

Nebraska News Notes

Find Gas Pocket Near Norfolk.

NORFOLK—State officials have been requested to investigate the possible discovery of gas pockets south of Lynch, near here, where last week state engineers, blasting on the state and federal aid road in that vicinity, are believed to have struck a gas pocket which showed indications of liberal quantities of gas. Pending investigation there has been no official announcement of whether the pockets were local or were of possible extensive proportions.

The engineers state that after one charge of explosive was set off, a fire from one pocket burned for fifteen minutes. This led them to believe a gas pocket had been found in the shale rock, which is similar to soapstone.

Intelligence Tests in Schools.

NORFOLK—Intelligence tests for the boys and girls of the public schools in Norfolk in the second to eighth grades, will be given twice a year, as the result of action taken by the school board. The tests will be given to determine the child's capacity in fathoming various subjects, according to Prof. H. B. Simon. Similar examinations were given pupils in the junior high school last year, it was pointed out, and the results proved satisfactory.

"Often a child will be found who is mentally capable of being in a higher grade and previous examinations have shown that when there children are promoted during the semester, they are capable of maintaining an average with the advanced work," Professor Simon declared.

Under normal conditions, it was brought out at the meeting, a child entering high school would be required to take foreign languages. The test might show that that particular child should not take the course which required Latin. Through the examination, the instructors would be enabled to aid the pupils in choosing subjects for which they are best suited, it was explained.

Murderer Goes to Asylum.

SEWARD—Patrick McFarland, alias Arthur Andrews, charged with killing Mayor George A. Merriam on December 21, 1920, will not have to stand trial for murder. He is insane. With McFarland lying on a stretcher before them, but a shadow of his former self, a jury Tuesday in district court, after hearing the testimony of four physicians, returned such a verdict. McFarland was committed to the state hospital for the insane and was taken to the institution in an ambulance. He has been confined in a sanitarium at Lincoln for some time. McFarland, who weighed about 200 pounds when the crime was committed, weighed about 86 pounds when carried into the court room.

The deed, it is alleged, grew out of the attempt of Mrs. McFarland to secure a divorce and McFarland's mad attempt to get possession of their son, George, aged three. His wife was the daughter of Mayor Merriam. He had followed Mr. and Mrs. Merriam, his wife and little son down the street and the deed was committed near the Merriam home.

McKelvie on Disarmament.

LINCOLN—In response to an inquiry from the editor of American Industries, Governor McKelvie gives the following reasons for favoring disarmament:

"I am sure that the people of the United States are looking forward with the utmost anticipation to the successful consummation of some sort of agreement of the nations of the world for disarmament. The loss of life that is incurred by war is appalling and imposes an irreparable injury upon the citizenship and morale of all civilized nations.

"Moreover, the cost of war, or perhaps I had better say, preparation and readiness for war, is an economic burden that can no longer be borne. The people are bearing war taxes that sap the vitals of production and industry in every line. I can foresee only ultimate calamity unless this condition can be permanently overcome."

Winter Touches Nebraska.

VALENTINE—Winter hit Nebraska at Valentine and registered a minimum temperature of 24 degrees during the night Monday. A maximum for that vicinity was but 62 degrees. Lincoln had a minimum of 35 degrees and a maximum of 76. Omaha mercury climbed down to 36, with a maximum of 70. Sheridan, Wyo., was the coldest place in the states Monday night with a temperature of 22 degrees above zero. Valentine was the second coldest place in the country.

Found Relief at Shrine.

OMAHA—Relieved from the constant pain of a badly injured leg, William La Violette, merchant of North Bend, Neb., and father of Gerald La Violette, Omaha attorney, returned Saturday from a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Anne at St. Anne de Beaupre, near Quebec.

William O'Hara, also of North Bend, who accompanied Mr. La Violette, felt such a relief to his sore eyes at the shrine that he left his glasses there,

according to Gerald La Violette. The elder La Violette left his cane at the shrine, walking away without limping, he said. Though not completely cured, the intense pain of the injury is gone, he declared. Mr. La Violette suffered the injury three years ago when he fell from a porch. He has used crutches or a cane since.

