

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### GLEANED FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Oakland Independent: H. E. Priest went to Homer last Thursday to attend the funeral of his sister, who was a "flu" victim.

Crofton Journal: Mr. and Mrs. McEntaffer of Emerson, returned home Monday after a visit at home of their daughter, Mrs. W. Flegg.

Allen News: United States Marshal W. A. Morgan, of South Sioux City, arrived in Allen Monday to attend to some important business matters.

Pender Times: W. W. Pounds was in Dakota City yesterday. Mrs. J. L. Phillips of South Sioux City, was a guest at the C. W. Baker home yesterday.

Craig News: Louie Wright and mother went to Homer the last of the week to pack up and ship his brother's goods, as the family will not return to Homer.

Bloomfield Monitor: Dr. Mullen left on Wednesday morning for Homer, in answer to a call there to come down and address a big meeting given in honor of the returning soldier boys.

Newcastle Times: Mike Heenan, Al Russel, and Veranzi attended the Goodfellow sale near Jackson, Tuesday. John Hodgins of Willis, came Friday evening to visit his daughters, Mrs. Bert Chase and Mrs. Mike Dempsey and families.

Walthill Citizen: Miss Sylvia Lamson was a Lyons visitor Saturday. Miss Helen Rix and Miss Jensen were Sioux City visitors Saturday evening. Miss Mary Herman of Sioux City, has been visiting Miss Mary Nunn. They were passengers to Winnebago Saturday evening to visit Miss Nunn's people.

Wayne Herald: Mrs. Joe Munsinger and baby arrived here Friday evening from Dakota City, to visit the home of M. T. Munsinger and family. W. P. Warner, W. A. Heikes, and Samuel A. Heikes of Dakota City, were in Wayne last Friday to look after business in the county court in connection with the settlement of the estate of the late Chas. Heikes.

Rosalie Rip-Saw: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rohde and children were down from Homer visiting friends between trains on Sunday. B. McKinley was down from Homer yesterday, accompanied by his son, Roy, who has just been discharged from the army, nearly recovered from his wound received "over there." They spent the afternoon visiting brother and son, Bud McKinley.

Laurel Advocate: Mrs. J. O. Smith has recently heard from her son Raymond, for the first time since the armistice was signed. He writes that he went through the last battle and didn't think much of it at the time, but after he realized what he had gone through his hair stood on end. He said he was sleeping in some of the best beds in Germany and feeling fine.

Sioux City Journal, 24: Private Frank Burright, of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh heavy artillery, returned to his home in South Sioux City yesterday after four months' service in France. He was a member of Company E of a Nebraska national guard regiment that patrolled the Omaha railroad bridge here in the early months of the war. The regiment afterwards was converted into a howitzer unit and finally into a heavy artillery outfit.

Sioux City Tribune, 24: Henry Moren, Jackson, Neb., is a patient at St. Vincent's hospital. Miss Mary Mullen, Jackson, Neb., underwent a major operation at St. Vincent's hospital today. More than 102 pints of the best liquor, including champagne, Scotch and dry gin, was seized

ed by police today when they raided the home of George W. Meyers, 617 West Eighth street. Meyers, who is being held under \$1,250 bonds, is charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance, selling liquor and keeping a disorderly house.

Winnebago Chieftain: John Ashford and C. B. Betts drove over to Pender on business Tuesday. C. J. O'Connor, president of the Homer State bank, was in Winnebago Monday. John Ashford was in Omaha Monday on business and will return by way of Pender. Mrs. Irvin Ohlson visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Davis, in Homer last week. A young man from Homer, whose name was not learned, was overcome by gas while repairing his car Monday, but the prompt calling of Dr. Beirne saved any serious results.

Ponca Journal: Mrs. Earl Conrad and Mrs. Carroll Francis gave a shower last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Conrad in honor of Zeta Hart, who was united in marriage last Saturday evening to Mr. George Carter of Omaha, at the parsonage of Rev. Huber of Trinity Lutheran Church in Sioux City. A large number of friends were invited to the shower. Many presents were received and the afternoon was spent in music, etc., after which refreshments were served. The house was decorated in pink and white.

Ponca items in Allen News: Mrs. Wm. Morgan of South Sioux City, district deputy grand master of the Rebekahs, installed the officers of the local lodge here Thursday evening. Miss Zeta Hart and Mr. Geo. Carter, of Omaha, were united in marriage at the Lutheran parsonage in Sioux City, Saturday p. m., by Rev. Huber. Miss Hart is the daughter of Mayor H. H. Hart of this place and Mr. Carter, who has been in the service, is a son of George Carter, a veteran conductor of the M. and O. The young couple will reside in Omaha.

