Blind and Deaf, **She Plays Piano** 

With Helen Keller and Willetta Huggins.

"FEELS" MUSIC WITH FEET

Baking Angel Food and Writing on Typewriter Among Her Other Accomplishments-Masters Difficult Classical Music.

Olathe, Kan .- After 25 years in the dim world of those who are sightless, deaf and dumb, Miss Helen May Martin is finding her way out. She has chosen the least "reasonable" method of expression imaginable for one so afflicted. It is music.

Before a large audience in the Methodist church here, Miss Martin played what is probably the first plano recital in the history of the world to have been given by a person with neither sight nor hearing. It cannot now be said that she is without speech, for she articulates even unfamillar names accurately and understandingly. The intricacy of the method by which a person whose sensations are practically limited to those of heat and cold, pain and taste enters a whole new world is not comprehensible to the normal person. Mis: Martin might possibly have been taught to place her fingers on certain of the plano keys and press them down by note, but that would not explain her ability to grasp rhythm, nor whatever the sense is that tells her when she is about to make a mistake in time to avert it. She never has heard, and 'as never been able to recognize objects. For a few years after birth she was able to distinguish between light and darkness, but never more. For 20 years there has not even been that travesty on sight.

#### "Feels" Her Music.

Miss Martin is able to "feel" her music best by placing the ball of her foot against the bottom of her upright piano, her mother, Mrs. Helen May Martin, says.

At the church, however, she did not want to risk scarring the instrument she was using, so she got approximately the same result by holding her left foot under the "soft" pedal.

Morrison's familiar "Meditation." Lang's equally familiar "Flower Song," the first two movements of Beethoven's "Moonlight" sonata, and Carrie Jacobs Bond's "A Perfect Day" were the numbers used. The precision with

Kansas Wonder Girl Is in Class afterward fitting the parts together. She does weaving, and more remarkable yet, she makes "tatting" that is even more perfect han that of the average person with sight and hearing. The other day she wrote a story for an Olathe newspaper on the typewriter. And she writes her own bank checks.

> While Miss Martin was completing in five years a course at the Kansas State School for the Deaf, in Olathe, that usually takes deaf but sighted persons eight or nine years to finish. she found time to learn to cook and do much housework. She bakes angel food cakes and pastries as well as cooks all the staples. The last five years she has had a teacher for only one hour a day, since there is no state institution in Kansas for persons with neither sight nor hearing.

> While on a visit in Lincoln, Neb., her birthplace, recently, she talked for an hour with Helen Keller with a great deal of pleasure.

## Flag Sunk in Battle in Berlin Museum

Berlin .- The flag of the German cruiser Scharnhorst, which was sunk in the battle of Falkland, has reached the Berlin Naval museum after a romantic journey. The captain of a Brazilian coasting vessel found the body of a German sailor washed ashore on the southeastern coast of Brazil lashed to a sea chest containing the flag. A German resident, hearing of this, bought the flag and offered it to the Navy department on condition that he be reimbursed for his outlay.

But funds were lacking until recently, when a private collection furnished the means to acquire the flag, which is now on exhibition alongside the model of the cruiser Gnelsenau, likewise sunk in the same battle, and other mementos of Germany's naval past.



This wildcat, captured as a baby and reared in civilization, has ousted the family watchdog from a Los Angeles home because of its superior ability as the guardian of the family. The watch-cat is not only as alert as a dog, but has the added quality of inspiring terror in a prowler.

#### Bear Cub Born in Park Zoo.

Chisholm, Minn,-The Chisholm park zoo has a new arrival, a bear cub. born at the park. According to Superintendent Phillips, few cubs born in captivity live long. Several years ago a bear cub was born at the park, but was killed by the male bears. This time the cub was discovered in time to be lassoed and taken out of the bear pen. It is being raised on a bottle.

#### Buys Own Coffin.

Spokane, Wash .- With the premonition that he had only a few more days to live, Fred W. Miller, an aged and well-to-do cabinetmaker of Hillyard, purchased a coffin for himself that had caught his eye a year before and bargained and paid cash for all funeral expenses, including the embalming of

# NEBRASKA NEWS **IN CONCISE FORM**

State Occurrences of Importance of importance to building trades Boiled to a Few Lines for Quick Perusal.

RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA. CHIEF

lour mill. Falls City is to have a community mixed chorus,

Craig will celebrate July 4th on an elaborate scale. An even 500 students will graduate

rom Omaha high sclools, The Southeastern State Press Club will meet in Falls City June 5. The State Funeral Director's assoc-

iation will meet at Omaha June 6-8. Holdrege business men are agitating that place. Fairbury will begin at once the con-

and sewerage. hold their annual conference at Omaha June 14 to 19.

