

Million Wed in America in 1921

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SAME IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Single Men Are Scarce in England and France — Matrimonial Rush Throughout World Puzzles Experts.

Washington.—More than 1,000,000 marriages will be the record of 1921 in the United States, establishing a new high mark, according to indications in reports received by government bureaus. The number may go as high as 1,500,000 by December 31. Matrimonial records have been broken in all civilized countries in the last few months, even taking into consideration the war period, when young men and women rushed to the altar in numbers never known before.

The rush throughout the world is puzzling officials, statesmen and social workers. Because of world-wide business depression and high prices the marriage rates should descend, it is assumed.

400,000 Weddings in England. In England 400,000 couples entered the wedded state last year, according to latest and reliable reports, an increase of almost 100,000 over the previous year. In France and Italy also new records are being set up. Only in Germany is marriage increasing at a rate that is not regarded as astonishing.

At the same time the number of applications for divorce also is showing a big increase in most countries compared with the prewar period. This is attributed to the inability of war marriages to survive. Although no new reports on divorce in the United States are yet available, it is known the number of separations is much larger than before the war.

In Germany divorce is frowned on and the government is considering measures to encourage marriage. A world-wide shortage of marriageable men is assigned as the cause of the increase in the marriage rate in England and some other countries, although this cause would be without foundation in the United States.

Single Men Are Scarce. Single men under thirty are comparatively scarce in England and also in France as a result of the heavy mortality during the war, official records

show. At the same time the number of females under thirty is vastly larger in proportion to the population than at any other time.

Young British women are proceeding on the theory that "one had best get her boy now" while boys may be had. The larger number of marriageable women than men is the explanation given for the daring modes in dress of the present, according to writers in some French and British newspapers.

In the United States the increase in the marriage rate is being applauded by tradesmen, modistes and others, who are experiencing better business as a result.

Real estate salesmen and building contractors reckon that 1,000,000 additional homes or other accommodations will be required this year as a result of the record number of marriages.

200,000 Will Get Work on Roads

Federal and State Governments Have \$150,000,000 for Highway Building.

RECORD IMPETUS IS EXPECTED

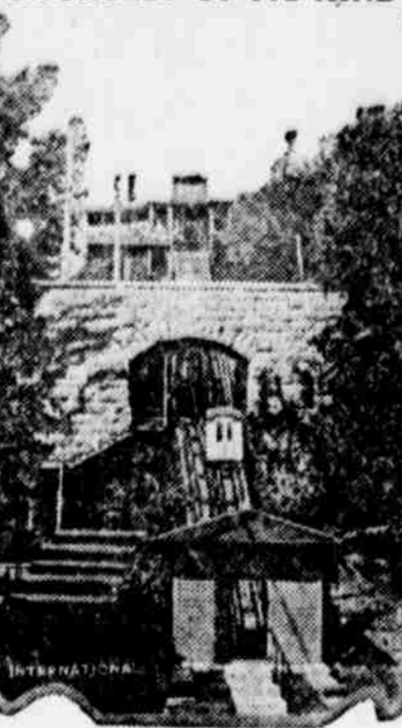
Campaigns on to Stir Public Officials to Necessity of Undertaking Road Work Now and in Spring.

Washington, D. C.—More than \$150,000,000 will be expended during the next few months for road construction and repairs on more than 7,000 miles of highways as a result of joint contributions by state and federal governments, according to officials of the federal public roads bureau.

With a nationwide surplus of labor and falling prices for materials, road building will take on a new and record impetus, officials say. Contractors are at work in virtually every state preparing bids for work projected.

More than 200,000 workers can be given jobs during the next 12 months in highway construction. Labor constitutes about 50 per cent of the cost of road building, exclusive of materials. Campaigns to stir public officials

SHORTEST OF ITS KIND



The shortest double-track railroad in the world is in Dubuque, Iowa. It is a cable road two city blocks in length.

NEWS OF STATE TERSELY TOLD

Recent Happenings in Nebraska Given in Brief Items For Busy Readers.

The town of Firth, Gage county, has organized a volunteer fire department.

It is said that plans are being made to burn corn for fuel at the new Winnebago school.

Nearly every firm in Bloomfield, Magnet, Wausa and Randolph have gone on a cash basis.

Whole herds of hogs in Merrick county are reported to have been wiped out by cholera.

Two counties, Dodge and Colfax, are to have a joint district woman home agent, Mrs. E. V. Rand of North Bend to serve in that capacity.

Twenty-three neighbors of Paul Hughes near Ord drove to his farm and shucked over 2,300 bushels of corn. Hughes was injured just recently in an accident.

A movement is on foot at Big Springs to organize a fire department. When such a department is organized Big Springs will be the smallest fire-fighting town in the state.

