

W. C. T. U. WILL BECOME ACTIVE

Organization in Nebraska to Begin a Campaign of Education

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Nebraska chapters of the W. C. T. U., will join in the educational drive to be conducted by the national organization throughout the country to combat the increasing alcohol death rate, Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, head of the W. C. T. U., for Douglas county said today.

Women dry leaders say educational work along this line slackened following enactment of the eighteenth amendment. There has been practically nothing done for ten years, Mrs. Thompson said.

Deaths from alcohol reached 9.7 per 1,000 in 1927 as compared to 1.7 the first year of prohibition in the larger cities, she said. The rate is only slightly smaller than in pre-prohibition days, a survey conducted by the W. C. T. U., revealed. New York state had 7.0 in 1926 compared to 8.2 in saloon days.

Local heads of the W. C. T. U., were inclined to blame law enforcement officials for the condition. Educational work will be carried on in the schools, churches and lodge and club gatherings. An especial effort will be made to reach younger persons. The drive will start March 27.

SHE CONDEMNS GENEVA SCHOOL

Former Teacher in State Institution Says Girls Are Too Harshly Treated

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Use of the straightjacket and solitary confinement, which she said is practiced at the Geneva Industrial school for girls, was condemned by Miss Lena Cook, former Omaha school teacher, who recently resigned as supervisor at the Geneva institution.

The Geneva home is overcrowded, Miss Cook said, and 55 girls sleep in the same dormitory. Ventilation is poor. The girls are compelled to wear the same uniform—black and white striped gingham dresses everyday.

Girls who misbehave are often kept in the locker room in virtual solitary confinement for as long as 90 days, Miss Cook said.

"I have nothing but the highest respect for Miss Lena Ward, the superintendent," Miss Cook said. "She is very competent. But I believe better discipline would result if the straightjacket and solitary confinement were abolished. Inmates are not even allowed to smile at each other during meals. That is 'communication' subject to discipline. The percentage of second terms I believe is proof that results are not being obtained."

Miss Cook said she gave up her work at Geneva because it was depressing and she could not be happy there. She will urge members of the legislature to provide more cottages there, she said, as the one cottage now being used by well-behaved girls seems to be the solution of the problem of educating the girls in better ways of living.

GIVEN PRISON TERMS FOR SERIES OF CRIMES

Valentine, Neb., (Special)—Sheriff Hammon returned from Los Angeles, Cal., bringing with him Milo Wallingford, charged with several crimes.

Wallingford and Alfred Bradley confessed to breaking and entering the O'Rourke residence, burning the Wallingford house for insurance; robbing the Schosser garage; stealing sugar from the A. John warehouse; entering the Hancock residence; robbing the road camp between Cody and Eli and stealing poultry. Wallingford drew one to 20 years in prison and Bradley one to 10 years in the men's reformatory at Lincoln, when taken before Judge Meyers at Chadron.

John Gregg is being held at Gordon, charged with implication in the poultry stealing.

BEEF GROWERS RAISE MONEY FOR SUGAR PLANT

Scottsbluff, Neb., (UP)—Support for a co-operative beet sugar factory in the North Platte valley was given at meeting of growers here last night, and it was announced by officers of the growers organization that \$300,000 of the proposed \$1,000,000 for a factory, has been promised.

Eastern capitalists have contributed toward the factory, it was said, and assurance has been given that beet seed and machinery will be available for the growers.

Growers commended their officers for refusing the Great Western sugar company contract, guaranteeing \$7 a ton, and walking out when the company refused an \$8 guarantee.

YOUTH HAD PENEBOUR FOR SILK LINGERIE

Lincoln, Neb.,—A mania for women's silk lingerie landed a 15-year-old Lincoln boy into juvenile court.

Investigating complaints of petty thievery an officer was told by a group of boys they had seen the lad in possession of a long strand of imitation pearl beads. After a grilling, he admitted entering three houses and confessed to several dishonest thefts.

HARTINGTON MAN HEADS STATE CATHOLIC SOCIETY

Hartington, Neb., (Special)—Anthony Hirschman of Hartington, who was a delegate to the Nebraska State Catholic Knights of America convention held at Student before and also was elected rat, was elected state president. Mr. Hirschman has served as president for a term.

Mr. Hirschman is a candidate for mayor of the city of Hartington at the coming city election. He had served two terms as mayor but was defeated at the last election by R. H. Smith.

NOW MR. SIMAN MUST PAY FEE

"Drafted" Candidate for Attorney General Told How to Proceed

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—It is now up to former State Senator Siman, of Winside, to say whether he desires to remain in the race for the republican nomination for attorney general.

Mr. Siman's name was filed by a group of Lincoln friends, and it was unaccompanied by a receipt showing that \$10 had been paid the treasurer of the county were Mr. Siman resides. The fee was paid in Lancaster county by the petitioners. Mr. Siman has been informed that the receipt from his home county treasurer must be sent or his name will be dropped. He has not replied.

George W. O'Malley of Greeley, who was floor leader of the democrats at the last two sessions, may have to choose between running for the house again from Greeley county or as a democratic delegate from his district to the national convention. He has been named for both places, and the secretary of state is seeking legal advice as to whether a man's name can thus appear twice. He thinks not.

RANGE CATTLE IN GOOD SHAPE

Losses During Winter Said to Have Been Unusually Light

Lincoln, Neb.,—Cattle on the ranges and ranches have come through the winter with only the usual seasonal shrink in flesh, the monthly live stock and range report of the United States division of crop and live stock estimates declare.