Th State Pond of the Order of the buildings, is not work which is within Blue Goose will hold its annual meeting in Omaha this month.

Pierre J. Baker came all the way from Honolulu to Seneca, in this state, to wed Miss Irene Inman. Ak-Sar-Ben racing at Omaha June 3

to 17 promises to be the biggest sporting event of the central west. The Rev. Father James is president of the Broken Bow Golf club, recently

organized with forty members. From 300 to 500 delegates are exnected to attend the meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge at Omaha June

he State Chamber of Commerce at its annual convention at Columbus last veek.

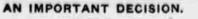
Yeggmen robbed the Bank of Waterbury and escaped with \$3,500 in cash and the contents of a number of safety deposit boxes,

McCook lodge 1434, B. P. O. E., initiated a class of about 100, making the membership of this new lodge of Elks now about 350.

While a laundry truck was parked near the Omaha police station, some one relieved its contents of \$25 worth of newly cleaned blankets.

Robert Kelley of Nebraska City was awarded a gold medal at the graduating exercises in that place, for a standing of 97 per cent in a history contest. Joe Garner's horse reared up, lost its balance, and toppled over backwards, at Callaway, and Garner was crushed beneath the animal, suffering serious inturies.

One hundred and five different species of birds were observed by the



Affecting Building Trades Craftsmen Over the State Under Compensation Act.

Lincoln .- Very recently the Nebraska Supreme Court handed down a decision in a compensation case that is craftsmen all over the state.

Up to the time this decision was handed down the Compensation Commissioner held that where building Alliance is to have a new fifty barrel trades mechanics did repair work on homes they were protected by the

compensation law. In the case of Kaplan vs. Gashill, appealed from Douglas County, the Supreme Court says: "Where a person engaged in the general business of buying and selling junk and dealing in second hand automobiles, owns a

small store building and two or three houses, which he rents to tenants, held, that the labor or services, which were required to be furnished or perhe organization of a Rotary club at formed by him (the owner) in the handling of and caring for those prop-

erties, does not amount to a regular struction of a large amount of paving business or occupation of the employer, within the meaning of the Colored Baptists of the state will Workmen's Compensation Act. The work, rendered for such person by an employe in the repair of one of such

the usual course of any regular busiuess or occupation of such person, and the employe, in the performance of that work, does not come within the operation of the Compensation Law.'

This decision means that carpenters, painters, plasters, lathers, electrical workers, bricklayers and such other mechanics who do repair work or alteration work directly for the owner of the property, are not protected by the Compensation Law.

If the owner lets the work out to a contractor and the contractor hires Dan Morris was elected president of the men to do the work, then the ccntractor is liable for compensation to injured workmen under the Nebraska law.

For further information regarding the decision you should write or call at the office of the Compensation Commissioner at the State House, Lincoln, or the Court House, in Omaha,

Robert Shepard, 14 years old, was drowned while bathing in Manst's lcke near Falls City.

Mrs. Irene Cleveland Buell of Ashland has been admitted to practice law in the federal courts.

Vandals entered the city library at Friend and destroyed the foliage plants in the corridor of the building.

Shopmen of the Burlington at Havelock, who were laid off on account of coal shortage, have resumed work.

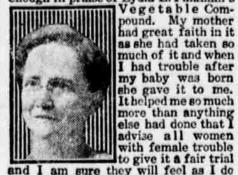
Twenty-six carloads of live stock were shipped from Colericge during last week, the greatest number in months.

The fourth annual state conference Nebraska Ornithologists' union, at its on vocational education will be held twentieth annual field day held at Lin- at the State College of Agriculture in



Her Mother's Faith in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Led Her To Try It

Kenosha, Wisconsin.—"I cannot say enough in praise of Lydia E. Pinkham's



It helped me so much more than anything else had done that I advise all women with female trouble

to give it a fair trial and I am sure they will feel as I do about it.-Mrs. FRED. P. HANSEN, 562 Symmonds St., Kenosha, Wisconsin. A medicine that has been in use nearly

fifty years and that receives the praise and commendation of mothers and grandmothers is worth your considera-

If you are suffering from troubles that sometimes follow child-birth bear in mind that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vege-table Communication of the second sec table Compound is a woman's medicine. It is especially adapted to correct such troubles

The letters we publish ought to con-vince you; ask some of your women friends or neighbors — they know its worth. You will, too, if you give it a fair trial.



#### Fuad Pasha From the Threatened indignity.

his own body. He died next day. Gounod's "March Pontifical," the "Don Glovanni" minuet of Mozart, Morrison's familiar "Meditation." Says Corn Has **High Food Value** 

which the young woman picked her notes out of completely blank space, struck them, and managed ritards, dynamics, and pedal were marvelous. All the pieces were taken deliberately, of course, but the distortions that would have been evident had she learned entirely by rote were absent.

