

SHERIFF OWNS OLD FIREARMS

Official at McCook, Neb., Has Collection and Each Boasts "History"

McCook, Neb. (UP)—A veritable museum of firearms has been collected by George McCain, local sheriff. Nearly every weapon has a history, according to the sheriff, and he relates interesting facts about each one as visitors look them over. The collection is made up of 12 revolvers and pistols, and four knives and a sword. The revolvers and pistols vary from an 1858 model Remington with an 8-inch barrel, to a little Remington with a 2-inch barrel. There is one Colt's automatic and another Colt's 45 caliber with an 8-inch barrel. There is a German automatic bulldog revolver that is one of the finest in the lot. The sword is one which was picked up on the Gettysburg battlefield. Two of the knives are of the Mexican type, and one of them is beautifully carved. A skinning knife and an "overgrown" pocket knife, too large to be carried according to law complete the assortment. A Civil war musket is one of the oldest among the collection. He has also a muzzle loading rifle-barreled shotgun. The latest addition to the group is a 45-70 rifle of the model used immediately after the Civil war.

RED WILLOW COUNTY HAS PROSPECT OF BIG CORN CROP

McCook, Neb. (UP)—Farmers over Red Willow county are unanimous in proclaiming that the present corn crop will be the greatest ever produced. One farmer went so far as to say that there was no doubt but that the land will produce more to the acre for its selling value than any other country in the state. If an early frost does not interfere, it is predicted that corn will run well over 40 bushels to the acre. Early spring droughts made it necessary for farmers to abandon a large percentage of the wheat acreage and plant corn instead. They say that they are more than pleased with the outcome.

Many farmers are of the opinion that had it not been for the dry weather, there would have been so great a wheat crop that it would have been impossible to have saved much of it, due to the great amount of rain that fell during the harvest period. Very few corn fields in the county are behind time the farmers say. Several fields are tasseled, and a few have eared out.

GIRL ACCEPTS \$5,000 FOR EXPLOSION INJURIES

Falls City, Neb. (UP)—Faye Chambers accepted \$5,000 from Irvin C. Maust, wealthy Falls City oil man, yesterday, and thus ended a \$50,000 suit against the man for injuries she received in an explosion. The girl was said to have been permanently disfigured in the blast.

FEW FARMERS HAVING THEIR HOGS TATTOOED

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Although the recent rule requiring farmers to tattoo hogs shipped from accredited tuberculin free areas was made for the benefit of farmers, few of them are complying with it, reports received from over the state show. Under the new rule, hogs from accredited areas must be tattooed in order to command increased prices in the selling yards.

Many hog raisers say the swine become restless and lose weight after they are tattooed. Others say it is too much trouble. And among others there is a slight misunderstanding, a report from one county agent indicates. The farmers believe that if they ship marked hogs, and tuberculin germs are found after reaching the market, they will receive nothing at all for that part of the stock, carrying germs. Actually, it was explained, they will be notified of the condition but will receive full price and the 10 cents additional. The reason that some farmers give for failure to mark their pigs is lack of pen facilities to carry on the work.

HEIRS ASK FOR PARTITION OF FRONTIERSMAN'S ESTATE

Aurora, Neb. (Special)—A partitioning of the William McDannel estate is asked by Emma M. Good and Chris Good, because it is impossible for three or more of the heirs of the estate to agree upon a price, time and terms of sale of the land the aged frontiersman left. McDannel left a will bequeathing his real estate to his five children, Nettie L. Devore, Emma M. Good, A. A. McDannel, William B. McDannel and Benjamin F. McDannel, with the request that in order to prevent the land being divided into small tracts, they should sell any time that three or more should agree. One of the members of the family is incompetent, according to the petition. McDannel was probably the last frontiersman to live in the county, coming to Nebraska before it became a state, working for the government, fighting Indians and following the frontier westward, before returning to locate near here as a farmer.

EDITORS ARE GIVEN RIDE ON RIVER STEAMBOAT

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—Two hundred Nebraska and southwestern Iowa editors and their families were entertained Thursday by a ride over Omaha's belt line, dinner at the Livestock Exchange and were guests at a theater party. Today they will be treated to a ride on a real river steamboat—the John Beckman—which will carry them to Florence park, down to historic Bellevue and back to Omaha in the evening.

