

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

The Lakeview hotel at Curtis was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Theron Nye, one of Fremont's earliest pioneers, died.

Harry Mershon has purchased the drug stock of W. D. Harlan at Cook.

C. B. Calkins of Omaha paid \$150 for the first bag of cement made in the state at Superior.

The new electric light plant at Wymore will soon be in operation. The new equipment cost \$15,000.

Mrs. Fred Arkland of Fairbury has been adjudged insane and will be cared for at the state hospital at Lincoln.

Keith county was visited by a storm destroying crops, haystacks, several barns and windmills. No lives were lost.

Rev. Mr. Kelts of the First Congregational church at Cambridge has accepted a call to the Congregational church at Neligh.

George Coryell of Brock has sold 160 acres of land west of that city to C. L. Gauchat, the consideration being \$24,000 or \$150 per acre.

Oscar Lloyd, aged 35 years, who was drowned in the Missouri river some six miles south of Plattsmouth, was well known as a sawmill operator. Fremont's new high school, built at a cost of \$135,000, has been dedicated.

The large barn on the Jake Branstetter homestead near Edgar burned to the ground.

Frank Ehrenberg, watch repairer in a Hastings jewelry store, received notice to report for duty in the German army and left at once for the "Fatherland."

While switching in Columbus Engine Foreman Joe Gardner was caught between a car and the platform at the Jaeggi mill and crushed so that he died in an hour.

Three burglaries in one night was the record in North Platte, when thieves entered the Dr. N. McCabe home, the D. J. Antonides hardware store and the James Loucen grocery.

Wilson Pickens, 9 years old, son of John Pickens of Hastings, was burned so bad when he attempted to kick a can of blazing gasoline out of the way of an approaching automobile that he died.

The Ho-Ho County Fair will be held at Columbus Sept. 22, 23, 24 and 25. These will be banner days for Platte county. Prospects are bright for the biggest fair in the history of the county.

The finding of bloody clothing at the Frank Cockran ranch about six miles west of North Platte near a lonely spot on the Platte river bank, has led to the belief that a murder was committed.

A gang of men are at work laying the floor of the new Marsh hardware building at Guide Rock, which will be 30x90 feet. The walls of the new Burr & Ely hardware building are up. This building will be 50x100 feet.

The body of Oscar Lloyd, the sawmill man, who was drowned at a point near King's Hill in the Missouri river, was recovered. Interment was in Lewiston cemetery three miles southwest of Murry.

William Porter, a horse buyer of Central City, was run down by a dray team on the principal business street of Grand Island. Mr. Porter suffered a broken leg and many bruises about his head and body.

J. H. Grosvenor of Aurora will ask the next legislature to pass a bill placing a tax of \$3 on all voters, half of the tax to be remitted when the voter casts his first ballot and the balance when he casts his second.

A coroner's jury sitting on the body of Joseph Gardner, a Union Pacific switchman, who lost his life in the yards at Columbus, found that the accident was caused "because the railroad company allows its platform to be too close to the track."

The large, new barn of John Shees, four miles northwest of Getna, was struck by lightning during a storm and burned to the ground. All the live stock was saved. Four hundred and forty bushels of wheat and his entire stock of farm machinery was destroyed.

More silos are being built in Adams county this fall than during the past five years, according to two Hastings contractors who predict that increased prices of farm products will result in 90 per cent of the farms in Adams county being provided with silos within the next five years.

Oscar Lund of Stratford, Ia., has bought the Saint George farm, four miles east of Sidney, consisting of 2,240 acres, for \$129,000. The deal was made through the Swenson Land company. The new purchaser intends to make many improvements and will stock it with the best dairy cattle and break up all the land.

Max Towle of Lincoln, who was unanimously elected captain of the Cornhuskers last fall but who was disqualified under the three-year rule, because he had played one year of base ball as well as two years of football, has been engaged to coach the Hastings college football team. He will have his squad out for practice this week.

Mrs. C. L. Jones, was instantly killed and her husband severely injured in an automobile accident which occurred on a private crossing which George ranch, four miles east of Sidney when a fast fruit train on the Union Pacific hit their car.

A sharp general engagement took place between the Fifth and Fourth regiments of the Nebraska National Guard on the outskirts of Ashland, ending in a complete victory for the latter. Not only did the Fourth Infantry practically annihilate its opponent, but also succeeded in capturing its staff of officers.

TO TEST SCHOOL LAW

MEASURE WILL BE BROUGHT UP IN STATE COURTS.

MANY COUNTIES ARE AFFECTED

State Has Sent Representative to North Platte in Logan County Case.

Lincoln. — Deputy State Superintendent Robert I. Elliott has gone to North Platte to represent the state superintendent's office in a case brought by parties in Logan county to test the validity of the county high school law passed by the last legislature.

The counties affected by the law and which are interested in the suit being brought to prevent the collection of the tax for the maintenance of the school are Sioux, Banner, Kimball, Deuel, Arthur, Grant, Hooker, McPherson, Logan, Thurston, Blaine, Loup, Perkins, Chase, Hayes, Wheeler and Garden. Wheeler and Kimball already have the school in operation.

