

PHEASANT HAS HARD OUTLOOK

Nebraska Legislators Inclined to More Liberal Laws for Killing Birds

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—A verdict of guilty was found by the Nebraska house in the case of the game pheasant, charged with robbing the fields of farmers of growing grains, and a bill offered by Porter of Boone giving county boards authority to issue permits to farmers to kill them when they are doing so was advanced to third reading. These birds were imported into the state some years ago in order to provide additional sport for hunters, and were protected over a period in order that they might multiply. They have increased so rapidly that their supply of insect life in summer time is too small, and they have been going into the fields. The bill provides that the farmer must pay a dollar for such permit, and in addition must have a license to hunt on his own grounds. Jones of Colfax said that he would shortly introduce a bill that would give the fish and game commission the power to declare an open season on these pheasants in that the farmers will confine their hunting to those times when the birds are really doing some damage, and not when the farmer feels a desire to eat pheasant meat.

SHERIFF ASKS PAY FOR CARE OF PRISONERS

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—A claim against the state has been filed with the state auditor by Sheriff C. Jensen of Thurston county, who asks \$825 for board for state prisoners. The claim will be referred to the legislative committee on claims and deficiencies.

HEN HOUSE RAIDERS BOLD IN THEIR WORK

Hartington, Neb.—(Special)—Louis Erdenger, well known farmer living near here, believes that he is having just a little more than his share of troubles. A few weeks ago chicken thieves helped themselves to about three dozen of his hens. Recently another attempt was made to raid the roost. Three men came to the place and while one engaged Mr. Erdenger in conversation two others made an attempt to enter the hen house. A friend visiting at the Erdenger home noticed a flashlight at the hen house and rushed out to investigate and the thieves made a hasty retreat. To add insult to injury, Erdenger now discovers that someone is forging his name to checks.

HAVE UNIQUE METHOD OF PAYING DEBTS

Hartington, Neb.—(Special)—The Lions club, composed of business men of this city, has announced a novel plan of rotating checks to circulate through the community in payment of debts. The checks will be unique in design and size, being 8x13 inches, and of \$5 denomination. There is about 15 members of the club and the plan is to issue \$5 checks on their own personal accounts in payment of a debt. The receiver of such a check must cash it in payment of an account he owes. The original check is not to be accepted at the bank until two weeks has elapsed. The receiver of one of these checks must apply it on an account within 24 hours after he receives it. Each time the check is presented for payment it is endorsed by the receiver. It is thought, by the sponsors of the plan, that several hundred dollars worth of indebtedness can be cleared in the city with the issuing of a single \$100 worth of such checks.

W. O. W. STATE MEET TO BE AT NEBRASKA CITY

Nebraska City, Neb.—(UP)—Nearly 500 Woodmen will assemble here April 16 and 17, for the annual state convention of the Woodmen of the World, State Manager C. L. Burmeister has announced. One of the features of the state meeting will be a public initiation staged by the Seymour post No. 16 of Omaha during the convention. State officials, including Gov. Charles W. Bryan and Attorney General C. A. Sorenson are scheduled to speak. Former Gov. Arthur Weaver also will speak. Official delegates to the state convention number 150, Burmeister says, but the convention crowd will hover in the neighborhood of 500.

FARMER FACES HOG THEFT CHARGES

West Point, Neb.—Following a preliminary hearing here Friday, William Camin, 27-year-old farmer, was bound over to the district court on a charge of larceny of hogs. The farmer, who lives five miles west of here, faces trial on a charge of stealing 24 head of valuable brood sows from Anton and Joseph Gentrup, brothers, who also are farmers. The Gentrups live three miles west of here. The swine, authorities said, were tracked around a quarter section of land to the Camin farm. The presiding magistrate at the hearing set Camin's bond at \$1,000.

WANT CARETAKER FOR STATION AT HUBBARD

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—The Omaha and Minneapolis Railroad company has filed a request with the state railway commission for authority to substitute a caretaker for the telegrapher-agent at Nebraska. The company claims the station is now operated at a loss of \$1,902 a year, revenues last year totaling \$2,572. Nebraska, a town of 515 or 20 inhabitants, is located on the main line about five miles northeast of Emerson.

LEG BROKEN ONE DAY, HE WALKS THE NEXT

Bloomfield, Neb.—(Special)—John Schutte, while visiting a short time at Rarolph, last Friday, broke one leg. He was brought home for treatment and the next day was able to walk about, though he weighs about 200 pounds, due to the fact that a special appliance was used in placing the leg in a cast.

