

NEBRASKA BEES ARE PROFITABLE

Owners of 44,096 Colonies Marketed \$502,253 Worth of Honey in 1927

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—There were 44,096 colonies of bees in Nebraska during 1927, an increase of more than 1,000 colonies over 1926. The state and federal division of agricultural statistics announced. Figures just obtained revealed that the surplus honey marketed amounted to 2,854,432 pounds in this state, or a sum of \$502,253 at a selling price of 17 cents a pound.

Apliarists report that the average production of surplus honey was 67 pounds a colony. This is slightly lower than the 1926 average in Nebraska, but still is higher than any average ever reported for the whole United States.

Honey production ranged from 30 or 35 pounds as high as 170 pounds for a colony. Although the price for the year averaged 17 cents a pound, on December 1 it varied from 13 to 25 cents a pound. The Nebraska average price of 17 cents was 1 cent lower than in 1926 but the same as in 1925, the division announced.

CREIGHTON FARM SELLS AT PRICE OF \$101 PER ACRE

Creighton, Neb., (Special)—The William Melke 80-acre farm was sold at auction to Frank Lambert, of Plainview, for \$101 an acre. Lambert will take possession March 1, 1929. The price is considered fair, taking the condition of repair of the buildings into consideration.

GASOLINE EXPLODES. TRACTOR DRIVER INJURED

Osmond, Neb., (Special)—Elmer Schnecko, a young man living northwest of town, received injuries to his face and eyes when the gasoline tank on a tractor exploded. He was taken immediately to a hospital and the extent of his injuries are not yet known.

INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTEST AT LINCOLN SATURDAY

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—All arrangements had been completed here today for the sixth annual state high school interscholastic contest, that will start tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

The contest will be held continuously until 3:45 o'clock, when results will be announced and awards made.

As students gathered for the "brain meet," it was predicted that the most interest will center about the new academic pentathlon. The contest is similar to a contest for all-round athletes in a track and field meet and will be held in connection with the academic meet for the first time.

CARROLL SCHOOLS WILL GRADUATE CLASS OF 19

Carroll, Neb., (Special)—A class of 19 will graduate from the Carroll high school this year, it being the largest in history of the school. The commencement activities begin with the class play, and then the Junior-Senior banquet at the M. E. church, May 10, and the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Johnson at the Methodist church. The commencement exercises will be held May 17 at the Community hall.

PLAN LANDSCAPE WORK ON NEW HOSPITAL SITE

Watertown, S. D., (Special)—Actual work on the landscaping of the site for the northern state hospital for the insane, south of this city, will be started this week as a result of arrangements completed by Dr. G. S. Adams, superintendent of the state hospital at Yankton, and Arthur R. Nicholson, of Minneapolis, in charge of the landscape contract. The contract for extensive planting of trees and shrubs about the proposed building site, was awarded to the Lake Kampeska Nursery company.

Grading in preparation for landscaping the site was completed last fall. Underground concrete tunnels to connect the proposed administration and ward buildings, have already been constructed.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTS BETTER THAN MONTHLY EXAMS, FIND

Aberdeen, S. D., (Special)—Replacement of the monthly examination in rural and graded schools by "achievement tests," with questions based on the state course of study, is being carried out in many South Dakota counties, it was reported by the originators of the new plan at Northern normal.

Working on the theory that the old monthly examination is cumbersome and indefinite, Prof. V. H. Culp, Prof. H. M. Gulbin and Prof. I. D. Weeks, of Northern normal, planned the "achievement tests," which have been used for two years and which they report are being adopted rapidly.

WOLSEY GIRL IS CHAMP SPELLER OF THE COUNTY

Wolsey, S. D., (Special)—Gertrude Scheibe, of Wolsey, S. D., is Beadle county's champion speller. She spelled everybody down in the annual spelling bee held at Huron, last Saturday.

TOWN OF LAKE ANDES VOTES TO GRAVEL STREETS

Lake An-des, S. D., (Special)—Results of the special election held in Lake An-des for the purpose of deciding whether or not the town should issue bonds to the amount of \$20,000 for graveling the street, carried by a 258 vote in favor and 69 against.