It is understood that Logan county has the school building already erected preparatory to beginning the school this fall, but certain parties are protesting the matter and an injunction has been brought to prevent the further work provided for in the act passed by the legislature.

State Salaries Equalized.

In an effort to equalize salaries at the state institutions the state board of control has completed its work with the result that it makes a saving for the year to the state of \$1,816. In some institutions salaries were raised, in some lowered and in some the payroll was cut by discharging employees.

Engineers are raised from \$75 to \$85 a month, bookkeepers are given \$75. In the Norfolk asylum an effort was made to even things up by cutting the salaries of employees and raising the salary of the assistant physician from \$1,200 to \$1,350. Those cut were the engineer from \$100 to \$90; baker, \$60 to \$50; laundryman, \$55 to \$50; and painter, \$60 to \$50. The salary of a seamstress was raised from \$32.50 to \$35.

At the Omaha School for the Deaf the jobs of supervisor, janitor and farmer were abolished entirely, the physician increased from \$25 to \$30, and the teachers raised to a total increase of \$75 a month. The increase or decrease at each institution is as follows:

- Beatrice Feeble Minded, increase, \$180 per annum.
- Girls' school, Geneva, reduced \$20 per annum, the matron being cut from \$50 to \$480.
- Soldiers' and Sailors' home, Grand Island, reduced \$480 per annum.
- Hastings asylum, reduced \$480 per annum.
- Kearney boys' school, reduced \$120 per year.
- Lincoln asylum, reduced \$1,026 per annum.
- Orthopedic hospital, reduced \$132 per annum.
- Penitentiary, increased \$60 per annum.
- Industrial home, Milford, raised \$270.
- Nebraska City School for the Blind, increased \$105.
- Norfolk asylum, no change in total.
- Omaha School for the Deaf, reduced \$33.
- Home of dependent children, reduced \$20.

Chief Reveals Traditions.

The tribal secrets of the Pawnee Indians in the early days of Nebraska are being given to the Nebraska State Historical society by White Eagle, the aged chief, who is spending a few days going over boyhood scenes.

White Eagle and Melvin R. Gilmore, of the state historical society, who was responsible for the chief's return to Nebraska, have returned from a trip along the Platte river, where they inspected the famous hunting grounds, lodges and scenes of Indian raids.

White Eagle was very much pleased with the trip and spent an entire day outlining, through the interpreter, the tribal secrets.

The historians think much valuable data will be secured as a result of the chief's visit. Several Indian villages have been located and excavations will be made to secure relics. White Eagle is nearly 90.

Board Sends Out Estimates.

Estimates for supplies have been sent to bidders by the state board of control and bids covering all supplies for state institutions except coal will be opened September 28. The supplies are for a period of six months with the exception of those of flour, feed, groceries and meat.

Admission Refused.

Mrs. Anna Hei of Kearney, widow of a veteran of the Mexican war, will not be admitted to the state home for soldiers and their widows. The state board of control is compelled to decline to receive her because the law makes no provision for such cases. She is 73 years old and the widow of Nicholas Hei, a member of the Sixth United States Infantry during the Mexican war. The state law makes provision only for soldiers of the civil war, the Spanish and the Philippine wars.

OUTLOOK FOR APPLE CROP.

Fair, But Far From Being As Big As Past Years.

Reports received at the office of the Secretary of Nebraska State Horticultural society indicate that the apple crop in Nebraska for 1914 is far from being a bumper crop such as has been produced in the past. Illinois canker, the drouth of last year and the general neglect of the orchards are the things responsible for the decreased production of last year and this. This condition will become worse instead of better until all the owners of the orchards give their trees, that still have a chance to be redeemed, the care they deserve and new orchards come into bearing. The trees being neglected were weakened by the series of dry years which we have had and Illinois canker having attacked them they could not overcome its effects. Some trees were killed outright by the drouth and others weakened. This condition prevails in the uncared for orchards to a great extent. In the well cared for orchards some injury has resulted but they are mostly in good shape. In computing the apple production for the state the crop from all apple trees, whether grown on a farm where care has been lacking, or in a well cared for commercial orchard, have been averaged together. This will have to be the basis of computation as long as the crop from the unsprayed, uncared for orchard is placed on the market in competition with the crop of the well cared for orchards. When the consumer ceases to buy this wormy and scabby fruit then the grower will give his orchard the care it deserves, and the average production will be raised to higher figures. The major part of the apple crop in Nebraska this year will be produced in Horticultural districts Nos. 1 and 2. These districts comprise the following counties: Pawnee, Richardson, Johnson, Otoe, Nemaha, Sarpy, Douglas, Dodge, Washington, Burt, Saunders. Commercial orchards and those which have had good care, in other parts of the state will produce nearly the same percentage of fruit as those in Districts Nos. 1 and 2.

