

## Items of Interest Gleaned from Our Exchanges

Wynot Tribune: Conductor E. J. Morin has been taking a vacation during the week. Conductor Alex Oldham has been officiating on the afternoon run in Mr. Morin's place.

Fonda, Ia., Times: Miss Elmina Watterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Watterson, of Sac City, was married in Sioux City Thursday to Clarence Rasdal, of Wayne, Neb.

Emerson Enterprise: Senator F. F. Haase arrived home Wednesday morning from his arduous duties as a member of the legislature, which adjourned at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Walthill Citizen: Mrs. Vicie Cooley, of South Sioux City, was at the Mason home last Friday and Saturday. Mrs. W. H. Mason went to Omaha Sunday evening, returning Monday noon. She also spent Monday night and Tuesday at Sioux City.

Newcastle Times: Tom Hogan and his mother returned to South Sioux City Saturday, after a brief visit here. They have purchased the Sam Bailey cottage, south of the school house here, and will move back to Newcastle in a short time. We are glad that they are coming back.

Wakefield Republican: Rev. S. H. King was at South Sioux City Monday evening presiding at the installation of Rev. H. C. Clair, pastor of the Presbyterian Church there. The church was in the midst of a great revival meeting conducted by Dr. Long of Lincoln, assisted by Prof. Gringle, a singer of Georgia.

Ponca Journal: The Newcastle high school boys played two games of base ball on their home grounds Monday, winning both games. The first game was played with South Sioux City resulting in a score of 8 to 2, in favor of Newcastle. The second game which was played with Dakota City, resulted in the same score.

Tekamah Herald: Senator Haase, of Emerson, who represented this district made a very satisfactory record. He voted to kill the landlord lien law, he voted for the hog barn on the state fair grounds, he voted for woman suffrage and also for the dry amendment bill. From our view point he was right on all the principal measures, and was on the job all the time.

Allen News: R. C. Caulk is helping at the Seed Store the week. Mr. Caulk is gaining in health and is also improving his place in the northeast part of town. John Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Green of Waterbury, died at Seattle, Wash.,

last week. The remains arrived at Waterbury Tuesday evening and were interred at East View cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

Sioux City Journal, 29: Miss Dorothy Leamer and Miss Ruby Leamer, of Dakota City, Neb., are visiting over Sunday in the home of their uncle, Jacob Leamer. Ward R. Evans, of the law firm of Evans & Evans, was married yesterday in Dubuque, Ia., to Miss Lucille Helen Presley at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Presley. After a trip in the east Mr. and Mrs. Evans will return to Sioux City to make their home. Mr. Evans is city attorney of South Sioux City, Neb. Miss Presley formerly resided in Sioux City.

Sioux City Journal, 28: J. M. Barry, of Jackson, Neb., visited yesterday with Sioux City friends. Born, in South Sioux City Thursday, April 26, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Ressegieu, a son. Harry Shields, 26 years old, who yesterday was released in Dakota county, Neb., on a highway robbery charge, was arrested in Sioux City last night. He is being held for Sheriff Maxwell, of LeMars, who notified Chief Hawman that Shields is wanted in Plymouth county on a contempt charge. Shields was arrested at Fourth and Jones streets by Detective Fred Spencer and members of his raiding squad. It was Spencer's intention to prefer a vagrancy charge against Shields, he said.

Sioux City Journal, 27: Hugh Graham, of Dakota City, Neb., an up to date feeder who comes to this market, demonstrated ability in feeding cheap cattle and making them good enough to command a high figure. Mr. Graham's shipment consisted of three loads of beefs that averaged 1,385 pounds that sold at \$11.75. These cattle were bought on the local market the week ending October 18 and the buying cost was \$5.97. They were rough fed until the middle of December, then put in the feed lot and given a balanced ration of corn and alfalfa. When the cattle left these yards as feeders they averaged 975 pounds, so that besides the big margin in price there is an average gain of 410 pounds to the head.

Santa Fe, N. M., Special in Sioux City Journal, 26th: Sentence upon E. W. Blancett, found guilty early this morning, of the murder of Clyde Armour, of Sioux City, was deferred until the court hears arguments on a motion to arrest judgment and a motion for a new trial, which were entered by counsel for the defendant today. The defense will base its arguments in the appeal on the extreme penalty of death by hanging provided in this state for convicted murderers. Blancett broke down and wept when the verdict was announced. The jury found that Blancett killed Armour near Glorieta, N. M., last fall, while the two were on an automobile tour from Armour's home in Sioux City to Fresno, Cal. The only penalty possible for the offense under the state

law is death by hanging.

Sioux City Tribune, 30: Lawrence McGregor, a farm hand, employed near Jackson, Neb., denies that he drinks gasoline. He modestly admits drinking a little booze now and then and nods his head if pressed for answer to the query if he ever gets drunk. "A week ago I caught this fellow with a can of gasoline in a sack. He was drunk. Last night I caught him again. This time he had a small bottle of gas and an open knife in his pocket," was the testimony of Lawrence's nemesis, a cop, in police court today. "Judge," appealed Lawrence, whilst his honor scribbled diligently in the big book before him at the bar, "I want a change of Venus." "All right," calmly consented Judge Iddings, "You'll find Venus out on 'the works,' \$25 or 15 days in jail."

