

# U. S. to Handle Food Marketing

Federal Trade Commission Favors Supervision by Government Authorities.

## WOULD ELIMINATE HOARDING

Establishment of Central Markets for Perishable Food Products and Creation of Licensing System Urged by Board.

Washington.—Establishment of central markets for perishable food products in all large cities and the setting up of a federal licensing system applicable to all dealers in such foods at those markets are proposed by the federal trade commission in its annual report to congress.

The commission's conclusions are based on an investigation covering many months, and it declares that federal action is necessary to obtain effective regulation and to avoid unfair and wasteful practices with the consequent effect on prices.

In the present system the commission sees as a hindrance to the proper passage of perishables from the producer to the consumer certain inter-trade dealings which it believes should be eliminated, and it suggests that the handling of these products be surrounded by numerous regulations and restrictions such as the recording of available supplies and the dating of cold-storage periods and provisions for auction marketing.

Facilities should be made adequate, the commission says, to enable the producer to ship freely into the central markets and "with proper protection of his interests." The marketing system should be so covered that objectionable hoarding would be eliminated and proper co-ordination of transportation facilities should be

accomplished to make deliveries certain when required.

The commission says that "the needed reforms can hardly be expected to be accomplished by the initiative of the dealers," and asserts that state and municipal authorities lack adequate power to effectively regulate the handling of the food supplies.

Turning to wheat products, the commission says it has found that concentration of the milling industry has progressed far enough so that "probably ten of the largest milling concerns could supply the demand of the country for flour." The commission mentions incidentally that its figures from 37 milling corporations showed that their sales had increased from \$100,000,000 to \$354,000,000 between

1914 and 1918, while their annual profits had grown from \$5,500,000 to \$20,000,000 in the same period.

Reporting on the operation of the Webb-Pomerene act, permitting formation of associations for export trade, the commission informs congress that this act has served as "a decided factor" in promoting the progress of American manufacturers in foreign markets. The commission says that during the year 43 associations, comprising approximately 732 concerns, whose offices and plants were distributed over 43 states, reported to it as operating under the export act.

The commission says also that the law, instead of increasing the strength of the already great American industrial establishments, has enabled the smaller concerns to band together in a fashion to push fully organized export trade in a keenly competitive manner, which they are not able to do at home. To this extent, the commission believes, the law has worked to the great advantage of the small firms.

## Teaching Them to Be Real Americans



Scene in a classroom in the plant of the Griffin Wheel company, Chicago, where alien employees are being taught the English language and American governmental ideals, so they can obtain their citizenship papers.

## CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

The community store at Norfolk has been discontinued.

A million dollar packing plant is a possibility at Scottsbluff. Ice a foot thick and of superior quality has been harvested at Loup City.

Omaha claims to be the largest primary grain market in the United States.

Last Tuesday's run of hogs, 16,500 head, was the heaviest receipt at South Omaha since May, 1920.

During the year 1920, Judge Hopkins, a York Justice, issued 181 marriage licenses and married fifty couples.

The Episcopal church at Arapahoe is building a new parsonage at a cost of \$5,000.

Seventeen applicants took the civil service examination held at Hebron last week.

The Catholic Workmen's National Bohemian Society will convene at Omaha January 20.

North Platte officers found an illicit still in operation in a tank car on the railroad tracks at that place.

Plans for a church costing \$100,000 in a downtown district are being discussed by the orthodox Greeks of Omaha.

A. K. Evans of Columbus has been designated as a candidate for entrance examination at West Point to be held in March.

Ross Wickershap died at a Fremont hospital from a gunshot wound received in a fight at Nickerson as the result of a poker game.

Lodgepole will have Sunday night moving picture shows begin an hour later than usual, so as not to conflict with church service.

Although the largest corn crop in years was raised in Sherman county last year, practically none of it is being put on the market.

Hastings carpenters and contractors are negotiating a new wage scale. The carpenters have expressed a willingness to accept a reduction.

