

A World Event

At about 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon of June 8th Nebraska will, if the sky is clear, be offered the opportunity of witnessing a nearly total solar eclipse. The occasion will be the greatest astronomical event that has occurred since August 7, 1869, when a solar eclipse was visible in Topeka at a magnitude of 0.91. The totality path of the coming eclipse is sixty miles wide, first entering the United States at Astoria, Oregon, and traveling in a southeasterly direction across the country, crossing the southwestern counties of Kansas and passing out through Orlando, Florida. Although the time from start to finish is two hours the shadow of the total eclipse will sweep across from Oregon to Florida in about forty minutes. The observing stations costing hundreds of dollars and much time and labor, will have but a few moments in which to complete their work. One of these is located above the cloud line on the mountains near Denver.

The eclipse, visible in all parts of the United States, will vary in magnitude in ratio with whatever distance the observer may be north or south of the path of totality. At Topeka the obscuration will be 0.91 at greatest magnitude, and very near the same here in Red Cloud. To the casual observer it will appear practically total.

For perhaps nearly an hour the day will be in darkness. By 7:28 o'clock all traces of the covering will be gone and the sun will throw out its normal light.

Nebraska the Leader

Frank A. Vanderlip of the treasury department came all the way from Washington to Omaha to tell Nebraskans what wonderful things they had accomplished in securing subscriptions of \$20,000,000 for thrift stamps in the short space of two hours in one day.

"How did you do it?" asked Mr. Vanderlip of Ward Burgess, the Nebraska manager of the thrift stamps campaign.

"Well, sir," said Mr. Burgess, taking the stand, "we had mighty few talkers but we did have a whole lot of workers."

"Workers is right," exclaimed Mr. Vanderlip, "for Nebraska stands at the head and no state is a close second. Were it not for Nebraska we might report that the job of selling two billion dollars worth of thrift stamps could not be done. But Nebraska has shown as the way."

But that's Nebraska's long suit—showing other states how to do good things that are big things in a big way that is a good way. This state subscribed for \$40,000,000 worth of the \$148,000,000 of thrift stamps sold in the United States up to May 1.

"I told Mr. Vanderlip," said Mr. Burgess, "if he wanted to see the true spirit to come out west. The easterners are nice people and we need them in our work, but if they want the real thing they must come out west where it grows."

True Patriotism

Nebraska's spirit is reflected intensely in the offer of Mrs. Florence Becker, Spade, Neb., to turn over four to the boys in the trenches. In a letter to Gordon W. Watters, she says:

"I live forty-five miles from the railroad station. I have six 24-lb sacks of flour, which I have freighted out here. It is no sacrifice to go with out wheat flour. We have had no white flour or anything made from wheat flour since last November. Please advise me where to send this flour."

"When Nebraskans show the spirit of this woman is there any question of Nebraska's patriotism?" says Watters. "Her offer should be an incentive to every citizen of the state. Isolated you might say, from the world and deprived of the conveniences of modern life, she has heard the appeal of her country and she has answered as only an American can."

"Shall we, who live in the midst of plenty, with every comfort and convenience, permit this woman in the far off district of the state to respond while we fail? There is only one answer."

We must, at all costs, conserve flour to the utmost. We must make available for the boys in the trenches that necessity of life which enables them to battle for us. We must send them flour and we must quit using it, if necessary, that they may have sufficient to keep them going.

"We can send them only what we do not eat."

"One important lesson should be evident from experiences of the past. If we faithfully observe the rules and regulations of the Food Administration, we can anticipate conditions and avoid unpleasant situations, which require unusual and extraordinary remedies to successfully meet."

"It's easy enough to be pleasant when life flows like a song but the man worth while is the man who can smile when everything goes dead wrong."

Soldiers Pledge

I am one of the Sammies, waiting to go over to the land of strife to aid our Brothers "over there" in the protection of our homes "over here." And let me say this in behalf of ourselves; it is plain fact, no boasting. And I believe it to be the attitude of every American soldier "over there" or "over there."