Sioux City Journal, 29: D. Mitchell, of Goodwin, Nebr., a prominent and progressive feeder, was represented on the day's trade with a car of mixed cattle that commanded highly satisfactory proceeds. The bulk of the shipment was steers averaging close to 1,250 pounds that sold at \$11.75. One cow was included that tipped the scale beam at 1,380 pounds and brought \$10.50. Mr. Mitchell deals entirely in Hereford cattle and was well pleased with the sale, as well as his market. Twenty cases of whisky, valued at nearly \$300, were stolen from the saloon of George Rasmussen at Hubbard, Neb. Rasmussen lives in Sioux City. The theft was committed after the saloon had closed for the night. A storage house in the rear of the saloon was broken into and the whisky removed in a motor truck or van. The Sioux City police department was notified of the theft last night. A description of a portion of the whisky was given to the police. The Jackson ditch, made famous by fourteen years of litigation, which finally ended successfully last year in the United States supreme court, was completed yesterday morning at 11 o'clock when the waters of Elk creek passed through the ditch into the Missouri river a half mile west of Jackson, Neb. The total cost of the ditch, including court costs, amounts to about \$140,000. By diverting Elk creek through the new channel its course is shortened by more than fourteen miles and approximately 7,500 acres of land, which was annually flooded by the stream, have been reclaimed for tillage. The actual work of construction was started June 1, 1916. The work was in charge of the Towl Engineering company, of Omaha. In January, 1903 the idea was first proposed by the owners of the land through which the stream flowed for the last fifteen miles. The proposition was condemned by many and court actions were started which were tried in all of the state courts and which finally ended in the supreme court last year. The strongest advocate of the plan and the man who conducted the court fight for the ditch property was Judge R. E. Evans, of Dakota City. The recent decision of the supreme court established a new point of law, that a stream could be diverted from its natural course. The success of the new course was established this spring when the flood waters of the creek were carried off in the partially finished ditch. Plans for the abandonment of riverside park by the Sioux City Service company, the development of a new amusement park at Crystal lake, having direct street car connection with Sioux City and an elimination of toll service on the Combination bridge are declared on good authority to lie back of a meeting to be held in Chicago early in May by interests proposing the acquisition of the bridge property. The plan carries with it a program that would involve the expenditure of more than \$1,000,000. It provides for the acquisition of the old Sioux City, Crystal Lake and Homer railway company's property, which operates a line from South Sioux City to the lake. This road is now controlled by Riley Howard, a Sioux City man. Rehabilitation of the power plant of the service company will depend upon a development of plans for improvement of the lake property, it is declared. Acquisition of the bridge would mean the formation of a new Combination bridge corporation to be conducted as an auxiliary of the service company. The plan provides for a 10-cent fare to the lake. Including the bridge toll the present fare is 15 cents. The bridge was purchased recently at a receivers sale conducted by F. L. Eaton, president of the Sioux City Stock Yards company. W. L. Selby, an Omaha broker, made the purchase for an eastern bond house. Omaha interests are said to be concerned with the proposed park development. Carl Edwards, park manager for the Omaha and Council Bluffs Railway company, the traction company operating in those cities, has been in Sioux City for several weeks, looking over the park situation. He has

held a number of conferences with E. L. Kirk, general manager of the Sioux City traction company, and other officials here. Mr. Edwards, it is declared, will attend the Chicago conference, as which will be present representatives of the Swift and Armour interests, which control the Sioux City street railway. Mr. Edwards recently acquired the Riverside park concessions for the 1917 season, but his move is declared to have little bearing on the larger program for the Crystal lake development. Mr. Edwards acquired the park privileges on a sub-lease from L. W. Mallory, lessee of the property. A year ago the service company offered to sell the city the park property at what was represented to be a very reasonable figure. The advantages of the location as a municipal amusement park were emphasized. No action was taken at the time. Unless the city should decide to make an offer of the park holdings, it is declared, the ground will be platted as an addition and sold as lots to prospective dwellers there. The building of the new Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad shops at North Riverside is said to have greatly added to the desirability of this location as a residence district and to have enhanced the value of lots that might be offered for sale in that section of the city. When Sioux City acquired a population that automatically, by the operation of a law, provided for a single fare to Riverside park from all parts of the city it was unofficially asserted that the Service company probably would discontinue to operate the park as an amusement resort. Rapid growth of the city during the last few years and a dearth of amusement places here has for some time caused commercial interests to look favorably upon a Crystal lake development plan, but heretofore no definite move has been made. Plans for the park improvement are declared to include a dredging of the lake, the building of a modern concrete band pavilion similar to that on the shore of Lake Como between Minneapolis and St. Paul and the laying out of a baseball park. A double track trolley line with a loop at the park capable of handling any amount of business is contemplated. The bridge meeting is expected to develop definite plans for the entire scheme of improvement. Crystal Lake park is now owned by the Gateway Improvement company of Sioux City. A representative of this company yesterday said the land has been offered for sale, but no recent negotiations for its purchase have been made.

