

## NEWS OF NEBRASKA IN CONDENSED FORM

Recent Happenings in Nebraska Given in Brief Items For Busy Readers.

The State T. P. A. will meet at Omaha April 20 and 21. Most all the spring grain around Callaway has been sown.

Work on the paving of 34 blocks has begun at West Point.

Boys of Hamilton county have organized the Prairie Gem Pig club.

A commercial club has been organized by the business men of Belvidere.

A De Molay chapter with twenty-seven charter members has been instituted at Hyams.

The new banking law passed by the state legislature has become operative and is now in effect.

The formal opening of St. Catherine hospital, McCook's new \$100,000 hospital is placed at May 16.

R. B. Appleget, a member of the Beatrice postoffice delivery force for thirty-three years, has retired.

Beatrice has signed a contract for current from an electric power plant now being constructed at Blue Springs.

Clarence Smith of Table Rock caught a large gray wolf which measured sixty-one inches from tip to tip.

The senate slaughtered the bill providing for Sunday closing of movie houses in Nebraska by a vote of 16 to 11.

John Ferguson of Taylor lost 71 spring chickens when a brooder became too hot and set fire to the chicken house.

The question of the issuing of \$35,000 for the erection of a community building lost at the Beatrice city election 298 to 256.

One of the big features of the Johnson county fair this year will be four days of horse racing. The fair is to be held September 17 to 21.

Ward K. Newcomb of Kearney has been appointed secretary of the Federal Land Bank of Omaha to succeed C. M. Gruenther, who died recently.

Two hundred ninety-four cars of livestock were shipped from Humboldt last year and 517 cars of miscellaneous material, mostly lumber, sand and coal.

A Missouri Pacific freight train was derailed and ten cars of merchandise destroyed by fire in a wreck near Paul, caused by the engine throwing a tire.

Grand Island was chosen as the meeting place for the 1924 convention of the Nebraska Music Teachers' association at its closing sessions at Omaha.

All the ministers of Scottsbluff county met at a dinner last week, when the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. McCaffree, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, were the guests of honor.

Irwin Knack, helper at the Gooch bakery at Lincoln was instantly killed when, alone in the mixing room, he fell into a doughmixer. His neck was broken before other employes could reach him.

More than \$180,000 was expended by the Richardson county highway department during 1922, according to the report submitted to the board of commissioners by J. Frank Rolf, county engineer.

In addition to the completion of the new \$45,000 Christian church at Aurora, a large number of modern residences are going up. The contractors have work scheduled ahead for many months.

The date of holding the annual league convention of the Nebraska Association of the Business Women's league which meets in Beatrice this year, has been changed from April 21, to May 22 and 23.

More than 100 acres around Scottsbluff have been signed for cantaloupes this season, in the first year of an experimental season to be devoted to testing the financial possibilities of the crop in the valley.

Record breaking truck receipts of hogs are getting to be a daily occurrence in South Omaha. The new high mark of 2,400 head established Monday stood only 24 hours, as Tuesday's count at the truck chutes reached 2,684 head. It required about 300 trucks to bring this number of hogs to market.

Roy Harrop, president of the American Economic league, with headquarters at Omaha, announces the postponement of the National Conference in that city to May 23 to 26, in order to secure the presence of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford as speakers.

Fifty-four residences, the \$175,000 municipal auditorium, the \$85,000 St. Mark's cathedral, a bakery that will cost at least \$30,000; a ware house 200x50 feet for a wholesale firm, a bungalow court including five homes and a number of lesser buildings now under construction point to a prosperous summer ahead for Hastings.

Fifteen times as many persons voted at the last municipal election in Falls City than did in 1921, when but ninety ballots were cast. The Sunday movie issue, which was decided in the negative by a vote of 1,002 to 505, was responsible for the big turnout this year.

The new \$100,000 Masonic Home for Children, at Omaha, formerly the G. W. Megeath residence is occupied by Superintendent James A. Noble and thirty boys, who moved from their former home in the north part of the city. The old home had been occupied since March 12, 1921.

## RECLAIMING BOTTOM LANDS

Drainage Has Saved a Thousand Acres of Wet Land in Frontier County.

One thousand acres of wet bottom land in the Medicine Creek valley in Frontier county have been reclaimed at a cost of less than \$3,000 per acre under the direction of the Extension workers of the Agricultural College. This drainage project has made impossible a repetition of such a flood as the one which ruined the crops there in 1921. Medicine Creek was once a deep and fairly straight stream but sediment from the hills has been washed into the bed of the creek until flood waters threatened the crops each year on this area. The control of this water in a deep canal dug thru the lowest part of the valley will mean much to the farmers of this particular community since in this dry land area the upland farmers are dependent upon the sub-irrigated river bottom for their livestock feed. This project is only one of 19 drainage projects carried on in the state by Extension workers in 1922. 846 acres have been changed from mudholes to productive crop areas.