The civilian at home does all the worrying, which is better than to have the boys in uniform do it. We don't have time to worry, we are getting ready to stop the worry stuff, and we are getting ready fast. Our way to stop it is to get on the spot as soon as possible, pour lead and steel into the other fellow faster than he can put it into us, not that it is the most humane way to do the job, but it is the only effective way, it being that every decent and humane way has been exhausted. They will not heed? Therefore we, the boys of America, do pledge our selves in our hearts that:

We will give our lives in protecting our loved ones from the awful crimes committed on others by the most dastardly villains that ever raised an offending hand against fellow human beings. The "Boche" have criminally assaulted and foully murdered the good women of France, Belgium and Russia. They will do the same, if allowed to go on, to the women of America, England and Italy. They have murdered innocent babies as they laid asleep on their tiny cots, as they knelt in prayer for deliverance from the sword of "Kult."

We will deem it a pleasure to die if a few of those innocent ones may be spared; that the power of Autocracy may be forever abolished from the face of the earth; that all men may live as God created them—Free and equal.

We will keep the freedom that our forefathers made for us that we may give it to those that come after us. They spilled their blood that we might enjoy the blessings of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, and our blood is no more precious than theirs.

It being that our wives, mothers and sisters have sent us away from our homes with a smile and a caress; those smiles are our halos; those caresses the seals to our pledges for their protection; those love-lit eyes, dimmed with tears, our guiding stars. We will not turn back till we have finished our task in a manner that it will not have to be done over again.

We are resigned to whatever befalls us other than defeat. That any further advances of the foe of foes shall not be otherwise than over our dead bodies.

We are resigned to the will of God Almighty, in whom we trust implicitly.

Give us your help, your love and sympathy. Show us you are with us that we may be of high moral courage. Buy Liberty Bonds, back the Red Cross, the Y M C A, the K of C. They are our best friends. If we can give our all, life, you can give your service. Soldiers in the field are helpless without guns, ammunition, clothes and food and means of transportation to see scenes of battle. What will you do?

Written in behalf of the Sammies everywhere.

ROBERT L. GORDON, Vet. M. R. C. of the U. S. N. A.

Bladen

Wm. Copley made a trip to Benkleman and Bently last week, visiting G. J. Haller and family.

J. C. Steward made a business trip to Red Cloud Wednesday.

Mrs. Oley Iverson, Mrs. C. W. Cowley Howard and Claude Cramer autoed to Red Cloud Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cramer and Joe Higgins autoed to Red Cloud Sunday where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vagatta and family visited relatives and friends near Red Cloud Sunday.

Master Austin Cramer of Red Cloud is spending the week with his grandmother, Mrs. W. B. Cramer.

Myron and Joe Riggings left Monday for Omaha with the intention of enlisting in the Navy.

Miss Grace Rakestraw was in Hastings Saturday.

Rolland Spence left the first of the week for Arkansas where he will spend most of his vacation with his uncle, Chas. Spence.

Ivan Cunningham is working for the Adam's Express Co. at Hastings.

Parents who have children to educate will do well to write for circulars of the Grand Island Business College of Grand Island, Nebraska. It is one of the largest and most prosperous Business colleges in the United States and is making a special offer to a limited number of young people of good character who will enter at this time and prepare themselves for business and Civil Service positions. Good positions are positively guaranteed to graduates.

Inavale

A good many from here attended the speaking at Red Cloud Tuesday night given by one of Pershing's men, Mrs. Ada Arnold left Thursday of last week to visit with her son Chas.

Mrs. Waldo of Bloomington, is here visiting her son Chas. and family.

Mrs. Will Carpenter and son, Willis, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. S. E. Holdredge.

Earl Hall and family, also Mrs. Dorel Burden of Red Cloud, were viewing the washout east of here Sunday afternoon.

Will Totham and family spent Sunday afternoon at Joe Totham's Sr. at Red Cloud.

Mrs. Claude Stiney and baby are visiting relatives at Red Cloud.

Word was received here the latter part of last week of the arrival of a baby boy at the home of Ralph Stiney.

A large crowd attended the Children's Day program at the Christian church Sunday night which was well rendered and enjoyed by all.

Geo. Morrow and wife are now running the hardware store recently purchased of Ed Strong. Their many friends wish them success.

