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FACTS ABOUT NEBRASKA.

Reports from twelve Nebraska counties, picked at random but fairly representative of the state, show that land mortgage indebtedness decreased nearly nine percent during 1927. Fewer municipal bond issues than usual were made during the first six months of 1928 and the public debt of the subdivisions of the state were reduced by approximately three million dollars.

Of the 37,396,000 kilowatts of electric energy consumed in Nebraska in May something less than ten percent was generated by waterpower. The state used 6 percent more electric energy than in the same month of the previous year, as against a national increase of eight percent for May.

Nebraska has the only corn-products plant west of the Mississippi river. It has lately opened at Omaha and will produce 1500 cases of corn flakes daily. It will make artificial snow that will be shipped to Hollywood chiefly, to be used as scenery on

the movie lots.

Three are enough picture shows in Nebraska to entertain every person in the state with an average audience of 174 filled seats, allowing for five people employed. Only two states have more theaters per-capita.

"AIN'T NATURE WONDERFUL"

BEAVER FLATS, Neb.

Beaver Flats is slowly recovering from a terrific battle with quarrelsome sewer rats the first of last week and many of its citizens are in the market for cats and dogs to replace those either killed or frightened away during the ruction. In the meantime the City Council has passed an ordinance prohibiting the dumping of any more moonshine liquor in the city sewers.

The trouble with the rats is believed by the authorities to be due to a raid made sometime ago by prohibition enforcement officers on the moonshine plant of Al Cohol near here. At the time of the raid the supplies taken in the raid were brought to the city and stored in the town hall to await the trial of Mr. Cohol before Judge Kirwan and which concluded last week. The trial resulting in the conviction of Mr. Cohol, the court after pronouncing sentence instructed that the captured liquor be destroyed. On Monday, the enforcement officials carried out the order of the court by dumping the several hundred gallons of liquor in the city sewers.

Several hours later loud squeals and squeaks and sounds of quarrelling began to issue from the sewer manholes. Soon after dark the rats began issuing from the sewers and a horde of them attacked a bunch of cats engaged in concert on the fence at the rear of the City Hotel. The cats at first put up a battle, but after several had been killed the others turned and ran. None of them has since been seen. The vanquishing of the cats seemed to give the rats an overpowering thirst for blood and the horde proceeded down the city streets attacking whatever dogs were encountered in their path.

These being disposed of, a couple of late pedestrians were pursued. Their cries aroused the nightwatch, who was reading at the fire house, and he at once rang the fire bell summoning the firemen and the citizens to his aid. The firemen and volunteer citizens at once armed themselves with staves and baseball bats and engaged the rats, driving them back to the sewers after a prolonged engagement. Sentinels then were stationed at the manholes and sewer inlets to club back any rats who attempted to emerge again and the watch was maintained throughout the next day until the sewers had been flushed clear of all trace of illicit liquor and the rats had opportunity to recover from their

debauch and again become peaceful. Several citizens who lost valuable blooded cats and dogs in the affair have announced their intention of filing claims for damages against the city and the prohibition enforcement department.

E. S. NICKERSON WRITES.

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scription as to the probable form of the lodge, and am wondering what you find to be the approximate diameter of the dark circle showing the outer wall. If I recall the size of the masonry on the old site along the Cedar, near Fullerton, they varied from 15 to as much as 60 feet in diameter, all with the opening facing the East, and arrangement of the lodges as to one another according to a general design.

It is known that the Pawnee as well as his relations the Wichitas and the Arickarees in early times built his lodge partly underground.

He was still building it in 1803 and 1806 in such manner according to both Lewis & Clark and Lieutenant Pike. Pike says in 1806 in describing the Pawnee houses:

"First there is an excavation of a circular form made in 'about 4 feet deep and 60 feet in diameter, when there is a row of posts about 5 feet high, with crotches at the top, set firmly in all around, and horizontal poles laid from one to another. There is within this enclosure a row of post ten-feet in height forming a circle about 10 feet in diameter. The crotches of these are so directed that horizontal poles are laid from one to another; long poles are then laid rafters from the lower row to the upper, and over the upper nearly meeting at the top of the lodge, leaving only a small aperture for the smoke of the fire to pass out, which is made of the ground at the middle of the lodge, the roof is then thatched with grass, and earth is thrown up against the wall until a bank is made to the eaves of the thatch, small poles having been put around the outer circle etc."

This was a description of the Pawnee lodges along the Loup in 1806, but it is interesting to note that Lieutenant Pike makes no mention of any Pawnee Village up the Elkhorn at that time.

The Pawnees then were in three villages Grand Villages on the Platte (3,130 souls), Republican Village on Republican Fork of Kansas (1,618 souls).

This writer being on the Cedar at its junction with the Loup.

In the opinion of Hayden who visited the Pawnee Loups in 1867 in his study as an Ethnologist for the Government, the village on the Loup, was of the greatest antiquity.

If your discovery establishes an ancient Indian City, it may well be included as one of the seven traditional cities of Cibola, and while much controversy rages as to the Indian city reached by the Spanish expeditions of 1662, or rather its location, it does seem to me that the weight of authority points to the Loup site of the Pawnees, the historian of the "Penadosa Expedition to Quivera" writes as the party came into sight of the settlement "This was one of the cities of Quivera. It contained thousands of—houses, mostly circular in form, some two, three or four stories in height, skillfully thatched. It extended alongside the river for more than two leagues, at which distance a third stream flowed into the second. Beyond this the city again stretched out for many leagues."

Judge Savage in his "A Visit to Nebraska in 1662," says it was to the Indian Village of the Pawnees on the Loup that was described.

Therefore, it should be of interest to everybody to learn the location of these traditional cities, that lead on those Spanish adventures, and quite often to their death. It was in search of the location of cities, in truth Indian Villages that Coronado first, and later Villasur led their expedition, to the country of the Platte.

There was evidence in 1899 of a form of lodge that was underground along the Cedar, having been about eight feet in diameter, but whether a dwelling house, or a corn cache is only conjecture.

Two fine specimens of Buffalo head were found by us in 1898-99 in the vicinity of Fullerton. One was found with a number of implements, including a fine stone hammer, and a stone used for skinning. Numerous chips of flint, both white and black were discovered what must have been an Indian workshop, and some perfect specimens of bird points, or arrow heads scarcely 3-4 inch in length.

Your description of the articles found on the Holt county site, seem to be so similar to those as I recall those of the Upper Loup site, that I decided to write you, save the fact that I do not recall the pottery pieces showed any evidence of paint.

I should be pleased to learn some more of the details of what is shown as to the size and arrangement of the lodges, if their outlines are still sufficiently shown.

I have not yet lost my interest, even if I have done nothing in the past 25 years as to following up a study of the Pawnee which I had pursued for a time particularly to determine his religion, his house, and his pottery.

On the sites I have mentioned, I do not recall of ever finding any carving of the human face, or any jasper articles.

I think that Mr. Blackman headed an expedition some few years ago for a more intensive study of the Pawnee sites, but have never read what were the results of the same.

Very truly,
E. S. NICKERSON.

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