This street improvement will cover about 50 blocks, or 80 per cent of the city. Property owners will construct curbing, and, on Main street, a cemented gutter.

FARMERS SELL THEIR STOCK OF POPCORN

Ord, Neb., (Special)—One and a quarter million pounds of baby rice popcorn were bought by Val Pullen, local manager of the Dickinson Seed company here, in three days. Four cents a pound was paid for it, a total of about \$60,000. Clate Gilroy, local grower, sold 230,000 pounds, and got a check in return for almost \$10,000. Gilroy still has 100,000 pounds of popcorn, which is worth considerably less than the baby rice. There are about 350,000 pounds of baby rice popcorn left in the section. The rice popcorn is now \$3 a hundred. Those who raised rice popcorn this year averaged about a ton to the acre.

MOTHER TAKES HER CHILDREN

Divorced Wife Kidnaps Youngsters During Absence of Their Father

Bushnell, Neb., (Special)—Theda and Bernard Thomas, children of Gene Thomas, were kidnaped by their mother, his divorced wife, who drove here in a large touring car, bearing a Colorado license. She was accompanied by three other women and a man. The little girl was taken from school and the boy from the home of his father, for whom the grandmother keeps house.

Gene Thomas, the father of the children, was in Cheyenne at the time, but when he returned and was informed of the kidnaping, started for Colorado to look for them.

KNOX COUNTY ESTATE CASE IS APPEALED

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Anna Bleick, administrator of the estate of Christina Ruden, deceased, is asking the supreme court to set aside the findings of the Knox county district court that the statute of limitations had run against her claim for a judgment of \$20,000 against her son, Charles Ruden, who did not contest the action. Mrs. Ruden, when alive, sued for the foreclosure of a lien that arose out of a contract by which her son was to provide for her keep for the remainder of her life and to pay a stipulated sum per year. He did not keep the agreement in full, but in the meantime three persons got liens against his property, and these appeared in the case to raise the claim that the mother had been guilty of laches in not pushing her claim sooner, and that all she could recover was the sum made up of the failure of the son since 1917, to keep the provisions of the contract for support and maintenance.

The administrator also claims that the statute of limitations is a personal defense and that only the son could have cancelled the deed and taken the land free of these liens, but out of justice to the claimants asked only for foreclosure of her prior lien, which would leave the creditors of the son whatever was left after it had been satisfied by a sale. Instead of \$20,000, however, she got a judgment against the son for only \$3,576.

SUES BANK OFFICIALS FOR RETURN OF NOTES

Bridgeport, Neb., (UP)—Officers and stockholders of the defunct Nebraska State bank here attempted to reimburse themselves for money they put in the insolvent institution, it was charged in suit filed against them today.

Acting for the guaranty fund commission, which now is operating the bank, the county attorney filed suit which showed that the officers and stockholders took saleable notes and mortgages from the bank just prior to its closing.

The paper was taken, it was charged, in lieu of money loaned to the bank in an attempt to prevent insolvency.

The suit which also names Ray C. Munkres of the Union State bank of Broadwater, seeks a restraining order, preventing disposal of the paper by the former bank officials. Mitchell headquarters and later may be transferred to a branch office. These branch offices will be established in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Huron, Watertown, Belle Fourche, Yankton, Pierre, Aberdeen and Hot Springs. Mr. Brown and his wife have previously been associated with the Automobile club of Southern California.

Officers of the state association, which is affiliated with the A. A. A., are: president, J. W. Parnley, of Ipswich; vice president, R. C. Mills, of Sioux Falls; treasurer, Leo Harmon, of Mitchell; R. L. Bronson, of Belle Fourche; O. M. Saylor, of Rapid City; Opie Chambers, of Yankton; George Townsend, of Huron, and George Rozum, of Watertown, directors. W. D. Fisher, of Mitchell, is secretary-manager.

WEALTHY SEED DEALER IS VICTIM OF APOPLEXY

Waterloo, Neb., (UP)—J. C. Robinson, wealthy seed man, died at his home here last night following a stroke of apoplexy. Robinson was prominent in business circles here and in Omaha. He had been prominently identified with Masonic affairs of the state for many years.

