RAIL RATES IN **NEBRASKA CUT**

State Commission Issues Order to Be in Effect August 1

Lincoln, Neb. - (UP) - Reduction of railway freight rates on grain shipments in Nebraska, representing a saving of upwards of \$1,500,000 annually to Nebraska growers was ordered by the state railway commission Thursday.

The new schedule will become effective August 1, at the same time time as the new interstate rates go into effect. The way was paved for the reduction through granting by the Interstate Commerce commission of the Nebraska railway commission's application for dismissal of the carriers' application for an injunction pending decision on the request for a blanket 15 per cent increase on all commodities on all lines in the nation.

RUSHING WORK ON

NEW GRAIN ELEVATOR Fremont, Neb. - (UP) - Working day and night, 135 men are rapidly building the new addition to Elevator B, of the Farmers National Grain corporation here.

addition, estimated to hold 500,000 bushels of grain and to be ready by early fall, will consist of 12 main grain tanks, each 231/2 feet in diameter and placed 41/2 feet apart. The tanks are being built of steel reinforced con-

The Farmers National Grain corporation wants the extra storage space to take care of the surplus wheat raised this year. The total capacity of the elevator, with the addition will be 1,100,000 bushels of

LEGION MEMBERSHIP

OF NEBRASKA GROWS Lincoln, Neb. — (UP) — Nebra-kka's American Legion membership this year grew to a new record of 21,000, according to reports of State Department Adjutant H. H. Dudley.

Department records reveal that July 20, there were 297 Legion posts in the state, located in 88 of the state's 93 counties. In the 88 counties in which posts are located, 70 counties had reached their 1931 quotas and 71 had more members than on July 20 a year ago. Twelve of the 13 Legion districts in the state had exceeded their membership quota on July 20 this year.

Omaha post has the largest membetship for any post in the state Drdley reports, with a roster of 3,035 members, making it the second largest post in the nation.

Lincoln, Dudley states, has the with i,459 members; Grand Island, third, with 484; South Omaha, fourth, 464 and Hastings is fifth with 317 members.

The smallest town, according to population figures, having an American Legion post is Roca, Lancaster county, with a membership of 26.

There is one colored post in the state. "Roosevelt Post No. 30" of Omaha, having a membership of 150. The post showing the greatest increase in membership for the year is located at Ansley. Membership there on July 18, 1930, was 18 and on July 10 this year had increased to 01 paid memberships.

Located in Nebraska is one of the two strictly all Indian Legion posts in the United States-Winnebago Post No. 345, having a membership of 16 full-blooded In-

FAIR GROUNDS PUT IN GOOD CONDITION

Oakland, Neb .- (Special) -- Buildings on the county fair grounds have been painted and are in readiness for the fair which is to be held August 18 to 22.

YOUTH DIES AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION BURNS

North Platte, Neb.— —Bur-dette Leypoldt, 22 years old, of North Platte, died in a hospital here from an infection, the result of burns sustained in an explosion last week. His father, Dorcey M. Leypoldt, died in a vain attempt to save the life of his son.

Skin was taken from the father for grafting on the son. The father, a real estate dealer here, died last week as a result of an infection following the grafting.

Burdette is survived by his mother, a sister and a brother. Funeral services will be held Saturday.

SAYS FARMERS TO FEED

MUCH WHEAT THIS YEAR Lincoln, Neb .- Prof. H. J. Gramlich, head of the husbandry department of the University of Nebraska estimated Nebraska farmers will feed 20,000,000 bushels of the state's 1931 wheat crop to live stock, if current market prices continue.

He said, however, that if the corn crop is poor farmers may feed as much as 40,000,000 bushels of the state's wheat crop estimated at 65,-000,000 bushels. He said there was no inclination now on the part of farmers to dispose of their wheat. They are neither selling it or feeding it, he added, but are waiting for a better market price.

