DIVORCE GIVEN JAMES E. DALES

Secretary Nebraska U. Regents Board Freed of Wife Once Convict

Lincoln, Neb., James S. Dales, 76 years old, secretary to the board of regents of the University of Nebraska, was granted an absolute divorce from Henrietta E. Dales today. They were married in 1927.

Mrs. Dales, before her marriage to Dales, was Mrs. George Aills. She has served one year in the penitentiary in connection with the death of her third husband, C. L. Barackman, Cherry county rancher. Following her release she married Aills, who also had a prison

The first petition filed by Dales was withdrawn and one filed that alleged extreme cruelty only. In his first petition Dales alleged that immediately after their marriage the defendant demanded a property settlement and when he did not accede she threatened him.

BIG INCREASE SHOWN

IN PROPERTY VALUES Lincoln, Neb., (UP)-Returns from 92 Nebraska countiesall except Douglas-indicated an increase of \$14,138,752 in value of all property in the state. Douglas county is expected to show an increase of \$3,000,000.

DECREASE IN PRICES OF FOOD PRODUCTS NOTED

Lincoln, Neb., Omaha showed a nine per cent. decrease in the average cost of food during the period June 15, 1927, to June 15, 1928, a report of the United States department of labor issued today indicated. No other city in the country showed as great a decrease and the figure was taken as significant for the whole state.

Food prices in Omaha decreased one half of one per cent. during the month of May 15 to June 15, the re-

Food is 42 per cent, higher in Omaha this year than in 1913.

WOULD FORCE RECEIVERSHIP OF STREET RAILWAY?

(UP)-Replying to a demand of United States Senator Howell Monday that the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company agree to turn over the Douglas street bridge in exchange for a franchise to operate in Omaha, John N. Shannahan, president of the tram company, intimated that Howell's letter is a part of a movement developing here to defeat the franchise and force the company into receivership.

Shannahan said any delay in ranting the franchise will result in failure of refinancing the company and demanded to know why Howell had not made his objections when the franchise was in a formative state.

OSMOND PREPARES FOR

BIG HARVEST FESTIVAL Osmond, Neb., (Special) -At a meeting of the Osmond Community club the Harvest Festival picnic was voted upon and decision was made to hold it August 8 and 9. Ball games, dances, contests, etc. will entertain the people. This celebration is planned to take the place of the Fourth of July celebration which Osmond passed by this year.

CEDAR COUNTY FAIR

PLANS TAKING FORM Hartington, Neb., cial)-Plans are rapidly going forward by the Cedar county fair board to make the fair September 4 to 7 one of the best fairs held in northeast Nebraska.

At their last regular meeting a committee from the various Woodmen lodges of this section of the state conferred with the board reiative to a Woodmen day at the fair. The committee consisted of S. F. Brown of Randolph and Deputy Jones of Wayne. It was their plan to have several crack drill teams from various towns in this corner of the state put on fancy drills. The board has authorized Thursday, September 6 as Woodme- day.

It also was decided to hold running races at the fair this year and A. J. Lammers, superintendent of this department, announces one of autos

the best racing programs ever given by the association.

The board has leased the park ground belonging to Sun Gle park. It will be used for the parking of

IOWAN FACES MURDER

CHARGE AT FAIRBURY Fairbury, Neb., Witnesses in the trial of John O'Neill, charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of an unidentified man found July 2 on the banks of the Blue river, testified they had seed O'Neill of Council Bluffs, Ia., a cripple, scuffling in a "hobo" can:p shortly before the body was found

The trial opened yesterday after the jury box was filled at 2:39 p. m. Twenty five witnesses were a lied by the state in an effort to connect

O'Neill with the slaying. NORFOLK'S FINANCES SAID

TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION Norfolk, Neb., The financial condition of the city of Norfolk is the best it has been for a number of years, stated Counctiman Fred Muller, chairman of the finance committee, while commenting on the estimated expenses of the city for the next fiscal year Although the expenses for the next 12 months has been estimated as \$127,000, Councilman Muller predicts there will be substantial reductions in several items before the tax levy is made.