The university of Nebraska has spent about \$8,000 in fitting up the coliseum on the fair grounds at Lincoln for use for athletic purposes.

A bronze tablet as a memorial to Dean Monah Reese, former head of the law college, will be placed in the law building at the university.

Geneva citizens have organized a "Fifty Year" club, to which anyone having lived in the county for fifty years is eligible for membership.

O. A. Rystrom of Stromsburg was elected president of the Midwest Implement Dealers association at the annual business meeting at Omaha.

Frank Debridge a convict at the state prison, committed suicide by hanging himself to the upper bunk in his cell with a pair of suspenders.

A crowd so big that no hall at the state farm would hold it, attended the opening session of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation at Lincoln.

Richard Debuse, 10 years old, a student at the Omaha Central High school, is thought to be the youngest high school student in the United States.

J. B. Parker, a Beatrice pioneer, was found dead in bed one day last week, by his aged wife. It is supposed his death was the result of heart trouble.

Rev. Henry H. Martens of Lodgepole was entertained by members of the congregation, who, in honor of his 45th birthday, presented him a sack of silver coins.

The municipal skating pond at Osceola is now in operation and thronged with skaters from over the entire county. The pond is electrically lighted.

Phil Aitkens of Lincoln has been elected president of the University golf association. Walton Roberts, another Lincoln man, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Loona, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jensen of O'Neill, was scalded by falling against a pall of boiling water at the Jensen home and died a few hours afterward.

More than 200 pupils marched down fire escapes to safety when teachers at the Sacred Heart Junior parochial school at Omaha sounded the fire drill after fire was discovered on the roof of the building. Firemen extinguished the blaze with slight damage.

A red fox was captured and killed in a circle hunt held near Adams. About 175 men joined in the round up. It is the first of this species seen in this section in years.

At a mass meeting at North Platte, called by the ministerial association, it was decided by a vote of 126 to 10 to start legal action to bar dancing in the school auditorium.

Colorado capitalists are making arrangements to develop the clay deposits recently opened up near Wyomere, and which are said to be ideal for the manufacture of brick, tile and pottery.

More than \$19,000,000 was spent for education of children in Nebraska during 1920, according to the biennial report of the state superintendent of schools. This was an average of \$82.75 per child. There are 13,791 teachers in the public schools, of which only 1,084 are men.

R. J. Dunham has been re-elected president, and Everett Buckingham re-named vice president and general manager of the Union Stock Yards at Omaha. Mr. Buckingham has been a director of the company for 15 years, nine of which he has served as vice president and general manager.

Irwin Wiseman, a 16 year old boy, was shot through the arm when he challenged the entry of a burglar into the home of his parents near Woodriver.

Samuel Jacobs, 86, oldest Odd Fellow in Nebraska, died at Omaha last week of illness incident to old age. Mr. Jacobs had lived in Nebraska fifty-five years.

A fourteen-room residence property, valued at \$30,000, has been purchased by a board of eighteen trustees among Omaha Masons to provide a home for needy boys.

Two hundred and seventy Webster county farmers were entertained with a program and oyster supper at Red Cloud the other evening by a local farmers' union.

J. B. Northcutt of Nebraska City celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary last week by skipping rope and engaging in a few other minor athletic exercises.

C. H. Gustafson, for the past seven years president of the Farmers' Cooperative Educational union, was re-elected to the office at the recent session of that body.

More than 150 "lonesome folks" of all ages, creeds and stations, looking for friendship of the "right sort," met in the Unitarian church at Omaha and organized a "Get Acquainted" club.

One of the last acts of the Midwest Implement Dealers' association, before it closed its convention at Omaha, was to adopt five little Armenian orphans and donate \$300 for their support for a year.

Compared with 1919 there was a large falling off in live stock receipts at the packing house centers throughout the United States. This was apparent at Omaha, but more pronounced elsewhere.