DUCK EGGS HATCHED

BY HEAT OF SUN Hartington, Neb .- (Special) -- Some duck eggs that had been put under a hen, left a time and then thrown away because Mrs. Ed McGregor decided she didn't want ducklings so late in the season, hatched by themselves in the hot sun. Three ducklings surprised Mrs. McGregor by appearing from the eggs which had been thrown behind the barn.

An English shepherd dog owned by Harry Moore of Redmond, Ore., produced 51 pups in four litters of 10. 12. 14, and 15 KNOX COUNTY CASE

TO SUPREME COURT Lincoln, Neb. — (Special) — A notion for rehearing has been filed with the supreme court in the case where the National Surety company was denied recovery for a \$10,-000 expenditure as surety for county funds that had been deposited in

state bank that failed. Suit was filed in the district court of Knox county against S. J. Larson and others who took part in reorganizing the institution and were released from liability on a bond when they declared they did not intend to bind themselves on the old bond.

Attorneys for the surety company contend that the court has a misconception of the facts in the case and that the decision writes into the law the doctrine that parties may avoid a contract by claiming ignorance of the facts on which it was based, when they were in posstssion of such facts and there was no fraud or deception. They claim the agreement covered both old and new bonds despite the fact that the signers say they thought they signed the indemnity bond with respect to a new one that was to be

DETAILED SOIL SURVEY STARTS

State and Federal Men Doing Work in Holt County

Atkinson, Neb. — (Special) — A detailed soil survey of Holt county to require three years has just been begun by the state soil survey division of the conservation and survey department in co-operation with the United States bureau of chemistry and soils.

Examination and classification of all the land in Holt county will be made. A map will be constructed showing the location and extent of the different kinds of soil and the location of all towns, roads, houses, schools, churches and drainage

When the map is completed a representative sample of each series or soil is taken. This sample includes a portion in separate containers of each layer as the worker digs down in the soil. Duplicate samples are taken, one going to Washington and one to Lincoln where a complete analysis is made. Then a detailed report is prepared in which the different kinds of soil indicated on the map are described. Their relative agricultural values are shown and recommendations made concerning the best utilization and management of each

Dr. G. W. Condra, director of the conservation and survey department is at the head of the work in Nebraska. Three men are working in the county, beginning in the east end near Page, W. J. Moran of the federal department is in charge of the field work and is assisted by W. D. Lee, also a federal worker and R. H. Lovald, state worker.

YOUTH DROWNS IN

RIVER AT DECATUR, NEB. Decatur, Neb. -The Missouri river claimed its first victim of the season here Wednesday afternoon when Elmer Dunning, 18 years old, was drowned in 18 feet of water.

Dunning and two companions, one of whom was his brother, Orville, had gone to the river to swim. Soon after they entered the water, Elmer Dunning threw his hands above his head, shouted for help, and sank.

Orville Dunning and Clifford Young, the third member of the party, searched the water for several minutes for some trace of their companion, but were unable to sight him again. A rescue party of 50 persons worked for five hours before the body was recovered.

Survivors include the victim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dunning, his brother, and two sisters, Alice and May.

TWO BROTHERS HELD ON BANK ROBBERY CHARGE

Red Cloud, Neb. - Two brothers, charged with participation in the \$4,000 robbery of the Webster County bank, of Red Cloud, July 2, were bound over to the district court at the close of their preliminary hearing here Wednesday. The third member of the trio, arrested last week in Anics, Ia., was released.

The brothers-Theodore and Harry Ebsen-will be tried in the September term of court. Their bonds were fixed at \$10,000 each, which they were unable to post. The case against Otto Schreck was dismissed on the grounds of insufficient evidence. Two persons from Nevada, Ia., testified Schreck was in that

place July 2. The Ebsen brothers will be taken to Lincoln for safe keeping. Schreck will be taken to Nevada, Ia., where he is wanted on another charge. Schreck is from Nevada, Ia.; Theodore Ebsen is from Cicero, Ill., and Harry Ebsen is from Duncombe, Ia.