FINED FOR BUYING AUTO

LICENSED IN WRONG COUNTY (Special)-Ewing, Neb., Charles Peterson charged with buying a license for his truck in Rock county, instead of in Holt county of which he is a resident, was fined \$10 and costs in county court. The case was instituted by the county board as the first step in a drive to compel residents to buy motor licenses in their own counties. It is said that many resident have been going outside the county for this

State Engineer Cochran at Lincoln informed the county board that anyone who purchased a license in a county other than the one of his residence, should repurchase in his home county, taking the receipt for it to the treasurer of the first county, who would refund his money.

EXPERIMENT ON **OIL FOR ROADS**

State of Nebraska and Federal Government Try Its Use on Gravel

Alliance, Neb., The state highway department will begin using oil as an experiment in construction of graveled highways. It has recently been conducting experiments using calcium chloride. Oiled gravel has been successfully

in California for several years. The Nebraska highway department has been making a study of the process, as have the highway departments of a number of other middlewestern

The experiments are carried on in several parts of the state because of the varying climate and soil conditions. There will be one mile of oiled gravel east of Havelock on the D. L. D., another between Wahoo and Lincoln, another west of Omaha on the Yutan road, another near Grand Island, and one east of Scottsbluff.

The federal government is paying one half of the cost.

NEBRASKA IS BECOMING GREAT DAIRY STATE

Kearney, Neb., "We have everything that could be desired to make Nebraska a leading dairy state," declared Prof. H. P. Davis, head of the dairy department of the state agricultural college, visiting here a few days ago. "The constant, steady growth of that industry, from one end of the state to the other, is most encouraging," he said.

Davis pointed out the steady, consistent growth of the industry in the last five years. He called attention to the natural conditions conductive to dairying with success evident everywhere and to the steady increase in herds and proportionate growth of dairving and its related industries, butter and cheese mak-

Davis, enroute from the agricultural experiment stations at Scottsbluff and North Platte to Lincoln, with Prof. W. W. Burr, dean of the college of agriculture, stopped here for a short visit. Myron Schwenk, state entomologist, was also with the group.

These experts were decidedly impressed with the agricultural outlook over the state. Broadly speaking, they said all crops were in excellent condition, giving every promise of above average normal yields, with no more than the usual proportion of damage by adverse elements. Even crop parasites are not appearing in unusual numbers, despite the threats which extreme long dry spells and then equally long periods of rain held forth, according to the men.

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

ARE ON SETTLERS PROGRAM Nemaha City, Neb., (UP) -Charles W. Bryan and Arthur J. Weaver, democratic and republican gubernatorial candidates respectively, made their first public appearances since the state conventions today. Both were on the program of the annual old settlers' picnic.

VETERAN NEWSPAPERMAN

DIES AT HOME IN YORK York, Neb., Sedgewick, veteran newspaperman and for 50 years a resident of Nebraska, died at his home here last night. He came to Nebraska in 1878 and settled in York, where he operated a daily newspaper and practiced law.

RECOMMEND AUDIT OF

GUARANTEE FUND COMMISSION (UP)-A Lincoln, Neb., thorough audit of the guarantee fund commission was recommended today by a committee of three, appointed June 20 to investigate the situation. "We are cognizant of the seriousness of permitting this publicly created commission to function indefinitely without some checking up of its actions," said the committee in its report.

Although a periodical audit is made of the department of trade and commerce, under which the commission operates, no audit has been made of the guaranty fund. The members of the committee are Clarence G. Bliss, I. A. Kirk and R. O. Brownell.

PIERCE COUNTY FINANCES ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

Pierce, Neb., (Special)-The semi-annual statement of the treasurer of Pierce county has been published, showing the county to be

in a good financial condition. The tabulation of receipts shows that collections were made by the treasurer during that period in the amount of \$398,023.46 and during the same wried of time, \$371,912.63 was disbursed. No and has an overdraft and nearly every fund shows a balance on hand. There are no registered warrants outstanding.

FORMER BANKER | HARVEST HAND SEEKS LIBERTY

Holds 42-Year Term in Penitentiary Excessive-Goes to Federal Court

Omaha, Neb., (UP)-Attorneys for Ray A. Lower, former Valparaiso, Neb., banker, serving a 42 year term in state prison for embezzling \$60,000 of the bank's funds, have filed application for writ of habeas corpus, in federal

court here. Lower, failure of whose bank cost the state guaranty fund \$338,000, was found guilty on six counts in January, 1922. Judge E. E. Good, now a member of the supreme court, sentenced him to seven years on each count, sentences to run con-

Attorneys contend that Judge Good exceeded his authority and that the punishment was too severe and asked Judge Woodrough to command Warden Fenton to prcduce Lower in federal court here until the matter can be argued and disposed of.