WALTON LEAGUE PLANS BIG MEET AT HASTINGS

Hastings, Neb. (UP)—Proposed plans for the program of the Isaac Walton league convention which will be held here early in September were laid before the local chapter at its meeting last night. Included on the speaking list for the coming convention are A. C. Shallenberger, of Alma, Neb., representative in congress, and Sen. George W. Norris of McCook. It is planned to have Mr. Shallenberger give the opening address of the convention and to have Norris give the address at the dinner, September 11. Plans for a campaign of activity for members of the Hastings chapter of the league also were discussed. Included in the proposed program are the placing of fish in waters in the Blue river valley, four miles east of Pauline; establishment of a fish nursery in a spring creek which flows east from Denman, south of the Platte river, and the improvement of sand pits in the Platte valley and the Blue river valley for fishing.

NORFOLK GETS HIGHWAY MEET

Representatives of Towns on Meridian Route to Assemble July 27

Norfolk, Neb. (UP)—Representatives from practically every Nebraska town on the Meridian highway will meet here July 27 for the annual convention of the Nebraska Meridian highway association. President Carl Anderson of Wausa, announces that arrangements for the meeting are being completed, and large attendance is anticipated. During the last 12 months much has been accomplished in improving the Meridian highway, according to Anderson. Between Norfolk and the Kansas line there are only a few miles of the highway which are ungraveled. By the end of the present construction season, the Meridian will be entirely graveled across Nebraska, it is said.

SEE MOVING PICTURES. GET UNIVERSITY CREDITS

Norfolk, Neb. (UP)—Norfolk citizens will have an opportunity to receive credit in the University of Nebraska by attending certain motion pictures, if the cooperation of the school board can be secured in staging this unique class. An extension course in American history has been offered by Prof. A. A. Reed, head of the extension department at the university. The course is made up of a series of 15 motion pictures, along with reference reading, which deals with the outstanding events in this country's history. The plan was devised by Yale university when three of its alumni contributed \$1,200,000 for the establishment of such a course. Fifteen pictures were made of such historical events as the Boston tea party, and settlement days in Kentucky, the purpose being to promote Americanism and to acquaint the citizens of this country with the main events in its history. For two years the University of Wisconsin has offered this course as a part of the course in American history and it has been found that many business and professional men and women have readily availed themselves to the opportunity.

TECHNICIANS CANNOT BE AID TO CONVICTS, SAYS

Lincoln, Neb. (Special)—Following the recent lead of the supreme court, Judge Stewart of the local district court declines to allow more irregularities in sentencing prisoners to the penitentiary to be used as a means of avoiding the serving of their sentences. In passing upon the application of Frank Brady, sent up from Washington county on a robbery charge, who wanted release on habeas corpus, the court said that prisoners who keep from the knowledge of the authorities when they are tried information that if known would result in more severe sentences, cannot take advantage of that fact to escape punishment when later the state exercises its authority to transfer a man from the state reformatory to the penitentiary. Brady did not let it be known when sentenced that he had served time in Oklahoma and Texas, and so drew a sentence to the reformatory as a first offender. After this was discovered the state board transferred him to the penitentiary, where he really belonged as a former offender against the law. His attorney pleaded that no legal reason for the transfer was given, but the court said that it was quite apparent why he was taken to the penitentiary, and that the state had the right to make such transfer.

GAME LAW VIOLATORS ASSESSED STIFF FINES

Norfolk, Neb. (UP)—Four Nebraska residents paid fines ranging from \$21.55 to more than \$150 for violating state game laws. Richard Buckendahl of Pierce pleaded guilty to operating a fish trap in the Norfolk river. Ernest Fuchluor of Wisner pleaded guilty to killing two teal ducks. He paid \$25 for each duck. Roy Gerths and Melvin Jockens were fined for hunting without license.

MYSTERY IN METAL PLATE CAST UP BY ARTESIAN WELL

Bridgeport, Neb. (UP)—A metal plate, two by five inches, bearing the inscription, "Our Darling" was cast up by an artesian well yesterday, four miles west of Broadwater, where an oil test well is being sunk. A heavy flow of water was struck at the 542 foot level, which drillers say is an underground river. The plate, carried the figures, "1312" on one side. Every effort is being made to identify it in order that the flow of the underground river may be determined.