OMAHA BETTING PLACES CLOSE

Several Reasons Assigned for Idleness of Hand-book Operators

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—All of the larger pool rooms which have been accepting bets on horse races have "folded up," it is learned. The close downs came as a complete surprise to race track followers, it was said. No reasons were advanced for the decision to quit. A few handbook operators continued to operate but were handicapped by a lack of official information on entries, scratches, adds and results. It was impossible to learn if the suspension will be permanent. Many reasons were advanced by betters as the probable cause, but they all simmered down to the final conclusion "the word was passed out to close."

It had been known for weeks that czars of the underworld here frowned on pool room operations until the clouds caused by convening of the legislature, of activities of Attorney General Sorenson and raids by Paul Sutton, head of the morals squad, rolled by. Then there was the possibility that Police Commissioner Westergard was to be replaced by Fire Commissioner Towl, a radical reformer.

Henchmen of the czars were willing to quit when the "word" first went out. However, there was an insurgent faction which insisted on running in spite of imperial ukases, manifestos and ultimatums. Just what process was resorted to to whip this faction in line probably always will remain a secret.

TWO AGED WINNEBAGO INDIANS PASS AWAY

Winnebago, Neb.—(Special)—Two of Winnebago's aged Indian women died last week. Mrs. Sarah Harrison, 80 years old, and Mrs. John Smith, 86 years old. Mrs. Harrison lived with her son, Isaac Greyhair, and was one of the oldest of the Winnebago tribe, being born in Wisconsin. She came to the Winnebago reservation in 1862, and has since been active in all the tribal activities. Greyhair is her sole survivor. Funeral rites for her were held from the Catholic church. Mrs. Smith is survived by one son, George Smith, and six grandchildren. Rev. T. A. Cramer officiated at last rites for her at the community house.

REHEARING DENIED IN HOLT COUNTY CASE

Lincoln, Neb.—The supreme court has denied a rehearing in the Wheeler case from Holt county, where 13 cousins of the deceased husband of Rosa Johns Wheeler were given a half interest in the estate and a deed executed by the husband to the wife was held to have been testamentary in character and did not bar the legal interest of his heirs. The wife's attorneys insisted that a cousin is not a next of kin within the meaning of the Nebraska law.

The court also refused a rehearing in Hawkins vs. Mullen, from Stanton county, where the court held that Thomas Matters and M. O. Cunningham, attorneys who took a case on a 50 per cent commission were entitled to half of the recovery even though they had been discharged in the course of the litigation.

JUNIOR CHAMBER TO SPONSOR CONTEST

Omaha, Neb.—Durward Howes of Los Angeles, president of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, outlined plans of the group to sponsor, during the coming six months, a national intercollegiate oratorical contest and a national will serve as the topic for the oration. Speaking before a regional conference here, attended by delegates from 14 states, Howes said that the constitution of the United States will serve as the topic for the oratorical contest.