HEAVY WHEAT YIELD

IN WESTERN NEBRASKA Alliance, Neb., (UP)-An invasion of combine harvesters, headers and binders will take place over the northwestern part of Nebraska in 10 days. Like an army, this harvesting machinery will go through the wheat raising area of the Nebraska panhandle cutting the greatest wheat crop in the history of this section of the state.

Yields of from 20 to 40 bushels to the acre are expected over western Nebraska, John Bauers, 10 miles northeast of here, has a field of 200 acres that will yield 50 bushels to the acre. Martin B. Jacobson, 20 miles north, has a large tract that will yield between 40 and 50 bushels per acre. More than 80,000 acres of wheat will be harvested in Box Butte county this summer, or 20,000 acres more than last year's acreage.

CONTROVERSY OVER WHO

GETS REWARD MONEY Omaha, Neb., -Will Price. who took Thomas Murray, former Dunbar, Neb., banker, into his own home at Mt. Vernon, Wash., and kept him there for two days before he turned him over to police, claims the entire \$2,000 reward offered for Murray's apprehension.

But Sheriff Carl Ryder, Nebraska City, to whom citizens of Dunuar intrusted their cash, already has given \$1,000 of the reward to Sheriff C. R. Conn, Mt. Vernon.

A row at Dunbar, one at Mt. Vernon, and a lawsuit are in prospect. growing out of the capture of the missing banker, who disappeared ver a year ago and who is under indictment on a charge of forgery. Murray and Sheriff Ryder are expected to arrive in Nebraska City

SCHOOLS NOT ENTITLED

TO MONEY FROM FINES? Falls City, Neb., Amendment of the Nebraska statute which provides that fines levied in criminal cases be placed in the school fund is sought in a resolution adopted by the Richardson county board. The 1929 legislature will be asked to take action on the move.

The resolution pointed out that the money to prosecute criminals comes from the general fund although there is no reimbursement from the fines in such cases. School districts are allowed by law to vote what money is necessary to finance operation of schools. The resolution holds that the money in such cases should go to the general fund.

DEMOCRATS TO ORGANIZE FARMERS OF NEBRASKA

Omaha, Neb., (UP)-A D. Fairbairn, of Washington, who will have charge of organizing Nebraska farmers for the democratic national ticket, arrived here today and conferred with farmer leaders. He was appointed to handle the Nebraska movement at the meeting of the committee of 22 at Des

Fairbairn has called a meeting of farm leaders for Friday at Lincoln when a state chirmn nd other orgnization officers will be elected. He will have supervision over the work in this and other northwestern states.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING BUT IS RECOVERING

(Special)-Bayard, Neb., Although struck by a bolt of lightning which tore his clothing to shreds and rendered him unconscious, the 12-year-old son of John Lopp is alive and recovering. The upper part of his body was badly burned and the hair was singed off the back of his neck. Heavy rubber coles on his shows are believed to have saved his life.

TARMER HAS RIGHT TO BERRIES ON HIGHWAY

Hastings, Neb. (UP)-The question of whether a farmer has the right to prohibit the picking of wild fruit growing on highways herdering his farm was answered by County Attorney Crowe, recently, wa raid the farmer was within hiright.

WHOLE FAMILY MADE ILL

BY EATING WATERMELO.

Morrill, Neb., (Special)-Ten members of the Amos Hammock family were taken violently ill after eating a watermelon. For a time it was fenred that two of the children mister die. A physician and nurse eared for them for several days. All are gradually improving Those ill was Mr. and Mrs. Hummock, daughters. Georgia. Macci and Manay sons, Ligo. Ceril, Ellis Walter and balw. Bobby Gent.

GOT THEIR CAR

Good Samaritans from Oklahoma Placed Their Trust in Stranger

Columbus, Neb., To give another harvest hand whom they met on the road a lift in their automobile and then see him drive it away and fail to return was the sad experience of two brothers from Oklahoma, who were following the harvest. They told their story to Sheriff Kavanaugh.