INHERITS \$45,000 BUT HE WILL STICK TO BARBERING

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Notified that he is to receive \$45,000 from the estate of a relative who died recently in New York City, Fred Sheldon, 57 years old, Omaha barber, announced he would continue to work as if nothing happened. Sheldon has been barbering for 31 years, and does not intend to quit because of the money, he said. He and a brother, who lives in Chicago, are sole heirs to the estate. They expect to receive their money about October 1.

Out Our Way



By Williams

Claiming and Conceding.

From the New York Times. With the decline of the crossword puzzle, its place bids fair to be taken by tables showing the votes for president in the Electoral College. Every political manager has his little list of them, ready to produce from his vest pocket in order to surprise and overpower an opponent in argument. It is an old and favorite game at about this time of year in the presidential campaign, but a rather astonishing variation has been introduced into it during its present revival.

What we mean is indicated in the Washington dispatches reporting the rival claims of the champions of Governor Lowden, as against those of Secretary Hoover. Each asserts that their man is the only one who can defeat Governor Smith. Both allege that the other republican candidate would be certain to go down before the governor of New York. Thus Representative Dickinson of Iowa, speaking for Lowden, thinks it will help his cause to assert, with an electoral table to prove it, that Governor Smith would surely beat Mr. Hoover, so that the only republican hope lies in nominating Governor Lowden. On the other hand, Representative Newton of Minnesota, a Hoover supporter, exactly reverses this contention and attempts to demonstrate by arithmetic of his own that Governor Lowden will be absolutely hopeless against Smith, and that Secretary Hoover remains the sole dependence of the republican party in the contest with the democrats, if Governor Smith is nominated.

These are surprising claims, but still more astonishing concessions. The leader of both republican factions start out by admitting that Governor Smith will be almost invincible in the east. They give him without a murmur New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. This is certainly a new turn to be played on the republican organ. Where are those grand rolling notes of other years, to the effect that any republican can beat any democrat, and that it is absurd to talk of "doubtful" States after the majestic republican march to victory gets under way?

Merited Fame.

From Commerce and Finance. We are not sure but that the most significant bit of last week's news was an incident that is quite sure not to get into state papers or year books. We refer to the sale at auction of an American collector of the manuscript of "Alice in Wonderland" at the record price of \$75,259.30. The purchaser, Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, has offered to turn the manuscript over to the British museum at the price he paid for it, and himself will contribute \$5,000 to a fund for that purpose.

The price paid set a record for sales of manuscripts, and ranks among the three top prices for historic documents, the two others being for the Gutenberg Bible and a Shakespeare First Folio. The sale has excited widespread interest throughout the far flung range of the English-speaking peoples.

The reason why this much talked of sale may in seriousness be regarded as perhaps the most significant among the world's happenings of the past few days is the evidence it affords of the exceeding weight afforded in our generation to things seemingly imponderable; in this case to the expression of the gossamer whimsicalities of a child's story, a smiling, genial topsy-turvy recital of funny animals, people and things around them. The manuscript is put up at auction, and keen eyed bidders appear with cheque books in their hands. The English nation itself sends the officers of the British museum to attend the sale. Collectors vie with each other to obtain the treasure. Twenty five,

Wilbur Told Too Much.

From the Baltimore Sun. Secretary Wilbur having come out of the west has gone back again. But even so it isn't probable that he will be considered a Lochinvar. Secretary Wilbur may have the daring, but he lacks the tact.

Speaking in Omaha on Saturday he explained that "We are paying as much for prosperity as for ships. We could buy the ships abroad for one half what they cost if we pay our money to American workmen. But we want American ships, designed and built by Americans

Campaign Biography Exaggerates Part Played by Hoover in China

From the Chicago Journal of Commerce.

It is rather amusing to observe that the New York Times, which ought to know better, has swallowed whole the preposterous misstatements about H. C. Hoover's early and middle life made by Professor Vernon Kellogg in his 1920 authorized campaign biography.

