

NEBRASKA NEWS IN DENSER FORM

Recent Happenings in Nebraska
Given in Brief Items For
Busy Readers

A post of Veterans of Foreign Wars has been organized at Beatrice.

Farmers in many parts of the state are using the short crop of corn to fill their silos.

The alfalfa hay crop in Platte county and the surrounding territory is about 50 per cent above normal.

The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duff, residing near Sargent, was drowned in a water hole near the home.

Eight hundred acres of farm land near Fort Crook has been leased to oil drilling companies, who are drilling for oil.

Ak-Sar-Ben's Fall Festival is going in fine shape and will continue for two weeks. Immense crowds are being entertained.

The Nebraska Congregational conference will hold its 67th annual meeting October 1 to 4 at the First church in Lincoln.

Five fifty-gallon barrels, labeled "oak stain," which arrived in Omaha were seized by police and found to contain pure alcohol.

North Loup is arranging for a great "Popcorn Day" celebration. This is an annual affair, in the greatest popcorn region in the known world.

A company has been organized at Callaway with a capital of \$25,000 to loan money to farmers to buy cattle, and to finance those who are feeding.

After eighteen hours of suffering with what was believed to be a minor boil on his nose, Ed Steuri, a butcher of Laurel, died in a Sioux City hospital.

Workmen in tearing down an old bridge on the county road near Odell found a den of rattlesnakes, killing eight of them. Two made their escape.

Slig Haugdahl, driving his famous Wisconsin special, clipped four-fifths of a second off the local mile record at Ak-Sar-Ben track Sunday afternoon.

Included in the reclamation work now being carried on in the Scottsbluffs-Mitchell country, is the tunnelling of a hill a mile and a quarter in length.

The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company have begun the erection of a brick business building to be used as a modern home for its exchange at Geneva.

The Ak-Sar-Ben historical parade at Omaha on October 3 and no planned, is five miles long and no more floats can be accepted, according to Secretary Gardner.

All living former pastors of the First Presbyterian church have accepted invitations to participate in the golden anniversary of the church at Hastings on October 28.

Alarmed at the many robberies of banks and general stores at small towns in that vicinity, the town board of Adams has arranged to put on a night watchman for the winter.

Velma Inez Clark, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Clark of North Platte, was killed instantly when their car which was being driven by her mother, turned turtle into a ditch.

The state bureau of fish and game has purchased 1,700 more pheasants for distribution in Nebraska. Each pheasant costs \$3. Two hens and one cock will be released at a time.

A pageant, "The Enchanted Year," depicting the four seasons, will be a feature of the Nebraska State Teachers' association convention at Omaha Auditorium October 31 to November 3.

John L. Bonchal, United States consul at Prague, is visiting his old home at Wilber. He has been in the consular service for the past 12 years, starting at Washington, D. C., as a clerk.

For the first time in the country seven events, all a mile or farther, were run at Ak-Sar-Ben track last Wednesday. Nowhere, even in the big eastern circuits has this been done before.

Yeggs operating in Denton, in Lancaster county, pulled something original when they carried the large iron safe of the Denton hardware store out of the building before "jimmying" it. They took something more than \$30 in money. They also entered the office of the lumber yard and the postoffice but secured nothing.

The state teachers will hold their sessions at the auditorium in Omaha November 2.

Hog cholera, which has been prevalent in various sections of Gage county is reported especially active in the vicinity of Virginia, where quite a few hogs have died.

Mrs. T. J. Gist of Falls City, was re-elected president of the Gold Star Mothers of Nebraska at a meeting of the organization held at Hastings.

Grand Island was selected for the 1924 state convention of the Nebraska American Legion, which will be held the first three days in September.

Four convicts of the state penitentiary were bound over to district court on charges of malicious destruction of property by breaking up four sewing machines, valued at \$257.50.

Michael Swartz, a farmer near Sidney, threshed some oats recently that averaged 106 bushels to the acre. Swartz claims to be the champion oat raiser of Cheyenne county.

Mrs. C. D. C. Jewitt, director of the Omaha Alfalfa Milling Co., has been appointed receiver for this \$500,000 concern, the first woman to hold such a position in the history of the federal court in Nebraska.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

Showing Increase or Decrease in 1923 Over that of 1922

The following shows the total county taxes and the increase or decrease in 1923 over 1922, and the total county levy, in the counties listed below, and the total state taxes with the decrease in the various counties, the state levy being two mills.

Dawes—Total county tax, \$97,463.96, increase, \$24,430.64. Levy increased from 3.7 to 3 mills. State tax, \$28,952.53, decrease, \$2,000.12.