They had picked up a fellow harvester in Kansas and let him ride northwest with them. At Shelby, Neb., the brothers went into a pool hall and their passenger asked permission to drive the car around the block. He got it. The owners haven't see their car since.

STRAIGHTEN LOUP RIVER

TO PREVENT FLOODS Pleasonton, Neb., Steps to straighten the channel of the Loup river, in order to avoid future flooding of Pleasanton at high water, have been taken by the county board. Power has been given the body to purchase additional land if that is found necessary to move the channel.

Sharp bends in the river, which tend to slow up the flow, will be eliminated in carrying out a program that was started two years

Two years ago Pleasanton experienced a disastrous flood. This spring the village was threatened, but the water receded before damage was

TO SEEK MEMBERS FOR NEBRASKA WHEAT POOL

Lincoln, Neb., Philip F. Bross will become membership campaign manager for the Nebraska wheat pool August 1, it is announced. He will have tharge of the drive to get under contract 50 per cent, of the acreage in Nebraska. The purpose of the drive, wheat pool members said, is to accomplish what the wheat growers of Canada have

A combination of 50 per cent. of the wheat farmers in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado would represent farmer control of far more than the surplus in the United States and would have great influence in stabilizing prices, former Gov. Samuel R. McKelvie said

POLITICAL SPEECHES TO FEATURE LEGION PICNIC

Shubert, Neb., (UP)-Speeches by 1rthur J. Weaver, republican candidate for governor; Jean B. Cain, state commander of the American Legion; J. H. Morehead, first district congressman and Elmer J. Burkett of Lincoln, who is seeking the congressional post in the first district, will feature the annual Richardson county American Legion picnic to be held here July 26 and 27.

The 17th infantry band of Fort Crook, Neb., and the Humboldt and Falls City town bands have been secured to enliven the affair. A doubleheader baseball game with Humboldt and Shubert playing in the curtain-raiser and Falls City and Shubert in the nightcap, is carded. A public address system will be installed to facilitate the audience

hearing the addresses. THOUGHT INTERIOR NEB.

WAS OF LITTLE WORTH Lincoln, Neb., (UP)-Seventy one years ago a bill was introduced before the state legislature proposing the removal of the state capital from Omaha to a place called Douglas in Lancaster county. Mark W. Izard, then territorial governor, vetowed the bill and gave as his reasons

"It is, I believe, universally conceded by all who are familiar with the gregraphy of the territory, that our principal settlements for many years to come will be confined to a tract of territory not more than 30 or 40 miles from the Missouri river."

This statement was found recently by I. D. Evans of the governor's office, among old state records. A similar "prophecy" was retold by C. J. Ernst of the land department of the Burlington railroad, to a large audience at a territorial pioneers' meeting held a short time ago at Seward.

He said that when he and his lather arrived at Nebraska City from Germany about 10 or 15 years after this veto, his father was told not to buy land more than 10 miles west of the Missouri river as it would be impossible to raise anything farther west.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER HAS INTEREST IN CRIPPLED BOY

Emerson, Neb., (Special) J. F. Reisman, a veteran railroad engineer, formely on the run between Emerson and Omaha, was the means of rehabilitating a little cripple'i boy who always waved to him as he passed through a Nebraska station. Reisman, who is a noble of Tangler Temple at Omaha, found that the child was within Shrine regulations, and was instrumental in sending him to a hospital in Omaha. The boy is now at the convalescent stage. Reisman and his wife intend to keep the boy at their home until he is fully recovered.