H. C. Hoover was not director general of mines of the Chinese empire, either at 25 or at any other age. The claim to that effect in Professor Kellogg's biography is a complete misstatement. The facts concerning Mr. Hoover's transition from Australia to China, with which the New York Times deals, are these:

In 1898 Hoover was working as an engineer in Australia, whither he had been sent from London in 1897 by C. Algeron Moreing, head of the London mining engineering firm of Bewick Moreing and company. Late in 1898 Hoover was recalled to London. Early in 1899 he and another young engineer were sent out to Tientsin, China, by Moreing to work under His Excellency Chang Yen Mao, head of the bureau of mines of Chi-li province. Hoover and his fellow engineer represented Moreing, who had arranged with Chang to survey the mining properties in the province with a view to enlisting foreign capital.

Instead of holding the magnificent office of "director-general of mines of the Celestial Empire," to use Professor Kellogg's rolling words, Hoover worked as an engineer in the mining bureau of a single Chinese province.

"All these matters," says the New York Times trustfully, "are set forth in Vernon Kellogg's book." Grimm's fairy tales might serve equally well. Those wishing the facts, as told contemporaneously by Mr. Hoover himself, had better turn to his short article in the Engineering and Mining Journal for May 26, 1900, while he was stationed in China at his provincial job.

The Times' editorial also adverts to the Chinese lawsuit in London in 1905, which involved Hoover's methods of gaining the Kaiping coal concession for Moreing. As has been said, there is no disposition among business men to aid anybody trying to rake up an old scandal; but the truth demands right of way when the Times, still trusting Kellogg, declares: "Chang traveled all the way to London to assert his rights in the British courts. Mr. Hoover testified for him and he won his case."

It is also true that Henry Ford testified for Aaron Sapiro.

The plain fact is that His Excellency Chang Yen Mao filed a suit against two defendants, one of which was Bewick Moreing and company, of which Hoover by that time was a partner; and that Hoover and his partners, far from testifying for Chang, denied his statements, cross-examined the plaintiff's witnesses thoroughly, and did not admit the truth until late in the trial—at a point when, as Justice Joyce said in his opinion, they could not have continued their denial "with the slightest prospect of success, or, as I think, honestly."

If Mr. Hoover's authorized alibiographers and his friendly newspapers, will refrain from issuing a farrago of inaccuracies respecting his career, there will be no need for a business newspaper to call them to account by speaking the facts. "The story of the coal concession," as one engineer has written grimly, "can be found in the court records of Great Britain." Let them lie there, well interred, if the Kelloggs will only refrain from digging them up and then dressing them up in Mr. Hoover's favor.

50, 60 thousand dollars is offered, and the bids go up by thousand dollar leaps.

Gutenberg's Bible, ushering in the art of printing and the spacious times of modern history; the Shakespeare Folio, an early imprint of the author recognized as the foremost figure in literature wherever the English language runs; it is among this small company of the aristocrats of all time that the smiling little figure of Alice, with her March Hare and Gryphon and

and manned and operated by Americans." The "adequate" navy advocates are above bargains in number or cost. But no matter how eager he is to speak frankly, it still is hard to see what hearts Secretary Wilbur fancied his speech would win in Omaha, Neb. No cruisers are built there and wheeled overland to the Pacific and Atlantic. And if there is any section in the country which welcomes a chance to hear more about the protection of American manufacturers by the tariff, it certainly is not Omaha, set among the

Rabbit, is now invited to enter. No where is there question or demur. There is universal accord on her right to be received into that distinguished company.

Good Reason.

From the Pathfinder. Guest—Your dinners are always a success, Mrs. De Smythe. How do you select your menus?

Hostess—The doctor has given me a list of things I mustn't eat, and I choose the dishes from that.

wheat and corn fields of the mid-west. Secretary Wilbur has not always been impressive as a secretary of navy. But this much has to be granted: He qualifies for his cabinet position in much better style than for any post which calls for diplomacy.

Q. Who represented America at the Ibsen Centennial celebration in Norway? A. S. D. A. The Authors' League of America appointed Robert Underwood Johnson, distinguished writer and former ambassador to Italy, to represent this country at the Ibsen Centennial Jubilee at Oslo.