Dawson—Total county tax, \$139,294.27, increase, \$15,314.26. Levy increased from 2.2 to 2.25 mills. State tax, \$44,795.53, decrease, \$13,492.04.

Frontier—Total county tax, \$10,123.58, decrease, \$18,610.85. Levy decreased from 4.1 to 3 mills. State tax, \$39,749.95, decrease, \$5,497.61.

Gardner—Total county tax, \$67,276, decrease, \$1,918.21. Levy decreased from 5.2 to 5 mills. State tax, \$26,919.99, decrease, \$3,727.88.

Grant—Total county tax, \$13,862.89, increase, \$2,131.32. Levy decreased from 2.5 to 2.5 mills. State tax, \$12,064.68, decrease, \$1,456.61.

Jefferson—Total county tax, \$149,111.69, increase, \$13,799.59. Levy increased from 3.2 to 3.5 mills. State tax, \$85,206.63, decrease, \$12,914.41.

Logan—Total county tax, \$22,537.24, increase, \$5,297.25. Levy increased from 3.5 to 4.5 mills. State tax, \$10,916.55, decrease, \$1,222.09.

Loup—Total county tax, \$19,667.94, increase, \$893.84. Levy, 6 mills, same as in 1922. State tax, \$6,552.65, decrease, \$608.49.

Richardson—Total county tax, \$191,161.89, decrease, \$17,706.11. Levy decreased from 4 to 4.15 mills. State tax, \$92,126.21, decrease, \$13,983.26.

Thomas—Total county tax, \$17,691.06, increase, \$17,961.11. Levy, same as in 1922. State tax, \$7,824.02, decrease, \$861.98.

Valley—Total county tax, \$52,479.37, increase, \$76.61. Levy, 3.7 mills, same as in 1922. State tax, \$44,583.14, decrease, \$5,632.78.

Webster—Total county tax, \$88,896.47, decrease, \$1,553.29. Levy, 3.5 mills, same as in 1922. State tax, \$50,797.98, decrease, \$8,526.38.

The total increase in county taxes for the 12 counties is \$62,091.55, while the total decrease is \$39,589.06, making a net increase of \$22,502.49.

The total decrease in state taxes for the 12 counties is \$178,463.24.

Arthur—Total county tax, \$13,846.79, increase, \$1,147.89. Levy increased from 4.75 to 5.25 mills. State tax, \$5,274.57, decrease, \$36.27.

Banner—Total county tax, \$11,618.65, decrease, \$5,468.37. Levy decreased from 4.5 to 3 mills. State tax, \$7,745.77, decrease, \$1,074.93.

Chase—Total county tax, \$43,499.33, decrease, \$938.16. Levy 4.5 mills, same as in 1922. State tax, \$19,533.03, decrease, \$3,289.85.

Hayes—Total county tax, \$24,410.74, increase, \$5,995.67. Levy, increased from 2.6 to 3.5 mills. State tax, \$13,948.59, decrease, \$2,413.54.

Hooker—Total county tax, \$16,976.56, increase, \$3,031.29. Levy decreased from 4.14 to 3.96. State tax, \$8,427.13, decrease, \$1,287.71.

Keya Paha—Total county tax, \$28,098.32, increase, \$3,237.05. Levy increased from 4.1 to 5 mills. State tax, \$12,488.14, decrease, \$1,347.33.

Kimberly—Total county tax, \$54,971.48, decrease, \$10,592.53. Levy decreased from 3.5 to 3 mills. State tax, \$36,647.66, decrease, \$3,614.49.

McPherson—Total county tax, \$14,350.04, increase, \$2,259.49. Levy increased from 5.5 to 5.51 mills. State tax, \$5,219.61, decrease, \$360.41.

Perkins—Total county tax, \$26,730.48, decrease, \$14,378.42. Levy decreased from 3.1 to 2.5. State tax, \$26,078.52, decrease, \$5,142.48.

Sioux—Total county tax, \$43,984.02, decrease, \$6,823.98. Levy decreased from 4.17 to 3.6 mills. State tax, \$24,435.57, decrease, \$3,603.45.

Wheeler—Total county tax, \$27,644.17, decrease, \$4,995.24. Levy raised from 4.7 to 5.2 mills. State tax, \$10,622.37, decrease, \$1,864.49.

The total increase in county taxes for the 12 counties is \$13,311.37, while the total decrease is \$43,196.79, making a net decrease of \$29,885.42.

The total decrease in state taxes for the 12 counties is \$27,631.43.