The most terrific blizzard in the recorded history of Nebraska occurred thirty-three years ago January 12. Scores of lives were lost and the damage to cattle and other live stock was tremendous.

Mike and Bernard Tierney, who plead guilty to charges of stealing thirteen dozen shirts from a box car near Valley, were sentenced to three years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

The body of an unidentified man was found in a box car at Chappel. A search by the coroner and sheriff revealed only a number of old jackknives, table knives, forks and spoons, all apparently worthless.

Attorney General Davis has filed a brief in supreme court defending the right of the juvenile court in the carrying out of the objects for which it was created, to try and sentence adults without calling in a jury.

During 1920 there was shipped from Hay Springs 100 cars of cattle, 170 cars of hogs, fifty four cars of wheat and 106 cars of potatoes. Conservative estimates of the value of the foregoing shipment would be over \$800,000.

Mrs. Evelyn Pries McElhany, convicted of murdering Earl B. Anderson at Alliance and sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary, is now an inmate of that institution and has been assigned to the laundry department.

Workmen of Nebraska suffered 25,027 accidents during the two-year period ending January 1, according to the biennial report of Frank Kennedy, secretary of the State Department of Labor. Of these accidents 78 were fatal.

Fifteen hotels and ballrooms at Lincoln have complied with the rules and regulations adopted by forty-one fraternities, sororities and other organizations of the state university in a fight against "high price s," which the students claimed were being charged.

The judge, superintendent of schools, county attorney and treasurer of Franklin county, have moved their offices from Bloomington to Franklin, whither the county clerk, sheriff and assessor preceded them soon after the recent election by which Franklin was declared the county seat.

At the meeting of the Nebraska Territorial Pioneers at Lincoln last week, the following officers were elected: J. C. F. McKesson, Lancaster county president; C. E. Adams, Douglas, vice president; George H. Hastings, Saline, vice-president; Minnie P. Knotts, Lancaster, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Henry Fontenelle, eighty-six years of age, widow of the youngest brother of Logan Fontenelle, last chief of the Omaha tribe of Indians, appeared before the opening meeting of the Nebraska state historical society at Lincoln and presented that organization with a gold necklace set with brilliants, which had been given to her by Peter A. Sarpy when she was twelve years of age. The necklace was in hand-bag covered with beads, the work having been done by Indians.

Inability to collect on its customers' notes is given as the reason for the closing of the doors of the First National bank at Chappell, pending action of the national bank examiner.

A motion picture machine is operated one night a week to exhibit educational films and better class entertainment features to the grade school pupils at Geneva.

Omaha's total grain receipts during 1920 were 62,275,000 bushels, and its shipments were 54,921,100 bushels. The elevator capacity is 10,000,000 bushels, and its milling facilities 4,500 barrels of flour daily.

"Shoot to kill, take no chances," are the orders issued by Sheriff Condit and Chief of Police Brenner to officers and members of the police department at Fremont, in an attempt to clear that community of thugs and hold ups.

James Burton, 91 years old, of Maywood, recently enjoyed the novel experience of eating a portion of cake cooked by his great-grand-daughter, Ruth Towne, 8. Ruth is one of the fifth generation of the family.

A church for children only has been established at Scottsbluff. One hundred and forty-five children attended the opening services.

## REPORT ON SCHOOLS

STATE SUPERINTENDENT GIVES OUT SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION AND FIGURES

COST STATE \$62.73 PER PUPIL

Douglas County Leads With Over Three Million Dollar Educational Expense While Arthur County Spends Smallest Sum

Lincoln—Statistics compiled by John M. Matzen, superintendent of public instruction, for his biennial report shows that Douglas county, which headed the list in expenditures during 1920, spent \$3,892,620.45 for school purposes as compared with the total expenditure of \$16,803.18 in Arthur county, where the smallest amount was expended for school purposes.

