

Nebraska DITCHES TO CARRY, NOT BRING WATER

Section of State Usually Too Dry for Comfort Now Bothered with Surplus of Fluid.

ORGANIZE DRAINAGE DISTRICT (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, July 17.—(Special.)—According to State Engineer Johnson the western part of the state, which has usually suffered by sandstorms and where the roads have been hard to travel because of their sandy condition, is now facing an entirely opposite condition.

A short distance east of Lexington and near the town of Overton is a section of road which has always been exceedingly sandy. This year, however, the farmers have been compelled to lay planks along the road so that vehicles will not sink into the earth, because of the dampness of the soil.

Farmers west of Lexington are preparing to organize a drainage district, according to the state engineer, in a locality which heretofore depended upon irrigation ditches to water the land. Now drainage ditches are necessary to run the surplus water off.

Colonel Philip Ackerman, state hotel commissioner, returned last night from a trip to Rochester, Minn., where he visited an eminent surgeon in hopes that some relief could be secured for his right arm, which for some time has been bothering him. The surgeon decided that an operation on the bone would be necessary, and Commissioner Ackerman will return to Rochester as soon as he can find time and have the operation performed.

"Central" Fractures Jaw When Faints at Her Office Station

FAIRBURY, Neb., July 17.—(Special.)—Miss Josephine Miller, an operator in the Fairbury telephone exchange, fainted while on duty and fell to the floor and her "head set" apparatus dislocated her jaw. The bones on the left side of her face were fractured. She was removed to Dr. Coats' office and with the assistance of Dr. Dodge he set the jaw. Due to the fracture, however, the jaw would not stay in place and it was found necessary to send Miss Miller to the Orthopedic hospital in Lincoln. Doctors assert it will be necessary to hold the jaw in place by wiring the teeth of the lower jaw to the teeth in the upper one, which process will have to continue for two or three weeks in order that the bones will knit.

Despondent Woman Strangles Herself

GENEVA, Neb., July 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elsie Jayne Guthrie of Winona, Wash., committed suicide at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. Jayne. Mrs. Guthrie arose at a very early hour and went to a wing in the rear of the house and wrapped a rope about her neck and strangled herself. She had been in poor health for years and had recently been to Kansas City for treatment, not getting relief.

Modern Fixtures Replace Old Junk

LINCOLN, July 17.—(Special.)—The two old safes which have been in the vault of the state treasurer for many years are being taken out today and sold. The new fixtures being put in will not require the use of the old junk and but one will be retained, the more modern affair which will contain the cash.

FAMOUS BREEDER OF HARNESS HORSES DEAD

NEW YORK, July 17.—Jacob F. Harding, famous forty years ago as the breeder and owner of celebrated horses, died yesterday in his home at Scotland Hall, Nanuet, N. Y. He was 84 years old. Among the noted horses bred on his farm were Desaulon, Scotland Maid and Goldsmith Maid. The breeder has declared that Mr. Harding did more than any other man in the country to keep commercialism out of horse breeding and racing.

QUARTER OF MILLION WAR PRISONERS CULTIVATE FIELD

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, July 15.—The number of war prisoners at present engaged in agricultural and other work in Russia is given officially at 250,000. The prospects of a fine harvest have caused a large demand for prisoner laborers for the farms. Each monthly wage is fixed at about 50 cents, or about half the ordinary market rate. The work is generally proving satisfactory.

KEARNEY MAN GETS MEDAL AS OLDEST MASON.



Chas. McDonald

GRAND ISLAND IN THE MOVIES

Great Automobile Procession Held on Occasion of Visit of the Head Consul.

HORSE MARKET PLAYS PART

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Lincoln Highway day produced the greatest parade held in this city for years. An automobile procession, consisting of decorated cars of every make and description and including motorcycles, formed on Lincoln way, and as the mile-long procession came by Pioneer park, it was taken by the official highway photographer on film.

Other scenes, such as of the horse industry, were also taken. Consul Osterman and party were given a most hearty welcome, while here, under the lead of local Consul F. W. Ashton.

RAINFALL AT TECUMSEH IS GREATER THAN AVERAGE

TECUMSEH, Neb., July 17.—(Special.)—The precipitation at Tecumseh for the first six months of this year was greater than the average yearly precipitation at this point for twenty-five years. The yearly average for the twenty-five-year period has been 35.50 inches. From January 1 up to the present time the rainfall has been 34.67 inches. The average for the first half year in the twenty-five years has been 30.25 inches. These figures are given by Dr. C. H. Davies, local observer.