MOVIE MEN ASK HEAVY DAMAGES

Sue Film Concerns for \$105,000 Alleging Restraint of Trade

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—A petition was filed in federal court here yesterday by two Omaha theater owners charging the Columbia Pictures corporation, the Paramount company, F. B. O. Pathe, Omaha film board of trade, and others, with restraint of trade in marketing films. Victor Newton and Thomas A. Leddy, asked damages to the extent of \$105,000 for losses they said they incurred because of difficulty obtaining films. The petition said the defendants worked in restraint of trade among several states with the purpose and intent of enforcing unjust and unlawful demands upon the plaintiffs and of preventing plaintiffs from operating their theater, which is ruining them and their business. The petition said the theater of the plaintiffs had to be closed because they could not obtain films.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS OF STATE MEET AT COZAD

Cozad, Neb. (UP)—The 26th annual convention of rural letter carriers of Nebraska is in session here with 148 delegates registered. At the opening session, C. E. Totten, of Cozad called the meeting to order. C. P. Hord, president of the city council and Ralph M. Allen, president of the Chamber of Commerce welcomed the delegates and visitors. The ladies auxiliary, wives and daughters of carriers, are holding a convention at the same time. Mrs. E. N. Norwood of York is president. The following counties are in 100 per cent attendance: Boone, York, Antelope, Pierce, and Dawson. Nebraska City and Wahoo are contenders for next year's convention.

LARGE CHEESE FACTORY TO OPEN AT GERING, NEB.

Alliance, Neb. (UP)—The number of cheese factories of the North Platte valley of west Nebraska will be augmented to six with the completion of a new large factory now under construction at Gering. This plant will have an initial capacity of 80,000 pounds of milk or 10,000 pounds of butterfat, with capacity to increase the size of milk per day. Several innovations in the way of equipment will be installed in the plant. A modern can washer that will handle all the washing work that has to be done by hand in the other factories. A pasteurizing plant, will also be installed, and larger whey separators along with more presses and more vats.

GRASSHOPPERS MENACE TO THE ALFALFA CROP

Lexington, Neb. (UP)—Grasshoppers are becoming a serious menace to the alfalfa crop of Dawson county. Some localities have reported considerable damage. It has been found here that the insects do their killing on the edges of the fields and around the stacks. An effective poison for controlling grasshoppers has been published by the County Farm Bureau. It consists of one pound prairie green mixed with 25 pounds of bran. This is then mixed with a mixture composed of four gallons water, six ground lemons and one gallon sorghum. After being thoroughly mixed, the bran is sowed along the edges of the fields and around the stacks. It is recommended by the Farm Bureau that three treatments should be made at three day intervals. Late evenings is the time to broadcast the poison, it is said.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS AT HARTINGTON

Hartington, Neb. (Special)—Five of unknown origin broke out in the meat market owned by Tony Feulner in the Farmers Union block early Sunday morning. It had gained considerable headway before being discovered and the fire department had difficulty in extinguishing the blaze because the store building was a frame structure being covered with galvanized iron to protect it against outside fires. The blaze spread between the walls, ceiling and floors and metal covering made it difficult to get openings in the wall to get water on the blaze. The interior of the store room was practically destroyed, the meat stock was ruined as well as most of the market equipment. Some insurance was carried on both the building and its contents.

TO APPLY OCCUPATION TAX TO CHAIN STORES

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Foreign corporations operating in Nebraska will be charged occupation tax on the same basis as corporations with headquarters in the state, it was learned here yesterday when E. M. Morsman, Jr., of Omaha, came here to test the occupation tax law. Frank Marsh, secretary of state, said chain stores and other corporations with their main office in other parts of the country, but which do business in Nebraska, will be taxed on the full amount of paid up capital stock. This method of taxation is the same as that adopted for domestic corporations.

BOTH MCCOOK AND FALLS CITY MAY LOSE HOSPITAL

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—The controversy between McCook and Falls City American Legion posts over location of a government hospital to be built in Nebraska, may all be in vain. It was reported here today. Conditions to be stipulated by the federal government will make it impossible that either of the towns will have a chance to be awarded the location, it was said. Lincoln or Omaha were mentioned as the only possibilities in advices from Washington.