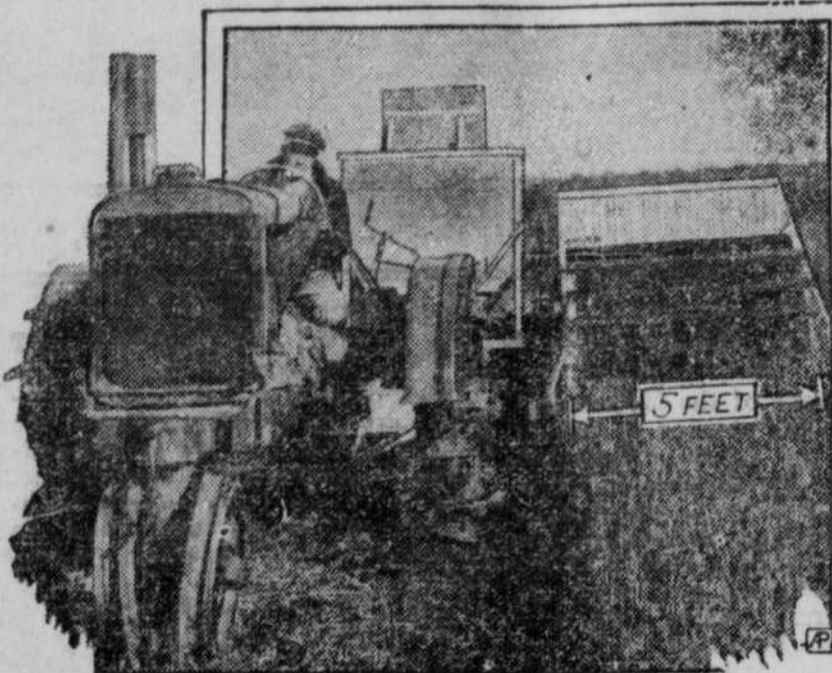
FIVE CANDIDATES FOR PLACE OF POSTMASTER

Hartington, Neb.—(Special)—Five men of this city have filed their papers as applicants for the local postmastership of this city with the postoffice department at Washington. Business men here have received blank forms on which to give recommendations regarding the qualifications and standing of those who have made application. The following are the candidates: Carl M. Lange, Allyn Krause, Lawrence Nelson, A. F. Suing and L. R. Eoy, present postmaster. All the applicants are ex-service men but Mr. Suing.

NORFOLK MAY LOSE WALTON LEAGUE MEET

Norfolk, Neb.—(Special)—Norfolk which was selected as the 1931 meeting place for the state Isaac Walton association may lose the convention because of lack of interest by Norfolk Ikes, according to Dr. J. M. Perrigo president of the Norfolk chapter. The president declares that local members show little interest in the state meeting which is to be held during the coming summer and that if this attitude does not change the state convention may go some place else.

ONE-MAN COMBINE THRESHES IN AREAS OF SMALL FARMS



This "baby" combine, cutting a five-foot swath, has made its debut for small grain farms and uneven terrain.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The big combine of the plains now has a baby brother. Small combines are being developed here for practical use on small farms and areas of uneven terrain. They too will harvest and thresh grain in a single operation. The machine was invented by R. G. Fleming of Chico, Cal., and is expected to be turned out in mass production in 1932. Its advent in certain small-farm areas may make the stationary threshing machine or "separator" as much a part of ancient history as the flail. A cylindrical wire brush has been substituted for the heavy iron cylinder and conveys of the regulation thresher. The machine cuts a five-foot swath and is capable of threshing grains, grass seed and beans. It is driven by a power take-off from the tractor, one man operating both the tractor and the combine. An experimental model used this year threshed eight different crops. The swath cut by the combine is smaller than that cut by the customary binder or header on small farms. The smallness and compactness of the machine are intended to make it practical on farms where bigger combines cannot be used. There are some regions, however, in which no combine probably ever will be used—those where types of grain, maturing conditions and the weather make it inadvisable to thresh simultaneously with the harvest, or where storage facilities require grain to be thoroughly dried in the shock to prevent heating.

WALKINS' ABERDEEN ANGUS HERD AT GARRETSON SHOWS LEADERSHIP FOR S. DAKOTA

There are a lot of good Aberdeen Angus herds in this country, scattered here and there over America's broad expanse, and all vying with each other in winning further and increased support to the breed's standards.

There's no denying the fact that the "doddie" has a secure place in the esteem of the cattlemen of America. Fact is indisputable, for at every breed show, every breed contest, there's always a fresh array of evidence of "doddie" supremacy. The breed has made wonderful progress on the soil of America.

It is William McCombie's crowning triumph at the Paris exposition of 1878 in winning the championship over all breeds on his group of the celebrated Prides of Tilly-four that attracted the attention of the American farmer to the merits of the breed. As the result of McCombie's great victory, imports to this country assumed commanding proportions, and it wasn't long before choice herds were founded with the best specimens to be had from the parent country.

The breed today is surely a triumphant breed when it comes to final analysis in the economic production of quality beef. It has conquered the competition it has been called upon to face, it is the challenger in the livestock field, and seldom meets defeat.

What about the breed's future? Will it continue to hold the favor of the beef makers of this country? That's a pertinent question, but the answer is easily found. It is up to the breeders of America to maintain the high standards of the past, and they are doing it now, and will continue to do it in the years to come. Great sires will keep the breed at the topmost round of the ladder. "Doddie" breeders are careful in their selection of herd bulls, and upon this one point is the secret of their success. It's gratifying to know that the majority of the leading herds are headed by good bulls.

South Dakota has one of these herds in the collection owned by

Style Color for Men From Nation's Business. Grandfather wore a white shirt with a stiff bosom and detachable collar and a top hat. He wore that shirt to church on Sunday and to work on week days. The criterion by which it was changed was cleanliness, not color. It made no difference whether it matched his socks or whether or not it was suitable for golf.

