

# EXTENSION OF DITCH PLANNED

### Platte Valley Farmers Near Elm Creek and Lexington Make Demands

Kearney, Neb. (UP)—Extension of the Lexington canal is being contemplated by farmers who are not far enough east to make pump irrigation economically available, and a preliminary survey indicated that the scheme was possible. Farmers in the Platte valley between Elmore and Lexington cannot use pump irrigation because the underground lake that is tapped does not extend farther west than Odessa, and the depth is prohibitive to digging wells west of Odessa. A meeting was held, at which it was found that abundant water could be taken from the Lexington canal. An engineer was consulted and his advice showed that the idea could be worked out practically. Further surveys will be made and the project examined by farmer committees, it was said.

### DEFENDANT ACQUITTED IN ALLEGED BLACKMAIL CASE

Aurora, Neb. (Special)—County Judge Scott took the case of Dave Williams of Giltner from the jury in his case of alleged blackmailing Albert Stewart over a \$500 hog deal, and directed a verdict of acquittal. The famous case had its beginning when a hog belonging to Williams strayed away from his farm near Giltner and onto the premises of Stewart, a neighbor. The testimony showed the hog had strayed away, after being borrowed from Williams by Bill Sidders. Williams went to the Stewart place, accompanied by Sidders and asked Stewart about the hog. Williams testified that Stewart at first denied having it, but told the men to go out and look over his hogs, whereupon they found it. He also testified Stewart then said he had bought the hog from a man near Trumbull but said he later admitted this was false. Williams agreed to settle for \$500 and took Stewart's check for \$50 and note for \$450 in payment. The main variance in the testimony of both Williams and Stewart concerned what Williams was alleged to have said to Stewart when he found the latter had his hog. Williams declared he told Stewart he could settle with him, the Nebraska Farmer or anyone else. Stewart stated Williams threatened to "turn him in" to the Nebraska Farmer, which has a bureau to look over the legal affairs of farmers.

### THIS HOME IS FILLED BY SEVERAL ANTIQUES

Coleridge, Neb. (Special)—Although Mrs. J. W. Linkhart is active in the civic, religious and social life of Coleridge, she has found time to gather an interesting collection of valuable antiques and also has a number of souvenirs handed down from ancestors of the revolutionary period, being a member of the Coleridge D. A. R. chapter. Just inside the front door of the Linkhart home is a quaintly designed camel's hair rug, a real Arabian "prayer rug" which was used in Arabia by the sheiks for more than 75 years. The rug, three by eight feet in size, has been walked over daily for 26 years in the Linkhart home, is more than 100 years old and scarcely shows any sign of its age, as the oriental colors are still distinct. Two unique cases of brown earthen jars, used by Mrs. Linkhart's mother 63 years ago, form a stylistic ornament with bright red cornucopias artistically arranged in them. A saucer 105 years old, designed in pink to represent an English park, adds a novel touch to the dining room buffet. One of the most treasured articles, having an interesting family history, is piece of linen woven by her grandfather, Michael Wieland, from flax which he grew on his farm in Center county, Pennsylvania, and has been in constant use 90 years.

### NO POPULATION INCREASE. NO SALARY BOOSTS

Hastings, Neb. (UP)—There was gloom among Adams county officials today following the act of the county supervisors in fixing the county population at 22,348. As a result, county salaries remain unchanged, whereas, if the finding had been above 25,000, all would have been automatically raised. The county assessor reported a population for the county of 25,215. In arriving at the new figure, the supervisors said they found errors and duplications in the assessor's report. The new finding is 273 fewer than the federal census of 1920. Hastings people are not disposed to accept the county board's total as accurate.

### VETERAN MAIL CLERK ADMITS RIFLED MAILS

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—Floyd V. Stafford, 53 years old, veteran railway mail clerk, pleaded guilty to rifling the mails when arraigned before a United States commissioner here Thursday, and was held in bonds of \$2,000. Stafford was employed on the Omaha-Cheyenne run and was said to have been trapped by "test" letters. "DICK" METCALF WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR SENATE

### Omaha, Neb. (UP)—Petitions for putting the name of Richard J. Metcalf on the ballot for the democratic nomination for United States senator have been forwarded to Secretary of State Marsh at Lincoln. Metcalf previously had withdrawn his name as candidate for district delegate to the national convention. Metcalf formerly was editor of the Omaha World Herald and of William Jennings Bryan's "Commoner."