Losses have been lighter than usual and cattle of all classes are in strong healthy condition, the report said. Breeding cows are in good shape and prospects for the 1928 calf crop are good. Higher prices have had a tendency to restrict restocking and the buying of cattle for spring delivery in some sections, the report asserted. The condition of cattle is placed at 89 per cent. of normal as compared with 89 per cent. last month and 89 per cent. a year ago and the five-year average of 89.2 per cent.

Breeding ewes are in good flesh and the lamb crop prospects are good, barring bad spring storms, the resume continued. The western states have a million more ewes than a year ago.

STANTON COUNTY ESTATE CASE TO HIGH COURT

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—An appeal has been filed in supreme court by the legal representative of the minor daughter of Edward Spreck, from the action of Judge Chase of Stanton county in ordering a partition of the estate of her grandfather, Frederick, who died on August 20, 1898. He left a will giving his wife a life interest, and at her death the property was to be divided between his six children. The son Edward died after his father, but before his mother.

The 200 acres of land left were sold at partition sale for a sum that yields each of the six children, Lena Seyfert, Alma Kiel, Paul Bolz, August Bolz, Gottlieb Sprick and the heirs of the deceased son, Edward, \$5,380 each.

COLUMBUS SOON WILL HAVE CHEESE FACTORY

Columbus, Neb., (UP)—Machinery for cheese manufacturing will be installed in about three weeks in the Swift and company plant at Columbus. Manager L. W. Brookshier said. At least five truck routes through rural districts near town will be installed to collect milk for the use of the plant.

YOUTH CHARGES HE WAS FORCED TO MARRY GIRL

Falls City, Neb., (UP)—Annulment of his marriage is asked by Adren Bass, who charges that he married his wife, Katherine, under threats of a jail term. Parents of the girl falsely charged him with being the father of her child, he states in his suit for annulment. Bass says he was arrested in Richardson county under a warrant issued in Buffalo county.

DEATH BRINGS TO AN END OLD ELECTION CONTEST

Spencer, Neb.,—Death of D. E. Brown, of Naper, has brought to an end the election contest for county supervisor from the west end of Boyd county.

Mr. Brown served as supervisor one term, and came up for re-election in 1925. The present supervisor won the election contest in county court, the case then went to the district court and now is awaiting decision of the supreme court.

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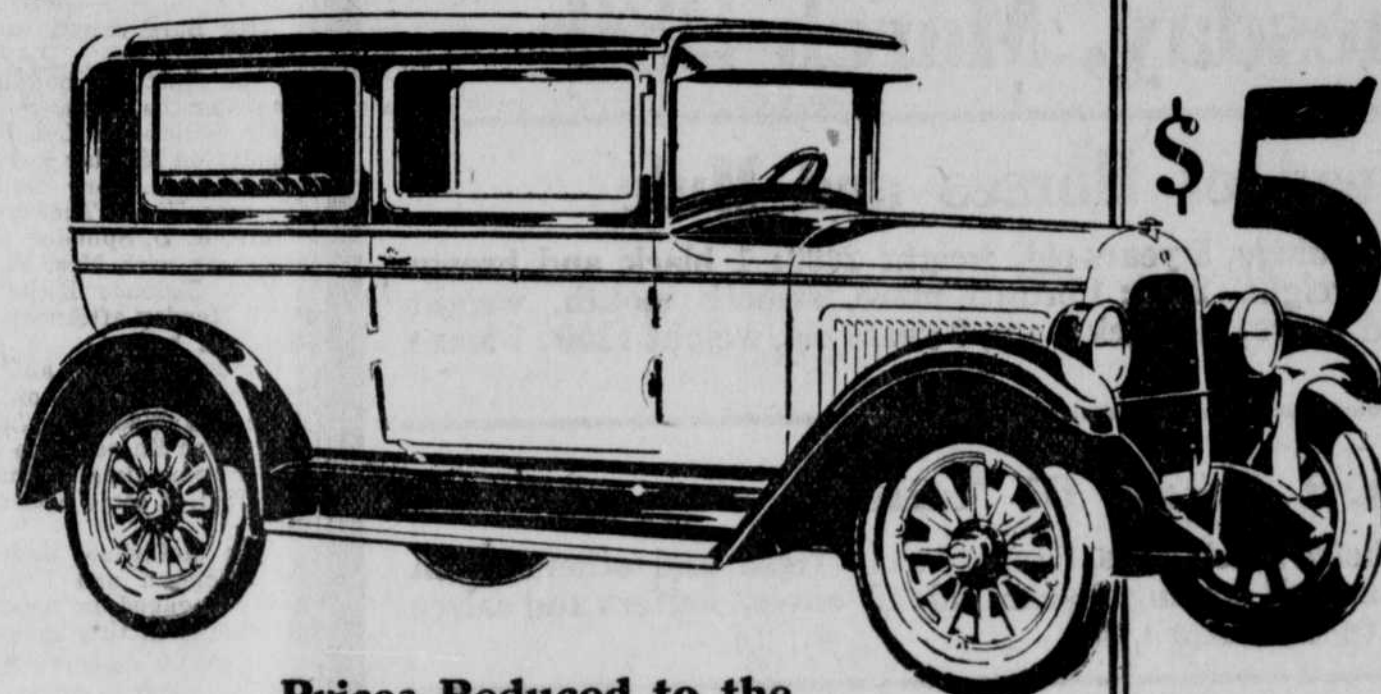
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