## County Agent's Field Notes

BY C. R. YOUNG.

Not only in this county but from many states comes the cry of unusual shortage in the spring pig crop. Never was there a time when late summer and fall litters promised to be so profitable. Sows that have recently lost their pigs should be bred again at once. These would bring litters that should get much of their early growth from fall forage. Unless they are too young, all sows should be kept in good condition while suckling the spring litters and rebred as soon as the pigs are old enough to wean. Many sows will rebreed while nursing, and when this can be done it will be found advisable to breed them from four to five weeks before weaning time. This will give early fall litters, under ordinary conditions it is best to wean the pigs at not more than ten weeks of age. Pigs of this age are old enough to eat well and make more economical gains than when fed through the sow.

Poultry raising is something that should not be neglected this year. The high price of eggs has already curtailed the number of early chickens. This will have a great tendency to cut next winter's egg production, as on many farms there will be a shortage of early pullets. Early summer and fall chicks will unquestionably be profitable this year as all things point to a meat shortage much worse than we have yet experienced.

With many farmers the planting of a few acres of early corn will likely be found advisable. Thus having pigs, with but a small amount of feed on hand, they could keep them growing while the cheapest grains are to be made. Such corn planted early on good ground will yield nearly as much as larger varieties, as it may be planted thicker. Having corn two or three weeks earlier than the main crop, is often a great help in the fall. Where possible, if this corn is for hog feed, it will be found advisable to plant where it can be hogged down.

Prof. Ivan D. Wood, of the Agricultural Engineering Department of the University, will be with the County Agent, May 7, 8 and 9 to assist in drainage work. Those having building, drainage, septic tank, sewer or other engineering problems, should notify this office as soon as possible.

## Farm Notes.

Issued by the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture.

SPRAYING IS NECESSARY  
If Nebraska orchards are to contribute their full quota of food for the nation's larder, thoro spraying is absolutely necessary. Unusually large numbers of codling moth survived the winter, and a severe infestation is to be expected this year unless orchards are thoro sprayed. The petal-fall spray is the most important spray for controlling this pest. It is applied when two-thirds of the petals have fallen.

THE SMALL GARDEN  
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ROOT CROPS FOR FEEDING  
Root crops, which are valuable for feeding live stock, will produce more feed per acre than any other crop that can be grown in Nebraska, says the animal husbandry department of the College of Agriculture. However, a large amount of labor is required for their production.

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SEED CORN PROBLEMS  
Farmers who purchase additional seed corn to replant winterkilled wheat, clover, and alfalfa fields should obtain locally grown seed whenever possible. Experiments at the Nebraska Experiment Station and the experience of many farmers indicate that seed brought from a long distance usually does not produce as large yields as where fully acclimated corn is used.  
The most of the seed corn grown in Nebraska last year will probably grow, testing seed is one form of insurance which costs so little that it ought not to be neglected when there is prospect of a food shortage. A few samples tested at the experiment station have been found unfit for planting.

FREE LANDS FOR GARDENS  
Free lands for gardens are being offered to Nebraskans by at least four railroads which are seeking to meet the needs of the nation, according to information received by the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture at Lincoln. The Union Pacific has ruled that land not used for railroad purposes may be used for crop production. The Burlington has also offered the use of its right of ways for food production and is urging that people "use their spare time and our idle land" to pro-

duce food. Similar rulings have been made by the Northwestern and the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha. Applications for the use of railroad land may be made to section foremen or to ticket agents.

USE OF CORN FOR FOOD  
In view of a probable shortage of the wheat crop and an increased acreage of corn, the department of agricultural chemistry of the University of Nebraska suggests that the use of corn as a food for man be greatly increased. When corn and its products are used in a mixed diet, they supply a valuable substitute for wheat flour. Owing to the threatened shortage of food, the next corn crop ought to be used largely in this way.

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Mrs. Linton is substituting for Miss Fleming the first three days of this week. Miss Fleming is at her home in Laurel to attend the wedding of her sister.

The program given by the seniors was well attended and the effort of the class was appreciated.

Geraldine Heikes visited school last Thursday.

The juniors were entertained at Royalty last Wednesday evening at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Linton.

The primary work for opening exercises has had the signs of spring central theme and the hand work has been the free hand cutting of flowers.

The base ball games for Saturday were postponed on account of the weather until a later date. Homer will play here Friday of this week.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AT SALEM

REV. LUDWIG FRANK, Pastor.

The next divine service will be held May 13th.

This week the pastor attended the conference in Papillion, Neb.

## Dakota City Grocery

### Specials for Saturday

- 3 Lamp Chimneys.....25c
- 2 Cans Sweet Potatoes.....35c
- 2 pkgs Shredded Wheat.....25c
- 2 pkgs Tapioca.....25c
- 2 lbs Dried Peaches.....25c
- 3 pkgs Krumbles.....25c
- 2 15c cans Spaghetti.....25c
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