# AS TO VACANT LAND

LABOR COMMISSIONER IN RE-CEIPT OF MANY INQUIRIES.

## DIFFICULT TO ANSWER ALL

Secretary Royse Sends Out Call for Reports of Conditions of State Banks on June 14.

Labor Commissioner Guye has been nearly swamped with letters of inquiry regarding the publication of an article regarding vacant lands in Nebraska. Mr. Guye says he is not prepared to make answers to these inquiries until he can make a further investigation of the matter. There are 1,336,471 acres of vacant land in the state subject to homestead entry and the publication of that fact shows that there are plenty of men who would like to have homes of their own. It is the opinion of Commissioner Guye that the next legislature could do nothing better than to appropriate enough money to assist in locating actual settlers on the vacant lands of the state. As it is now the labor commissioner's office is handlcapped for lack of fueds to continue the work and it would seem like a good investment for the state to place or at least get this land in such shape that it could be taken up.

One letter of inquiry received by Mr. Guye is from a preacher who desires to be informed if he can take up this land and still hold the pastorate of the church of which he is now pastor.

Another feature of the letters received is that nearly all of them inquire about the forty and eighty acre tracts seemingly preferring those to the larger tracts of a section each. The two acres located in Douglas county seem to have been lost sight of in the letters of inquiry.

#### Employes' Association Barred.

Judge Cosgrave refused a writ of mandamus to require Silas R. Barton, auditor of public accounts, to grant to the National Employes' association . a license to do business in the state of Nebraska. The association was recently organized under the general incorporation laws of the state, there being no provision in the insurance laws for the incorporation of such an association. Less than \$500 of the authorized capital stock has been paid in. The incorporators proposed to insure employes against loss of employment, paying a certain percentage of the wages last drawn, when the insured is out of work for a stated length of time, except in cases of strikes or lockouts or where a posttion is lost by reason of incompetency. The incorporators will take the case to the supreme court. The auditor had previously refused to issue a license.

### Permits Maternity Homes.

Under the new law regulating ma ternity homes the state board of health has licensed twenty-seven institutions. Many of them are well known hospitals operated by cities, church organizations or endowed by private funds and many are conducted by private citizens. The first license granted was to Dr. C. P. Fail of Beatrice, who is a member of the board of secretaries of the state board which passes on applications.

Mr. Bryan Will Live in South. W. J. Bryan does not intend to suffer the rigors of a Nebraska winter during the coming cold months, according to a story printed in a Miami, Fla., newspaper. Mr. Bryan is said to have purchased a choice residence tract, whereon he will build an \$8,000

Prepare Legislative Book. The legislative "blue book," a pub-

residence.

Heation which will precede rather than follow the next session of the state lawmakers is now being prepared by Director A. E. Sheldon and his assistants of the legislative reference bureau. The process of assembling fact and figures for the book has been under way for some time past and if carried to the extent that is now planned will likely not be completed until just after the election of the legislators in November.

Picture Show in Religion. Picture shows operated in the churches of Lincoln, at which none but the most refined and up-to-date educational films will be presented to the public, may be the next step taken as the aftermath of the Men and Religion Forward Movement. A committee of three men to investigate the possibilities of such a plan and to report upon it at the next meeting has been named.

Citizens of Lyons are making big preparations for celebration of the

## Phone Order Issued.

The railway commission has secured an agreement from the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company that they will use the lower toll rate in use where any subscriber has been using both phones before the consolidation of the Independent and Bell interests. Under the agreement the commission has issued an order permitting the company to reduce the long distance rate from Steinhauer to Burchard, Pawnee City, Table Rock and Tecumseh from fifteen to ten cents.

FINANCES OF STATE.

Situation More Encouraging Than Few Weeks Ago.

That the finances of the state are picking up is evidenced by the fact that at the close of business Saturday, June 15, the treasury was \$43,000 to the good as compared with \$18,000 the Saturday preceding and a month ago several thousand to the bad. The month of May and thus far in June the county treasurers of the state have been sending in their remittances and in consequence the state treasury is looming up on the right side of the ledger.

Car of Stone Found.

At last the lost is found. The last car of stone for the Lincoln monument has been found in Kansas City. Work has been delayed several weeks on account of the non-arrival of this identical car, and while it would seem to be pretty hard work to lose track of a carload of big granite, such is the fact, and for more than two weeks the railway companies have been trying to locate the big blocks of stone, which left Quincy, Mass., weeks ago.