Mrs. Anna Deisley, who has been very sick the past ten days, is somewhat better under the care of Nell of Riverton.

Work was received here the latter part of the week of the marriage of Miss Golda Hodges, a former school teacher here, to Mr. Rickard of Guide Rock. Her many friends here wish her happiness in her journey through life.

Mell Farnham, who has been sick several days, is considered improved and able to be out again.

Council Proceedings

Red Cloud, June 4, 1918
Council Council met and adjourned to June 5th, at 10 o'clock a. m. on account of no quorum.

June 5, 1918
Mayor Damerell called the council together in regular adjourned session. Members all present, Besse, Hamilton, Saladen and Trine.

Minutes of meeting of May 7, 1918, read and approved.

Report of S. R. Florence read and placed on file.

The superintendent was instructed to order new grates for north boiler.

Moved and seconded that the health officer be instructed to notify property owners in the business district to connect with the sewer system at once. Yeas, Besse, Hamilton, Saladen and Trine.

The following claims were allowed:

J. A. Bradford	\$125.00
W. A. Patten	100.00
A. Clark	30.00
Bernard Burden	25.00
Eddie Brinkman	12.95
Low Walters	1.75
S. R. Florence	308.24
O. C. Teel	49.05
Mayer Coal Co.	304.13
C. E. McKimney	67.08
P. H. Bunker	65.08
J. S. Gilman	25.00
Red Cloud Club	10.00
B. McNeely	100.00
Morhart Bros.	25.02
Geo. Trine	6.85
Grant Christy	31.50
C. E. McLaughlin	7.80
Frank Sibert	27.46
H. E. Greig Drug Co.	5.60
Frank Clawson	72.69
S. H. Bogart	29.25
C. A. Bypant	6.00
H. Deetrich, Secy.	50.00
Crane Co.	37.04
Midwest Oil Co.	14.00
Midwest Electric Co.	81.57
C. R. Lewis	17.80

Notice

The Webster County Board of Equalization will be in session June 11, 12 and 13th at the Court House in Red Cloud, Neb., for the purpose of hearing any and all complaints that may properly come before it in regard to assessments. Persons interested please take note of these dates.

B. F. PERRY, County Clerk.

W. S. Ridgell, chief deputy fire commissioner for Nebraska, has just issued another "don't" fire circular, which covers about the usual line of prohibitions to save loss by needless and avoidable fires. Don't be careless. Safety first. Thus save Nebraska many hundred thousand dollars of avoidable fire loss.

Your home paper performs for your home town and your home business the same service that is successfully achieved for the mail order houses by their catalogues. Think of this angle of the proposition when placing your advertising. Also that your competitor, the mail order house keeps continually at it. An occasional ad lacks the effectiveness of a continued one. When a man is ready to buy he looks for an ad and nine times out of ten goes to the store that advertises. Supporting the paper that is building up your town is a vantage point not to be lost sight of.

Additional Donations to 2nd Red Cross War Fund

C. J. Pope \$100.00
John A. Coon \$10.00
Father Fitzgerald \$5.00
E. G. Caldwell \$2.50
Geo. McKimney \$2.00
C. M. Smith \$2.00
Tilla Cook \$1.00

Total subscriptions for Red Cloud city and township \$4500.25

Hamilton-Cather's donation of \$25.00 was published as from J. D. Cather.

Will the person who gave \$5.00 whose name has not been published in the paper, bring it to the attention of the collector to whom the donation was given.

Treasurer's Report

Women's Red Cross Auxiliary

On hand May 1st	\$ 94.84
Membership fees	3.50
Sale of supplies to Chapter	36.15
Received from Chapter	500.00
April Subscriptions	3.00
May Subscriptions	122.15
Donations	15.00
Total	\$774.64

EXPENSES

Hospital Supplies	\$103.08
Surgical Dressings	2.88
Express	3.02
Yarn	50.40
Electrical Supplies	3.50
Total	\$163.48
On hand	\$606.16

Librarian's Report

Red Cloud, June 1, 1918
Report of the Librarian of the Auld Public Library for May, 1918.

