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NEWSY ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Hartington Herald: Miss Christoferson of Crofton, arrived on Tuesday for a visit with friends.

Fullerton Post: Mrs. J. H. Hampton returned from Columbus last week. She has recovered from her recent operation.

Osmond Republican: E. J. Huey was an Osmond visitor the latter part of last week. Mr. Huey is running a garage at Crofton.

Wynot items in Hartington Herald: H. A. McCormick, now of Omaha, spent Thanksgiving day with friends at Wynot, returning Saturday.

Wakefield items in Wayne Herald: Miss Gladys Barto is suffering with a tumor of the bone on her right hand, according to a Sioux City physician whom she consulted.

Winnebago Chieftain: Helen Leonard was on the sick list last week from an attack of appendicitis. David Bliven has been released from St. Joseph's hospital and is now at home.

Wayne Herald: Mrs. Henry McPherran of Emerson, was in Wayne on business Saturday. Miss Lillie Krumwiede of Dakota City, who had been a guest of Mrs. H. F. Foiey over the week-end, returned home Monday morning.

Neligh Leader: Vernon Williams, of near Royal, was before the insanity board Tuesday and committed to the insane hospital. He was violently insane, his delusion principally being that some one, particularly Freeman Francisco, was lying in wait to kill him.

Pierce Call: Ned and Glenn Emory, of Norfolk, who were recently arrested for alleged bootlegging and transporting liquor from the Pete Poellot farm, were released on bail last week in the sum of \$500. We understand the bail was furnished by the boys' mother.

Sioux City Journal, 12: R. S. Rose of South Sioux City, 19 years old, was brought to the police station early last night in a drunken stupor. He was picked up at Riverside with three companions. Dr. J. P. Sheehy was called and pronounced the young man to be suffering from acute alcoholic poisoning. He was said to be in a serious condition. It is believed Rose had drunk whisky containing poisonous ingredients.

Le Blanc items in Niobrara Tribune: Mr. and Mrs. Lorn Tilton, of Waterbury, arrived last Thursday for several days' visit with relatives. A family reunion took place at the Chas Knudson place last Sunday, in which the entire Tilton family were together and enjoyed a bountiful dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Tilton returned home Sunday afternoon and will have a sale in the near future and move to Central City, Nebraska.

Lyons Mirror: Mrs. M. M. Warner

is on the sick list this week. Frank Phillips of Rosalie, visited at the David Everett home Friday. Frank Goodell was down from Waterbury this week visiting old time friends. He also visited his sister, Mrs. John Eddy Connelly, of near Decatur, who has been on the sick list for the past seven months. J. W. Scott and son Guy, of north of Wakefield, were here Friday and Saturday visiting the Warner home. Mr. Scott is a cousin of M. M. Warner, and is thinking of moving to Lyons if he can buy a suitable residence.

Meadow Grove News: John Nies returned last week from a three weeks' visit to his old home at Buffalo, N. Y. He also took in Niagara Falls, and spent a few days in Michigan. Rev. E. T. Antrim, pastor of the M. E. church, left here Monday for Philadelphia, Pa., on a visit to relatives and friends, returning home some time next week. His pulpit will be supplied next Sunday morning and evening. Everybody welcome.

Emerson Enterprise: Mrs. A. Zastrow went to Naocora Monday to visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. Simmons. Miss Freda Walway, who teaches school near Naocora, was operated on for appendicitis at St. Joseph's hospital the latter part of last week. Miss Beatrice Blume is substituting for her at school. The cashier of the First State Bank of Naocora, had some trouble with the time lock last week, so we are informed, and when trying to overcome the trouble, the tumblers dropped back into their sockets, securely locking the safe. The time lock not working, it was absolutely impossible to get the door open without sending it to the factory. The safe contained \$600 in money and many valuable papers. Cashier Obermoller is doing business right along, however, in spite of the inconvenience of being without a safe.

Home Butcherer Suggestions
Hogs weighing from 200 to 250 pounds are preferable for farm butchering, says a Nebraska College of Agriculture extension bulletin called "Pork and Beef." Animals this size handle more easily and yield hams, shoulders and sides of better weights for curing. The chops and steaks will also be of handier size for table use. Barrows ordinarily yield a sounder, smoother, firmer strip of bacon. Seven hundred to one thousand pound cattle are the most convenient size. Heavier ones cut roasts and steaks too large for the average family use. Seventy to eighty-pound lambs cut four chops to the pound and yield five or six-pound trimmed leg roasts. Heavier lambs give "hotter" cuts too large for home use. It is well to handle the animals with care before slaughtering. Stock bleeds more thoroughly and dresses more easily after a 24-hour fast. Running and wrestling an animal causes a temporary fever, and if killed in this condition the meat is apt to be bloody and slimy. Such meat looks bad, tastes bad and spoils easily.

School...Entertainment.

