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### PLASTER CEILING FALLS AT BURLINGTON DEPOT

Tuesday at 1 o'clock, a large quan-Burlington station fell with a treprobably is ten by thirty feet in size. Fortunately no one was standing

in the space below. The weight of the plaster is great and it would have been a serious matter had any person been standing so as to get the force of the falling debris.

Other strips of the ceiling hang about ready to fall, and it is evident the company will have to put in a steel ceiling, or something of the kind, if they desire to have a ceiling permanent and safe.

### SECRETARY FILES REPORT OF CO. FAIR CONDITION

Figures Showing Receipts and Expenditures-Directors Request All Deficit Paid in Full

H. M. Bushnell, Jr., assistant secretary of the Box Butte Fair association, has made a complete report to the directors and stockholders of tion with the Extension Service of the association regarding the condition for the year 1916.

Report of H. M. Bushnell, Jr.

above-named organization: desires to thank the Board of Direct- vanced to 70 cents for the same qualors and the numerous individual members who have aided in the holding of a quasi successful fair for the | Meantime, however, potato markets year 1916. It will not be amiss to like Kansas City were suffering a recall some of the hardships which downward trend. This indicates that attended the holding of a fair this the the consumer was paying less for year. To begin with, it had been his potatoes, the farmer was getting some four years since a fair was more because he had become acheld, and undoubtedly it was a great quainted with the high prices being detriment to the present fair, be-paid in the city market thru the me-cause of the lack of appreciation dium of the market service bulletin. detriment to the present fair, bewhich people had for such a celebra-Further, the present organization was late in commencing work the fair were far from propitious or desirable.

have proven by this fair that a fair element in potato buying and yet alcan be successfully and profitably low the dealer a fair margin of profstaged in Box Butte county at times it. In past years the farmer has in the future. It is universally rec- generally been in touch with the ognized that had not inclement, in price of grain and live stock, but has fact deplorable, weather visited Alli- always been in the dark as to the ance on the three days of the fair condition of potato markets. that it would have been a greater and market news service places the folmore profitable fair, and would have lowing information before the farmundoubtedly paid all its expenses in ers as we'll as the dealers: Shipping their entirety. The report of receipts and expenditures shows that the Fair association the year working under the adverse circumstances in the markets receiving Nebraska that it did, incurred a loss of less potatoes, as well as the condition of than \$400, all of which is taken up the stock and quantity arriving, by premium expenditures.

It is the belief of your assistant secretary that fifty per cent of that amount will be donated back to the association, and materially reduce the financial loss that will be noted in this report: that there has been placed upon the grounds no small amount of permanent improvements which will add value to the property day. This is of great value to the and be a valuable asset to the association. Taken all in all we believe that the fair of 1916 can be considered and was a success and it is the hope of all that the Fair association will see fit to stage a regular fair in the future.

In closing, your assistant secrefor the co-operation accorded him in the work, especially to the Board of Directors, to the local newspaper men, to the Commercial club menbers and to all who contributed to receipts and expenditures is appended to this report.

Respectfully submitted. H. M. BUSHNELL, Jr.

Assistant Secretary The total expenditures, not including the promiums, amounts to \$2. The premiums total \$339. The racea cost \$1.174.40; miscellaneous expenditures contracted for by H. M. Bushnell, \$115.29; advertis-

The statement showing the condition of the association gives the liabilities of the organization as for-

Alliance Commercial Club. \$242.62 fence .... First National bank, mort-

First National bank, Barnes' Court costs on Barnes suit . .

54.95 The assets of the association are: ust, 1916: Fair property, \$7,000; due from lots General fund ..... \$2,540.59 on contract, \$1,872.50.

First National bank, 1915

Permanent improvements have Salary . been made to the value of \$314. The Street and city hall lighting 1,237.13 grand total of the receipts of the Stationary and printing .. 517.05 fair for 1916 amounted to \$2,759.06. gate, box seats, grand stand, bleachers, and quarter stretch. Also from

A recapitulation shows conditions as follows: Total receipts of fair plus money in bank Sept. 1, 1916, \$2,-759.60; total expenditures of every kind, \$3,053.38; total deficit, 1916 fair, \$294.32.

The board of directors at a meet-

A few items are not mentioned in item.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL **GET ELECTION RETURNS**

Election returns will be received tity of the heavy plaster ceiling on at the Pheian opera house on Nov-the porch on the south side of the ember 7. The Commercial club has taken over the project and will promendous crash. The space which vide a service with leased wire and was covered by the fallen ceiling long-distance telephones. Members of the club will be admitted free, and each member will be entitled to bring one guest.