Nebraska's corn crop will aggregate 257,218,000 bushels, it is forecast in the crop report of the Burlington railroad. The potato crop for this year is estimated at 9,912,000 bushels in the report.

W. V. Hougland of North Platte was honored with the grand decoration of chivalry conferred by the patriarchy during the sessions of the Grand Lodge L. O. O. F. at its recent meeting at Cincinnati.

Arthur Mortensen, a farmer near Axtell, was severely shocked while attempting to crawl under a barbed wire fence that was carrying a current from a high power electric transmission line that had fallen across it.

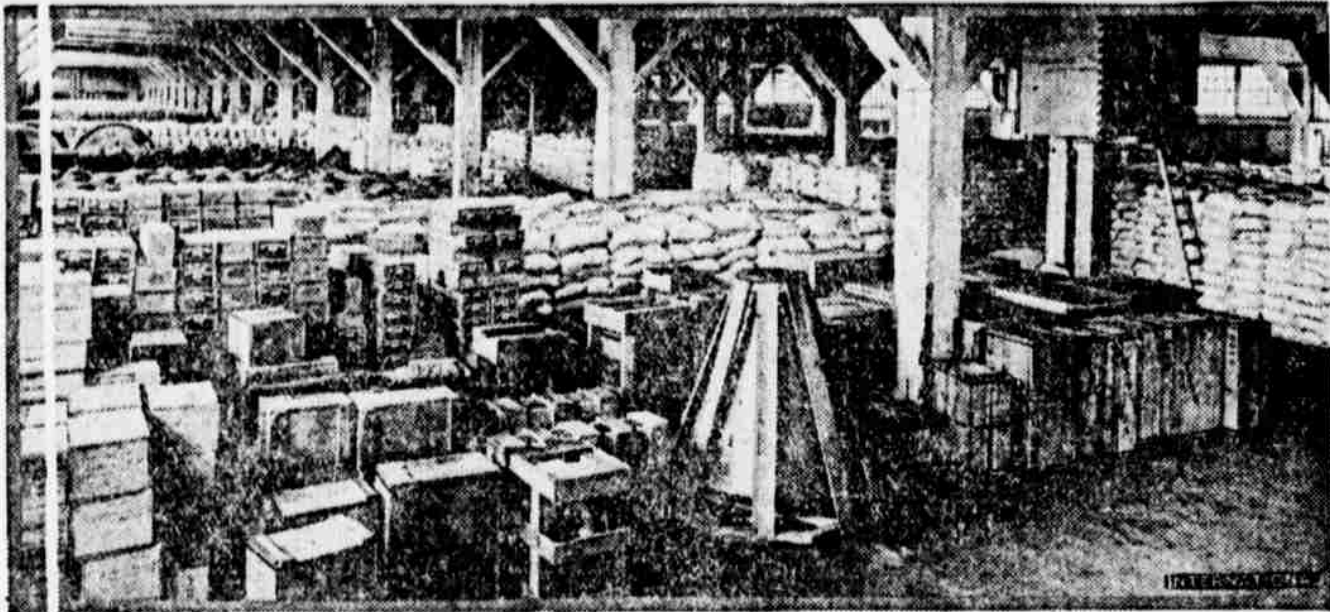
After 34 years of service in the German Reformed Congregational church in Gruetli and Duncan, and a total of 52 years as a clergyman, Rev. J. B. Braun, well known Platte county clergyman, will retire from active duty.

Siberians Digging for Gold in the Streets



Nearly every inhabitant of Missus, Siberia, is digging gold in the streets which, according to members of the American relief administration who have just returned to this country, are full of holes. Photograph shows some of the natives at work. Half of what they get goes to the government.