DRESSING TABLES It's very smart these days to have A dressing table draped in the same gay chintz that you use for your bedroom overdraperies. And of course no one needs to be reminded of the- convenience of a dressing

WOMAN LOSES HAND

IN BINDER MACHINERY Clearwater, Neb. — (Special) Mrs. Carl Holtz lost her hand in the machinery of a tractor binder which she was operating. Her dress was caught in it and in trying to extricate it her hand was caught. The tractor was standing still but the binder motor was running. The presence of mind of her helper probably saved her life. He stopped the machinery, but not until her hand had been torn off. It was necessary for doctors at the Tilden hospital to amputate the arm above the elbow.

Tales of Real Dogs

By Albert Payson Terhung



The two appeared, each with a

I hesitate to tell this story, though At was vouched for and though I have known of one or two canine incidents which were more or less similar to it. I hesitate, because it may sound fishy to people who are not familiar with the queer methods of reasoning which some dogs

Yet I tell it, not as a fake, but, to the best of my belief, as a fact. Personally, I can believe it. That is why I am going to tell it to you. Here it is: They were two highly-trained bird dogs, Hector and Bose by name.

They belonged to a sportsman, Caldwell Green, who lived in Palestine, Tex., in 1898. He thought much of

these two dog chums of his.

They were his constant companions. By much association with himself he had "humanized" them, to a remarkable degree. And a well-trained and humanized bird-dog is one of the wisest creatures on earth. So fond of them was Mr. Green that when he broke up housekeep-

ing and went to live at the local hotel, he arranged for Hector and Bose to be taken along with him as fellow-boarders. He persuaded the hotelkeeper to set aside and fence a bit of ground just behind the main building as a

run for the mand co build in it a double kennel-coop. Also, he paid Wilson, the hotel's fat old Negro cook, to feed them every day. Wilson was as jolly and goodnatured as he was fat. From the first he and the two bird-dogs were de-

voted friends. He fed them abund-

antly, and talked and played with them as if they were children. The kitchen range was of the old-fashioned kind, which burned wood instead of coal. The doorvard just behind the building was kept piled high with this fuel-wood, cut into lengths suitable for the size

of the stove. Daily, Wilson had to make several pilgrimages to this woodpile, to collect enough fuel to keep up the desired heat in the ovens. The two dogs used to watch these journeys

of his with an increasing interest. One day, just before is was time to give them their dinner, the two appeared at the kitchen door, each with a stick of firewood in his mouth. Gravely they deposited these burdens alongside the stove. Then they went to the woodpile and brought from it two more sticks.

Wilson stared in unbelieving amazement at their strange actions. But he had sense enough not to speak nor to stir, as the dogs continued to bring in the wood, stick by stick, until there was a very respectable heap of it on the floor beside the range

Then, they seemed to feel they had done enough work for one day, and they stood in front of the cook, wagging their tails, as if waiting for a word of commendation from him. They got it.

Loudly and enthusiastically Wilson praised them. He petted them both. He did more. He gave them an unusually big and palatable dinner, by way of reward.

That was enough for Hector and Bose. They realized they had made a hit, and that it had brought them not only petting and praise but a fine meal. Next day, they repeated the wood-fetching performance, and et its end they came up to Wilson as before, and stood wagging their ails and looking into his face.

Again they got the same laughingly extravagant praise and petting and the same tempting dinner. Anyone who understands the tremendous vanity of a dog will realize that this double experience was enough to give Bose and Hector the habit of bringing in wood and of expecting the same paymen.

Wilson told the story. Caldwell Green and the hotel's proprietor and townsfolk of Palestine used to watch surreptitiously from the hallway the daily wood-carrying and its eward.

New guests at the hotel joined the amused watchers and took the story away with them. The queer behavlor of Hector and Bose became one of the conversation-topics of the neighborhood.

All would have gone well, if Wilson had been content to let the trick Changing Styles Ruin

Ostrich Farm Income Chandler, Ariz ,- (UP)-The milfinery business isn't what it used to be in the opinion of Dr. A. J. Chandler, owner of Arizona's only ostrich farm.