The reports received will cover the nation, state and county. No effort will be spared to make the occasion interesting and an orchestra will provide music, and the cigars

will not be lacking.

Admission will be by ticket and these will be mailed to members of the Commercial club in due course of time. Only men will be there, so niembers will refrain from inviting any of the fair sex.

MARKET NEWS SERVICE ADVANCES POTATOES 10c

Within a week after the marketnews service, which furnishes free buleltins daily on potato quotations in all the principal markets, was intalled at Alliance, potatoes advanced 10 cents in western Nebraska despite a decline in the central mar-

On September 20, the day before the Office of Markets of the U.S. department of agriculture in conjuncthe University of Nebraska and the county agents, opened an office at Alliance, buyers were paying 60 To the Board of Directors of the cents per bushel for ungraded stock delivered in bulk to cars at Heming-In opening this report, the writer ford. Within a week the price adity of potatoes and as high as cents was being paid for the best

Inasniuch as western Nebraska will ship something like a million bushels of potatoes this year, this inupon the fair, and the dates set for crease in the price of potatoes means an increase of \$100,000 for western

Nebraska farmers. Nofwithstanding the handicaps The market news service will un-enumerated above, the Fair Board doubtedly eliminate the speculative tion; the prevailing jobbing prices last year, \$801.66. from other states is also shown and in the city. this information is up-to-the-prinute. being telegraphed direct to the Aliiance office each day. Another feature of this report is that part show- Leases Half Section of Land Near ing the destination of all cars of Nebraska potatoes shipped the previous

any one market.

dealers as it prevents the glutting of

and profit. ly all potato growers and dealers in

# REPORT OF CITY CLERK

At the meeting of the city council royalties during the next five years. Tuesday night Carter Calder, city Mr. Crites says he will do that same gage on property . . . . . 3.285 60 clerk, filed a report of the expendi- at once, and he proposes to go at tures of the city as shown by the least fiftee nhundred feet in the di-7.75 June, July and August.

The report follows: Paid out May, June, July and Aug-Street and alley ..... 9,554.70 Sewer maintenance .... 223.60

CARTER CALDER, City Clerk.

The Herald's job printing department prints anything from a business clothes and houses the insane, cares card to a bound book. Phone 340 for convicts, schools the deaf and and we will call for your next job.

this report, as there will be some

# CAUGHT IN THE WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS BOX BUTTE POTATOES



Atlantic Monthly.

The superintendent of the city The electric light department made his run, cares for the feebleminded and cil at Tuesday night's session.

point huving prices at Nebraska ending September 15 were \$962.89 points and other centers of produc- last month, \$400.85; same month

The receipts of the water department for the quarter ending Septem- except in Omaha, but the state is not ber 15 were \$43,109.26; expenses. number of cars held on track and un- \$3,625.97; construction, \$10.690.67. loaded. The number of cars shipped October 1 there were 695 consumers

STATE IN THE OIL BUSINESS

Chadron to Mr. Crites on Shares

Lincoln.-If the state of Nebraska ever becomes a little old "Coal Oil Johnny" or a rival of Rockefeller ev-When the first report was issued ery user of an automobile or fuel oil from the Alliance office an explana- engine will be able to point back to rights to land known to contain valtory sheet was enclosed which ex- Saturday, October 7, 1916, the secplained to the farmer how to use the ond day after President Wilson apeport to good advantage, suggesting peared in Nebraska, when Governor will get one-tenth, providing there is that he call on his local freight agent John H. Morehead, Attorney General tary desires to re-express his thanks to get the freight rates to the various Willis E. Reed, State Treasurer G. E. markets and calling attention to the Hall and Deputy State Land Commisdanger of shipping immature pola- sioner George E. Emery sat at the ing the state \$24 a year, or 7 1/2 cents toes too far. It was suggested also governor's table and, law or no law, that the farmer always consider the authorizing them to do so, entered quality and condition when placing a into a contract on behalf of the state purposes. It was recently appraised the success of the fair. The list of value on his crop. The buyer, being as party of the first part, with Ed- by the Dawes county board at \$5 an a necessary factor in the marketing win E. Crites of Chadron, party of of the crop, should be allowed a rea- the second part, whereby the party held by Mr. Crites is one of the few sonable margin to cover shrinkage of the first part agreed to accept as old ones subject to be converted into royalty one-tenth of all the petrole- a sale contract. If there is oil on The office now mails out about um the party of the second part digs the land the state board does not 1600 reports each day on the noon out of a certain half-section of state care to sell. Under the constitution trains which make good conenctions land belonging to the state of Ne- the land could not be sold for less with all Nebraska shipping sections, braska, situated twenty miles north and the mailing list covers practical- of Chadron, and two miles from the less, but if it contains oil it is worth South Dakota state line, the said a large sum. Rather than try to land being described as follows: San- purchase on its speculative value Mr. dy and not worth a tinker, except for Crites prefers to make a new lease grazing purposes, said contract to be whereby he will continue to pay 7 % binding upon both parties for a peri- cents an acre rental and in addition od of five years from date.