CREAM AND PRODUCE MEN FORM ORGANIZATION

Norfolk, Neb., (UP)-North Nebraska cream and produce buyers formed a state organization at a meeting in Norfolk last Priday. John Friis of Norfolk, was elected president. Headquarters for the group will be in Norfolk, whereas headquarters for the southern Nebraska association will remain at

The purpose of the state organization-the eighth in the countryis to form a closer acquaintanceship among cream and produce buyers and secure means of arbitration,

SENATOR NORRIS TO AID FRIENDS IN HIS STATE

-Senator Norris nas notified his immediate political friends that he will devote some time to the campaign in Nebraska, but that he will not lend assistance to the national ticket of either party unless Smith supports his view of the power trust menace, and that if any candidates for congress want his support they must take a stand with him. His particular reasons for taking part in the campaign are to assist Senator Howell, who is with him in his power trust fight, and to lend whatever aid he can to C. A. Sorensen, republican nominee for attorney general, who has long been his campaign manager and adviser. Sorensen also is strong for swatting the power trust and the senior senator is expected to champion his cause

NEW TAX LEVY PROBLEM NOW

Reduced Valuations of Railroads in Nebraska Cause of Concern

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)— Litigation between the state and the railroads over taxes is practically at an end. The state board, which dared not reduce railroad valuations and taxes on its own initiative for fear that voters would punish them, seeing only the cutting of railroad taxes and not the justice of it as other valuations have been cut, is now protected from such criticism by a court order. Judge Woodrough soothed the blow by directing that the railroads should pay an average of 5 per cent, more than they claimed was due and which percentage they had paid. Although the referees in each case had found against the state. This gave the state a part of the victory and the difference was not big enough to induce the railroads to carry on the fight, especially as the record in each case cost \$25,000 to prepare.

As a result the railroads are paying what the court told them. For the Burlington this is \$500,000 and for the Northwestern around \$120,-000. The Burlington saves \$400,000 a year, or about 20 per cent, by reason of the court decision and the state board's refusal to appeal. About 12 per cent. is state taxes and the rest county taxes.

The reports of the assessors show \$15,000,000 more property in the state than a year ago, but the reduction in railroad valuations will wipe this out, and the inability to tax banks other than as intangibles will still further reduce the total valuation. The board will probably cut the levy to 2.10 or 2.25 mills. The last year's levy was 3.75 mills but this included 1.50 mills for wiping out the deficit. The state capitol fund will take .22 of a mill and the general fund about 2 mills.

Four northeastern Nebraska counties are in the list of late reporters. Holt county reports a slightly lower valuation, \$26,478,830 as compared with \$26,512,145 in 1927; Thurston, \$23,411,000 as compared with \$23,396,000; Wayne, \$39,-188,000 as compared with \$38,707,000 and Pierce, \$33,013,000 as compared with \$33,064,000.

THIS MAN DENIES THAT

FARMER IS DOWN AND OUT Pleasanton, Neb., Farmers in Nebraska are far from "down and out," Joseph Zweiner, Pleasanton, Neb., farmer thinks. He just received a check for \$7,500 for a shipment of steers and heifers

sold on the Omana mirket. The cattle were among the best ever seen on the Omaha market, it was said. Twenty seven steers averaged 917 pounds and brought the top price for the year for yearlings

-\$16 a hundredweight. Twenty six head of heifers averaged 829 pounds and brought \$15.25 -the highest price paid on the South Omaha market in the 32 years it has existed. Two small lots sold at that price during the war, records show.

"Prospects for the farmer seem to be very good this year," Zweiner said. "The alfalfa needs rain but is coming along nicely. The corn is a little late, but is progressing rapidly."

LIBERTY GIRL WINS \$500 SCHOLARSHIP WITH ESSAY

Omaha, Neb., (UP)-Miss Edna L. Andrews, 17 years old, of Liberty, Neb., daughter of Mrs. Mattie Andrews, won first prize of a \$500 scholarship for the best manuscript submitted by Nebraska high school graduates of 1928 on the subject "The Relation of Nebraska's Building and Loan Associations to Good Citizenship," it was announced here today. Miss Andrews will enroll at liberal arts school, University of Nebraska this fall. Donald Boyd, of Omaha, won second prize of \$250 while Miss Mary Lou Fyfe, of Omaha, took third place and \$125.