The dealers in men's suits are casting envious eyes on men's shirts. Also why can there not be more style in the coats and trousers? Harry Weinstein bewailed the uniformity of men's outer clothing at a tri-state convention of retail clothiers the other day. Man, he said, would if he could, "buy a suit with three pairs of pants instead of two," conscious that so long as the pants stood firm against the weather the styles would not change.

The clothiers would change all that. They would have the "market of discontent" widened to include what the man wears. The man who appears in the office six days running in the same blue serge would find himself an object of pity or contempt. Directors

A Bouquet for Iowa. From Des Moines Capital-Tribune. After several years now of telling ourselves what "we" have done in the matter of having concrete highways, and of talking about "Iowa pulling herself out of the mud," we may well be brought up shortly by the way Thomas H. McDonald, chief of the United States bureau of public roads, tells it.

"Under the wise leadership of the Iowa state highway commission," he writes in Mid-West Highways, "a program is now being carried forward which in point of size exceeds that of any other state in the union, and in quality of the resulting improvement is excelled by none." Of course, Mr. McDonald's tribute is to the state in the broad sense. But he is an expert. He knows highways that excel do not appear through sheer expenditure of vast sums, nor merely because one state stretches out a greater mileage than another. But rather, "under the wise leadership of the state highway commission."

BLUE JAYS AND CARDINALS SPEND WINTER THERE

Wynot, Neb.—(Special)—Hundreds of blue jays and crested cardinals are spending the winter in the wooded sections along the Missouri river near here. Flocks of a dozen of each kind of birds may be seen frequently. Some blue birds also are seen.

FAKE RAIDERS RANSACK HOME

Savings of Omaha Family Taken by Men Posing as Officers

Omaha, Neb.—After gaining entrance to the home of Joseph Novotny, by posing as police raiders, two men ransacked the house, terrorized Mrs. Novotny and two small girls, escaping with the family's savings of \$170, Mrs. Novotny told police.

Though the "raid" occurred at 9:30 o'clock and continued for nearly an hour, South Omaha police were not notified until nearly 2:45 p. m. when Mr. Novotny, called home by his frightened family, reported the incident.

According to Mrs. Novotny, the two men "flashed" what she supposed to be police badges. They strode into the house, announcing they were going to search for liquor. "Go ahead; you won't find any here," Mrs. Novotny said she told them.

They systematically ransacked every room in the house, the cellar and the garret, she told detectives. They upset chairs and tossed small articles about the room.

In the bedroom, while one man began breaking the locks on a small, vault-like cabinet that contained the family's savings, the other held Mrs. Novotny. The children, screaming and crying, fought the man until he threatened to bind and gag them, the mother said.

When the first man had obtained the money, the pair hurriedly departed, Mrs. Novotny said. She attempted to telephone police, but found that the wires had been cut. Unnerved by the experience, and fearful to leave the little tots alone in the house, she remained in the house until the youngest son arrived home from school.

PENSIONED YEAR AGO CIVIL WAR VET DIES

Auburn, Neb.—A year after he received first payments on his pension as a veteran of the Civil War, Perry Whitlow, died at his home here this morning. He was stricken suddenly Tuesday. During the war, Whitlow took the place of his father who had been called to arms. While the father stayed home and supported the family, Perry, an eldest son, assumed the man's name and bore arms.

NEBRASKA STERILIZATION LAW UNDER ATTACK

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—The attorney for Frank Clayton, Madison county man, attacked the constitutionality of the sterilization law in an appeal to the supreme court from an order of the district court of Gage county. It is claimed that the law is derogatory to human rights; that it is unreasonably, unnecessarily and arbitrarily; that it interferes with fundamental human rights; that it is a cruel and unusual punishment; that it denies men of equal protection under the law; that it takes from a person the right to due process of law; that the machinery is so cumbersome and complicated that it is impractical.

All these allegations are denied by the state which claims that no citizen has rights superior to others; that what is sought to be done is for the common welfare in making it impossible for feeble minded persons to propagate their kind; that it is a law designed for betterment of the race and to eliminate the unfit; that part of the law can be upheld if other parts are invalid. The district court ordered that Clayton, who was an inmate of the home for feeble minded at Beatrice, be subjected to this treatment, and upheld the law relating to feeble minded persons while it held that it was invalid as applying to the insane and habitual criminals.

FREMONT PEOPLE HAD BANK ROBBER SCARE

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—An automobile bearing an Iowa license tag, parked across the alley back of the Union National bank, caused suspicion of persons in the neighborhood to arise. Later three strange men were seen loitering in the rear of the bank. The result was a call for the police and sheriff. The three were arrested. It developed, however, that the strangers had no connection with the automobile and apparently were innocent of any evil intentions. The automobile belonged to an automobile salesman who had been unable to find a parking place in the streets.