It is now up to Mr. Crites to bore for oil and the state to wait for its house is sinking, which is downward every thirteen years. Mr. Crites ex- Dakota. pects to beat this record for speed. He owns a section of land in his own name, holds another section under 600 feet, but no oil was found. Ge lease and already holds the half-sec-

state one-tenth of all the oil he finds. The sovereign state of Nebraska sells milk, furnishes office room to state officers while they are campaigning for re-election, feeds, blind, helps unfortunate girls and for the instruction of ignorant voting held Oct. 9, instructed Secretary premiums waived and the amount ers, assumes to control infantile par-Bushnell to pay all deficit incurred cannot be stated now, but a report alysis and other contagious diseases, will be made later including this inspects our food, oil, weights and judge's fees, \$37.70; marshal's fees, measures, pays for glandered horses, \$27.30; total receipts, \$90.

rates in competition with interstate commerce rates, creates senators and congressmen, makes hog cholera seowns and controls water in streams day evening, follows: The net earnings for the month and the fishes therein, also the birds furnishes air, children and makes homeless straight halt and crippled children and enforces the early closing law specifically authorized by constitution or law to engage in the water-

power business or coal oil business. The state officers who met Saturday are members of the board of educational lands and funds. As they have been authorized by the constitution to have general management of all lands and funds set apart for educational purposes, they believe they have power to lease oil rights to the half-section now held by Mr. Crites, it being state school land. Texas and Oklahoma lease such uable oil and get in return oneeighth, whereas the Nebraska board

Under the old lease to his halfsection held by Mr. Crites, he is payan acre rental. It was appraised in 1908 at a value of \$400 for leasing acre for sale purposes. The lease than \$7 an acre. It is now worth pay a royalty to the state on all oil discovered during the next five years.

For some reason oil excitement has been stirred up in the northwestern corner of the state. John L. McCague of Omaha has obtained leases to several tracts not owned by the state. People living at Rapid City have done likewise in Nebraska at the rate of a quarter of an inch and across the state line in South

Mr. Crites said a well was sunk fourteen years ago to a depth of 1,ologists have given some encouragetion of state land in question under ment to prospectors and they prolease and on top of this now has a pose to try again. It is reported that lease to bore for oil and pay the prospecting has been going on for

#### REPORT OF POLICE JUDGE

Police Magistrate Roberts, at the boys, sells automobile number plates, meeting of the council Tuesday night circulates libraries, prints pamphlets filed his report of the receipts of his office for the month of September.

The totals follow: Fines, \$25;

The report of the city treasurer for the month ending September 15. regular monthly report to the coun- also for successful office hunters, 1916, as filed with the council Tues-

> General Fund Balance, overdraft ..... \$87.53 on the president's order. Received from marshal fees . . 27.30 Total, overdraft .

Bal. on hand, overdraft . Total amt. geg. war. unpd \$24,915.62 Water Fund RECEIPTS

DISBURSEMENTS Balance on hand, overdraft 623.00

Registered warrants, \$53.65 (called since Oct. 1.) Light Fund

RECEIPTS \$2,365,12

Received during month . . 2,629.79 . \$4,994.91 DISBURSEMENTS Paid out ..... \$3,252.15 Balance on hand . . . . . . 1,742.76 Invested in general warrants \$367.40

Fire insurance received ..... Cemetery overdraft ..... 59.37 903.75 Registered warrants A. GREGORY, City Treas.

FIRST LADY HAS A

#### DOUBLE IN OMAHA

have a double in Omaha in the person of Mrs. Douglas B, Weipton, well known singer an dteacher.

Score of persons are commenting upon the reemblance between these two women. They analyze the two faces and find that the individual features have a startling similarity.