FAMOUS DANCER VISITS OLD NEBRASKA HOME

Pierce, Neb. (Special)—Carol Inez, famed dancer and dance originator is on a visit to Pierce Wash.; Lou, of Colome, S. D.; Mrs. is being celebrated by a family re-union of all the sisters, brothers and mother of the Miller family. Those gathered at the home of the mother, Mrs. M. A. Miller, in Pierce are: Arthur, of Spokane, Wash.; Lou, of Colome, S. D.; Mrs. May Read, of Colome, S. D.; Claude, of McLean, Neb.; Glenn, of Dallas, S. D.; Carol Inez and Lisle of Norfolk. Carol Inez has lately originated and developed the new type of dance known as slow motion drag. "Slow Motion Adagio Dancing" which has been shown in Kansas City, Chicago and a few other places.

RAILROAD HAS NEW COMPLAINT

Burlington Asserts Assessment in Nebraska Should Be Cut \$40,000,000

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—The Burlington railroad filed a complaint with the state board of assessment here today asking that the company's assessed valuation in Nebraska this year be reduced from \$109,840,977 to \$69,813,842. The complaint charged that the Burlington property was assessed this year at 102 per cent, actual valuation compared with a basis of 65 per cent, used for all other property. The complaint was heard by the state board this afternoon. The board previously has reduced the Burlington's assessed valuation this from \$118,000,000.

DEMANDS PROSECUTION OF RAILROAD SPECIAL AGENT

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—A state charge against Conrad Barth, Burlington special agent, who is alleged to have knocked Gordon Grigor of Cleveland, Ohio, off a freight car to his death at Ashland, Neb., July 12, will be demanded by Percy Rector Stephens, New York music conductor and a friend of the Grigor family when he comes to Omaha, Friday. Mr. Stephens stated that if no action has been taken by Saunders county authorities at that time, he will go direct to the governor and the attorney general and demand that a state complaint be filed against Barth. County Attorney C. F. Calloway of Saunders county, said he would announce this week whether Barth would be prosecuted. Jake Bird, itinerant laborer who was on the car at the time of the tragedy and principal witness, told Omaha police last night he was being followed by a mysterious negro who offered him \$1,500 to go to Burlington, Ia. Bird believed it was a plot to get him away and then "take him for a ride."

OMAHA RECEIVES BID TO SUPPLY NATURAL GAS

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—One bid—that of the Allied Texas company, Columbian Carbon company and Skelly Oil company—proposing to supply Omaha with natural gas, was opened by the utilities district directors yesterday. The bid proposed to sell the city natural gas at virtually the same prices as the Texas company offered in 1927. According to the contract, the first 50,000 feet of gas would sell at the meter for 45 cents per 1,000 feet, up to all over 15,000,000 cubic feet, at 18 cents per 1,000 feet. Charges quoted were about 30 to 40 per cent, less than present prices, it was said. The gas would be supplied to Omaha by a 24-inch main from the Texas fields. The company agreed to deposit \$1,000,000 in securities in escrow to complete the contract.

CROP CONDITIONS ARE ABOVE 10-YEAR AVERAGE

Homer, Neb. (Special)—Crop conditions in this vicinity are reported by veteran farmers to be far above a 10-year average. The recent rains are said to have done very little, if any, damage to the crops as a whole, but the wind which accompanied the rain caused a slight damage to the corn, reducing the probable yield about five bushels. The wheat is in fine condition and promises a yield of from 30 to 35 bushels per acre. The extremely hot days of the last few weeks are said to have constituted very good corn weather.

LACK OF HARD LABOR BLAMED FOR HIS DEATH

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—When Lorenz Koenig, lumber handler, inherited \$75,000 from his suicide son's estate three and a half years ago, he said: "If I quit work; I die." Koenig quit work and in six months was a pretty sick man. Now he is dead. "Old age and the heat," they gave as reasons for his death, but friends say it was lack of hard manual labor to which he had been accustomed.

