

NEWS OF NEBRASKA IN CONDENSED FORM

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

STANDING OF BALL TEAMS AT END OF WEEK.

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President Harding and members of his cabinet may attend the Ak-Sar-Ben festival in Omaha next fall.

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Albert Beville, an Omaha youth, lost his left foot when he fell from a bicycle and was thrown under the wheels of a freight train.

Carl Christenson, 14, and the horse he was riding two miles north of Mitchell were struck and instantly killed by lightning during a storm.

A monster competitive hand meet for bands from all over the middle-west is to be held in Omaha this fall under auspices of the Ak-Sar-Ben.

James I. Woodward, assistant postmaster at Omaha for the last forty years, has asked to be retired on a pension. He is entitled to draw \$80 a month.

The state round-up to be staged by the American Legion at Lincoln has been postponed a week because of unpromising weather conditions. It will be held June 27 and 28.

A portion of the foot of the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farnsworth, north of Hastings, was so injured by contact with a moving machine that it was found necessary to amputate it.

W. R. Pate, for twenty years superintendent of the Alliance schools, and a well known educator over the state was elected president of Peru normal school at a meeting of the board held in Fremont.

An outdoor procession, in which more than 2,500 men, women and children marched, marked the solemnizing of the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Holy Name church at Omaha Sunday.

Dr. H. M. Hepperton of the Lutheran hospital at Beatrice performed a very rare operation when he grafted a portion of the eighth rib of Jack Burton into the patient's jaw, which had been partially eaten away by cancer.

A national convention of the Stereotypers and Electrotypers union, at which all national officers will be in attendance, will be held in Omaha on July 19, 20 and 21. Three hundred out of town delegates are expected.

Two of the largest fish ever caught around De Witt were landed from the back waters of the swollen Big Blue river by Charles C. Snyder, veteran fisherman of that place. The fish were buffalo, weighing 28 and 34 pounds each.

Robert, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stingsbee, living near Arundell, was accidentally drowned in a five gallon stone jar. The child fell into the jar head first, and was nearly drowned when found. He died a few minutes later.

Twenty-three Boy Scouts, marooned by floods on Fremont island in the Platte river two miles southwest of Fremont, were rescued in boats and taken to the mainland two at a time while a big crowd stood on the bank watching the rescue.

Smaller streams in central Nebraska again are swollen, Wood river being out of its banks, but doing no serious damage. Local rains, from a quarter of an inch to an inch, fell at Cairo, Ravenna, St. Michael and St. Libory, following heavier downpours, amounting almost to cloudbursts.

Ruth Gunn, 5, daughter of E. S. Gunn, Lincoln business man, was killed when run over by an automobile on a residence street.

Mrs. Roy Lamley of near North Bend, was probably fatally hurt when struck by lightning as she was seated on the porch at her home during a storm.

Governor Bryan has appointed J. J. Tesley of Broken Bow, former head of the state banking department; M. R. Sullivan of O'Neill, former bank examiner; A. J. Barac of Peterburg and E. A. Boedeker of Nelawaka as state bank examiners.

Fire caused by a party of joyriders throwing a lighted cigaret butt into the rear of an automobile partly destroyed a car driven by C. H. Maxwell, Earl Wayne, Ind., on the Lincoln highway east of Columbus, resulting in serious burns to the driver.

Under the contract between the state and the Adams Stamp and Stationery company of St. Louis, automobile number-plates for the use in Nebraska next year will have black letters on a white background. With these colors the numbers are expected to stand out and be more easily seen than the present black and green colors.

THE TAX LEVIES.

Total Taxes for all Purposes for the Year 1922.

In 1922 the total taxes charged the people of the state for all purposes were \$53,457,481.56, divided as follows:

Table listing tax categories and amounts: State taxes, County taxes, School taxes, City and Village taxes, Terminal taxes for use of municipalities, Township taxes, Drainage taxes, Irrigation taxes, Poll taxes, Miscellaneous taxes.

In so far as the state taxes are concerned the legislature makes the appropriations to meet the state's needs, and the State Board of Equalization and Assessment then makes a levy to meet the appropriations. The appropriations made by the 1923 session of the legislature were substantially reduced from the appropriations made two years ago.

The method of providing funds for the various subdivisions of the state differs from that of the state in that the levies are made by the various county boards and the expenditures are made on the basis of the levy. The establishing of these levies is now being considered by the various taxing subdivisions of the state.