# MAY NOT STOP USE OF SEINES

### Missouri River Fishermen Secure Injunction Against Nebraska Warden

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—A temporary injunction to prevent the state from interfering with use of seines, traps and nets in taking fish from the Missouri river was granted by district Judge Wheeler today, at the request of William Miller, of Omaha, against H. J. McLaughlin, secretary of agriculture, and Chief Game Warden Frank O'Connell. The case applies to Miller and some 200 others. Miller contends that Nebraska cannot enforce its law against seining and trapping in the Missouri until Iowa passes a concurring measure, and Judge Wheeler recognized that this may be true, in view of concurrent jurisdiction over the river.

### FORMER LIVERYMAN TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Robert G. Ross, former livery stable keeper of Lexington, Neb., former candidate for president of the United States, United States senator and governor of Nebraska, filed his own nominating certificate today as a republican candidate for governor. Ross ran for president on both the republican and democratic tickets in 1916 and 1920.

### THINK WOMAN WHO SHOT SELF AN OMAHA NURSE

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—Omaha police today announced they believed the woman, registered in a hotel at Alexandria, Va., as Mrs. Beth Reed, who shot and killed herself, was Miss Elizabeth Kalal, an Omaha trained nurse. Infatuation for Dr. Ernest Reed, a physician of Council Bluffs, Ia., who was married Sunday at Villisca, Ia., to Miss Pearl Mathews, of Villisca, was believed to have been responsible for the act. The woman's infatuation for Dr. Reed, which continued for several years, was not returned by the physician Dr. Harry Kelly, his office partner said. Dr. Reed is on his honeymoon somewhere in the south. The woman's identity was established through a traveling bag she purchased from the Omaha Trunk factory. She left here for the east last Thursday. Her home was at Monowi, Neb., where she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Marie Herman. Miss Kalal served as an army nurse during the World war.

### SISTERS ARE BRIDES IN DOUBLE CEREMONY

Crofton, Neb. (UP)—A double wedding in which two sisters were the brides, and brothers of the brides acted as best men and sisters of the grooms acted as bridesmaids, occurred at St. Rose's Catholic church, when Misses Kathryn and Bertha Ann Schumacher, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Schumacher, were united in marriage to Louis Steffen and Fred Meyer, respectively. The brides were attended by Misses Hildegard Steffen and Pauline Meyer, while Henry and Peter Schumacher attended the grooms. All of the party are residents of Crofton. The brides were dressed in white satin made alike and the bridesmaids wore apricot colored crepe gowns. A wedding dinner was served to the bridal party and 50 guests at the home of the brides' parents. Both couples will make their homes on farms near Fordyce.

### NORFOLK MAN IS OUT FOR STATE SENATE JOB

Lincoln, Neb. (Special)—F. S. Gatenby, of Norfolk, has filed for the democratic nomination for senator in the Eleventh district. This is now represented by Senator J. C. McGowan, labor leader of Norfolk, who has registered for a fourth term. Rudolph Brazada, of West Point, is to be filed shortly as a candidate for the democratic nomination for auditor. He is the announced choice of the statemakers who met recently in Omaha, at which time it was arranged that Bryan was to withdraw for president and get Hitchcock support for governor. Charles W. Pool is to be the secretary of state candidate, Representative Havekost of Dodge county for land commissioner and P. L. Hall of Greenwood for state treasurer. These petitions are to be filed shortly.

### NEBRASKA DEBATERS GIVEN DECISION OVER MISSOURI

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Nebraska debaters were given a 4 to 1 ballot by the audience over Missouri university, Tuesday night, when they met in Lincoln, with Nebraska taking the negative of the question, "Resolved: That this house deplores the tendency of governments to intervene in the rights of individuals."

### WAUSA MAN SELLS HIS HARNESS INVENTION

Wausa, Neb. (Special)—Patent rights on neck and shoulder protectors for horses which he has invented have been sold by Dr. B. E. Kautz, Wausa veterinarian, to a harness manufacturing concern at Hastings. The local man will receive a royalty of 50 cents a dozen for neck protectors and 60 cents on shoulder protectors.