Corn Cheaper Than Coal.

BLOOMFIELD—With corn at from 17 to 19 cents per bushel and soft coal at \$14 per ton, many farmers in this vicinity have avowed their intention of burning corn this winter. At the market price, corn is worth less than \$5 per ton and many insist that it is fully equal to the coal in heat units. Hard coal is being sold at \$21 per ton.

Boom Reed for Governor.

AURORA—If Senator Perry Reed of this county is not a candidate for governor next year, it will not be the fault of the members of the American legion. He is getting all kinds of invitations to get into the race from the legion boys who are solidly behind Senator Reed's language bill. Senator Reed is a farmer residing in the southern part of the county. He represented Hamilton county in the lower house one term and represented York and Hamilton counties two terms in the senate.

Not At Outs With Legion.

LINCOLN—Talk concerning the so-called enmity of the Veterans of Foreign Wars toward the American legion has grown so obnoxious to the ears and the heart of State Commander Dick Abbott that he has decided to take the bull by the horns and issue a statement.

"As department commander of the state department of Veterans of Foreign Wars, I wish to emphatically state that so far as the official side of the organization is concerned, there is not and has never been any opposition toward the American legion, or the Spanish-American war veterans or toward any other ex-service men's organization.

"I am heartily sorry that at one time the Veterans of Foreign Wars saw fit to appoint and elect a few officials who were antagonistic to the legion, and to the Spanish-American war veterans. I am looking forward to a house-cleaning. I wish to say to the public that we, as an organization, are hoping to eradicate either the ill will that has been stirred up by those minority members, or to eradicate the members themselves, as far as any official connection is concerned. I was elected as state commander on a platform that pledged me to do all in my power to promote amity and concord between all ex-service men, but I have been hindered in this work by opposition raised through the probably thoughtless remarks on the part of those whom I choose to term 'irreconcilables.'

"I feel that what an organization sows, it shall surely reap. I pledge myself, as long as I am at the head of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the state of Nebraska, to sow peace on earth and good will toward all men.

Stung by Check Artist.

NEBRASKA CITY—Many Nebraska City business men hold as souvenirs checks presented to them for successful payment by a smooth stranger about October 1. The checks, uniform in size, color, printing and dating were, so far as is known, all the \$10 denomination. They purported to be drawn on the "Commercial Bank of Vernon, Iowa," a fictitious place, it is declared now. The postoffice directory does not contain the name of any such town in the Hawkeye state.

The checks were carefully made out, protected by a safety device, dated by a rubber stamp and, in fact, bearing every earmark of a commercial check.

The man who presented the paper was about 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall and about 130 pounds in weight. As usual he had a pleasant way about him and was able to discuss the weather and the world's series with the best of them. It is declared that he made such a good impression in one place, where a young woman acted as cashier, that he got away with \$30.

Sorrow was written deep on the faces of the victims yesterday when they were informed by their banking connections that the checks had been returned for the good and sufficient reason that there was no such town or bank in the broad state of Iowa.

Canadian Soldiers Well Treated.

That the Canadian pension scheme involves the payment of \$35,000,000 yearly to the 90,000,000 pensioners was the declaration of Col. John Thompson chairman of the board of army pension commissioners, during his visit at Edmonton, Alberta, in connection with his annual inspection tour. Under the recent amendments to the act, the pensions to Canadian soldiers are said to be the most generous paid by any allied government.

An employer says no young woman with bobbed hair can work for him, so that is the long and short of that. Necessity is the mother of inventing some way to keep house these days without indulging in luxuries.

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PORK SAUSAGE—BULK, per pound	20c	WEINERS, lb.	20c
BOOKFIELD SAUSAGE, per pound	30c	MINCED HAM, lb.	20c
		BOLOGNA, per pound	15c
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