The next annual meeting of the Eagles will be held at Beatrice.

Nearly a million tax dollars were gathered into the state treasury this month.

A poultry club has been organized at Ashland with a start of seven charter members.

Otis Wilson, 15, son of Otis Wilson, Sr., at Wabash, was drowned while swimming in Weeping Water creek.

The state asylum at Lincoln has 908 inmates, the largest number housed there in the history of the institution.

Carol Watson, son of Mrs. Clara Watson of Callaway, lost the sight of one of his eyes, which was struck by a nail he was driving.

St. Boniface Catholic church at Monterey, in Cuming county, was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin, with a loss of \$25,000.

The village of Chatonia in Gage county has voted to issue \$20,000 bonds for the construction of a new school building.

Nearly 200 druggists attended the annual convention of the state Pharmaceutical association at Hastings last week.

One of the new lawyers created at the bar examination by the supreme court at Lincoln last week, is a woman, Florence Zeiser of Beaver City.

Two and seventeen-hundredths inches of rain fell in Omaha during a 24-hour period. The storm was most severe between 8 and 10 in the morning.

About 15 gallons of alcohol and booze taken in raids by police was poured into the city sewers at Norfolk under the supervision of city officials.

Miss Katherine Worley, member of the state board of control, and W. J. O'Brien, superintendent of the state fish hatchery, have tendered their resignations.

The state fair board has completed plans which if the weather is favorable, is expected to draw the biggest night crowds in the history of the state exposition.

Louis L. Moeschler, 54, of Omaha, state president of the Order of Eagles, who was injured when an automobile in which he and George Miller, were riding, plunged from a bridge near Dorchester, died later in a Lincoln hospital.

Wendell Berge of Lincoln, junior at the university of Nebraska, was awarded second prize in an essay contest conducted by the Institute of International Education, New York, in competition with more than a hundred students.

W. H. Orr of Falls City was elected president of the southeastern Nebraska Press club at the annual meeting held at Auburn. S. W. Thurber of Tecumseh was elected vice president, and Miss Eunice Haskins of Stella, secretary.

Reports reaching County Agent Boyd Rist indicate that the hessian fly has appeared in some of Gage county's wheat fields. Another pest known as the English green aphid, sometimes mistaken for the "green bug," also has been found in some fields.

The semi-annual state school fund apportionment amounting to \$675,135, certified to state Superintendent John M. Matzen by State Treasurer C. D. Robinson, is the largest single apportionment ever made by the state. The distribution will be made immediately.

Mrs. Lee W. Edwards, wife of Dr. Edwards of Omaha, and her daughter, Anna, were injured in Des Moines when a taxi in which they were riding struck a street car.