The controversy which was recently started over the publication by a Lincoln paper of an article claiming that the granite was not good stone has not created very great alarm. Treasurer George, who is a native of Massachussetts and was born and raised near the Quincy quarries, where the stone came from, and has seen lots of it, says that the stone is all right. He further says that he never saw anything which came from Massachusetts but what was all right. In this statement he is backed up by two or three other native sons and daughters of the old Bay state, who are holding down jobs in the state

Protest From Johnson County.

Severai Johnson county residents called on the state railway commission to protest against the raise in telephone rates which the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company recently announced it would put into effect in that county within the next few weeks. Several petitions from various residents were also filed, all of them aimed at the accomplishment of the same end-the prevention of the raise in rates. All of the petitioners expressed the belief that the present rates are sufficient to meet all expenses and to pay a fair return on the investment. The contention is made that with the increased service by reason of the merger with the Bell company that the cost of operation is also reduced.

#### The Coming Apple Crop.

Secretary Marshall of the state board of agriculture has received reports from fruit growers which show a larger crop of apples in the southeastern part of the state than last year. In the North Platte country, where there was a heavy yield last year, the crop will be light this year.

Selected As Editor.

Fred McConnell of Omaha has been selected by the university publication board as editor of the Daily Nebraskan for the school year of 1913-1914. McConnell is a law senior and a member of Phi-Kappa-Psi fra-

Randall Distributes Cards.

State Fire Commissioner Randall has just received at his office 200,000 cards for distribution over the state. These cards contain matter which will tend to educate the people of the state along the lines of preventing fires by proper precautions.

Supreme Court to Sit.

The state supreme court will meet June 23 to hand down a batch of opinions, and then will adjourn until September, according to present plans. No summer sessions are contemplated.

#### Boosts Legislative League.

Henry Richmond of Omaha, secretary of the Legislative league, was in Lincoln in the interest of the league, and sending out correspondence tending to create a big meeting, during the session of the next legislature. Mr. Richmond says that the response to invitations to get into the fold are coming in fast and that the membership at the present time is nearly 600. He expects by the time of the meeting that the league will have over one thousand.

#### Methodists to Meet in Fall.

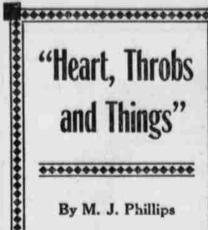
Gage County .- The annual meeting of the Nebraska Methodist Episcopal church will be held at Beatrice this year, beginning September 11. The Nebraska conference includes the churches in the southeastern part of the state, from the Missouri river west to Red Cloud, and from the Kansas line north to Ashland, There are about 150 active ministers in the conference. The new bishop, Bishop Bristol, of Omaha, will preside on the occasion.

Prof. Scipio Resigns.

Professor L. A. Scipio of the mechanical engineering department of the state university has resigned to accept a place in Roberts' college, Constantinople, Turkey. He will begin work at the latter institution early in September.

Royse Calls for Reports.

Secretary Royse of the State Banking board is sending out a call for reports from the state banks of the state. These reports call for statements up to June 14.



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"What can I do for you, ma'am?" John Wilkie, editor of the Trenton Twice-a-Week Tidings, left the typewriter where he was hammering out an editorial, and approached the high counter. John was undoubtedly

somewhere about it. "You might put me to work," answered the visitor with a smile, as hand off the keyboard and say masshe drew off her gloves. I am E. L.

"You are? I thought E. L. Kimball was a man."

E. L. Kimball shook her head. Your ad. did not specify; you sim-

"Oh, you are," John assured her. If you can run the thing, that's all he was in a panic.

The prospect of having a pretty young woman around the place was a disquieting one. John, despite his downright manner and his matter-offact appearance, was very bashful.

E. L. Kimball - he discovered presently the "E" stood for Edithfitted in perfectly. She not only turned out an incredible amount of work on the machine, but picked up news, and kept a supervisory eye on the "devil," an ink-spattered youth, whose idea of tidying was very elementary. In three months John was wondering what he ever did without

One day he stared out at the street and faced a startling fact: He was in love with Miss Kimball!

It rose like a mountain peak above the level plain of his existence. detached from its drab surroundings. In no sense was it part of them. He could not see how it would ever become a part of them. He was, he candidly admitted, an alarmingly homely man. Binnsley, the bank clerk, and Tom Roper, the grocer, who had al-



John Turned Deathly Pale.

ready paid Miss Kimball some attention, were away above his class when it came to personal appearace.

