(Special)—Charles Chapman, of Hoskins, about 35 years old, sustained a fracture of both bones in one of his legs early Tuesday morning while he was asleep and he didn't waken for more than half an hour afterward.

This is the story that was told to a surgeon who took X-ray photographs of the injured leg in Norfolk Tuesday.

Chapman is known to be a sleep-walker, so it is said. Sometime early Tuesday he jumped out of bed and walked around for a short time and then got back into bed, still asleep.

More than half an hour later he was wakened by a pain in one of his legs. Later examination revealed that both bones were cracked. The only explanation is that the mishap occurred when he struck the floor upon jumping out of bed.

**TWO LIFE-TERMS GIVEN COMMUTATIONS**  
Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Commutations of sentence were granted two men, serving life terms in the state prison for murder, and to a youth, serving a seven year sentence for manslaughter, the state board of pardons announces.

William C. Ryderman, convicted in Cherry county on charges of murdering Mrs. John Helan, a neighbor woman, and Mrs. Layport and then destroying their bodies by burning the Helan home, and Harry Stout, who pleaded guilty to charges of murdering his wife on a train in Lancaster county, were the two life-terms receiving commutations. Each of the two was granted commutation of sentence to 30 years.

Lewis Denison, Buffalo county youth, was granted a commutation, effective December 23, 1931, of the seven years sentence given him in Buffalo county on a charge of manslaughter growing out of the death of John Shada, an Assyrian, killed during a fight between a group of Buffalo county boys and a number of Assyrians, August 28, 1927. He was sentenced February 6, 1929.

**UNEMPLOYMENT NOT SO BADLY AGGRAVATED**  
Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Brisk holiday business and preparations for the coming of winter, were credited by the U. S. department of labor as the most valuable factors in lessening the unemployment tension in the state during the last few weeks.

In spite of the reduction of working forces in some of the main industrial plants of the state, clearing snow-blocked highways, and preparatory preparations have given temporary employment to great numbers of men.

Sugar plants, meat packing plants and flour mills have shown little letup in activities and consequently little unemployment, the survey states.

**UNION LABOR ARRANGES BIG BOOSTER MEETING**  
Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has been invited to speak at a labor union meet January 21, in the Omaha auditorium. Senator George W. Norris and John J. Manning, head of the federation's Union Label league, also have been invited to speak.

The meeting is primarily to be an "antidepression" gesture. The public will be invited.

"This so-called business depression," said James Cosgrove, member of the committee on arrangements, "appears to be psychological. There is more money available in the United States at present than at any previous time. The Labor Label league is preparing a campaign seeking to dispell the depression bugaboo, the high spot of which will be the gigantic January 21 mass meeting."

**TO MARK FIRST EAST END OF U. P. RAILROAD**  
Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—The exact eastern end of the first Union Pacific track, laid in 1865, is now about 15 feet under the rippling surface of Carter lake, and on the Iowa side, it was discovered Wednesday by the members of the committee which proposes to mark all historical spots around Omaha.

The Chamber of Commerce, with the co-operation of the Union Pacific and the Omaha park commission, had in the lake in an effort to mark the location.

The Union Pacific track was laid at this spot, now at the bottom of the lake, because it was the closest approach to Council Bluff ferry line, over which the tremendous caravans of western immigrants and pioneers were to flow.

# GIVING WIFE THE CHECK HELD AS BAD PRACTICE

Omaha, Neb.—The man who turns his entire pay check over to his wife is inviting domestic difficulty, according to District Court Judge Herbert Rhoades. Judge Rhoades made his observation on the part of wage earners Tuesday as he heard the case of Robert M. Dickson of Omaha, who is seeking a divorce from Lillian A. Dickson, now of Webb City, Mo. Dickson testified that he turned over to his wife his entire pay check.

In answer to the court's query as to whether his wife returned to him funds enough for carfare and the like, Dickson replied that she did not. He also testified that his wife burned him with an iron, scratched him, and threatened more trouble if he neglected giving her his check.

# CHAINED WIFE TO FENCE POST

Rancher Near Wheatland, Neb., Given Term in Jail for His Act

Lyman, Neb.—(Special)—William Seals, 33 years old, living on the A. L. Hoffman ranch, 24 miles north of Wheatland, quarreled with his wife for several weeks and then chained her to a fence post, because she sent her three children to a ranch two miles distant, when she began to fear violence.

But the woman got loose and walked two miles, barefooted to the ranch where her children were. The rancher's wife phoned the sheriff who found Mrs. Seals with the chain padlocked around her arms.