Big Cargo of Supplies for Stricken Japan



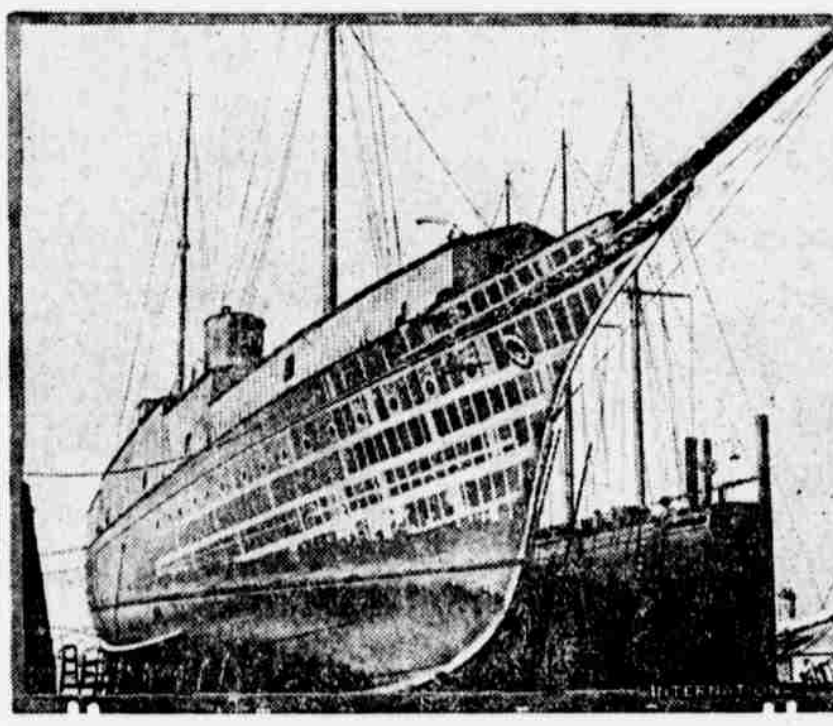
Relief supplies assembled at Seattle to be shipped to Japan on the liner President Jackson. This shipment alone contains more than 30,000 sacks of flour and several hundred tons of shoes, canned vegetables, meats, fish, cereals, canned milk, clothing, tents and hardware.

STUDENT IN WELLESLEY



Miss Grace Li, daughter of Li Yuan-Kung, president of the Chinese republic, is a student at Wellesley college. She slipped quietly into Wellesley and rented a hall bedroom in a small boarding house in a side street. She is just twenty-one years old, and was accompanied by one companion, Miss Harriet Chou, also twenty-one. They are both taking two-year courses in political economy.

Preparing for Trip Around World



J. P. Morgan's pleasure yacht Corsair in dry dock at New York getting an overhauling and painting preparatory to its trip around the world.

"UNIVERSAL MOTHER"

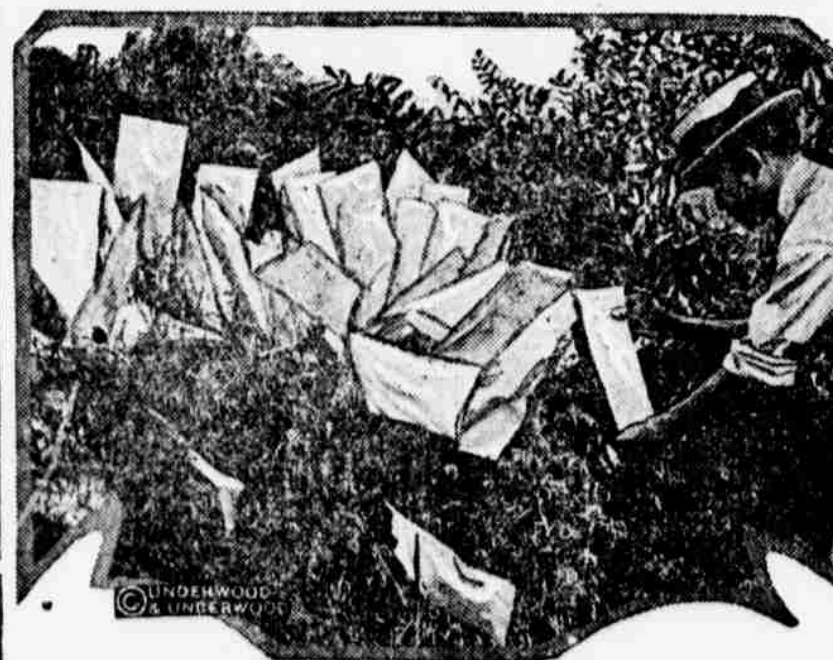


Photograph of "The Heroic Universal Mother Protecting Her Children and Inculcating Peace," made by Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney and sent to Mrs. Clarence C. Calhoun, president of the Woman's Universal alliance. It is intended to place the statue on the tall tower which the alliance will erect on its forty-acre tract in Washington over a school for the fostering of child genius.

Unique Councilor.

Jujuy, a place of considerable importance in Argentina, presents to the world of edifying spectacle of a city councilor who cannot address his brother members or understand what they say. The member in question speaks only Arabic. An Arab by birth, and of such short residence in Argentina that he speaks no Spanish, he has, nevertheless, been elected to the city council by his admiring fellow-citizens.

Gathering Pollen for Hay Fever



Discovery that a serum concocted from the pollen of certain plants would cure hay fever has resulted in a thriving new industry. The young man shown above has placed glazed paper bags over ragweed plants. When the pollen is shed it is collected carefully and the extract brings relief to sufferers. This special method of preparation has been developed at the hay fever clinic of the Woman's Welfare association in Washington.