So musing, he attacked his more ing mail. The second envelope which he slit open contained an appeal for help from a country youth whose "girl" had discarded him for a better-favored rival. The other young man, said the writer plaintively, had taken her to the last two church "soshuls;" they frequently went "bugy-ridin" together, and they "giggled" when they passed him. He signed himself "Hartbroken," and wanted to know what he should d:

about it. Smiling grimly, John adjusted sheet of copy paper in the typewriter and wrote one of those biting, quizzical paragraphs which was giving the "Tidings" a reputation through

out the state. He reflected complacently there would be others "giggling" at "Hartbroken" and his plight. Then he sent the letter marked, "Don't change, and his comment, up the copy-chute to Miss Kimbali.

When the next proof came down for correction, John blinked behind his glasses. "Hartbroken's" letter had been altered as to language spelling and punctuation; and the editor's flippant comment had not been set. Instead, there were a few words of kindly, sympathetic advice. Poor "Hartbroken" was transformed from a gawk to be laughed at to a shy youth who suffered.

At the bottom of the proof the operator had added a sentence of her own. "He appealed to you for advice: it won't be right to make him a laughing-stock."

Wilkie rumpled his hair thoughtfully, corrected the proof, and wrote "O. K., J. W.," below Miss Kimball's note. Then he smiled sheepishly, sent

the proof up the chure, and slapped himself three times on the red, bony

Wrist. "Heartbroken" was really responsible for the "Tidings" most popular column. Miss Kimball evolved it, mothered it, and kept it alive. The country youth's letter had evidently touched a hidden spring in Trenton, for missives from the lovelorn came in a steady trickle after that.

John turned them all over to the operator; he didn't want to continue slapping his own wrist. She gave the perplexed advice.

Conniving with the foreman, she set an attractive box head, "Heart-Throbs and Things." She filled a column with the letters and her answers, with paragraphs she clipped and wrote, and with some of John's snappy editorial squibs. Launched in the "Tidings," it made an unmistakable hit. John, who had been waiting the chance, raised her salary.

Winter deepened. So did John's love for Edith Kimball. He longed to take her in his avms and kiss homely, with a knobby, angular away her capable, self-reliant air, frame, and untidy hair. He wore to pet and tease and adore her out thick glasses and a white shirt that all of the status of a valued employe ways had a smear of printer's ink into that of wife and comrade. Many times he started upstairs, grimly determined to take her busy, dimpled terfully, "Put on your hat; we're going to be married!"

An inspiration came to him one evening as he smoked in his office after hours. He selected a cheep plain envelope from his stock V ply asked for a typesetting machine samples, put on his hat and hurried operator. But if I'm not satisfac- to the office of Bob Sears, a young lawyer with whom he was friendly. There he cut the business card off one of Bob's letterheads and wrote I care about." Inwardly, however, an appeal to the "Heart-Throbs Editor."

"Dear sir," he wrote, "I am a young man of twenty-one and I am very much in love with a young lady who works in the same place I do, am not at all good-looking, and there are several paying her attention that are, so I fear she does not regard me favorably. I feel that I would make her a good husband, but am afraid to ask her to marry me, as I do not know that she cares anything for me. What would you advise me to do?" He signed "Nathan" and mailed the missive in the plain, typewritten envelope in a train that passed through Trenton at midnight.

When it came back to him a day later decorated with foreign postmarks and addressed to "Heart-Throbs," he sent it guiltily up the chute without opening. Then fidgeted like a schoolgirl until the long, slim galley proof brought it back in type with Edith's comment

"A true woman does not care for beauty in a man; don't let lack of t worry you. I infer from your leter you are diffident, and have not shown that you care for her. Until you do, she will not cheapen herself by expressing any preference."

John heaved a long sigh and he issue containing his letter had for their living. To rid them of lice, been out two days, long enough to should they become lousy, paint the reach the mythical "Nathan," he vrote another letter, the gist of which was: "Would you advise me to put my fate to the test? How shall I ask her?"

They were late that week with he second issue of the "Tidings," and Edith was working evenings to atch up. It was eight o'clock Thurslay night when the answer came down along with other "Heart-Throbs" stuff: "The editor of Heart-Throbs' refuses to propose or you. If you really care for the oung woman, you will muster courage enough to ask her."

John turned deathly pale; his lank aw dropped. Suddenly the air of the ffice was stifling. He jerked off his coat and rolled up the sleeves of his shirt.