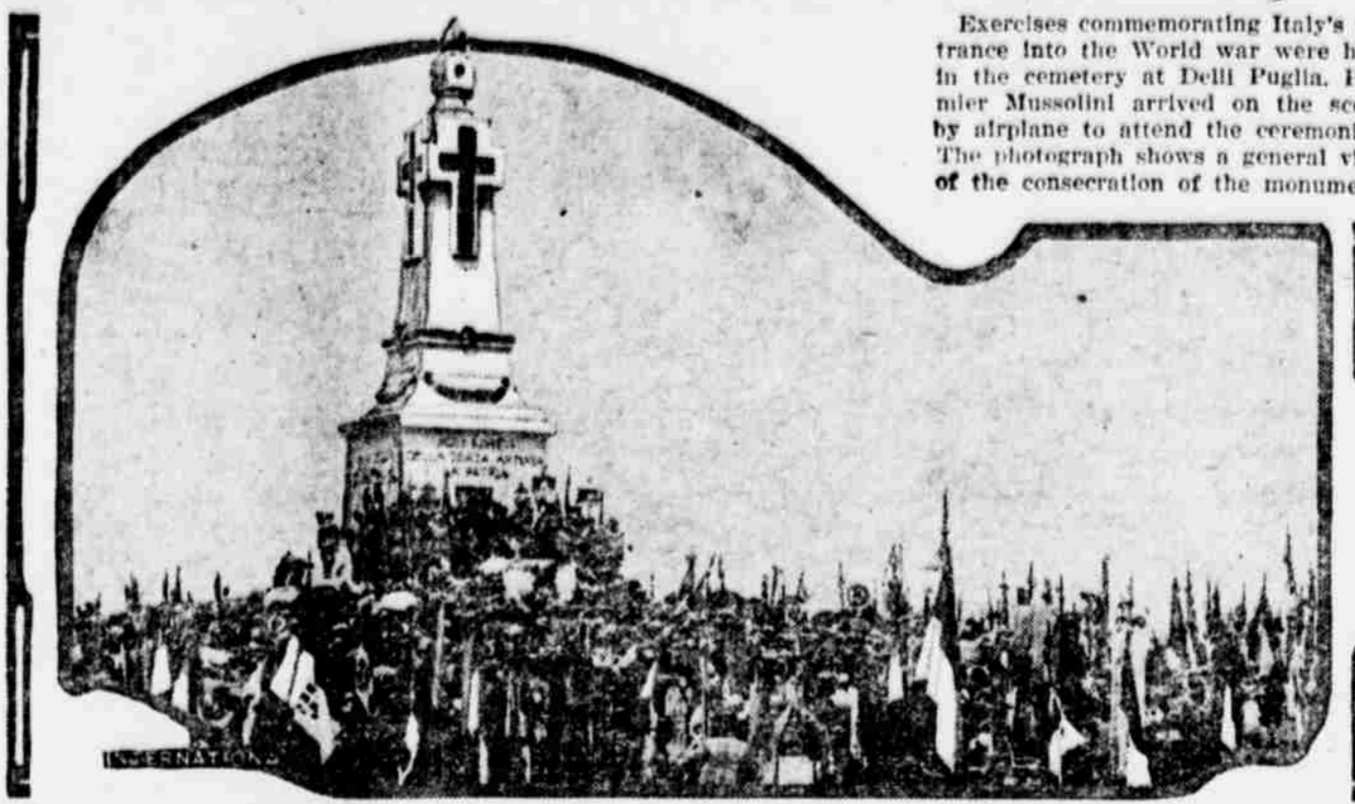
The management of the Harvard Livestock Shipping association, a cooperative marketing plan for farmers and livestock raisers, has been taken over by the Farmers Elevator.

Mrs. Florence D. Owen of York, grand chief of honor, or state president, of the League of Honor of Nebraska, was elected national watch of the Degree of Honor Protective association in convention at Minneapolis.

Assessment of railroad property in Nebraska this year will be practically the same as last year, according to a statement by W. H. South, state tax commissioner.

J. A. Reynolds, telephone manager at Pilger, and Clyde Stewart, telephone wire chief of Cherokee, Ind., have both been awarded the Theodore N. Vail medal for saving a life. Reynolds saved a boy from drowning July 21, 1920, and Stewart rescued and resuscitated a fireman who had been made unconscious by contact with a live wire at the top of a telephone pole May 19, 1922.

Italians Celebrate Their Entrance Into the War



Exercises commemorating Italy's entrance into the World war were held in the cemetery at Dell' Puglia. Premier Mussolini arrived on the scene by airplane to attend the ceremonies. The photograph shows a general view of the consecration of the monument.

Capt. Amundsen Leaves Nome for His Polar Flight



Capt. Roald Amundsen is here seen, behind the sled, giving the word to his menmates to "mush on" out of Nome, Alaska, for Wainwright in the center of the ice fields, where he had established the camp from which he plans to hop off for an airplane flight across the North Pole.

Mother Gets Degree, After Another



Mrs. Katherine Bouton Clay of Newark, N. J., photographed with her three children. While attending to her household duties, and at the same time taking courses in Barnard college, she has just received her A. B. degree, and now plans to resume her studies for a Master of Arts degree. Most of her studying was done in subway and tube trains.

Disturbing the Rest of Pocahontas



Edward Page Gaston of Chicago, with Canon Gedde, the blind rector of St. George's church at Gravesend, England, turning over the first soil in the search for the bones of Pocahontas, who was buried in the churchyard in 1618.

LAST YANK TO RETURN



Louis P. Von der Heide of Chicago, who just arrived home from the Rhine and has taken up the work he left a good many months ago to help Uncle Sam. He is a machinist. Von der Heide married a German Red Cross nurse while in the service. He is the last American soldier to arrive home from overseas service.