Lyons Mirror: Charley Sund of Dakota City, was here the past week visiting the families of Mrs. John Young and his son, William Sund. Mr. Sund is an old timer in Dakota County. There is no record of a milder winter since 1841, when Gen. Coronado, the Spanish Cavalier, marched up with his soldiers from Mexico. The nearest to it was the winter of 1878-9. How many can remember that winter? You fellows don't try to remember anything and depend upon us for fact about who dug the channel for the Missouri river, etc. We have had very little bad weather this winter. A heavy fog set in Monday and it has been cloudy and foggy ever since, but not even freezing much. It resembles a spring break-up and the buds are swelling. But don't be deceived. There will be plenty "ice weather," even after March 1st.

Emerson Enterprise: Miss Floy Poole went to Homer Friday evening. The Lyman Hutchings family and Don Ellis took Sunday dinner with Mrs. Hutchings' mother, Mrs. Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kolhmer and family, were guests at the Wm. Hennerich home Sunday afternoon and evening. An automobile containing four young people on their way to the dance at Homer, ran into a post by the side of the road and lost a wheel and skidded into a deep ditch by the roadside, about six miles from Emerson, Friday night. The occupants were Messrs. John Sherlock, driving, and Ray Smith and Misses Mary Connor and Nell Kerwin. All were badly bruised and shaken and Miss Kerwin's leg was broken above the ankle. After getting out from under the broken machine, another car was borrowed from Mr. Dahms, who lives near, and the party painfully returned home. Miss Connor is recovering here, while Miss Kerwin was taken to the hospital in Sioux City Saturday. They all feel while the accident was serious and painful, that they were fortunate in that none of them were killed.

Sioux City Journal, 23rd: Improvement is reported in the condition of Frank Lucore, of South Sioux City, who has been seriously ill of pneumonia. After undergoing medical

gan or Luce whom he had purchased it from. On the grass stand yesterday McKillips admitted that he had purchased the tire from Herman Sidler. In the instructions to the jury yesterday, Judge W. G. Sears told them that if they found after discussing the evidence in the case that Mr. Hogan had brought action against McKillips without proper cause, that if they found the action had been started by Mr. Hogan in an effort to hurt McKillips or injure his business, or his name, that they should find for the plaintiff, but that if found that Mr. Hogan had grounds to warrant having McKillips arrested, they should return a verdict for Mr. Hogan.

Sioux City Journal, 23rd: A verdict for William D. Hogan, defendant in a \$15,000 damage suit brought against him by C. C. McKillips, an automobile repair man, for false arrest and malicious prosecution, was returned by the jury which heard the trial of the case. The jury brought in its verdict shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday. McKillips brought suit against Hogan after he had been acquitted of a charge of larceny placed against him by Hogan. Hogan alleged that a tire belonging to him had been stolen by McKillips. He was unable to furnish evidence that McKillips had stolen the tire. The evidence in the damage case was that Hogan, with Detective Harry S. Luce, had gone to McKillips' auto shop and found the stolen tire, with the number filed off. McKillips said he had purchased it, but refused to tell Ho-

## Basket-ball

### Dakota City vs. Lyons

### Friday Evening, Jan. 31st

### High School Auditorium

### Dakota City

Admission 25c

Game Called at 8

### RECLAIM MANY SUNKEN SHIPS

#### Hundreds of Vessels in British Waters Have Been Salvaged—Possibility of Raising the Lusitania.

Most welcome is the announcement from London that since January, 1915, 407 ships sunk by the Germans in British waters have been salvaged; 117 of them, by improved methods, in five months of the present year.

Britain's coast, like our own, is edged by a broad belt of shallow water. For 200 miles of the channel's length no spot reaches a depth of 100 fathoms; much of it is quite shallow, which accounts for the chop that makes so many who cross it briefly unhappy.

From our own Norfolk one gets well out of sight of land before reaching water too deep for salvage operations. Depth increases more rapidly off the Irish coast, but even the Lusitania lies near the 50-fathom line, below the shatter of the storm, yet near enough the surface so that many practical wreckers have said that it would be possible, though exceedingly difficult, to bring her forth to a nautical resurrection.

That some things can be done as well as others our engineers showed when they raised the U-boats' biggest victim along our coast, the Herbert Pratt, and brought her safe to shore. What the "improved methods" used off England may be we shall probably not know until after the war. That they are cheating the murderous submarines of their prey in so many cases is good news.

### EXPLORER'S WORK IN AFRICA

#### Frenchman Sheds Light on Vast Region Hitherto Comparatively Unknown—Needs Railway.

Commandant Tilho, the well-known French explorer of the Sudan, has recently published a report on the results of five years' work during 1912-17 in the hitherto unknown region lying along the frontier between the French Sahara and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. Tilho was entrusted with the task of pacifying and organizing this region under the French government; and his surveys embrace a stretch of previously unexplored country extending more than 1,100 miles from the center of Tibesti southeast to the vicinity of El Fasher, in Darfur. His cartographic work fills up a large blank in the map of Africa. He urges the need of a

ment in directing the future activities of the body.

There are now over fifty counties organized with Farm Bureaus and employing County Agents, within this state. Most of these had members of their local board present, many of them having served.

C. W. Pugsley, editor of the Nebraska Farmer, in a brief talk, made the statement, that, "within three years the Nebraska Farm Bureau Association will be the most powerful farmer organization in the state." Other speakers voiced similar views.