### TWO PLYMOUTH, NEB. BANKS CONSOLIDATE

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Consolidation of the Farmers State bank and the Bank of Plymouth, in Plymouth, Neb., was announced today by the state banking commission. The new concern, which will have deposits of nearly \$400,000, will be known as the Farmers State bank. The Bank of Plymouth, which was sold on a cash basis to the Farmers State bank after an agreement that one bank must retire from the field, has been chartered as long as Plymouth has been a town.

# Martyr May Be Named First American Saint



FATHER LEO HEINRICHS (International Illustrated News)

America's first saint in the Roman Catholic church may be Father Leo Heinrichs. Father Heinrichs, a monk of the Franciscan Order, was slain upon the altar of St. Elizabeth's Church in Denver by Giuseppe Aho, an Italian Socialist, on Feb. 23, 1908. The priest passed away bravely, with a prayer for his murderer on his lips. Hearings by a church board of inquiry have been partially completed, and more than a score of witnesses have testified to the courage of Father Leo, his saintliness, and his mortification of the flesh through the wearing of a spiked chain about his waist as he performed his priestly duties. Additional hearings will be conducted by the board in Newark, N. J., in which diocese Father Leo served in the early years of his priesthood.

### Tariff and Wages.

From the Mitchell Republican. In spite of the fact that it is quite as much married to the protective tariff system as is President Coolidge, the Wall Street Journal rather lets the cat out of the bag in a discussion of wages. President Coolidge, in common with other defenders of the high tariff system, uses the time-worn argument that it is the tariff that keeps wages high in the United States. The Wall Street Journal concluded its editorial on the maintenance of wages with this paragraph: "When the Pittsburgh steel manufacturer can run a bigger and better blast furnace with a fifth the number of workers operating in Scotland, he can well afford to pay his workers in that department twice or even three times the English wage. Where wages tend to come down is not in our manufacturing competition with the foreigner but in competition among ourselves. It is the cotton mills of the south which are reducing the wages of mill hands in New England."

### Politics and Money.

Jay E. House in Philadelphia Public Ledger. There is no money in politics. From a financial standpoint we doubt that any man can afford to run for any office whatsoever. There may be a few exceptions to this broad statement in the case of fee offices where there are fat pickings which are approved by laws made and provided. Certainly no man capable of filling it can run for an office of major significance for the money it pays. Such is the machinery of politics—such are the workings of the sacred primary law—that it costs more to be elected to office than the salary amounts to. There are exceptions to this rule, of course, but it holds in a majority of cases. It may be taken as axiomatic that an office costs the man who holds it more than it is worth. Men are in politics from varying motives—some because they like the game and others because of the power and distinction it gives them. Few, we think, are in politics because they think they can make money in politics, and they're just plain suckers. Most men in politics already have taken a stake from private life. Most

### NINETEEN TWENTY-EIGHT. "The Immense Age waits— Veiled are the faces of the Fates."

—Fawcett, A volume with the pages yet uncut, And silence nestling within the leaves. Immovable, mysterious, closely shut, Here Fate the future marvelously weaves.

### Here power and progress now await their birth.

And evil forces frame their subtle plans To vanquish aspirations of high worth And throttle protests in unhappy lands. What will transpire no mortal man can know— What welcome changes, or what things to fear; What this sealed book contains of joy and woe. At the grim outpost of the dying year.

### We can but hope that destinies unborn

Breed less of murder, tyranny, and lust; Strong to resist each lacerating thorn. Buttressed by Honesty—handmaid to Trust. —William Hamilton Hayne in Scribner's Magazine.

### A Dirty Dig.

Artist: Now, what were dresses like 10 years ago? His Wife: Like mine.

### Rather Corpulent.

From Punch. "Was Mrs. Jones in her new gown when you saw her?" "Partly, my dear—partly." Q. Did Jefferson Davis write a book about the confederacy? H. J. F. A Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate states, wrote The History of the Confederacy.