GREAT FLOCKS OF CROWS NEAR NORTH LOUP

North Loup, Neb.—(Special)—The crow crop hereabouts last year was like many other rural products, one of overproduction. The sight of hundreds of them flying over the landscape like a threatening cloud is common. Farmers have debated the subject for they have become a menace. One night W. V. Brown and some friends who often visit a huge crow roost on the Stude place east of North Loup, counted more than 200 dead crows, after they fired 18 shots.

RADICAL WAGE SLASHES MADE

Kimball County Board Goes All Down the Line

Kimball, Neb.—(UP)—Radical slashes in the salaries of Kimball county officers have been effected by the board of county commissioners as the opening move in a vigorous economy program for the entire year.

In addition to the salary pinching, the county commissioners have denied some offices deputy and clerk aid for the term. Wages of the county clerk have been reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,800 with corresponding slashes in wages of the deputy county clerk. One thousand dollars was taken from the county superintendent's budget—\$300 for salary and \$700 for clerk hire being eliminated entirely. The salary of the county attorney has been cut to \$900, a deputy sheriff has been eliminated, and the county agent and even the courthouse janitor come under the cut. The county judge alone survived the economy moves, though he has been denied clerk hire.

WINTER WHEAT NEAR NORMAL

Moisture Condition in Nebraska Found to Be Generally Good

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Winter wheat in Nebraska is reported 92 per cent normal condition in the mid-month report of bankers of the state and federal division of agricultural statistics.

Moisture conditions in the state are reported generally good with the exception of some surface dryness in eastern Nebraska and a few central counties. Corn remained in the field in 15 per cent of the western counties, because of snow and unfavorable weather.

Winter wheat ranged in condition from 100 in the south central district to 85 in the north central sections. Central counties reported 96 per cent, southeastern 88.6 and southwestern 96.8.

LARGE QUANTITY SEED POTATOES PRODUCED

Alliance, Neb.—(UP)—Nineteen thousand bushels of foundation seed potatoes were produced at the Box Butte experiment station last year. The station is operated cooperatively by the University of Nebraska and Box Butte county.

About one third of the spuds grown as seed stock have been marketed to western Nebraska farmers. Many of the potatoes are shipped to southern points.

The seed stock is developed under the direction of H. O. Werner of the department of horticulture of the college of agriculture in cooperation with the Nebraska certified potato growers co-operative. The object of the potato development has been to produce a spud that is free from disease and that will develop uniformly in the field. The spuds are first planted in pots in greenhouses and kept accounted for. Only those potatoes that produce disease free plants are allowed to mature.

CLEMENCY SHOWN TO LIFE TERM MEN

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Three of four murderers who sought commutations received favorable action on their pleas while one murderer and a bank robber had their applications denied, the state pardon board announced Wednesday.

The cases of the five men were most important among the 22 cases heard by the pardon board.

Willard Carroll and Russell Cottrell, Douglas county Negroes, convicted of slaying an Omaha store owner during the process of a robbery, each had their life sentences commuted to 20 years. They were sentenced in 1920 for the slaying of Henry Rosenthal, father of the proprietor of the store they had sought to rob.

Joe Zemuskis, also of Douglas county, who was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for the second degree murder of Nick Dasovich, April 4, 1927, received commutation of his term to seven years. He claimed he killed Dasovich after the latter had made defamatory remarks concerning his (Zemuskis's) wife.

Clinton Meyers, of Logan county, sought commutation of his life sentence for murder but his application was denied. He claimed he shot his wife under the strain of long standing domestic difficulties, after Mrs. Meyers had started suit for divorce.

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Perry Reed, of Henderson, was elected president of the state board of agriculture at the annual meeting late Wednesday. Irl Tolon of Ord was elected first vice president; T. H. Wake of Seward, treasurer. George Jackson of Lincoln, was elected secretary for the seventh term.

TWO LARGE FARMS NEAR BLOOMFIELD CHANGE HANDS

Bloomfield, Neb.—(Special)—The Murray Dolphin farm six miles north of Bloomfield was sold to a man from Wausa for \$75 an acre. It consists of 240 acres.

The Farmers and Merchants State and the Sioux National some time ago sold the Ernest Gerda farm of 100 acres to Rudolph Krueger of West Point, for \$100 an acre. The farm is three miles west of here and is considered one of the best in the community.