Before the war more than 400 birds supplied plumes for Dr. Chandler. It was a good business. Then women decided that they preferred other types of hats. The result was that the ostrich flock dwindled until only 13 of the origi-

nal 400 remain. Millions of plumes were on hand stick of firewood in his mouth. continue without trying to improve

on it. But he was curious to see

what the two wood-carriers might

do, if they did not receive their usual daily payment. (It is always a mistake to interfere with an amusing trick which a dog has thought out for himself, unless one wants it spoiled. Few people understand that, or understand how easily a dog's timid gropings after human reasoning can be

wrecked.) one day when the dogs had brought in their regular burden of wood, they crossed over, as usual, to Wilson, for praise and retting and food. Wilson pretended to be busy and he paid no attention to them. They shifted their ground, and faced him again, wagging their tails and gazing expectantly up into tails and gazing expectantly up into

his inattentive fat face. Still, the Negro cook paid no heed to them at all, but went on with his work. After trying in a dozen ways to attract his notice, the dogs glanced worriedly at each other, as if consulting as to what might be best to do to punish such ingrati-

Then, they seemed to come to a decision; both of them at the same time. Wheeling about, as if by word of military command, they went over to the heap of sticks they had carried in from the wood-Each of them picked up a

Solemnly they paced out of the kitchen into the yard and laid the sticks back on the pile there. Then they returned to the kitchen and picked up two more sticks, which they carried out as they had carried the first two.

Without pausing, they continued this process until there was not a stick left in the kitchen. The whole double burden had been restored

to the woodpile Wilson pretended to keep on working, while this transferrance was going on. But his eyes were bulging with amazement. As the last sticks were taken out to the pile, he could not contain himself no longer.

He burst into a bellow of wondering laughter and called the two indignant bird-dogs back to the kitchen. There he petted them and showered them with praise for their cleverness, and ended up the proceedings by giving them the and biggest dinner they ever had

Civilly, Hector and Bose accepted the praise and the caresses. Eagerly they devoured the huge dinner. They had earned it, this day; had earned it doubly.

But never again would they consent to carry another stick from the woodpile to the kitchen. The charm was broken. Henceforth Wilson had to carry his own wood, 'They were very definitely through with their clever self-imposed task as kitcher

Chef Declares Dinner Reveals Man's Character

Janesville, Wis.,-(UP)-A man shows his real character at dinner according to Cornelius McDonald, who has been cooking and telling yarns for 60 years. He is known as the champion "liar" of Rock County and likes to lean on the counter in his chef's apron and cap and entertain his guests with highly improbable tales.

"I've pleased some great customers in my day," McDonald declared, "but George Ade had them all beat. Then there was Robert Ingersoll, 'the infidel,' I always call him, and Richard Mansfield They liked my food."

PLANES SPRAY TREES Salem, Ore-(UP)-Tree spraying by plane may now be classed officially as big-time business in Oregon. Articles of incorporation were filed for the Western Aero Dusting company, of Portland.

AGE PENSION STARTED Flint, Mich-(UP)-The General Motors corporation is working on an old age pension plan system for its employes, C. S. Mott, vice president of the corporation, announced

here.

when the slump occured. These are stored away on the Chandler ranch. Once each year they are taken out of storage for a sun bath, reminding passersby of the "business that was."

NEW LACE JACKETS

Have you a black lace, chiffon w crepe evening gown? The newest thing to wear with it is a creamy lace jacket, just waist length.

With a printed dress try a 60-inch necklace made of two strands of small, smooth beads, each strand in a different color

(HEAVY BOUNTIES ARE

PAID ON GOPHERS proximately \$6,000 has been paid out of the treasury of Antelope county so far this year in bounties largely for gophers. The office of the county clerk ha been a busy place as there is considerable work involved making these bounty pay-

LUMBER YARDS HIT BY FIRES

"Fire Bug" Blamed for Several Losses in Nebraska Towns

Kearney, Neb. — (UP) — Six fires fn central Nebraska, all centering about lumber yards, have sent officers of this part of the state in search of a "fire bug" believed re-sponsible for losses of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

At 10 p. m. Monday night, the Sheldon lumber yards at Lexington billowed up in smoke. Volunteer firemen from Kearney were called in an effort to stop the blaze. The yards were destroyed. Early Tuesday Lexington fire-

men received a call from Cozad telling that the Sheldon lumber yard at that place was on fire. Lexington firemen went to the aid of the Cozad volunteer department, but yards there too were burned.