Thieves entered the J. I. Tingle & Sons dry goods stores at Clinton and escaped with \$700 worth of coats and suits.

The Plainview board of education voted to have the Bible read, without comment, in every room of the public schools of that place.

Reports from the northern part of Jefferson county indicate that the fall wheat is nearly a failure. Much of the seed and tender plants have been blown out.

Several thousand crows were killed at an immense rookery on Oak creek in northern Holt county in a joint hunt of Hunt and Boyd county farmers and sportsmen.

Declaring that he never felt better in his life, "Uncle" Peter Starr, of Dunning, oldest resident of Nebraska, last Sunday was the recipient of many congratulations on his 105th birthday.

Box Butte county will again lead the state in potato acreage. The acreage last year, including both seed and table stock, was slightly in excess of 27,000 acres. The acreage this season will probably be not less than 30,000 acres.

Another vein of coal has been discovered in southeastern Nebraska, near Auburn. Many veins have been located here, one being mined for several years profitably. Geologists believe it probable that this section will some day mine coal extensively.

Frank Coil of Hemingford, set a gasoline can in a bucket of water and placed it on the stove, not knowing there was a fire in the stove. The can exploded, throwing burning gasoline all over the room and set fire to the house which was burned to the ground.

Sebastian Salerno, consul at Omaha for the Italian government, has received notice of his appointment as representative of the Italian Red Cross for Nebraska. This recognition is the result of the work done by Mr. Salerno in behalf of the Red Cross for his native country.

D. W. Osborne, head of the swine department of the Pawnee County Fair association believes that the hog show at the fair this fall will surpass any other previous show. Higher premiums will be offered this year, and this has already inspired many to obtain entries this early.

The Nebraska winter wheat condition is reported as 64 per cent of normal. This is one of the lowest conditions in recent years, 1917 excepted, says the April report of the Division of Crop and Live Stock Estimates and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Rye is rated at 74 per cent.

The work of stocking the lakes and streams of western Nebraska with game fish is being carried on rapidly. Officials of the Alliance Anglers' club ordered 30,000 black bass last week, the fish to be delivered this spring and planted in sandhill lakes which are under lease for fishing and hunting purposes to members.

Petty thieving is becoming quite an annoyance to residents of some portions of Otoe county. Farmers report the loss of gasoline engines, automobile tires, grain, chickens and farm machinery, while in the city, people are losing rugs and clothing from the clothes lines, garden tools, and anything lying around loose.

Governor Bryan signed the free pass bill which provides for free passes for ministers of the gospel, charity workers, inmates of hospitals and others.

Mrs. Lena Mertes, wife of Thomas Mertes, of Table Rock, was engaged in trimming rose bushes in the yard. The ax slipped and cut off her second toe and nearly amputated the large one.

Purchase of a new triple combination fire truck at a cost of \$6,580 has been authorized by the city council at Falls City. The truck will carry a pumping system having a capacity of 350 gallons of water per minute.

Elizabeth Robinson, 16, daughter of J. T. Robinson, Scottsbluff, was seriously and perhaps fatally shot by her step-brother, Harry Stowe, 20, as they were examining a revolver on his return from hunting. The gun was accidentally discharged.