In two minutes he had rolled down his sleeves and put on his coat. He closed the stove, wiped his wet face with his handkerchief, and then noiselessly he opened the rear door of the office and headed for the stair-

With his foot on the first step he shivered and returned, panic-stricken, to the office. He corrected the proof and sent that up. He rumpled his hair with both hands, as if trying to force a decision into his brain. That seemed to be effective, for with desperate haste he seized a square of copy paper and a pencil, scrawled a single sentence and sent it flying up the chute.

He heard Edith leave her machine and go to the chute; the tin carrier rustled as she took the single sheet out of it. He wiped his forehead again.

There was silence. Then the ma chine resumed its song. He slumped into his chair.

Another proof came down. He swept its length at a single glance. At the bottom he found what he sought, in cold, impersonal type, his sentence and her answer: "I am coming upstairs to ask you

to marry me." Well, I don't know how I can pre

vent you.

John hurried to the stairs again, went up four steps at a time, and hurried the length of the room, Edith's fingers were flitting busily over the keyboard. (She still had the line she was setting at that particular moment; it's a curiosity.) Her head was bent to the copy.

He dropped to one knee beside her low chair and smothered her in his arms. He kissed her again and again. 'Darling," he cried, "I love you!" Her arms tightened about his neck.

"I've suspected so for some time-'Nathan!'" she whispered.



RESULTS BY HOPPER FEEDING

System Causes Least Trouble and Affords Birds Opportunity to Balance Their Own Ration.

(By R. G. WEATHERSTONE)

There are different methods of feeding poultry that have given good results under varying conditions. Much has been said concerning the warm mash and the good results obtained therefrom. The hopper system is the least trouble and with a variety of feed placed before the birds they can perhaps balance their own ration better than the poultryman. The writer



White Wyandotte Cock.

uses a Cornell hopper with six divisions in which are placed wheat, wheat bran, meat meal, sunflower, oyster shells and grit. Corn is fed on the ear. In addition to the above the flock receives the table scraps and fresh water is supplied twice daily.

With the above system of feeding ten White Wyandotte pullets produced 1,594 eggs from March 1, 1911, to February 29, 1912. The house (6 by 10) door is left open during the day and one of the two window openings is covered with burlap. The cockerel's wattles were slightly frozen on the night that the thermometer registered 30 degrees below zero. It will be noted from the above that the birds averaged nearly 160 eggs each per year with a minimum amount of labor in their

#### NOT HARD TO RAISE TURKEYS

Poults Not Especially Difficult to Rear If From Vigorous Stock and Properly Cared For.

(By MRS. C. R. JONES.)

Turkey poults are not especially hard to raise if they are from vigorous stock and are properly taken care of. Above all things else, don't overbottom of a deep box with liquid lice killer and put the poults into it. Cover the top of the box with a cloth, but be very careful not to smother the birds. It is well to leave a part of the top uncovered, as the fumes of the lice killer are pretty strong. After they have been in the box for a short time, take them out and dust with some good lice powder. Eternal vigfinnce is the price of success in turkey culture.



A variety of feed will stimulate the hen to her greatest egg production. Most chicken coops are too small and close and too inconvenient to

Don't crowd the chickens in warm weather, and don't put those of different ages together. Contrary to what we are often led to believe, turkey raising is not a bus-

iness to take care of itself. The houses must be kept clean and the hens must be free from lice if the best results are to be obtained

Lack of moisture in the incubator is one of the common causes of chicks failing to break out of the shell,

Great size of an abdominal pouch in a goose indicates great age, a fact that is useful in purchasing breeding

The beginner in poultry business usnally has his hopes and expectations too high. This accounts for most of the failures.

The smaller the quarters the greater the care. Crowded fowls are much more liable to become affected with vermin and disease.

It is claimed that in laying an egg, the pullet parts with about one 60th part, by weight, of the total solid nutriment of its own body.

The correct mating is eight to fifteen hens for each cockerel. The smaller the breed the more hens may be allowed to each rooster.

A broiler should be short in head: broad, deep and full in breast; small in comb (rose or pea); and a pound and a half to two pounds in weight.

Before the breeding season begins the chickens should be carefully culled and graded. Only the strongest and most desirable should be saved.