NEST OF YOUNG EAGLES FOUND IN MEADOW

Pierce, Neb. (Special)—While mowing hay, Leo Hickey, discovered a nest containing four young eaglets. He was mowing Timothy and clover on the Snook farm five miles northeast of Randolph when he made the find. These eaglets ranged in size from that of a newly hatched chick to a spring fry. The largest of which was given O. B. Miller, clerk of district court of Pierce county, who is keeping it at his home in Pierce.

WAR DECLARED ON PHEASANTS

Five Nebraska Counties Plan Open Season for Hunting Birds

Scotia, Neb. (Special)—An open season on pheasants this fall is being sought by the Scotia chapter of the Isaac Walton league. Petitions are to be presented to the county board, asking that a date be set for hunting the birds. Farmers and others who believe the birds a menace signed readily. Valley county officials have already passed a resolution favoring an open season. The final authority must come from the state game warden. State Game Warden F. B. O'Connell has already said that he would like to declare an open season on pheasants in five counties, Greeley, Valley, Sherman, Howard and Hall.

HIS ATTENTIONS TO GIRL CAUSES COURT ACTION

Madison, Neb. (Special)—A short hearing was held here again in the case of "Cyclone Taylor" Claussen and Marjorie Horn, 16 year old Norfolk high school girl. Claussen had been released Tuesday on promise that he take his wife and three children, whom he deserted when he tried to elope with Miss Horn to another state. Instead he went to the Norfolk cafe where the girl is employed and made an appointment. They met in the Norfolk park to discuss plans for an elopement to another state, according to information given county officers by the girl's mother. County Judge Reeker has made no definite disposition of the case. He is still opposed to sending the girl to the reform school. Claussen may be released if certain conditions are complied with, County Attorney Dowling stated. "Cyclone Taylor" was arrested several months ago when he eloped with Miss Horn to Omaha. They were brought back to Madison and serious charges were filed against the man, who is more than 10 years older than the girl. He had been in jail since that time.

IOWA MAN CONVICTED OF NEBRASKA MURDER

Fairbury, Neb. (UP)—John T. O'Neill, an itinerant from Council Bluffs, Ia., was found guilty of second degree murder by a jury in district court here Saturday. O'Neill was charged with the slaying of an unidentified man in a "hobo" camp near here July 2. The dead man was found with his throat slashed shortly after O'Neill was seen in his company. O'Neill was arrested and a coroner's jury recommended that he be held for trial. To account for his appearance, which showed indications of a struggle, on the day of his arrest, the defendant said he had been held up. Testimony at the trial was that O'Neill had been seen with the stranger entering a camp and shortly after he came away, his face and head cut and bleeding. A state witness testified that he saw two men scuffling in the camp.

ESCAPED FOX CAPTURED BUT HIS HURTS ARE FATAL

Homer, Neb. (UP)—After several weeks of freedom, roaming hills and woods, gaining a living at the expense of an occasional ill fated chicken and passing idle time dodging hounds and men who sought to recapture him, Rambler, a black silver fox, valued at several hundred dollars, has been caught in a wolf trap along the wooded bluffs east of Homer and returned to the M. V. Byers fox farm. Rambler, however, paid in full for his fling at life. One leg was broken in his efforts to free himself from the trap and soon after his return to the pens he died. Testimony at the trial was that O'Neill had been seen with the stranger entering a camp and shortly after he came away, his face and head cut and bleeding. A state witness testified that he saw two men scuffling in the camp.

WAYNE COUNTY PICNIC AT WINSIDE AUGUST 23

Winside, Neb. (Special)—The Wayne county old settlers' picnic will be held here August 23. Program committees have been appointed and plans are under way to make this year's picnic the best in the history of the county. Winside sponsors the event annually and the attractions that have been put on in the past here have given the town a well earned reputation on one of the biggest one day celebrations in this section of the state.

OMAHA GIRL FOUND IN NORFOLK IN GREAT NEED

Madison, Neb. (Special)—An Omaha girl who was found without food or shelter on the streets of Norfolk, has been returned by Juvenile Judge Rekker to Omaha. She was found to be in desperate need of medical and hospital attention. She admitted she had been under the care and control of probation officers in Douglas county. She said her father, an Omaha man, had contributed nothing to her support for more than a year. She had come to Norfolk seeking employment.