MUCH IN LITTLE

Some men are born fools, and most at some time achieve folly. London's annual dish of meat is about 400,000 tons. Tibet, heretofore regarded as one of the most isolated countries in the world, has now been connected by telegraph to India. Among the Eskimos, wives are obtained by purchasing girls from their parents. The purchase-price is usually paid in skins and seal meat, though occasionally dogs may be tendered in payment.

Ignorance is always ready to pat itself on the back.

It is almost as bad to say mean things as to do them. There's room at the top of the greased pole of success. Women's suffrage societies now exist in many of the large cities in China. Sunflowers in the form of silage are said to be a good food for dairy cows. The Christian Easter was originally a sort of thanksgiving service lasting eight days. Sixty years ago the women of America were wearing \$2,804,000 worth of wire in their hoop skirts.

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 7

ABRAHAM, A BLESSING TO THE WORLD

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 12:1-3; 18:17-18; 22:15-18.
GOLDEN TEXT—"In Thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."—Gen. 12:3.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Being a Blessing to Others.
JUNIOR TOPIC—A Man Who Became a Blessing to the World.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Abraham, a Religious Pioneer.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Abraham, a Religious Pioneer.

I. Abraham's Ancestors (Josh. 24:2, 14).

Abraham's people were idolaters. Very likely as a young man, he himself worshipped idols. Tradition furnishes us with some interesting stories touching his struggle against idolatry. At any rate, his experience was such as to well qualify him to be the head of a people whose God was the Lord. He knew how hopelessly disastrous idolatry was to the morals of the people, and, therefore, would be able to lead them back to God.

II. Abraham's Call (Gen. 12:1, cf. Acts 7:2-3).

God came to him in Ur of the Chaldees and said unto him:

1. "Get thee out of thy country."

One is tied to his country with a strong bond. Abraham had lived long enough to have formed strong attachments to his country.

2. "Get thee out from thy kindred."

Abraham was not only to leave behind him his native land, but his relatives as well, even his father's house. Since his kindred were idolaters, he must leave them. Abraham was to become a pilgrim, to be without a home. Even in Canaan, the only land he ever owned, was a burial place.

3. "Into the land that I will show thee."

He was not told what or where the land was. He went out not knowing whither he went (Heb. 11:8). While he dwelt in tents during his earthly sojourn, yet "he looked for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10). And thus he was a typical believer called out from his family and country, and renouncing idolatry, he walked by faith, testifying to his and succeeding generations to the faithfulness of God. It costs to obey God, but there is an abundant recompense.

III. God's Promise to Abraham (Gen. 12:2,3; 15:1-18).

1. The Father of a Great Posterity (v. 2). This has been literally fulfilled. He was not to go out primarily for what he could get, but for what he could do. The minister and missionary forget their own personal blessings in the supreme joy of their converts who are the fruits of their labor. No name in all history equals that of Abraham in its honorable influence. His is the name of honor among Jews, Mohammedans and Christians. They all acknowledge him as father.

2. A Blessing to Others (vv. 2, 3).

He was not only to become great and to share God's blessings, but to be a blessing to others. He has become a blessing to countless multitudes. This is the prevailing law of the spiritual life—being blessed to be a blessing. Those who respond to this law become the very touchstone of God, so precious that God will bless them who bless them, and curse those who curse them. God makes common cause with His people. So vitally is He one with them that it is a serious thing to mistreat them. To mistreat God's children is to lift the hand against God. No one who goes against Him can prosper. Not only is this so with reference to wilful acts against His children, but neglect or refusal to do good to them. Christ regards all acts for or against them as for or against Him.

IV. God Testing Abraham (Gen. 22:1-18).

Abraham's faith was shown in that he obeyed the call of God and left his land and kindred, but his faith reached its highest point in offering Isaac. For many years, he had waited for the fulfillment of God's promise as to his heir. At last that promise was a reality. Abraham's hope was not the ordinary hope which fills the heart of every father, that his name and work may be perpetuated through his son. A new nation and the world's Savior were to spring up from Abraham through this son. Through this great ordeal, his faith responded enabling him to believe that God would give Isaac back from the dead (Heb. 11:17-19). God tries all His children. The more important, the more severe the trial.

Education.

The worst education that teaches self-denial is better than the best that teaches everything else and not that.—J. Sterling.

All Make Mistakes.

The world could easily get along without the man who never makes a mistake.

Warn Us From Vice.

All physical evils are so many beacon lights to warn us from vice.—Bowen.