Wols to Make the Trip.

PREMONT, Neb., July 17.—(Special.)—State Consul George F. Wols of the Lincoln Highway returned Friday night from Grand Island, to which place he accompanied Consul-at-Large H. C. Osterman on his official trip over the route. Consul Wols found the highway in good condition, with the exception of a few stretches between Grand Island and Columbus. Pictures to be used for advertising the route were taken at the towns along the way.

At Grand Island 20,000 horses purchased for use in the European war were snatched by the camera man. This was considered one of the best pictures taken in the state. Mr. Wols returned to Fremont to look after business interests and accompanied by Mrs. Wols will leave Monday to join the official party at Kearney.

Horse Burned Near McCook.

MCCOOK, JUNCTION, Neb., July 17.—(Special.)—During an electric storm Thursday evening lightning struck the home of George McFadden, one-half mile south of this village. It was red hot and as hot as the sun at the time it struck the porch at the home of Mrs. Andrew Reinholdt, in the village. A number of telephones were splintered. The rainfall was 2.81 inches. McCook park is covered with three feet of water.

GERMANS HAVE LIQUID TO CUT METAL ENTANGLEMENTS

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) DUNKIRK, France, July 16.—The Germans are now using a metal-cutting liquid on the western front, similar to that which they have used for some time against the Russian wire entanglements. The liquid is contained in a cylinder under high pressure. The cylinder is carried on a soldier's back like a fire extinguisher; the turning of a lever releases the liquid, which is thrown in a stream about ten feet against the barbed wire, burning it through more quickly than wirecutters could sever it.

DEATH RECORD

Mrs. Mary Peck. YORK, Neb., July 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Peck died Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Cox. Mrs. Peck came to York county in 1871. She was 74 years old. Funeral services were held this afternoon.

Nebraska GUARD CAMPS TO BE DIVIDED THIS YEAR

Adjutant General Hall Makes Best Possible Arrangements, Considering Funds on Hand.

OVERLAND HAUL FOR FREIGHT

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, July 17.—(Special.)—The penurious system which the last legislature attempted to put into effect in an effort to cut down expenses is already being felt by the one department of the state, the Nebraska national guard. The house cut the guard appropriation about 50 per cent, but the senate refused to stand for the cut and was able to force the house to come to its terms and replace the amount to what it was the last biennium, although the adjutant general had asked for a considerable increase for efficiency.

The result of the economy scheme has forced the adjutant general to divide up the state encampment into two different camps, placing them in portions of the state where the companies may be moved at the very least expense. This will be in the expense of efficiency, because not as good work can be secured into guard camps as there can having the guard all together in one place. The time is also cut down from ten days to seven days, which practically means only five days for drill.

In locating the camp of the Fifth regiment, the adjutant general attempted to place it at Hastings, but the funds of the guard were so low, caused by the lack of appropriations, that he was compelled to locate the camp at Grete, about twenty miles from Lincoln, where all equipment and supplies of the guard may be moved across country by wagon instead of shipped by train.

The different points for encampments are as follows: Fourth Nebraska infantry, Fremont, August 10 to 15, inclusive. Fifth Nebraska infantry, sanitary detachment, Fremont, August 10 to 15, inclusive. Fifth Nebraska infantry, Crete, August 19 to 25, inclusive. Fifth Nebraska infantry, sanitary detachment, Crete, August 19 to 25, inclusive. Company A, Signal corps, Crete, August 19 to 25, inclusive. Company A, Field hospital, joint camp, Sparta, Wis., August 25 to 31, inclusive.

Machinists Working in Remington Plant Will Strike Monday

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., July 17.—J. J. Keppeler, international vice president of the Machinists' union, who headed a committee which today went to the plant of the Remington Arms company to present demands formulated by a strike meeting of the Bridgeport machinists last night, announced today that a general strike of machinists would be called on Monday. He said Major J. Penfield, general manager of the Remington Arms and Ammunition company, had refused to deal with the committee.