### GIVE ONE FIRE ALARM. FINDS ANOTHER BLAZE

Walthill, Neb. (Special)—Fire Sunday afternoon practically destroyed the Mrs. Aitken home and its contents. There was some insurance. A peculiar coincidence of these fires is that the fire at the Aitken home was discovered by Mrs. C. N. Clark. Going to the Hull home across the street to give the alarm the fire in the Hull home was discovered. Neither fire is believed to have had any connection with the other.

# NEED AID FOR GUARANTY FUND

### Council for Nebraska Commission Asserts New Finance Needed

Lincoln, Neb. (Special)—State aid to the state deposit guaranty fund will be necessary, says C. M. Skiles, general counsel for the state commission that administers it, and that a failure to do, threatens the breakdown of this system of insuring deposits in state banks. Mr. Skiles says that the maturing of claims against the fund is now faster than the commission can liquidate assets and secure cash from other sources. The practice in the past has been to issue receivers' certificates in sufficient sums to get the cash to pay the depositor when the court is allowed his claim, the certificates later being retired from the assets collected. There are a million dollars' worth of these certificates out now, and it is not possible to float them in a sum sufficient to meet the claims as they have lately piled up. These total \$4,500,000 at the present time. The effect of the new plan of a handling will be that instead of borrowing on 7 per cent. certificates to get cash to pay the depositor he will get a judgment bearing 7 per cent. interest, collectible when there is cash available. There have been 138 banks put through receiverships in the last eight years, and there are 72 banks now operated by the commission as going concerns. These 72 banks have deposits of \$13,000,000 which will eventually have to be paid, and Mr. Skiles says the total, including those now done and possible failures, will run around \$20,000,000. There are in the hands of the department, cash and assets totaling \$10,000,000. The only other source to meet the \$10,000,000 difference is the yearly assessment on solvent banks that can not exceed more than \$1,500,000 a year. Mr. Skiles says that this situation clearly points to the legislature either pledging the credit of the state so that a sufficient number of 4 per cent. receivers' certificates can be floated to put the fund again on a cash basis as far as depositors' claims are concerned, or else make a levy to take care of the deficit, which he says can be justified on the ground that most depositors thought the state guaranteed these deposits. He also recommends no interest on depositors' claims.

### INDEMNITY COMPANY SEEKS TO AVOID PAYMENT

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—The Globe Indemnity company, in an appeal to the supreme court today, asks a ruling that a man injured in employment in another state may not hold insurers liable under the Nebraska law. The appeal is in the case of James G. Long, injured permanently during employment at Hiawatha, Kan. Long received compensation under the Nebraska law, the court holding that this law applied because the contract of employment was made in Nebraska. Long first applied for compensation under the Kansas law, then sued John B. Watts, his employer, for \$25,000, and later made his successful appeal to Nebraska courts, obtaining an award of \$15 a week for a stated period, and \$10 a week for the remainder of his life.

### ANOTHER APPEAL IN O'CONNOR ESTATE CASE

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Mrs. Elizabeth O'Conner Burgoyne, of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Katherine Pelouquin, of Washburn, Wis., who claim to be nieces of John O'Conner, Hastings recluse who left an unclaimed estate of more than \$100,000, today appealed to the supreme court from a decision of the jury that they were not related to O'Conner, and that he left no relatives. The same jury found adversely for two other sets of claimants. Scores of persons, claiming to be relatives of O'Conner have appeared in the period of more than a decade since the wealthy cobbler's death, seeking his fortune, but none has established relationship in the numerous court battles, and a movement was made at the last session of court in Hastings to close the case forever and turn the money over to the state.

### RECOVERING FROM LUMP JAW

Newcastle, Neb. (UP)—M. M. Nelson, merchant here, was able to work yesterday for the first time since early last September. He has been suffering from lump jaw and was operated on for that disease several times, the first operation taking place in September.

### WALTHILL PIONEER WOMAN DIES IN SIOUX CITY HOSPITAL

Walthill, Neb. (Special)—Mrs. F. P. Early, 73 years old, a resident of the Walthill neighborhood for more than 60 years, died at a Sioux City hospital at noon today. The body was brought to Walthill, but funeral arrangements have not been completed. Mrs. Early is survived by three sons: Walter Early, of Walthill; Fred of Fender, and Dan of Hiawatha, Ia.