Seals was given a six months jail sentence and fined \$100.

**ARE FURTHER IMPLICATED IN HUBBARD ROBBERY**  
Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Three men now serving time in the federal prison at Leavenworth have been further implicated in the robbery of the State bank of Hubbard last summer. State Sheriff Condit has announced, when a gun that was found in their possession at the time of their arrest in Kansas City was identified by a Hubbard banker. The men, Frank Pellissier, Ray Sawyer and Julius Craft, had liberty bonds amounting to \$8,300 when they were arrested, as well as the gun and an acetylene torch which has been identified as one stolen from a Hubbard store.

**OFFICERS ELECTED BY FARMERS' UNION**  
Homer, Neb.—(Special)—At the annual meeting of the Dakota county Farmers' union officers were elected as follows: President, Beck Nelson of Homer; vice president, Leo Monahan of South Sioux City; secretary-treasurer, Elmer Blessing of Dakota City; legislative committee-man, Louis Jeppesen, of Homer; delegate to state convention, Chris Paulsen, of Dakota City; alternate, Ira Z. Thorn, of Emerson; directors, Harry Jensen, of Homer, and Otto Dahms, of Emerson.

Speakers included: Fred Haage, field man from Grand Island, and George Larson, president of Norfolk, Superior and Auror creameries.

**STOLEN CHICKEN SALES \$915 IN FEW WEEKS**  
Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—A sentence of seven years in the penitentiary for stealing chickens, was given Paul Wright, 28 years old, of Florence, by Judge Landis at Wahoo Tuesday. Humphrey Shockney also of Florence, was sentenced to four years in the same charge. Wright and Shockney admitted they had sold \$915 worth of stolen chickens since October.

**FREMONT FIREMEN BUSY AT TOY MENDING**  
Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—Fremont city firemen are spending the week repairing broken toys for distribution to homes that Santa Claus might forget. The firemen's room at the city hall has been transformed into a toy shop.

**GOVERNOR-ELECT TO REAPPOINT NEGRO JANITOR**  
Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Gov.-elect Charles W. Bryan has signified his intention of making William Wood, negro janitor and caretaker at the executive mansion, his first appointee when he becomes governor of the state.

Wood, for the last 24 years the custodian of the furnace and the lawn at the governor's mansion became apprehensive over the results of the election a few days ago and called the future governor, by phone.

"Boss, I want to see yo' about somethin'," Wood told Bryan with a worried note in his voice.

The conference ended there. Bryan told Wood that if he wanted to quit his job he could see him after taking office.

Wood was first appointed caretaker of the executive mansion by Governor Sheldon in 1907. He has served in that position despite political turnovers ever since. Bryan is the first governor to return to the mansion as Wood's boss after intervening governors.

# FALL FATAL TO OMAHA WOMAN

Widow of Former District Judge Dies Week After Accident

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Funeral services are to be held Saturday at Waterloo, Neb., for Mrs. Marion Noyes Sutton, 61 years old, widow of the late District Judge A. L. Sutton, who died at Methodist hospital here from injuries sustained when she fell through an open window of her apartment 40 feet to the ground, a week ago.

Mrs. Sutton died without regaining consciousness and the cause of the accident remains a mystery.

The case was pronounced accidental death by Coroner Steinwender who said there would be no inquest.

Because of her health, physicians had insisted she keep a window open at all times.

Mrs. Sutton was a daughter of State Senator Isaac Noyes of Waterloo. Her husband at one time was an unsuccessful candidate for governor.

**BAD CHECK ARTISTS BEING HELD FOR TRIAL**  
Alliance, Neb.—(UP)—Joseph Tucheck, 20 years old, and Melvin Blome, are held in the county jail here pending trial, sometime in February, on charges of forging checks.

The two were bound over to the district court for trial after an arraignment here. Bond was set at \$700 each, and on failure to make bond, the two were remanded to the jail.

Tucheck, county officers said, completed a 30-day sentence in the county jail recently for writing no fund checks. It was charged by County Attorney Penrose Pomig that the pair forged three checks ranging in amount from \$5 to \$10.

**ANOTHER NATURAL GAS LINE INTO NEBRASKA**  
Plattsmouth, Neb.—The United Gas Service company, which secured a franchise from the city council here last summer to operate a natural gas line in Plattsmouth, has informed the city officials that their contractors expect to have their lines in the state within the next two weeks. Whether or not the United Service company will pipe gas her to compete with the Iowa-Nebraska Power company which is now serving Plattsmouth with natural gas, cannot be learned from representatives.

The city council granted two natural gas franchises, one to the company now selling gas here and the other to the United Gas Service company.