HEIRESS AND FIANCE



Here is an exclusive photograph of Miss Gloria Gould, one of the greatest heiresses of America, with her fiancé, Henry A. Bishop, Jr. Miss Gould is not only one of the most popular of the young set, but has acquired an enviable reputation as an amateur dancer. Mr. Bishop is the son of Henry A. Bishop of Bridgeport, Conn.

You've Got Him. Conquer the world and the flesh and the devil and surrender.—Boston Evening Transcript.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JULY 1

JOHN, THE BAPTIST

(May be used with temperance applications.) LESSON TEXT—Luke 3:3-8; 7:24-28. GOLDEN TEXT—"He shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink."—Luke 1:15. REFERENCE MATERIAL—Matt. 3:1-17; 11:2-16; Mal. 3:1-6. PRIMARY TOPIC—The Baby, John. JUNIOR TOPIC—The Man Who Prepared the Way for Jesus. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Herald of the Christ. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Character and Work of John the Baptist.

John was a great man. In announcing his birth the angel said, "He shall be great in the sight of the Lord." He was not only great in the Lord's sight, but was great when measured by the standards of men. In the teaching of this lesson a survey should be made of John's life and work.

I. Birth and Ministry Foretold (Matt. 3:3; cf. Isa. 40:3).

It was thought about and his work planned long before he was born. He came as God's messenger. His life was a plan of God. He was said to be a man sent from God (John 1:6). There is a sense in which every life is planned—everyone is sent from God. Everyone should remember that God has something to do with his life.

II. His Character.

1. Humble (Luke 3:4). He did not seek human praise and commendation. His supreme concern was to proclaim the Christ. He did not make himself prominent—was only a voice calling upon people to prepare for the Messiah. His person and habits were a protest against the luxury and hypocritical formality of his time.

2. Courageous (Luke 3:7). He faced a great multitude and struck hard at their sins. He did not trim his message to suit the crowd. He even denounced the religious leaders of his time and demanded of them fruits worthy of repentance.

III. His Preaching (Luke 3:3-8).

1. Demanded Repentance (vv. 3-6). Suddenly emerging from his seclusion, he came into the region of the Jordan as a messenger of God, calling upon the people to repent in preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

2. Demanded Proofs of Penitence (vv. 7, 8). He insisted that their false religions be abandoned—their sinful hearts renovated—showed them that the vile passions of their souls must be uprooted. A change of mind, that is, the turning of the soul from sin to God, was necessary. This is a preparation which must be made before one can see and experience the salvation of God.

IV. Jesus' Testimony to John (Luke 7:24-28).

Because John did not see the interval between the "sufferings of Christ" and the "glory that should follow" he was perplexed. Therefore he sent a deputation to Jesus for light. The prophets did not see, or at least did not make clear, the interval between the crucifixion of Christ and His second coming. The two events were so presented as to appear to be in close succession. John in his preaching has stressed the mighty judgments which should take place at the appearance of the Messiah. The turn things were taking (he himself being imprisoned with the gloomy prospect of death), was in great contrast to the coming of the Messiah in fiery judgment—"the ax is laid unto the root of the trees" and "the chaff is burned up with unquenchable fire" (Matt. 3:10, 12). The trend of events puzzled him. It was not lack of faith, but confusion of mind that prompted his inquiry. Christ's testimony defended him against any such accusation. Christ vindicated him against a vacillating mind because of the storm of persecution. He was not like a reed shaken by the wind (v. 24). He had lived a life of self-denial, therefore he did not deny his faith in Christ because of the dungeon (v. 25). Jesus declared that no greater prophet had arisen. That which perplexed John was the delay in judgment—the day of God's patience while gathering out the Church. This was a truth not disclosed to the prophets—that which Paul made known—because a special revelation had been granted (Eph. 3:3).

V. The Martyrdom of John (Mark 6:14-29).

While John was in prison Herod had frequent interviews with him. John boldly told him that it was unlawful for him to have his brother's wife. He did not mince matters even with the king. This so enraged the Beotians Herodias that she caused his death. He sealed his testimony with his blood.

Seeking the Name of God.

The Turks carefully collect every scrap of paper that comes in their way, because the name of God may be written thereon.—Richter.

Men of genius.

Men of genius are often dull and inert in society; as the blazing meteor, when it descends to earth, is only a stone.—Longfellow.

Prosperity and Adversity.

He that swells in prosperity will be sure to shrink in adversity.—Colton.