In the second movement of the sonata the rhythm is not simple. But neither was it too much for Miss Martin. At the end of her program, she repeated the "Flower Song" for an encore.

Experiments with the piano were begun a good many years ago by the young woman's mother, but only in the last few years have they been pressed. Never has there been available a teacher who understood both the methods used for the sightless and those for the deaf. Miss Audrea Granger, who sat on the platform with Miss Martin, is by a coincidence her first and latest teacher. When Miss Martin was a small girl, Miss Granger now she is completing the work begun then.

#### Has Other Accomplishments.

In addition to a repertoire of 30 over two and three-quarter billion

**U. S. Crop Could Supply Cereal** Calories for 400,000,000 People, Declares Expert.

# MOST OF IT FED TO ANIMALS

#### Trade Commissioner of Department of Commerce Says Corn Furnishes Cheapest Cereal Food Produced in This Country.

United States would supply all the so- crop, less than one-fifth as much of called cereal calories for over 400,-000,000 people, according to Dr. J. A. directly as food. LeClerc, trade commissioner of the Department of Commerce.

with all the cereal part of their diet needed from 5 per cent of America's Doctor LeClerc.

"The corn crop of the United States during the last ten years has averaged ties and consume large amounts of corn.

plano pieces, Miss Martin has many of bushels," says Doctor LeClerc. "Fully the accomplishments of the average 90 per cent of this is fed directly to girl. She reads Braille, and now learns animals. Of the amount consumed by her plano music by reading the notes hogs and cattle, no more than 10 per in "point" for each hand separately, cent of the food value is returned in

**Old Time Court House Gutted by Fire** 



Firemen in Aubern, New York, fighting the flames, which gutted the Cayuga county court Mouse, a venerable building of classic beauty erected in 1836. The cupola, roof and courtroom were totally wrecked.

the form of animal food for human consumption. There certainly can be no greater economic problem than to prevent a good human food from being unnecessarily consumed by animals. Wheat and Corn as Human Food.

"During the prewar years 1909-13 over 80 per cent of the wheat crop of the United States, or approximately 470,000,000 bushels, were used in bread. Of corn, however, only 3 per cent of the crop, or approximately 85,-000,000 bushels, were ground into meal or flour suitable for bread purposes. It is thus seen that while this country's corn crop is over three and one-half Washington .- The corn crop of the times greater than its returned wheat the corn as of the wheat is consumed

"Each year the people of this coun try consume about fifty pounds of corn The 20,000,000 starving or under- per capita as a human food. The nourished Russians could be supplied Italians, on the other hand, eat about 50 per cent more than we do, or 76 pounds per capita. The Rumanians was with her for a short period, and annual corn crop, is the opinion of and the people of the other corn-growing countries, e. g., Hungary, Russia, Jugo-Slavia, grow considerable quanti-

### Food Value High.

"Looking at corn flour, corn grits and meal from the standpoint of their composition and food value, it may be asserted from the results of Department of Agriculture experiments that grits and meal have the same nutritional value as rice and that corn flour and soft winter wheat flour have essentially equal food value. Grits can therefore replace rice in the diet, and corn flour replace a portion of the wheat flour, without decreasing the value of the food one iota. In this country, broken rice has often been as much as 33 per cent more expensive than corn grits; at present wheat flour (clear grade) costs about twice as much as corn flour. Corn flour and corn grits are the cheapest cereal foods produced in this country and are available not only for home consumption, but for export.

"There is an encouraging feature in the probable effect of feeding corn grits to so many children of Europe. Due to the unfortunate condition of certain sections of Europe, there has been a very large and unusual demand for corn grits. Through the activities of the American relief administration about half a million children in Poland. 200,000 in Austria, 50,000 in Hungary, and now 3.000,000 in Russia, are being fed at least one meal a day containing either corn grits or rice as the cereal portion of the diet. Thus it may be seen that a tremendous propaganda for corn grits is being carried on by the American relief administration in feeding almost four million children. This should mean the elimination to a large extent of that prejudice against corn which has in the past characterized a portion of the population of Europe.

coln recently. Chicken thieves have raided almost every hen house in thy Blair vicinity. have been taken.

John W. Hann's residence at Waundamage by fire and water ruined the building. Volunteers saved furniture and household effects.

The State Sunday School convention will be held at Fremont, June 13, 14 ing one thousand delegates are being made by local committees.

Frank E. Turner, of Harvard, is in a critical condition, his left side being paralyzed, his tongue swollen and for a time he could neither talk nor swalinsect.

A meeting especially in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the first religious service ever held in the upper Loup valleys was observed at the Seventh Day Baptist church at North Loup, May 20.