Circulation
Adult books drawn—771
Juvenile " " —810

Total—1581

Daily average reading room attendance—20

Borrowers enrolled during month—83

Total number enrolled—629

Books added
From A. C. McClurg & Co —72

Donated—5

Total number accessioned—1310

YOLA SWARTZ, Librarian

Notes Concerning the Children's Gardens

In response to the many various questions put to me in regard to the children's gardens, often misunderstood as merely school gardens, I will for the benefit of all concerned and interested answer through these columns.

The Junior Agricultural Extension Work was started in Nebraska thru the organization of boys' and girls' clubs by the state Department of Public Instruction. In 1912, the State Department arranged for the Extension Service of the University of Nebraska, College of Agriculture, to take over the work under the terms of the Smith-Lever cooperative law, which provided for both federal and state aid in the promotion of the work.

In August, 1917, the Congress of the United States, realizing the possibility for increased food production and its conservation thru the activities of boys and girls, made it possible for war emergency funds to be used to supplement the work the Junior Section of the Extension Service was already doing. As a result the department has now grown to consist of twelve state workers, nine district leaders, 19 county club leaders, 74 town and city supervisors, besides a large number of county and city superintendents of schools and other community leaders, who are actively promoting the work.

It certainly is not too late to start a garden, not until and including the month of August the last day, as the table below will bear out together with other explanatory notes.

In order to compete for prizes, it is not necessary for a child to be in a certain grade, etc., as there will be two prizes for every grade regardless of age.

The most important reason for all children to garden, is not because of the probable half school credit, nor the prizes, but because their little hands are needed to help produce the sorely needed food supplies, for the support of those who are fighting abroad, and for our own support as the President's letter explains.

"I sincerely hope that you will be successful through the Bureau of Education in arousing the interest of teachers and children in the schools of the United States in the cultivation of home gardens. Every boy and girl who really sees what the home garden may mean will, I am sure, enter into the purpose with high spirits, because I am sure they would all like to feel that they are in fact fighting in France by joining the home garden army. They know that America has undertaken to send meat and flour and wheat and other foods for the support of the soldiers who are doing the

Passenger Train Changes June 2nd, 1918

There will be changes in the schedules of a number of Burlington passenger trains through the West, effective the above date.

The traveling public is requested to consult in advance the nearest ticket agent, to ascertain what if any change in train or train service has been made in their vicinity, in order that they may not be subjected to any inconvenience.



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N. B. Bush, Ticket Agent, Red Cloud, Neb.

fighting, for the men and women who are making the munitions, and for the boys and girls of Western Europe, and that we must also feed ourselves while we are carrying on this war. The movement to establish gardens, therefore, and to have the children work in them is just as real and patriotic an effort as the building of ships or the firing of cannon. I hope that this spring every school will have a regiment in the Volunteer War Garden Army.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
WOODROW WILSON.

The past week has kept many from working in the gardens because of the heavy rains which allowed grass and weeds to grow. Therefore, as soon as the ground is fairly dry, get busy to pull, hoe and rake, remembering that it doesn't pay to live where weeds can't grow, but where they do, keep them down and your garden clean. Your supervisor may be around any day the first week in June to visit your garden and to take a look at your record book.

Planting table beginning with June 1st.

Vegetables	Depth	Time to Plant
Beans, snap, lin.	.....	to August 1st.
Beans pole, 1 in.	.....	to June 15th.
Beans Lima bush, 1 in.	.....	to June 15th.
Beans Lima pole, 1 in.	.....	to July 1st.
Carrots, 1/2 in.	.....	to June 15th.
Sweet corn, 1 in.	.....	to July 1st.
Cucumbers, 1 in.	.....	to July 1st.
Mushmelons, 1 in.	.....	to June 10th.
Peas, 1 in.	.....	to June 15th.
Turnip 1-3 in.	.....	to August 5th.
Cabbage & tomato plants	.....	to June 15th.
Radish & Lettuce 1/2 in.	.....	all summer.

"Do your bit, best, biggest,"

Yours to serve you
to serve Uncle Sam,

A. SCHAAL, Garden Supervisor
of School Dist. Red Cloud.

Bliss.
Louise—"Has Pauline's husband a horror of debt?" Julia—"No, she is most happily married."—Judge.

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