According to Mr. Keppeler and John G. Johnson, vice president of the Structural Iron workers, who accompanied him, they had been informed that the Remington Arms and Ammunition company had no reason to deal with the committee of the union until the machinists in the Remington shops actually were affected. A special meeting of the machinists has been called for tonight, when the result of the committee's trip to the Remington plant will be made known to the members. Several meetings of other unions having men working in the Remington plants were also called for tonight.

No More Corn on Hats. BERNE, Switzerland, July 16.—The use of ears of corn for trimming ladies' hats or for preservation in the form of ornamental bouquets has been prohibited in the grain growing districts of Austria by official decree.

Table with 3 columns: Movements of Ocean Steamers, Port, Arrived, Sailed.

Nebraska AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Merger with Omaha is a Hard Blow to Free Lunches and Those Who Have Patronized Them.

COUNTERS ARE ORDERED OUT

Word was passed around among the saloonkeepers of South Omaha yesterday that all free lunches that have hitherto been maintained as a part of the business will have to be dispensed with. The city commission of Omaha long ago passed an ordinance prohibiting Omaha saloonkeepers from maintaining such departments and the same rule will be applied here.

Enforcement of the ordinance means a severe loss to many South Omaha saloonkeepers. Several of them had been in the habit of depending largely on this feature to bring them business. A large part of the patrons who patronize downtown saloons have done so merely because the "feed" they obtain at the noon hour answers as a lunch. Downtown restaurants will most likely have an increased business as a result. The police have been given strict orders to see that the municipal law is complied with.

Editor Herring Calls on Eagles. Frank E. Herring, managing editor of the Eagle Magazine of South Bend, Ind., stopped off at the Union Pacific station here yesterday afternoon. He was met by a party of local promoters, members of the Eagles who escorted him about the city and later accompanied him to the railroad station. Mr. Herring is en route to California where he will spend several days visiting the Panama exposition in San Francisco as well as several other points.

Applies Golden Rule. The Golden Rule is a new idea to local policemen, yet Officer Charles Coulter interpreted its meaning to a peddler yesterday. The lengthy discourse took place at Missouri avenue and Thirteenth street where the peddler, Sam Viner, became obsessed with the idea that he owned the street. Officer Coulter ventured to interfere, reminding the peddler that he did not own the street and that it was best for him to move on. He was blocking traffic. When the peddler persisted Coulter, remembering a particular paragraph in his book of metropolitan police rules, approached the man and quietly, yet firmly, told the man to move on. He ventured a second line of argument. Without a word, Coulter drew a small slip of paper from his pocket and after affixing a few pencil marks handed the slip to the peddler. The slip required him to appear in police court this morning.

Station Agent Assaulted. W. H. McCauley, station agent for the Union Pacific at Thirty-second and A streets, was assaulted last night by some men whom he tried to dislodge from the outside of the station, where they were loafing. J. W. Cook, who gave his home as Covington, Ia., was charged with assault and battery, while the officers held for investigation Henry Frestand, Miles Pfeiffer, J. M. Crogan and E. Pinkerton. McCauley was not seriously injured.

Laborer Injured. Don Demeter, laborer in the ice gang at the Armour packing plant, was chopped about the head with an axe last night at the "Bloody Corners" in a manner that would have killed an ordinary man. His skull was cracked by one of four blows. He was not seriously hurt and will be out in a couple of weeks. Demeter lost a bank book certifying to deposits of \$100.

Lack of Evidence. John Lawler, 319 T street, and Frank Miller, 319 R street, arrested Friday evening on complaint of Harry Komensar, 213 North Twenty-fifth street, who alleged they had attempted to take money from him, were released in police court on account of lack of evidence.

Quarantine is Lifted. The Union Stock Yards company yesterday officially announced that, in accordance with the recent decision of the Nebraska Sanitary board, when quarantine on all stock from states west of the Mississippi river was lifted, it would be ready to handle all orders for the transfer, shipment and disposal of stock from Iowa, Minnesota and all other points west of the Mississippi river, hitherto banned by the quarantine law. The official letter issued by Manager E. Buckingham of the yards company, follows: SOUTH OMAHA, July 15, 1915.—In accordance with recent lifting of quarantine on shipments of live stock by the Nebraska Sanitary board, the Union Stock Yards company of Omaha (limited) hereby cancels all orders relating to shipments of live stock that have been issued by it since and including November 4, 1914, and until, commencing from July 15, 1915, receive live stock from all points in the state of Iowa, also Minnesota, and all points in other states lying west of

the Mississippi river, provided such shipments do not conflict in any way with federal regulations.