The Primary Grades will give a program at the High School Auditorium, Dakota City, Nebr.,

Wednesday Evening, December 22, 1920

...Program...

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A CHRISTMAS LESSON.

Primary Grades.
Mr. Brown Ralph Anderson
Mrs. Brown Betty Blanche Kate
Tom Leo Francis
Nellie Rosie Circo
Fairy Charlotte Sides
Plum Pudding Raymond Sierk
First Xmas Candy Lucille Frederick
Second Xmas Candy Helen Becker
Xmas Wreath Helen Ostmeyer
Xmas Heart Waldo Phillips

A one Act Playlet.
Scene—A Living Room.

IN SANTA CLAUS LAND.

Mother Helen Maney
Ted George Foltz
Lulu Louisa Neiswanger
Santa Claus Edward Francis
Mrs. Santa Claus Bertha Becker
Santa Claus' Baby Harold Peterson
Imagination Wayne Hueston
Cook Dorothy Fueston
Mother Goose Leona Todd
First Fairy Louise Lowe
Second Fairy Evelyn Waddell
Third Fairy Gretchen Forrest
Fourth Fairy Ruth Graham
Fifth Fairy Melina Circo
Sixth Fairy Helen Ostmeyer
Seventh Fairy Louisa Pere
First Brownie John Smith
Second Brownie Vern Niebuhr
Third Brownie Oscar Snyder
Fourth Brownie Eldon Morris
Fifth Brownie Robert Becker
Sixth Brownie George Sundt
Seventh Brownie Carroll Francis

Scene I—Sitting Room; Christmas Eve.
Scene II—Sitting Room; Ted and Lulu's Scheme.
Scene III—Santa Claus House.
Scene IV—Sitting Room; Christmas Morning.

Admission, 25 Cents

TO CURB SPECULATORS

Congressman R. E. Evans introduces Bill to curb Gambling in Food Commodities.

The following bill, H. R. 14466, was introduced in congress at the opening of the present session, by Mr. Evans and the same has been referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Mr. Evans would be pleased to receive opinions as to the merits of the bill, also any suggestions as to changes that would improve it.

A BILL

Levying a tax upon future sale of food commodities, including grain, meat, and fruit on any exchange or board of trade, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act shall be known by the title "The Food Commodity Future Sales Act."

Sec. 2. That for the purpose of this Act the term "contract of sale" shall be held to include sales, agreements of sale, and agreements to sell. That the word "person" wherever used in this Act shall be construed to import the plural or singular, as the case demands, and shall include individuals, associations, partnerships, and corporations. When construing and enforcing the provisions of this Act, the omission or failure of any official, agent, or other person acting for or by any association, partnership, or corporation within the scope of his employment or office shall in every case be deemed the act, omission, or failure of such association or corporation as well as that of the person. That the words "exchange, board of trade, or similar institution or place of business" for the purposes of this Act, shall be deemed to include all "bucket shops," "curb" transactions, commission offices, and all similar institutions and places of business wherein transactions for future sales are negotiated or executed, in whole or in part, but shall not include the home of the original producer of a food commodity produced upon a farm, ranch, or plantation of which such home is a part, or any community warehouse in which said produce or commodity is stored by the producer awaiting sale. That the term "food commodity" shall be held under this Act to include all food products, particularly including grain, fruits, vegetables, fowls, and

animals raised or produced upon a farm, ranch, or plantation or any product produced or manufactured therefrom used for food.

Sec. 3. That upon each contract of sale of any food commodity for future delivery made at, on, or in any exchange, board of trade, or similar institution or place of business, there is hereby levied a tax in the nature of an excise tax of 10 per centum of the total consideration involved in any such transaction.

Sec. 4. That each contract of sale of a food commodity for future delivery mentioned in section 3 of this Act shall be in writing plainly stating, or evidenced by written memorandum, showing the actual date and terms of such contract, including the quantity of the commodity involved and the actual consideration therefor, and the names and addresses of the seller and buyer in such contract and shall be signed by the party to be charged, or by his agent in his behalf.

Sec. 5. That no tax shall be levied under this Act on any contract of sale mentioned in section 3 hereof if the contract comply with each of the following conditions:

First. Conform to the requirements of section 4 of, and the rules and regulations made pursuant to, this Act.

Second. That it shall require delivery of the commodity within thirty days from the actual signing and date of said contract.

Third. That delivery shall actually be made within the time provided for in such contract. And delivery as herein provided under such contract shall not be affected by means of "setoff" or "ring" settlement, but only by the actual transfer of the specified commodity mentioned in the contract.

Sec. 6. That this Act shall not be construed to impose a tax on any sale of a food commodity where immediate delivery within thirty days of the date of such sale is actually made.