A crowd estimated at from 1,000 to 1,200 witnessed the performance of the pageant, presented by the pupils of the St. Edwards school as a feature of the twenty-eighth annual commencement exercises of the local high school.

The committee in charge of the fif- paces and running races. teenth annual encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, to be held at Hastings, June 12 to 14, is the most interesting in its history.

Seeking fish in Wood River near Grand Island, three small bys "caught" five gallons of whisky cached found two gallons more and now the latter are searching for the owner.

Bernice Branson, 7, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Branson of Lincoln, may lose her foot as the result of a panie on a Capital Beach street car when it caught fire, and she was thrown to the ground. R. T. Willard, a laborer, while work-

ing in the basement of an Omaha dollar, and dated 1725.

Tentative plans are being discussed promote athletics and track work.

Federal Judge Woodrough signed an testimony to support the finding of 000. probable cause made by the commissioner, and secondly, because it does

to be searched for and seized. Growers in the cabbage belt, Letheir fields ravaged of plants by rab-

bits

Lincoln in June.

While trying to kill a cat in his yard in Lewellen, Lee French accidentand no clews as to their identity have ally shot himself in the breast with a been found. Hundreds of chickens 22-caliber revolver. Death was almost instantaneous.

A herd of 15,000 high grade Hereeta, was struck by lightning and the ford cattle purchased by a group of Nebraska stockmen were shipped from Midland, Tex., last week to their sand hill pasture in western Nebraska.

The Nebraska school of irrigation has closed for the summer vacation, and 15. Arrangements for entertain- this being the end of the first fall school year of the branch of the state university. The full term will open September 11.

Monstrous spiders, of a dark green hue, have appeared in Nemaha county. They are so large that they prey on low, following the stings of a poisonous chickens, killing the fowls in most cases. In many ways they resemble

the tarantula. Paul, 10, and Harry, 12, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rager, near Alliance, were killed when a sand-bank caved in and smothered them. The boys had dug a hole in the sand bank and crawled into it.

The Nebraska state fair track events, September 3 to 8, will be an interesting number of races. Already the early closing speed events have listed a number of fleet horses for the trois,

The Plattsmouth Turn-Verein, rganized in 1887 by prominent residents of German descent, primarily for a using every effort to make the affair continuation of their athletic training as carried on at that time by the national turn-verein in Germany, has been disbanded, the hall being sold, while all athletic equipment has been in the bank. They called police, who donated to the public schools and the wall cases and other material given to the local post of the American Legion.

Fifty-six students, the largest senior class in history of the Central City high school were graduated May 26. Life passes will be granted all University letter men, regardless of the spirit in which they have won an "N,"

according to announcement made at the office of the director of athletics. theater, at a depth of six f.et, struck, These passes will admit the owner to with his pick, a purse containing a all home athletic contents in which the Russian silver coin, about the size of a University of Nebraska is represented. Plaster which fell from the ceiling

overturned a gasoline stove and the for the organization of a northeast B. Benjamin Millinery store at Fuller-Nebraska high school association to ton was badly damaged by fire. The stock was a complete loss.

One of the biggest real estate deals order directing the return of large ever consummated in Morrill county quantities of malt, hops, bottle caps was completed when the 7,000 acre and cappers seized by federal prohi- farm of Jerry J. Postle, on Lawrence bition agents at a greecry store in Fork creek near Redington, was sold Omaha, on the ground that the search to William B. Hecker and Cary Ott of warrant was issued without sufficient | Mound City, Mo., for the price of \$210,-

A total of \$2,500 in rewards has been offered for information leading not describe sufficiently the property to the arrest and conviction of the bandit ressponsible for the killing of Charles E. Slefken and his son, Robert, tween Kearney and Gibbon, report 16, in an attempted holdup of the Nicholas Oil corporation's filling station at Omaha a week ago.

In 1913 Fuad I, the new king of

Egypt, was an unsuccessful candidate for the Albanian throne, after having been colonel of artillery in the Italian army. When he became sultan of Egypt his role under the protectorate of England was not always easy to maintain.

One day a messenger of the British Resident asked him to sign an ordinance against the Egyptian nationalists. He refused. And the messenger of the Resident signified to him with the utmost courtesy:

"I shall then to my regret have to arrest and imprison your highness."

"Permit me," replied Fuad Pasha, "to go for a moment to my room to reflect."

A few minutes later Fuad came back in the uniform of an Italian colonel.

He was not arrested.

Few ever find out what would be the result of not getting into discussions.

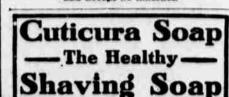




Kidney, liver, bladder and uric acid troubles are most dangerous because of their insidious attacks. Heed the first warning they give that they need attention by taking



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