The association passed resolutions favoring a law to control the activities of the patent stock foods and remedies. One urging the legislature to provide a non-partisan ballot for the election of members of the constitutional convention. Another urging liberal appropriations by the legislature for the reconstruction of the state serum plant and for meeting the federal funds for the fighting of tuberculosis.

The executive board of the association consists of six members with G. C. Crocker of Gage county as president. This body will meet at an early date to determine steps to be taken towards securing the things asked in the resolutions.

The County Agents Conference held from Monday noon to Thursday night was the most helpful yet conducted. The exchange of ideas was so numerous that some could help but be profited.

### FARM BUREAU NOTES

#### C. R. Youn, County Agent

On Friday of the past week, at University Farm, Lincoln, was held the Annual Meeting of the State Farm Bureau Association. This was the third meeting and by far the most important yet held, being the one that can lay claim to having laid the foundation for the future work and existence of the organization.

Mr. C. C. Beerman, president of the Dakota County Farm Bureau, and the County Agricultural Agent attended this meeting and the annual conference of County Agents.

On Thursday evening at the Lincoln Hotel, the Farm Bureau and County Agents' banquet was held. This was attended by Farm Bureau members and County Agents, together with their wives and the Home Demonstration Agents. A few over two hundred were present on this occasion. Talks were made by several members of our state legislature including Speaker Dolby of the House; C. H. Gustavson, president of the State Farm Union; Dean Burnett of the State Agricultural farm; and E. P. Brown, president of the board of regents of the State University. Mr. O. G. Smith of Kearney, president of the Nebraska Farm Congress, acted as toast-master. In his opening remarks, Mr. Smith said, "I believe the State Farm Bureau Associations are the greatest agencies in the United States today for the uplift of the farmer and the advancement of Agriculture." Everyone present caught the spirit of the evening and made the event a most enjoyable one.

Friday was a full day given to some splendid talks on cooperative subjects and to business committees. Mr. C. C. Beerman, who represented Dakota County had the honor of assisting in drafting the first constitution and by-laws, of the association, which, will be the guiding elo-

railway through this region, for the benefit not only of the world at large, but also of the natives, who are subject to periodical famines. It is stated that from one-half to three-fourths of the inhabitants of northern Wadal died of famine in 1914. One especially interesting result of his investigations is the disproof of the hypothesis, supported by his earlier explorations, that there is a connection between Lake Chad and the Nile river system. Tilho explored the volcanic Emi-Kussil, 11,100 feet in altitude, with an immense crater over seven miles in diameter and 130 feet deep.—Scientific American.

### Sailing is Different.

Sailing on the briny deep is entirely different than doing the same stunt on land. This was admitted by a landlubber from Pittsburgh, who has just returned from his first voyage with a brand new seasick story. "The first day I was out," said the amateur navigator, "the old tub rolled like a barrel, and before I knew it I was in the throes of mal de mer. The bunch guyed me and told me my job was driving a trolley car instead of sailing. I had to seek my bunk. I had only been in it a few minutes when the ship's surgeon visited me and caustically asked: 'What's the matter?' 'O-o-oh, I'm so sick,' I told him, and I rolled over in agony. 'Come, get up,' he said unfeelingly. 'The ship has been torpedoed and we're sinking.' I fell out of my bunk and scrambled to the deck. The bunch again derided me. Say, have you ever been seasick?"

### Admiral Saved Engineer.

A striking feature of the naval side of the war is the number of retired British admirals who have returned to the navy, bringing with them full vigor and the quick determination of the service.

On June 30 of the present year, when an explosion took place on a motor launch, Admiral James Startin, who held the rank of admiral, retired, immediately proceeded alongside and, learning that the engineer was below in the fiercely burning engine room, climbed down the hatch without the slightest hesitation, and unaided, recovered the engineer's body. For this brave deed King George has approved the award of the Albert medal to Admiral Startin.

### Aviators in Italy.

From the Italian front where many American aviators are now serving comes this note:

"Sometimes at night, after dinner, a little music is indulged in as a relaxation. Of course the Italians shine there. Many a pilot or chauffeur in overalls is humming selections from grand opera. Some of the American boys also are good musicians. One especially was a splendid pianist, and would rattle away for an hour at a time selections from Schubert or Mendelssohn's 'Melody in E,' to what seemed almost a sacrilege, that is, play it in ragtime for a change."

### Campaigning Against Blindness.

Because of the campaign against preventable blindness it is predicted that fifty years from now very few blind persons will be seen on the streets.

### Chickens Need Fresh Air

Chickens should not be cheated out of fresh air, even in the winter, say University of Nebraska extension workers. Houses that are closed too tight during the night, especially if overcrowded, often become damp. Chickens are liable to catch cold when let out of damp houses, and in extreme cold weather their combs and wattles become damp in the house and freeze when they go out. It is, therefore, advisable that chicken houses have proper ventilation. Still cold is not as dangerous as damp and drafty houses.

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