SLEEPING FLU LATEST MALADY

Oakdale, Neb., Youth Had Memory Lapse Before Collapse

Oakdale, Neb., (Special)—An attack of sleeping flu is believed to be the disease from which James Corkle, 16 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corkle, is suffering. He had recently recovered from an attack of influenza. Later while riding his pony to Morning Star high school, he suffered a lapse of memory.

He rode nearly all day and at 3 a. m. the next day arrived at a farm 14 miles west of Elgin, where he asked for a place to sleep.

A large number of neighbors were scouring the country for him in the meantime. Since he was found, he has been in bed, asleep.

SLIGHT SHIFT IN DELEGATES

Norris Has 10 Delegates While 9 Are Counted to Vote for Hoover

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Further official figures for the Nebraska primary given out today indicated a slight shift in the lineup of the republican delegation that will go to the national convention.

Latest reports give 10 delegates to the Norris group and nine to the administration group, who will support Hoover. This counts Gould Dietz, of Omaha, as a Norris man, but many think he is virtually an administration delegate.

The change from 11 to eight came when it was learned that William E. Shuman, of North Platte, administration candidate for delegate from the Sixth district, defeated Elmer E. Youngs of Lexington.

Total republican vote this year was 228,726 compared with 134,808 two years ago and 170,096 four years ago. Democrats cast 80,808 votes this year compared with 80,761 two years ago and 100,168 four years ago. Official returns in the republican senatorial contest gave Howell 62,672 and Spillman 26,014. In the democratic senatorial race Metcalfe received 37,630 votes and Placek 27,929.

HASTINGS, NEB., PASTOR OFFERED COLLEGE WORK

Hastings, Neb., (UP)—Rev. F. M. Bayles, of Grace Evangelical church, of Hastings, has been offered the position of field secretary and financial agent of Western Union college, at LeMars, Ia.

Bayles came here from Broadview, Mont., three years ago. He has not decided to take the new position.

NEBRASKA GOVERNOR IN DEMAND AS SPEAKER

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Governor McMullen continues to rise to the heights of republicanism. He has accepted an invitation to be the chief speaker at the seventy-second anniversary celebration of the founding of the republican party at Bloomington, Ill., on May 20.

It was on that occasion that Abraham Lincoln then a young Illinois lawyer and country politician, delivered the famous "lost speech" which is still being sought.

Ex-Governor Joseph Fier of Illinois, 61 years old, and one of the few remaining associates of Lincoln, in Illinois politics, will be master of ceremonies on the occasion and many notables in the party from all parts of the United States will be present, the governor was informed. "I consider this the highest honor that has been paid to me in my public life," the governor said in announcing his acceptance of the invitation.

BEGINS PREPARATIONS FOR REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—A. N. Mathers, of Gering, temporary chairman of the republican state convention, arrived in Lincoln today to prepare for the biennial meeting here Thursday.

Mathers, known to be a supporter of the code law and the McNary-Haugen bill, will confer with the tentative platform committee tomorrow. He predicted the convention this year will be harmonious.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GIVES PLACES TO WOMEN

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Effective July 1, rules of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce will be changed to permit women to serve on standing committees, it is announced. Women members of committee will be recommended by the woman's division of the chamber.

OSMOND WOMAN'S HIP BROKEN BY SLIGHT FALL

Osmond, Neb., (Special)—Mrs. Henry Kahler, Sr., 73 years old, broke one hip Sunday night, when she stumbled and fell over a chair. She was taken to the hospital at Plainview. She is the mother of O. G. Melcher, of Sioux City, Ia.

ANOTHER BRIDGE SOON TO SPAN PLATTE RIVER

Gothenburg, Neb., (Special)—Work is soon to start on placing the final concrete on Gothenburg's new 106 thousand dollar bridge spanning the Platte river. Concrete work was suspended last fall, due to freezing weather. All that remains of the structure. The new bridge will bring the road into Gothenburg from the southwest instead of the southeast, and will connect with the new federal and state highway from Arnold through Gothenburg to Farnham, now under construction.