There were 36,651 children enrolled in the Douglas county schools, the per capita cost of educating the youth of that county being \$106.30. Arthur county's enrollment was 331 students, the per capita cost there being \$51.07. The average cost of educating children in the state was \$62.73.

Lancaster county was second in expenditure of the greatest sum for educational purposes in the elementary and secondary schools. Lincoln and Lancaster county received \$2,155,464.61 to maintain its schools during the year but had a balance of \$347,213.94, making the total expenditure \$1,808,250.67.

Total expenditures in the state during the 1920 school term amounted to \$19,626,804.19. Schools of the state received \$22,967,219.53, but had cash on hand amounting to \$3,340,415.34.

The various expenditures are tabulated in Mr. Matzen's report as follows: For reference books, \$31,311.12; for text books and supplies, \$509,359.62; wages paid male teachers, \$1,271,064.48; wages paid female teachers, \$9,636,566.21; for building sites \$1,895,353.44; for fuel \$810,474.95; for furniture, \$360,329.76; and for all other school purposes \$4,311,474.73.

To Prevent Useless Printing. To save the cost of useless printing in the permanent journal, the Nebraska house voted to expunge from its records three pages of a lengthy communication including a long table of statistics, showing the need of three more district judges in Douglas county. The house journal costs \$4.36 a page to print.

Approve Bank Measures. Prompt action was taken by the house banking committee on H. R. 65 to strengthen the present banking laws of the state. This bill increases the minimum stock requirement to \$25,000, makes it a felony for bank officials to misuse the bank's funds or defraud it in any way, and requires the issuance of licenses by the state banking bureau to managing executives of banks.

Will Ask for Parole. The first application for parole to come before the new board of pardons will probably be from Morris Katieman of Omaha, sentenced for carrying on a traffic in stolen automobiles. He has been in the penitentiary a little over nine months of his indeterminate sentence of one to seven years.

To Regulate Auto Lights. Representative Geo. A. Williams of Fillmore county has introduced a bill which undertakes to define lawful automobile lenses, to prohibit sale, shipment or importation of motor vehicles not properly equipped and to provide penalty or fine for offenders and seizure and confiscation of shipped in cars with glaring headlights.

Indications of Car Shortage. Letters and telegrams are beginning to come into the state railway commission with respect to cars for the shipment of grain. These are taken to indicate that a shortage of cars is in sight, and that rules for apportionment will have to be applied.

Indian Speaks Before Legislature. Recognition for the red man as an American citizen, with the same civil rights enjoyed by members of the white race, furnished the theme of a ten-minute address in the legislature by Hiram Chase, an Indian attorney whose home is at Macy.

Mr. Chase is one of the most highly educated Indians in the United States, and received a lawyer's degree at Harvard university. He has been practicing in the state and federal courts for many years. He speaks perfect English.

Can Question Official's Ability. If the senate has its way any citizen willing to give bond for costs and reasonable attorney's fee can file a suit to question the right of a public official to hold office, state officers and judges of the district court excepted. The senate recommended for passage a bill to permit the filing of proceedings by any citizen. It further provides that county attorneys and the attorney general shall have discretionary power in regard to starting litigation of this kind.

Proposes Licensed Auto Mechanics. Examination and licensing of automobile mechanics as a means of insuring proficiency in their trade is the scheme sponsored by Representative Snow to guarantee patrons of getting their money's worth when they patronize a repair shop.

His bill on that subject creates a board of examiners to be appointed by the department of public works. The bill makes it unlawful to work for hire as an automobile mechanic until one has taken an examination and received a license from the board.

## OFFERS TO SELL SELF FOR \$2,500

Jack Tar's Body and Soul Goes for Year to Man Who Will Put Up the Money.

## STICKS FOR HONESTY ONLY

Will Do Anything to Help Him Care for Wife and Baby—Goes Supperless to Buy Milk for Infant.