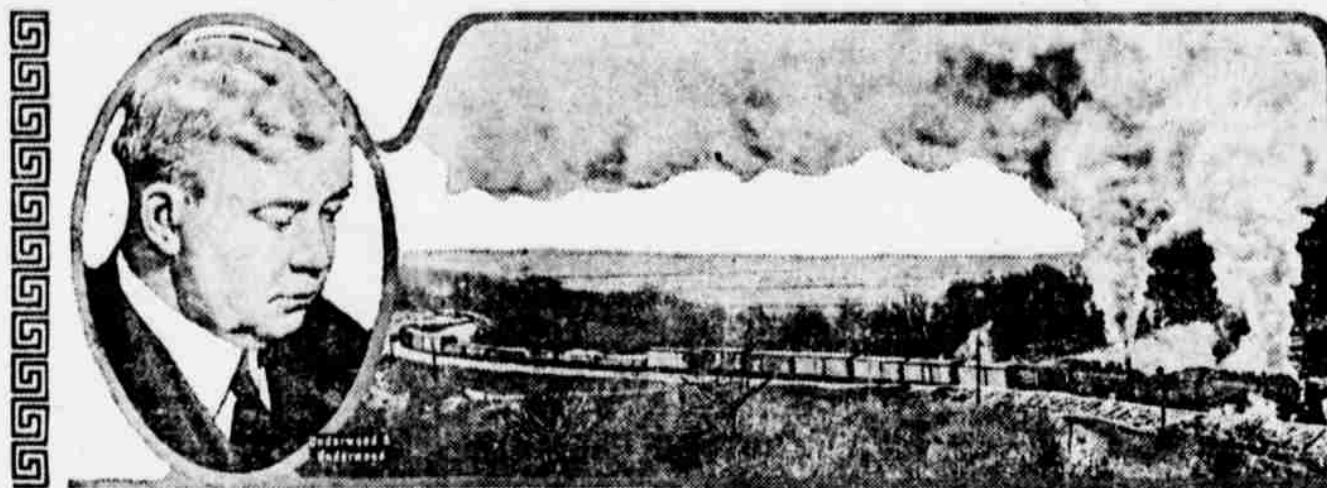
Hastings is mourning the death of the world's oldest cat, "Old Yellow Tom," known to have been 27 years of age. He was full of fight and had whipped every thing that had attacked him until his last fight with a Chesapeake Bay Spaniel which killed him. Hundreds of battles had left him with one eye gone and his ears chewed up.

## French Take Possession of Hugo Stinnes' Home



The French troops have taken possession of "Haus Erde," the castle of Hugo Stinnes a few miles from Dortmund. A group of French officers are shown on the steps of this residence of the famous German magnate.

## Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of N. C. & St. L. Railway



This year the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway is celebrating its seventy-fifth year of service. The illustration shows a scene on the line near Cowan, Tenn., a special Mallet type locomotive helping a freight train over the mountains; and at the left W. R. Cole of Nashville, president of the company.

## Now He Will Wear His Green Cap



This unlikely freshman of the University of Utah refused to wear the green cap prescribed by the sophomores for his class, so the sophs ducked him in their tank on the campus.

## Fastest Milkers in South Dakota



At the right is Miss Emma Lundin of Springfield, S. D., who won first honors as a milkmaid at the little international live stock and grain show held at the state college at Brookings, S. D. She drew 22.8 pounds of milk in 10 minutes. Miss Hazel Chrisman, at the left, was winner of second prize, drawing 16.7 pounds of milk in 10 minutes.

## GATHERED FACTS

Doctor Plempton, inventor of the roller skate, made \$1,000,000 from his patent.

Hospitals existed in Ceylon in 437 and 137 B. C., according to Singhalese records.

There is little or no begging in Northern Italy, yet it is very prevalent in Naples.

Sir William Robertson Nicoll, noted London editor and journalist, began his writing career at the age of fourteen.

Viscount Lascelles, the husband of Princess Mary, is an enthusiastic collector of old glass.

More than 1,000 women in the United States are engaged in the profession of architecture.

Indians had a ball game, in which they used a regular ball before Columbus discovered America.

No protective serum or vaccine has yet been devised for tuberculosis, scarlet fever or measles.

The popularity of June as a month of marriage is inherited from the ancient Greeks and Romans.

## IN DIPLOMATIC SET



One of the most charming and popular members of the diplomatic set at Washington is Senora Alfaro, wife of the minister from Panama to the United States, Senor Dr. Don Ricardo J. Alfaro.

## "POP" CRANE WON'T QUIT



Patriarch of traveling salesmen, Henry P. Crane of Rochester, N. Y., known as "Pop" Crane to the picture frame and curtain trade from Alabama to Nova Scotia, is shown above. Until a short time ago he covered his territory in person, and then decided it was time for him to retire. He tried the quiet life, found it was too much for him and compromised by continuing his business by mail. He is one of the oldest Masons in the United States.

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## Ambitious Wild Geese.

Only one native species of wild geese breeds well in captivity. That is the Canada goose, which, under suitable conditions, can be bred as easily as the barnyard varieties. The New York zoological park has reared several Canada geese every year until its flock now numbers many pairs. The usual number of pairs nested last spring, but one curiously acquisitive and equally pugnacious pair, apparently dissatisfied with their own brood of five, decided to increase it. By combined browbeating and persuasion they succeeded in abducting the goslings of other birds until they had 15, a number entirely without precedent.

## Had Precedence.

Small Boy—Mother, me and Harry fell through the ice.

Mother—You should say, "Harry and I."

Boy—Yes, mother, I and Harry—Mother—No, put yourself last instead of first.

Boy—Well, I fell in first.

## True.

"What did he leave the poor?" "Nothing." "They have plenty of that already."

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