Mrs. Wilson has an oval face and so has Mrs. Welpton, with the same delicate curving cheek line; Mrs Wilson is blessed with a beautiful aquiline nose, and nature has been equally kind to Mrs. Welpton in the matter of noses; both have deep blue eyes, heavily lashed; their mouths are shaped alike, and friends declare they find a resemblance even in their strong white teeth and smiles.

At first Mrs. Welpton laughed about the affair, but it has been so persistently called to her mind that she can no longer entirely overlook

The morning after the parade several of her pupils came to her home, nsisting that she might pass for a

dister of the president's wife. At the ball Friday night, numer- blance. ous persons remarked upon the recomblance, and at the dinner which cussion of the likeness caused consinerable merriment. Friends facetiously called Mrs. Welpton "Mrs. It's Mrs. Wilson.

# REACH DOLLAR BUSHEL

Tuesday, A. E. Prugh, manager of the government office of Markets and Rural organization, reported pota-toes selling for one dollar per bushel in Hemingford.

This event is well worth noting as it marks a goal to which potato growers had been striving to reach for some time.

Tuesday's report as issued from the local office stated the situation at Hemingford as follows:

Light snow; receipts light account rain; Ohios market firm; demand good; some undersized; generally good condition; some scabby; bulk, ungraded 95 to 98c bu.; Triumph seed to cellars; market advancing; demand brisk; field run; generally good condition, \$1 bushel.

# U. S. WILL NOTE BAR GERMAN SUBMARINES

.Washington. - Developments here resterday indicated that the United States is making plans to meet any issues which may arise with either Germany or the allies over the operations of German submarines on this side of the Atlantic.

While Secretary of State Lansing was at Shadow Lawn conferring with President Wilson, officials of the state and navy departments were busy collecting all evidence concerning the activities of the U-53 off the New England coasts Sunday and yesterday. Also the state department, acting on orders from President Wilson, made public the American reply to the British note of Aug. 22 demanding the United States agree to refuse harborage to belligerent submarines during the remainder of

In her note, Great Britain intimated that unless this country agreed to follow her suggestions, American submarines might be endangered in case the undersea warfare was carried to waters off American shores. The United States refused the demand pointblank and served notices on Great Britain and her allies that it would hold the "negligent power" responsible for any injury done LIGHT DEPARTMENT REPORT colects taxes, issues notary public commissions, tries to make railroad CITY TREASURER'S REPORT American subjects, where no attempt had been made to ascertain their na-American subjects, where no attempt

tionality. The American reply was sent on

Aug. 31, and was extremely curt. It was minus the usual diplomatic frills and indicated that this government did not care to carry on the controversy further. It was withheld from the press until yesterday.

Insofar as the possible differences al, overdraft ..... \$22.53 depends on the conferences which Warrants paid ...... \$2.25 tween President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing and the presi-24.78 dent and Ambassador Girard.

Further reports from the New England coast and from survivors of the vessels torpedoed by the U-53 in-Balance, overdraft ...... \$19.51 dicated that there might have been a serious loss of life had not Amer-... \$19.51 | ican torpedo boats gone to the rescue of the passengers of the tSephano when she was torpedoed.

Officials pointed out that the United States never has formally conceded that putting passengers in open boats at sea was sufficient for their safety.

The president, in view of this, may feel called upon to reopen that particular phase of the submarine controversy dealing with the treatment of noncombatants.

Absolutely no intimation came from Shadow Lawn, however, to indicate along what lines the president is thinking.

The view taken here is that the U-53 observed the German promises. and, as no lives were lost, there seemed little ground for a protest

Savannah, Ga .- The presence of a submarine of undetermined nationality off Tybes bar, off Savannah Tues-Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is said to day was reported to local customshouse officials and to the British consul here, it was learned tonight. Officials, at both the customshouse and consulate refused to say where their information came from, but each emphasized the statement that it was "entirely unofficial." erican underses boats are believed to

> Two Effects of Conditions. Poverty makes some men great and wealth makes monsters of others

be in these waters.

Longest Telephone Line. The longest telephone wire in the world runs from New York to San Francisco, a distance of 3,200 miles.

Wilson," and inquired for her orchids and her smile.

Mrs. Osgood Eastman and Mrs. William Sears Poppleton are two of the many Omaha women who are most insistent about this resem-

Elwin Law, Chicago, a friend of Mr. Welpton, who met Mrs. Welpton followed at the Omaha club the dis- for the first time Friday, stared at her for a moment and exclaimed:

"Now, I know whom you look like.