More than 12,000 persons witnessed the Nebraska University football team triumph over their old rivals, the University of Kansas eleven, at Lincoln by a score of 28 to 0.

Gering is making an effort to secure the 1922 state firemen's convention. A home talent show staged just recently netted a large sum which will be used for publicity and entertainment.

Mrs. A. G. Peterson, a former member of the board of control of state institutions in Nebraska, died at her home in Aurora. Mrs. Peterson was the first woman to be a member of the state board.

Thanksgiving dinner dispensations for the 5,000 inmates of the seventeen state charitable institutions have just been made by the state board of control. The holiday meal for the first time will include cranberry sauce, which for several years has been barred because of the price of sugar.

A call has been issued by executives of the third party for a state convention to be held at Grand Island, December 8. The purpose of the meeting is to bestow a name on the party and to perfect its organization. Whether an attempt will be made to write a platform is not set out.

Transmission lines will soon be strung from Aurora to Stockman and Kronberg so they will have electric service. Stockman at first planned a plant of its own, but later decided it would rather connect up with 24-hour service furnished by the Aurora Public Service company.

Market news is now being sent by wireless to Nebraska communities, according to announcement made by Leo Stuhr of the state department of agriculture. Mr. Stuhr does not know how many towns are "sitting in" on the report. Under favorable conditions the report can be received at any point in the state, Mr. Stuhr says.

According to a bulletin issued by the state bureau of markets, hay shipments have been exceptionally light, due primarily to the reduction of freight rates effective this week, which caused the producers and buyers to hold off. The average saving per ton on hay will be \$2, according to figures compiled by the bureau.

The Rev. Ballensky, pastor of the German Congregational church at Lincoln, has been commissioned to go to the Volga famine region as representative of the Central States Volga Relief society. This society, of which Dr. H. P. Wekesser of Lincoln is president, has just mailed a draft for \$7,000 to the American relief administration in that area.

The state board of equalization has notified all county assessors of a new plan to tax five groups of items next year which have heretofore been known as household goods and exempt to the extent of \$200 under the new state constitution. By reason of the exemption, gross valuation of household goods dropped \$37,000,000 last year, or from \$55,000,000 to \$18,000,000. The board requires the separate listing of pianos, phonographs, organs and other musical instruments, fire arms, cameras and kodaks and watches and clocks.

Charles Speedie, Otoe county, was named president and Miss Marjorie Palmeter, secretary, of the rural school section of the Nebraska State Teachers' association at the annual meeting at Omaha.

The recent sale of \$200,000 worth of school bonds by the Alliance school board for the sum of \$206,070 insures the erection of two new school buildings for the city. Although the bonds were voted early last year the heat offer the board could get at that time was \$3. By waiting over a year to sell the bonds a saving of over \$20,000 was made.

Taxpayers of Colfax county at a special election authorized the commissioners to issue \$70,000 in bonds to complete the new court house at Schuyler.

The state department of trade and commerce announced a special assessment on all state banks would be levied in December to raise \$1,250,000 needed to bring the bank guaranty fund to the legal total of 1 per cent of deposits in state banks. Nearly \$3,000,000 has been paid out of the guaranty fund to depositors in the twenty-eight state banks that have failed, the statement said.

West Point voters at a special election adopted an electric light bond issue, \$18 to \$9.

Plans are being perfected for the Western Nebraska Potato show which is to be held in Scottsbluff next month. Citizens of Scottsbluff have agreed to furnish a site for the proposed \$100,000 Methodist hospital to be constructed in western Nebraska.

The annual convention of the Nebraska Farmers Co-Operative Grain and Livestock association will be held at Omaha December 13 and 14.

Nick Troyer, farmer near Callaway, turned fifty-six head of cattle into a corn field and a few hours later twenty-two had died of cornstalk diarrhea.

An organization was perfected at Maywood for the purpose of furthering a plan to build a state aid road from North Platte to Oberlin, Kans., a distance of 166 miles.

Citizens of Moorefield have petitioned the village board to call a special election to vote for an electric light plant. The proposition seems to meet the approval of most citizens.

The Stevenson and Mings general stores and the L. P. Lintz restaurant at Pleasanton were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at \$15,000, partly covered by insurance.

George McGuire of Tekamah, who was at the South Omaha market the other day with a load of hogs, said the flu has appeared in a number of herds of hogs in northeast Nebraska.

The sugar beet harvest in the Oshkosh district, which was finished the past week, was the largest on record. It is estimated that more than \$100,000 will be paid to beet producers tributary to Oshkosh.

The Richardson County Sunday School association, representing thirty-eight schools, has wired Senator Norris opposing all bills providing for the sale of beer and condemning passage of the medicinal beer bill.