**OMAHA DOCTOR SLUGGED AND ROBBED IN HOME**  
Omaha, Neb.—Two youthful bandits Thursday evening invaded the home of Dr. Louis N. Semernoff, slugging the physician with the butt of a pistol when he resisted them, and robbing him of \$23, he told police.

During the struggle the pistol was discharged, the doctor told officers. He said he believed that the shot struck one of his assailants in the leg, as the man limped badly when he fled, and no trace could be found of the bullet.

A diamond ring which was torn off the doctor's finger during the struggle was later found on the floor.

**OMAHA BANK CLERK HELD FOR EMBEZZLEMENT**  
Omaha, Neb.—Among the 110 indictments presented by the federal grand jury, which has been in session since Tuesday, December 2, and which made its findings Thursday, was one charging Fred Kahl, Jr., former bookkeeper of the Omaha National bank, with misapplication of about \$900 of the bank's funds and with making false entries.

According to A. C. Epperson, assistant United States attorney, young Kahl made a practice of forging checks with signatures of persons whose last names began with letters between BU and CUM, the portion of the banks books which he handled.

By making false entries for the general bookkeeper's inspection, it is charged that Kahl kept his defalcations unknown until he became ill. His substitute then reported he was unable to make the books balance. He is free on bond.

**DROP PROSECUTION AS CHECKS ARE MADE GOOD**  
Hoskins, Neb.—(Special)—Julius Selle, formerly of Hoskins, brought back to Wayne from Wisconsin, was freed on motion of County Attorney Hendrickson at a preliminary hearing before County Judge Cherry. Selle had been returned to Wayne on a check charge brought by Charles Schellenberg, president of the Farmers Union Co-operative association at Winside. Two checks totaling \$250 were issued by Selle, Schellenberg charged. Selle had signed them under the title of the Hoskins Light and Power company. Both were refused by the Hoskins State bank.

**THIEVES VISIT ALLEN, NEB. MEAT MARKET**  
Allen, Neb.—(Special)—The R. E. Snyder meat market and grocery store was broken into Saturday night and about \$50 in money and merchandise taken.

**MEMORIAL BUILDING TO OPEN NEXT FALL**  
Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Formal opening of the Joslyn Memorial building, which will contain many valuable works of art, is planned for next fall with elaborate ceremonies, Mrs. Sarah Joslyn announces.

The art memorial was planned by Mrs. Joslyn in honor of her husband, the late George H. Joslyn, founder of the Western Newspaper Union. The building itself is practically completed. Artists and sculptors now are engaged in finishing the interior.

**PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT OF CHICKENS**  
Wahoo, Neb.—Paul Wright and Humphrey Shockley of Omaha pleaded guilty here Monday to five charges of chicken theft, involving about \$200 worth of poultry. Sentence will be imposed Tuesday by Judge H. D. Landis. Victims of the thefts included William Eggers, A. W. Christensen, J. W. Danley, George Scott and Mrs. Johanna Hamilton, all in the eastern part of Saunders county.

**CLOTHING THIEVES LOOT STORE AT HOOPER, NEB.**  
Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—Loot consisting of overcoats and suits, valued at about \$1,000, was stolen from the John Moller clothing store at Hooper, Wednesday morning. A car parked a block from the store was used, it is believed, to haul away the goods. Officers were led to believe that the same thieves perpetrated the robbery at Plainview as a new overcoat bearing the stamp of the J. C. Penney stores was found in the wake of the thieves.

**EIGHT CHILDREN FROM ONE HOME IN SCHOOL**  
Greeley, Neb.—(Special)—Nine pupils attend rural school district No. 23 near here. Eight of these are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Racieky.

**TILDEN MAN FACES CHICKEN THEFT CHARGE**  
Tilden, Neb.—Kenneth Moon, of Tilden, was arrested by Marshal Roy Ashburn, of Tilden, on a complaint issued by County Attorney Hadley Kelsey. It charged that Moon stole 20 chickens from the Farmers Poultry company of Tilden, valued at \$15.

The chickens were stolen December 7. Moon pleaded not guilty, waived preliminary hearing, and was bound over to the district court.

**FARM BUREAU GETS OFFICE IN COURT HOUSE**  
Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—Justice court at the court house will be done away with and the space given to it will be taken by the Dodge county farm bureau, for its agent and stenographer, after January 20, according to Alfred Soffley, president. Applicants for the office of farm bureau agent are numerous, but the committee has narrowed the list to three by a process of elimination. It is expected to announce the appointment of an agent this week.