Sunday Church Services. St. Martin's, Twenty-fourth and J. Rev. John Wallis Ohl, Rector—Services for the seventh Sunday after Trinity, holy eucharist at 7:30, matins and eucharist at 9:30. Sunday school at 10:30. Even song in chapel at 7. Strangers always welcome.

First Methodist Episcopal, Twenty-fifth and K. Rev. J. W. Kirkpatrick, Pastor—Preaching at 11 by the pastor, subject, Home Prerequisites to the Harvest. Sunday school at 9:45. Epworth League meeting at 5:30.

Leifur Memorial Methodist Episcopal, 1500 Madison, Rev. J. W. Henderson, Pastor—Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11 by Rev. T. G. Brown, district superintendent, will preach the morning sermon, who will be followed by the pastor. The pastor will have charge of the evening service. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all.

Mrs. Gretchen Boeck has returned from a visit with relatives at Plattsmouth. Mrs. Dana Morrill, 1100 North Twenty-fourth street, is visiting with friends at Beatrice, Neb. Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Boyd returned last evening from a two weeks' trip through Minnesota.

An ice cream social was given by the Golden Gleamers at the First Methodist church last evening. Mrs. Francis Van Sant left last evening for Chicago to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Charles Gayne. Mrs. William Conrad, Chicago, is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Frank Dolezal, 401 North Twenty-second street.

Miss Ada Hamann and Miss Ellen Smith left Tuesday for a three weeks' tour through Colorado and Wyoming. Steve Lucrence, 314 L street, reports the birth of a seven-and-a-half pound baby girl at his home yesterday. Mrs. Leon Eisenberg and Lew O. Ferguson of Manhattan, Ia., are spending the week end as guests of C. E. Ferguson.

Division No. 3, Ancient Order of Hibernians, will meet this evening at the hall at Twenty-fourth and O streets at 8 o'clock. Fred Schmal, manager of the branch office of the Metropolitan Water district, will leave the first of next week for a three weeks' trip to the Pacific coast.

A. D. Majors, bookkeeper with the Martin Bros., commission firm, left last evening for Peru, where he will spend a two weeks' vacation visiting with relatives and friends. Phil Kearney post No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic, and Women's Relief corps will meet at the home of J. O. Eastman, Twenty-third and C streets, tonight.

Mrs. Sigmond Ampter and children left yesterday for their home at Cripple Creek, Colo. Mrs. Ampter had been visiting with friends and relatives in this city for the last month. Harry J. Thompson, well known cattleman of the local yards, left yesterday to spend a two weeks' vacation at his cottage at Carter lake. His family accompanied him.

Wrestling seems to be the popular sport at the local yards, and every day a match is pulled off in the lobby of the

New Iron and Steel Works is Opened in New South Wales

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) SYDNEY, Australia, July 15.—An iron and steel works, representing an outlay of over \$1,000,000 has just been opened at Port Waratah, near Newcastle, New South Wales, by means of which Australia hopes eventually to become independent of foreign countries in the matter of iron and steel.

The opening of the new plant was regarded as an event of great importance in the industrial history of the country and was made a formal occasion, at which speeches were made by a number of distinguished men. The works are located at the outlet of the collieries, which are probably the biggest in the southern hemisphere.

Port Waratah is to become the center of other industries allied to the manufacture of iron and steel products. The iron ore for the mills will come from Iron Knob, half way across the Australian continent, where deposits carrying 65 per cent of metallic iron are sufficient to last for many generations. All the machinery in the works is of American make, and about fifty workmen from the United States are engaged, chiefly for training the Australian workmen in modern methods of steel making.

Elkhorn Overflows; Does Much Damage

The Elkhorn river has overflowed a wide area below Waterloo, causing great damage and is threatening to change its channel at several points and to render county bridges useless, county commissioners learned yesterday when they visited the flood district in a car. "The river is bankful everywhere," said Commissioner Best, "and has overflowed a wide area, causing great damage. The approach to the Snyder bridge has been washed away and here as in several places the river is threatening to change its channel. The current is remarkably swift and is carrying with it large trees. Near the Elk City bridge the road has been damaged by overflow of water.

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