For the benefit of the egg-sucking dog try soaking some eggs in a solution of lye strong enough so grains will form on the shell. Then leave them in Fido's way.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various

Sections. A. A. Campbell, a former resident of West Point and at one time a large

land owner there, died at his home in San Diego, Cal. The revised average valuation of Seward county land, after the board of equalization has passed on it, is

\$85.65 per acre. E. R. Purcell, editor of the Custer County Chief, has returned from an extended trip through Texas and a

portion of Mexico. The Burlington pumping station at Seward was destroyed by fire. The orlgin of the fire is unknown, as there was no one on duty at the time.

The Drake hotel at Alliance, for the past three years under the management of W. S. Barrett, has been sold to H. A. Bowman of Hot Springs. Rev. R. W. Marsh of York, district

superintendent of the Methodist church, will move soon to University Place, where he has purchased prop-John W. Billings of Beatrice was struck by a taxicab and seriously in-

jured in Omaha. He sustained a broken leg and seven broken ribs and was severely cut and bruised about the body. A. A. Wick, an employe of the Burlington round house at Alliance, lost

his right hand under the wheel of an engine Wednesday. He was doing some repair work on the engine when it was started suddenly.

The Rev. John Matthews, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church, Omaha, and one of the most brilliant young preachers in the city, has been unfrocked and excluded from membership in the church for immoral action.

The German Lutheran society of the Nebraska and Kansas district held a celebration called a Volkfest at Hebron. The occasion was the celebration of the third anniversary of the organization of the Hebron academy. More than fifteen hundred people were

present during the day. At the special election Kearney voted \$30,000 municipal bonds for the construction of the Dakota, Kansas & Gulf railroad, the outgrowth of the Kearney-Beloit project, the vote standing 772 for to 40 against. Kearney was the first of the towns to vote on the

new road. After traveling 2,280 miles in an automobile, Mr. and Mrs. Joel H. Humpfman, their daughter, Nancy, and Mrs. Nola Berry of Tuscon, Ariz., are in York, the guests of friends. They have spent one month in making the trip from Tuscon to York. They were forced to camp at several points along the route because towns were so far

apart. The "Christian assembly" people dedicated their new church at Franklin. This is a new denomination that has sprung up within the past year under the leadership of Rev. F. Frederick Fink, an evangelist and former pastor of the Christian Assembly feed them, see that they are kept free church in Minneapolis, Minn. They befrom lice, keep them from getting wet lieve in holiness, divine healing and wiped his moist forehead. When when small, and make them "rustle" lay much stress on faith in "the whole

gospel. A resolution declaring against burial at sea was unanimously adopted by the Nebraska Funeral Directors' association, which held its annual meeting in Omaha. The association declared itself in favor of a law, forcing all ocean steamers to carry licensed embalmers. H. G. Karstens of Nebraska City was elected president; E. C. Wagner, Arapahoe, vice president; R. B. Skinner, Neligh, secretary; and Peter Merten, sr., Blue Hill, treasurer.

The marriage of Robert T. Cattle of Seward to Miss Mercedes Brown occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. C. Brown, in Kansas City. The bride is a granddaughter of the late Claudius Jones, founder of the Jones National bank at Seward, and has spent the summer at Seward for several years past. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cattle, of the State bank. He was a graduate of the law school of the state university last year.

Deposits of the banks of Lincoln have increased from \$9,581,945.42 to \$10,283,792.93 since the last reports were made.

Four prisoners escaped from the Dawes county jail through a hole made in the wall under one of the windows. One prisoner, a colored man, refused to leave. The men who escaped are: Thomas L. Dugan, who is charged with robbery and assault; Fred Degan, a federal prisoner from Rushville; Reed Ellis, colored, charged with burglary, and William Hendrick, charged with burglary.

Deputy Commissioner of Labor and Industrial Statistics Louis V. Guye has secured a report from the various government land offices showing that Nebraska has approximately 1,300,000 acres of land which is subject to homestead entry. This report was issued by the government some time ago and is therefore subject to change, as entries have been made. It is listed as rolling, sandy, grazing land, the majority of which is subject to entry under the Kinkaid act, which admits of the taking up of 640 acres.

C. M. Flowers, living east of Hebron, met with an accident while in town, His horses became frightened and shied, throwing his 8-year-old daughter out. One wheel of the buggy ran over her.

Officers were called to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Johnson, near Filley, in response to complaints by neighbors. They found both members of the family completely clothed lying on a bed, but partially unconscious. Eighty-seven gallon jugs, all marked as having contained alcoholic liquor, and three five gallon kegs, all empty, were found in the house.