Successive calls were relayed eastward along the Platte valley towns from Gothenburg, Maxwell and Ogallala, where lumber yards were on fire. The Gothenburg fire was brought under control after a few thousand dollars loss. The report reaching here said that the Maxwell lumber yard was burned.

WAGES AT NEW LOW FOR YEAR

But Nebraska Farm Labor Situation Said to Be Better Than Elsewhere

Lincoln, Neb. - (UP) - Employment conditions in Nebraska, as regards farm labor, were less unfavorable than for the average of the west-north central states, of which it is a part according to reports of the state and federal division of agricultural statistics.

Continued non-seasonal declines in farm wages since April 1, the division reports, have brought the level of farm wages to the lowest point in 15 years. The situation in Nebraska, however, is declared considerably better than the general situation in the United States.

July 1, the report shows, the wage index for the United States was only 123 per cent of the pre-war level, as compared to 127 per cent three months earlier and 160 per cent a year ago. The decline in wages paid hired workers on farms during the last three months is declared especially significant in view of the fact that farm wages generally advance from April 1 to July 1 During the last five years this advance has averaged 4.6 points.

Farm wages declined four points or 3 per cent between April 1 and July 1 this year and was accompanied by a 12 per cent decline in the general level of farm prices which materially curtailed the income from current sales of agriculture commodities and forced farmers to do as much of their own

harvesting as possible. Present wages by the month with board for the United States, are quoted at \$25.35 as compared to \$31.02 in the west north central group of states and \$33 in Nebraska.

WOULD PLANT QUAIL IN EASTERN NEBRASKA Albion, Neb. - (Special)-A plan to stock the eastern part of the

state with quail is being worked on by Lloyd W. Longnecker, an officer of the Nebraska Prison Welfare society, who was once a detective. Longnecker who was here in the inter st of rehabilitation of released convicts believes that some male birds should be imported from Minnesota or other northern states, which would give new blood to the few remaining coveys and would cause a healthy increase. Longnecker and Roy Ball are circulating petitions here to request the state

to purchase quail for liberation. Wild turkeys from Virginia were brought to Niobrara and others placed on game farms of the state through Longnecker's efforts. He says his efforts to increase the "bob whites" are meeting with enthusi. astic response in the eastern part of the state.

MOTHERS' VACATION CAMP OPENS AT LEXINGTON

Lexington, Neb. -(UP)- Nearly 100 mothers from central Nebraska counties were here Tuesday for the opening of the annual Mothers' vacation camp which will last for the remaining days of this month.

Counties represented include Buffalo, Dawson, Phelps, Sherman, Custer, Hall, Duel, Keith, Sherman, Lincoln and Kearney.

TWENTY TOWN BANDS TO ATTEND TOURNEY

Ewing, Neb .- (UP) -Twenty town bands of northeastern Nebraska are expected here for the second annual invitation band tournament August 16.

The contest will be held in the Ewing city park, with the drum corps of several neighboring towns aiding. The municipal band here will sponsor the contest, and John A. Shimonek, director of the local band, will manage the contest.

Competing bands will be divided into two classes and the winners of each class will receive trophies.

HOLD HEARING ON TAX VALUES

Nebraska Counties Representatives Tell Why They Didn't Follow Schedules

Lincoln, Neb .- (Special) -Members of the state board of assessment and equalization have heard arguments on reduced valuations on real estate returned and representatives of several counties concern-ing the inequalities of assessing natural gas pipe lines.

Burt county explained its reduced returns on real estate by asserting that it did not report the increase ordered by the board in 1930.