Sec. 7. That the tax imposed by section 3 of this Act shall be paid by the seller of the commodity involved in the contract of sale by means of stamps which shall be affixed to such contract or to the memorandum evidencing the same and canceled in compliance with the rules and regulations which shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 8. That no contract of sale of a food commodity for future delivery mentioned in section 3 of this Act which does not conform to the requirements of section 4 hereof and has not the necessary stamps affixed thereto, as required by section 7 hereof, shall be enforceable in any court of the United States by or on

behalf of any party to such contract or his privies.

Sec. 9. That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to make and promulgate such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary to collect the tax imposed by this Act and otherwise to enforce its provisions. Further to effect this purpose, he shall require all persons coming within its provisions to keep such records and statements of account, and may require such persons to make such returns, verified under oath or otherwise, as will fully and correctly disclose all transactions mentioned in section 3 of this Act, including the making, execution, settlement, and fulfillment thereof; he may require all persons who act in the capacity of a clearing house, clearing association, or similar institution for the purpose of clearing, settling, or adjusting transactions mentioned in section 3 of this Act to keep such records and to make such returns as will fully and correctly disclose all facts in their possession relating to such transactions; and he may appoint agents to conduct the inspection necessary to collect said tax and otherwise to enforce this Act and all rules and regulations made by him in pursuance hereof, and may fix the compensation of such agents. The provisions of the internal revenue laws of the United States, so far as applicable, including sections 3172, 3174, and 3175 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are hereby extended and made to apply to this Act.

Sec. 10. That any person liable to the payment of any tax imposed by this Act who fails to pay or evades or attempts to evade the payment of such tax, and any person who otherwise violates any of the provisions of this Act or any rule or regulation made in pursuance hereof, except as provided in sections 15 and 16 hereof, and any person who accepts a contract, is a beneficiary thereunder, or participates in the making of a contract which, under the provisions of this Act, is subject to the tax herein provided and upon which the tax is not paid at the time of its making, as herein provided, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$20,000, in the discretion of the court, and in case of natural persons may, in addition, be punished by imprisonment for not less than sixty days nor more than one year, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 11. That in addition to the foregoing punishment there is hereby imposed, on account of each violation of this Act, a penalty of \$2,000, to be recovered in an action founded on this Act in the name of the United States as plaintiff, and, when so recovered, one-half of said amount shall be paid over to the person giving the information upon which such recovery was based. It shall be the duty of United States attorneys to whom satisfactory evidence of violations of this Act is furnished to institute and prosecute actions for the recovery of the penalties prescribed in this section.

Sec. 12. That the payment of any tax levied by this Act shall not exempt any person from any penalty or punishment now or hereafter provided by the laws of any State for entering into contracts of sale of food commodities for future delivery, nor shall the payment of any tax imposed by this Act be held to prohibit any State or municipality from imposing a tax on the same transaction.

Sec. 13. That if any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Act shall for any reason be adjudged by

any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined to its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Sec. 14. That it shall be the duty of any person engaged in the business of storing or dealing in food commodities, except a producer or retailer thereof, when requested by the Secretary of Agriculture, or any agent acting under his instruction, to answer correctly to the best of his knowledge, under oath or otherwise, all questions touching his knowledge of the quantity, the kind, the character, the classification, the price or bona fide price offered, and other terms of purchase or sale of any food commodity, stored or involved in any transaction of which he has knowledge or participated in by him, or to produce all books, letters, papers, or documents in his possession or under his control relating to such matter. Any such person who shall, within the time prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, or such agent, willfully fail or refuse to answer such questions or to produce such books, letters, papers or documents, within a reasonable time prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, or shall willfully give any answer that is false or misleading, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.

Sec. 15. That monthly and at such other times as by him deemed advisable, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make available to the public, and particularly in that section or community where the particular commodity is produced, sold or consumed, the information as to the quantity of any food commodity available within the territory of the United States, with its grade, character, or classification.

Are Farmers Going to Quit?

Are farmers going to quit, on account of the treatment they have received in the last few months? Some of them have already quit, forced out of business by the big drop in the prices of grain and live stock. What shall the young man do who has just a good start or who is just about to start farming? What shall the tenant do who must pay high rent, with grain and live stock bringing bottom prices? What shall the owner of high-priced land do in order to obtain returns on his investment? The future outlook of farming—as it looks to the young man, as it looks to the owner of high-priced land—as it looks to the renter—will be one of the important subjects discussed at the meetings of organized farmers in Lincoln January 3 to 7. More than a score of organizations of farmers, live-stock raisers and other producers are billed to meet during the first week in January. With farmers aroused all over the land, these meetings will be watched far and wide. Sentiment here expressed will indicate the future attitude of Nebraska farmers, and what farmers do in Nebraska, farmers will do everywhere. These meetings will be of national importance and no farmer can afford to miss them. One day will be devoted to a general meeting of all organizations, at which men of national repute will be heard. Secretary of Agriculture E. T. Meredith, Governor Henry J. Allen of Kansas, Henry Wallace of Wallace's Farmer, and other big men are on the program.

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