Judges were Dr. Calvin H. French, president of Hastings college; Prof. T. Bruce Robb of the school of business administration, University of Nebraska, and T. L. Mathews, Lincoln, president of the Nebraska League of Building and Loan asso-

CONGRESSMAN HOWARD NOT GOING TO BERLIN THIS YEAR Columbus, Neb.,

Congresman Edgar Howard, democrat, Nebzraska Third district, will be unable to attend the interparliamentary union meetings in Berlin in August, he announced here today. Howard is a member of the American group and attended the union's deliberations in Paris last

Howard is recovering from a severe attack of flu and has been advised by physicians to remain at his home here and rest, he said

RAILROAD PAYS DISPUTED TAX

Burlington Complies with Court Finding in Nebraska Case

Omaha, Neb., (UP)-The Burlington railroad has decided not to appeal the recent decision of Federal Judge J. W. Woodrough in its Nebraska state tax case and today is sending checks to 73 county treasures in the state, paying them the approximately \$500,000 the court held the railroad owed on its taxes from 1922 to 1927.

This announcement was made today by Byron B. Clark, chief counsel for the Burlington.

The money will be divided among 73 of the 93 counties in the state. Twenty five per cent, of the com-pany's taxes had been withheld under provisions of a temporary injunction. Judge Woodrough found that the company should pay about 5 per cent of the taxes in dispute. It was not known here whether Attorney General O. S. Spillman will appeal to a higher court.

NOT TO APPEAL RAIL TAX CASE

State of Nebraska to Accept Settlement Provided in Federal Court Decision

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)-The state tax board will not appeal the Burlington tax suit in view of the railroad's announcement yesterday that the \$500,000 in back taxes will be distributed among 73 Nebraska counties, T. E. Williams, state tax commissioner has announced.

Cost of appealing the suit decided in Federal Judge Woodrough's court in Omaha would be \$25,000, Wil-

liams said. The announcement that the Burlington will not appeal the suit clears all railroad tax suits except one concerning the Burlington and one concerning the Rock Island, pending in federal court now. The pending suits concern valuation of the two roads for 1927. Hearing is

set for September 27. The state tax board may meet Monday to evaluate railroad property for 1928.

CHILD IS RESCUED FROM

UNDER WHEELS OF TRAIN Hartington, Neb., cial)—Homer Stanley, an employe of the Hartington Electric Light company rescued a little girl from being run over by a train 'n the switching yards at the depot, Alma, 5 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brockman who live near the depot 1 d been playing on the rail road tracks and the afternoon combir ation freight and passenger train from C: ofton was switching on the side tracks. The train crew did not see the child nor did the child see the string of cars being backed onto her. Mr. Stanley at the light plant saw the impending 'ragedy and dashed to the tracks and ressued the child from its precaucious position just in the nick of time.

HOSPITAL ATTENDANT HELD

ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE Hastings, Neb., Manslaughter charges were filed this afternoon against Waldo N. Cruce, Ingleside State hospital attendant. in connection with the death of Leonard Dean, inmate, yesterday. Cruce was unable to give \$1,000

band and was held in county jail. The coroner's jury had practically exhonorated Cruce by saying Dean came to his death while Cruce was on "regular duty" and the manslaughter charge came rather unexpectedly.

HALF MILLION OF SCHOOL FUNDS IS APPORTIONED

Lincoln, Neb., portionment of \$565,337.92 of temporary state school funds to counties for support of schools was made today by Charles W. Tuylor, state superintendent of public instruction. The funds are derived from interest on state trust funds invested in more than \$10,000,000 in bonds and from interest on school lands. Among counties receiving apportionment were: Buffalo, \$10418.16: Dodge, \$9,985.75; Douglas \$55,732.64; Red Willow, \$5,155.53, and York

SPELLING BEE TO FEATURE FARM BUREAU PICNIC

Moville, Ia., (Special)-A spelling bee will be one of the numbers on the program at a special meeting of the Arlington township Farm Bureau to be held on the lawn at the home of Ivan Oleon, Thursday evening, July 19.

CREAMERY MAKES BIG

SHIPMENT OF BUTTER Clear Lake, S. D., cial)—Clear Lake's creamery shipped out 84 664-pound tubs of butter Thursday. It was the largest shipment this year. This butter went to Chicago.

LISMORE PLANS TO HOLD HARVEST FESTIVAL AUG. 15

Lismore, Minn., -Lismore will hold a harvest festival Wednesday, August 15. A doubleheader base ball game, the first between the Edgerton team and the Lismore second team and the second game between the Lismore Gophers and another good fast club the opponents not yet having been defintely settled. Music will be furnished by the Adrian 24-piece concert band. There will be all kinds of street sports and a dance in the

Wening.