Roland Meyers, employed on the Frank Middaugh farm near Fremont, set a husking record by picking 124 bushels of corn a day for fourteen days. It is claimed by farmers that Meyers' record has not been beaten in Nebraska.

Several hundred persons attended the dedication of Verdon's new \$40,000 school building Armistice Day. Verdon is one of Richardson county's small but progressive towns. It has a population of less than 500.

Harrison Elliott, secretary of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of secretary of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting of the executive committee at Lincoln.

Failure of the government to provide the office of Adjutant General Paul at Lincoln with official records of officers who served in the late war prevented 3,000 Nebraska officers from getting state certificates of service distributed on Armistice day.

In line with the new policy announced by the government fifteen ex-service men were sworn in as special mail guards at Lincoln to protect Burlington trains between Omaha and Denver, and Lincoln and Billings. The men will carry sawed-off shotguns.

November 15 was second beet pay day of the Scottsbluff district and beet growers received upwards of \$3,500,000 from the Great Western Sugar Co. The October 10 payment was \$900,000. The last payment will be on December 15 and the total paid to beet growers in North Platte valley will exceed \$6,000,000.

The Ord community and high school club will be hosts to the Older Boys' club of the north central part of the state on December 4, 5 and 6. It is expected that 200 boys will be in attendance from 25 different high schools. Two banquets, a basket ball tournament and several good speakers will be features of the program.

Governor McKeivie has ordered a sweeping statewide investigation of food prices, rents, wages and all other items that go to make up the cost of living. The investigation will be conducted by Leo Stuhr, secretary of the state department of agriculture; J. E. Hart, secretary department of trade and commerce; and F. A. Kennedy, secretary department of labor.


Honorable L. A. Varner, widely known in political and newspaper circles of Nebraska, died at his home at Sterling after an illness extending over a period of two years. He was formerly a member of the state legislature, a delegate to the state constitutional convention in 1919 and was a past-president of the Nebraska Press association. He was actively engaged in newspaper work from 1887 to 1909.

A preliminary report issued by the state department of agriculture estimates the corn yield in Nebraska this year at 209,552,000 bushels, an average of 26 bushels to the acre. This is compared with a yield of 33.8 bushels to the acre in 1920.

Further delay in enforcement of the Smith bread law, held constitutional by District Judge Morning at Lincoln, resulted when Omaha bakers filed a \$1,000 supersedeas bond in the Lancaster county district court, which means enforcement of the law is held up pending appeal to the supreme court.

A total of 7,843 converts signed decision cards during the month and a day campaign conducted by Evangelist Gipsy Smith at Omaha. He was presented with a free will offering of \$6,000 before departing for Norfolk, Va., to open a two weeks' campaign.

W. H. Morton, Fairbury, was elected president of the Nebraska State Teachers' association at the annual convention at Omaha. Emma Miller, West Point, was unanimously elected vice-president. John F. Matthews, Grand Island, was re-elected treasurer. He has held this position in the association since 1911.



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Mrs. Flippe—Mr. Longsuffer neither d-aces nor flirts. He isn't even polite. Is he a woman-hater?
Mrs. Flitters—Far from it. But his wife is, and she has her eye on him.

The Amende Honorable.
"There is a young man in the rear of the hall who isn't paying any attention to this lecture," said the professor sharply.

"I beg your pardon, professor," said a hulking youth who had recently joined the class. "I have been abominably deceived."
"Deceived, sir? How?"
"I was told that you were near-sighted."—Birmingham Age Herald.

His Honor's Little Jest.
"What's the charge, officer?"
"Reciting 'Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight,' your honor."
"That isn't against the law, I'm sorry to say."

"But he had one arm 'round the neck of a drayman's horse and was reciting the piece to the poor brute."
"Umph! This case should be prosecuted by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

SHE DYED A SWEATER, SKIRT AND CHILD'S COAT

Each package of "Diamond Dyes" contains directions so simple any woman can dye or tint her worn, shabby dresses, skirts, waists, coats, stockings, sweaters, coverings, d-apers, hangings, everything, even if she has never dyed before. Buy "Diamond Dyes"—no other kind—then perfect home dyeing is sure because Diamond Dyes are guaranteed not to spot, fade, or streak, or run. Tell your druggist whether the material you wish to dye is wool or silk, or whether it is linen, cotton or mixed goods.—advertisement.