Pierce county made a 20 per cent reduction in real estate valuations which the county attorney sought to justify by pointing out the statue which says that county boards may in case of emergency and where gross injustice has been done, either increase or reduce valuations of assessed property. He says the state board would be justified in any sim-

ilar action to protect taxpayers. The state tax commissioner says this law would relate to the 1930 assessment and not to the 1931 valuations because real estate is only valued for assessment once in four

W. A. Rohn, Pierce county assessor, says the county should have protested to the state board last year that land valuations were too high as compared with those in adjacent counties, and, in admitting a cut of \$4,595,175, said that the county board sought to even things up with the land owners. The Pierce county clerk explained that land in the county had sold for less than the assessed value and the state tax commissioner says he has received this same

complaint from all over the state. Commissioner Smith says 5 out of 24 counties did not adhere to a schedule agreed upon by a committee for valuation of pipe lines. The schedule ranged from \$1,370 per mile for two-inch pipe to \$17,500 for 24-inch pipe. Company values ranged from \$710 to \$8,000 a mile and company costs range from \$1,-828 to \$23,184 a mile. The Dakota county assessor explained his assessment to the board and J. F. Tate, Thurston county assessor, stated he had adhered to the committee schedule and no one protested. He asked no change in the assessment. D. H. Struthers, Burt county assessor, assessed 16-inch pipe at \$8,-845, or about 70 per cent of the \$12,637 cost price.

MADISON COUNTY WOMAN

NOW 94 YEARS OLD Norfolk, Neb .- (Special) -- Madison county's oldest citizen, Mrs. Anna Schlect, celebrated her 94th birthcay anniversary Saturday. She was born in Austria in 1837 and settled in Wisconsin, near Milwaukee in 1852. Fifty nine grand children; 87 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren helped her cele-

brate her anniversary. In 1858 Mrs. Schlect with her husband-who passed away some years ago-came to Nebraska from Wisconsin in a covered wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen. She lived in a sod shanty on the plains near Beemer for many years and long before the railroads came to this country she made shopping trips to Omaha and Sioux City, which were

the nearest trading points. Mrs. Schlect is in good health and was able to read up to a short time ago, but while cutting wood a piece of the kindling struck her in one eye and she lost sight of that member. Now she listens to radio programs and rides automobiles over fine highways which she helped to build from raw prairie trails. She hopes to take a ride in an airplane and visit Wisconsin before another year has passed.

TO PAY CASH FOR FINE SEWER SYSTEM Coleridge, Neb.— Mayor John B. Hassman is a city official who has reduced taxes, who will shortly contract for a \$40,000 sewer system, and who sees the old home town making progress in spite of the depres-

During the last several years the village board has each year reduced the levy, although a "nest egg" was being laid away to pay for new equipment for the municipal electric plant. Then city officials discovered that electricity could be purchased cheaper than the home plant could produce it, and sold the plant for

Now by a vote of 134 to 84 the citizens have ordered a \$40,000 sewer system installed-and the city treasurer can pay every bill as presented and still have a tidy nest egg be-

TALK IRRIGATION IN

NIOBRARA VALLEY Niebrara, Neb. - After two crop failures in succession, because of lack of moisture, and another crop disappearing before a drought and a grasshopper invasion, the residents of this immediate section have revived talk of using the never failing Niobrara river for irrigation.

The river has a rapid flow, and by damming it a few miles above this city several thousand acres could be irrigated. The water wasted over the big power dam south of Spencer could be utilized to irrigate a considerable acreage of remarkably fertile valley land.

LUMBER YAFD FIRE

LOSS IS \$75,000 Premont, Neb. - Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the lumber yard of the Luehis and Christianson Lumber and Coal company here Sunday night. Owners estimated the loss at \$75,000, all of

which was covered by insurance. Two theories were advanced as to the cause of the blaze. One was that sparks from a passing train had ignited the wood. The other blamed electric wiring. All re irds were taken from the office. Sught damage was done the office and coal