TWO GIRLS CAPTURE THIRTY-POUND CATFISH

Niobrara, Neb. (Special)—Paula Hofacker, 14 years old, and Marie Lamprecht, 12, are given credit for catching the largest fish that has been landed near here so far this season. They were wading in Banle creek, near the Fomer ranch, six miles east of here, when they discovered a catfish in shallow water where he was unable to handle himself properly. After considerable maneuvering, the girls got the fish out onto the sandbar and summoned help. The fish weighed 30 pounds.

CAPTURES ALLIGATOR ON A NEBRASKA RANCH

Bassett, Neb. (Special)—Mrs. A. D. McCane, living on the Miller ranch just west of Bassett captured an alligator. Noticing commotion among the chickens and pigs in the lot, Mrs. McCane investigated and discovered this strange reptile trying to obtain a chicken dinner. She secured a large box and placed it over the alligator until her husband came home. The specimen is kept in the ranch tank where it has been viewed by a number who doubted the story. It is thought the alligator escaped from a small circus that was showing here last week.

SAYS PLATFORM NOT COMPLETE

Candidate for Attorney General of Nebraska Asserts 2 Planks Missing

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Two planks, adopted by the state republican pre-convention platform committee, are missing from the platform as adopted at the state convention, C. A. Sorensen, candidate for attorney general, said today. The "power" plank against any change that would weaken the direct primary law are the parts of the platform that are missing, Sorensen said. The power plank endorses Senator George W. Norris' plan for government control of Muscle Shoals and his Boulder dam bill. It further said "we are opposed to any legislation that will interfere with municipal ownership and operation of public utilities. Sorensen said the planks were in the original draft of the platform 30 minutes before it was read in the convention. Chairman Edgar Ferneau of the republican committee has not investigated the matter as yet, he said today.

NEAR DROWNING AT HARTINGTON

3 Beresford, S. D., Girls Rescued from Pool—Were Attending Church Meet

Hartington, Neb. (Special)—Misses Ruth Wevik, Lydia Stoen and Eveline Miller of Beresford, S. D., came near setting a tragic death in the swimming pool at Sun Glo park near the Cedar county fair grounds while attending the Lutheran convention in this city. The young ladies had gone to the pool for a dip in the cooling waters and none of them were considered expert swimmers. Miss Wevik, after swimming for some time, dived into the deepest part of the pool. Becoming exhausted she began floundering and called for assistance. Her two friends, Misses Miller and Stoen, plunged into the water to rescue her and went down themselves. Walter Thies, 15 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Thies, a good swimmer, jumped into the water and rescued one; Miss Gladys Israelson, attired in street clothes and a good swimmer, plunged in and rescued another one and the third girl was rescued by Enoch Israelson, owner of the pool.

AWARD BRIDGE CONTRACTS IN NORTHEAST NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb. (Special)—Bids have been opened and awards will be made shortly for the construction of a number of bridges and for rel surfacing of roads. On the bridge on the Norfolk-Columbus project, R. A. Finley of Nebraska City was low man with a bid of \$43,171. The Beatty Contracting company was low with a bid of \$2,948 and one for \$2,938 on a bridge on the Oakland-South Sioux City project, dependent on whether woven wire guard railing was used or whether wire cable was employed. Mr. Finley bid \$16,081 on the bridge on the Bancroft-Pender project, using woven wires and \$16,043 if steel wire is called for. Engler Brothers of Lexington bid \$1,939 for gravel surfacing a half inch thick on the highway between Lynch and Spencer, the price being 7 cents a square yard for the gravel used. George Cronkrite of Perry, Ia., was low man on guard railings on the Anzli-Kilgore project.

FORMER OMAHA BANKER LOSES DAMAGE SUIT

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—D. W. Geiselman, former Omaha bank president lost his \$180,000 alleged malicious prosecution suit against seven officers of a Pender, Neb., bank when Federal Judge J. W. Woodrough directed the jury to find for the defendants. The court's decision came after Geiselman had presented his evidence. Judge Woodrough held that the criminal suit against Geiselman instituted by the Pender bank had been settled out of court and therefore Geiselman had no recourse to sue for malicious prosecution.

HELD FOR DEATH OF STATE HOSPITAL INMATE

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Q. IS helium a poisonous gas?

A. Helium is non-poisonous as well as non-inflammable.