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A Nebraska Case

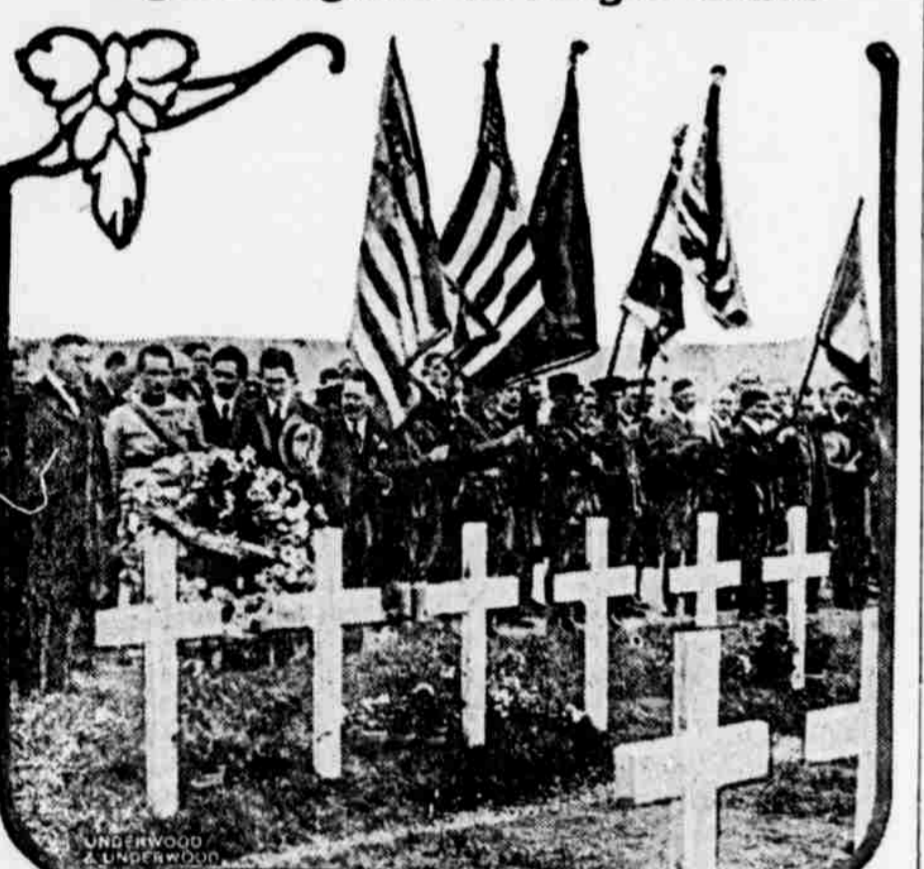
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Legion Pilgrims at Feigl's Grave



Most impressive in the American Legion's pilgrimage to France and Belgium was the visit to the American cemetery at Thiercourt, France, where Major Emery, commander of the Legion, assisted by Marshal Foch of France, placed a wreath on the grave of Lieut. Jeff Feigl, the first American artillery officer to be killed in France, while the standards of the two republics were dropped in his memory.

WILL TRY TO RAISE DEER AND ELK

Syndicate Proposes to Establish Game Farm on Island.

Deer Said to Be Easily Domesticated and in Woodlands Would Thrive and Multiply—Elk More Hardy Than Deer.

Seattle, Wash.—Plans are being made by a syndicate of capitalists here to attempt the domestication of deer and elk on a logged-off island in Puget Sound. There are several thousand acres of wild land thereon, covered with brush and young growth of timber, affording ideal cover for these animals. If made into a deer range this land could produce enough venison to supply a large city with meat several months each year.

The shore land is to be fenced seven feet high, by heavy netting attached to trees. This will prevent escape of the deer and elk by swimming. The

BELGIANS DIG UP GERMAN DUD

Two-Ton Shell Is Removed After It Sinks Fifty Feet into Ground.

Brussels.—In the last year of the war a formidable shell dropped from a height of 6,000 feet on the village of Havny, between Mons and Maubeuge. It did not explode, but it made a huge hole in the earth about fifty feet deep, where it had remained. This shell weighs two tons, and the charge of explosive is estimated to weigh from 16 cwt. to a ton.

The Belgian authorities succeeded in pulling out the shell, after making a large excavation about it, a dangerous undertaking.

Twenty in One Shot.

Milot, N. D.—Attorney E. R. Sinkler tells what he insists is a true story of hunter's luck. Accompanied by Mrs. Sinkler, he saw a large flight of ducks alight in a field. They got to within six rods of the flocks when the ducks rose. Both opened fire, and when the smoke cleared away the hunters found 20 large mallards upon the field.

Owl Killed as He Holds Up "Rattler"

Riverside, Cal.—Owls may be wise birds, but one member of the family failed to use his brains. Santa Fe train No. 54 was joggling along peacefully when the engineer was startled by a crash and extinguishing of the engine's headlight. Investigation revealed that a handsome owl of the monkey-faced variety had swooped down on the light, with one casualty in the owl family.

The train slipped into Riverside by the light of an oil lantern.

ated animals during the open season and cannot market their product. If, however, the deer and elk farming should become statewide, a revision of the laws would likely be made.