# YOUNGEST VET LATE WAR DEAD

### Omaha Legion to Have Charge of Max Tennebaum Funeral, Tuesday

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—The American Legion will have charge of funeral services of Max Tennebaum, 23 years old, who is claimed by the local post to have been the country's youngest legionnaire. Tennebaum died Sunday from an undetermined cause after an illness which started while he was serving in France. The funeral will be held tomorrow. Tennebaum enlisted at the age of 14. He sailed for France, October 28, 1918, returning the following year. Weighing 200 pounds when stricken with his unknown malady, Tennebaum weighed but 80 pounds at death. An autopsy will be conducted in an effort to learn the cause of his demise. Tennebaum was prominent in pugilistic circles here, having served as sparring partner for Tiny Herman, Morrie Schlaifer and others.

# SUIT SALESMAN USES SYMPATHY

### Said to Work Among German Clergymen in Parts of Nebraska

Nebraska City, Neb. (UP)—With a tale that he was taking suit orders to get transportation for his wife and family from Ellis Island to Omaha, a man giving the name of Charles Engleman persuaded Rev. George Duensing, pastor of the Bethel Evangelical church in Nebraska City to order a suit and make payment on it. The suit salesman said he was formerly a lieutenant in the German army and that he now runs a tailor shop in Omaha. His case was well filled with samples and he appeared to know his trade, the pastor said. He explained how he needed money in a hurry to get his wife and two adopted war orphans from the immigration office. Reverend Duensing thought to buy a suit of clothes from such a man was a worthy cause, and the transaction gave no suspicion of irregularity. It was not until several days after he wrote the check that the pastor heard murmurings of how a suit salesman was travelling about selling clothes to ministers in northern Nebraska. There he was representing himself as being from Nebraska City. Reverend Duensing stopped payment on the check. It was said Engleman makes a specialty of selling clothes to ministers with the "sympathy" story. He works especially among ministers in German sections, as he speaks German fluently.

### FEDERAL COURT SESSION AT OMAHA TO BE BUSTY

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—Business is expected to be good in federal court this week. After a protracted absence in Florida, Judge J. W. Woodruff returned Saturday and found 500 cases ready to be tried. Most of the cases are against alleged bootleggers. Judge Woodruff said he will not be in a position to announce his decision on railroad tax cases until he has had time to study exceptions which have been filed since his departure. He spent most of his time in the south perusing testimony in these cases. The judge refused to discuss politics. During his absence his name had been mentioned as democratic candidate for United States senator but it is not considered likely he would accept.

### BLOOMFIELD STORES GO ON CASH BASIS

Bloomfield, Neb. (Special)—Owing to the increasing number of bad accounts and the huge losses from this source, retail merchants of Bloomfield have decided to go onto a strictly cash basis on and after the first of April. The merchants were unanimously in favor of the move for the evil had reached a point where something had to be done if they were to continue in business. The "bad check" proposition was up for discussion and ways and means to cope with this question will be devised at future meetings. The matter of free delivery also was up for action, some favoring continuation of this feature while others were for casting it into the discard. At the present time the delivery business is in the hands of Ray Summer, who makes deliveries for all the stores.

### HIGHER PRICES AT CARROLL

Carroll, Neb. (Special)—Several tracts of land have been sold here the last week at prices that show increases. One 160, a farm unimproved, one mile from town sold for \$125 per acre. S. M. Jones of McPherson, Kan., sold to William H. Watson of Wayne, Neb., the L. D. Bruggeman quarter section eight miles from town sold for \$150 per acre to D. V. Forsberg, of Laurel, Neb.

### GRAND MASTER OF ODD FELLOWS TO BE BUSTY

Orchard, Neb. (Special)—J. T. Fletcher of this place, grand master of the I. O. O. F. of Nebraska, will be a very busy man this week. He left today for an important meeting of the home board at York, Neb., Monday. Then he will go to Lincoln, Tuesday, to attend a meeting. Wednesday he will be present at a district meeting at Bassett. Thursday, he will be at Norfolk, Neb., for the big home evening event. Friday he goes to Fremont, to have charge of the cornerstone of the new temple.