Chicago.—For those who like to ponder the riddle of existence there is presented Obert Firmin, who offers himself for sale, body and soul, for one year. Price, \$2,500.

His only stipulation is that his purchaser shall not expect him to participate in any unworthy action. He will go anywhere in the world upon the most hazardous adventure. He says he will labor "at any task that 160 pounds of brawn, two capable hands, and a clear brain can perform."

But he insists he must sell himself. There are two reasons. You will find them in a, one-room housekeeping apartment on the third floor, back at 1252 West Madison street. One is the nineteen-year-old wife he eloped with three years ago. The other is Martha, thirteen months old and undernourished.

A Marooned Jack Tar.

It is the story of a Jack tar marooned among landlubbers. Firmin was born in St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada. His father was a deep sea sailor. As a boy Firmin used to go out with the fishing snacks. He could navigate a deck before he could walk a pavement.

As soon as he was old enough he went to sea. He has circumnavigated the globe five times. He has been in every nook and cranny where ships

wander. He enlisted for the navy when the United States entered the war, but the shipping board diverted him to the merchant marine.

In the fall of 1917 a freight packet on which he was serving as quartermaster touched at Cleveland. Firmin had shore leave of five days. He met Myrtle Smith. They loved. Her parents objected. They were married secretly. His time expired last November. He went to Cleveland. They notified the parents of their marriage. Forgiveness was refused. They came to Chicago.

"I've Tried Everything," he said. "I've tried everything. My wife is not well and I didn't want to leave her and baby. I finally began washing windows and cleaning flagpoles. I'm pretty handy at climbing. But the money didn't come in."

"Tonight we got down to our last cent. We were able to buy milk for baby, but we went supperless. So I decided the thing to do was to go back to the sea again. There I'm at home. On dry land I'm as handy as a fish out of water."

"So that's why I offered myself for sale for a year for \$2,500. I'm well worth it. All I want is assurance the wife and baby will be cared for. About myself I'm not worrying. I don't care where I go or what I do, just so it's honest."

"Please get this straight: I don't want any charity. I just want a chance to make good for the \$2,500."

Crime Increases in Vienna.

Vienna.—Crime in Vienna has increased five-fold this year, Police President Schöber has just told the Vienna Trade association. He added that every case of serious crime had been successfully prosecuted and attributed this to the co-operation of the judge and to 49 physicians attached to the police staff.

## Congressman Calls Quits On Bargain With Stork

For many years Representative Small of North Carolina, has by agreement been presenting to R. C. Bland, a Carolina farmer and one of his constituents, a new suit of clothes for each additional child born in the Bland family. Having presented 13 suits, and being recently notified to send the fourteenth, Representative Small has informed Bland that the contract will be "off" with Mr. Small's retirement from congress on March 3.

Small and Bland made their compact a number of years ago when Small was making a campaign speech at Robertsonville, N. C. Bland then had 20 children; now he has 34.

## BUY WATCHES FOR SUBJECTS

Indian Princess Wants Her People Not to Rely on Sun for Time of Day.

Geneva.—The begum (princess) of Bhopal, India, who bought 4,000 silver watches to take back to her people in the central Indian state when she visited Switzerland in 1911, has just sent for another lot of 2,500 timepieces. She wants her subjects to be punctual and not rely on the sun for the time of day.

The Mohammed princess of Bhopal probably is the only female ruler of a state in India, and is also called sultana. The throne of Bhopal has descended in a female line for more than 75 years and many of the begums have displayed modern tendencies in looking after the welfare of their subjects, who number 695,000. Sultan Jahán begum succeeded to the throne in 1901.

Bhopal is the principal province of central India and its capital, the city of Bhopal, has about 75,000 population.

## Women's Militia of Moscow in Gymnastic Drill



Members of the Women's Militia of Moscow, in a gymnastic drill. This is one of the new photographs brought from Soviet Russia, by Washington D. Vanderlip, a Los Angeles mining engineer.