Dr. Kigin, state veterinarian, has gone to Hastings to test 100 head of cattle for the state board of control. The board has built a modern sanitary cattle barn at the Hastings Hospital for the insane to take the place of an old barn in which a herd of dairy cows were kept by the state. The older herd became afflicted with tuberculosis and was disposed of or killed. The board desires to take extra precautions against tuberculosis and will admit no cattle to the new barn until they have been tested and found to be free from the disease. Dr. Kigin will proceed to Kearney to investigate the death of hogs at the state industrial school for boys. One hundred head were vaccinated with hog cholera serum and two days later twenty head died. The serum used was obtained by the state at the state farm. Dr. Kigin did not have charge of the work of vaccination, but he will investigate the cause of the death of the hogs.

Four Nebraska girls have won their railroad fare and expenses to the San Francisco exposition. Lieutenant Governor McKelvie, who is in charge of the collection of funds for erecting a Nebraska building at the exposition, has announced the highest in the sale of medals. Gladys Van Sant of South Omaha won first place. Miss Mamie Muldoon, secretary of the state fire commissioner, second place. Alice Root of Sholes, Wayne county, first place in the contest limited to the residents of smaller towns. Miss Vera Webb of Creston was second in the second class.

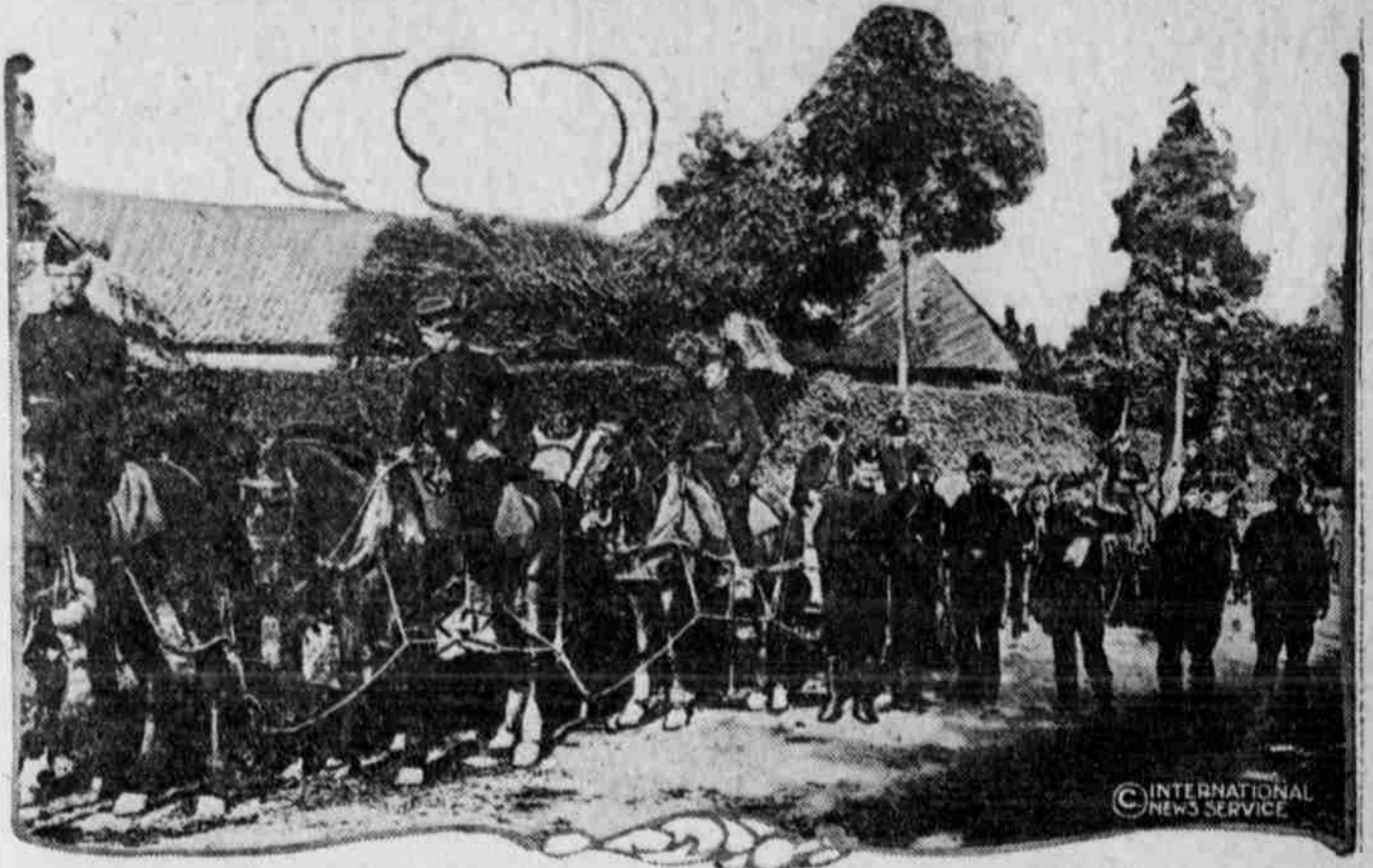
Miss Anna V. Day, assistant state superintendent, has been elected dean of women for the state normal school at Milwaukee, Wis. She was notified that she has been chosen by the state normal board of Wisconsin, and will receive a salary of \$1,000 a year for nine months' work. Miss Day was formerly a teacher at Beatrice and for six years she was county superintendent of Gage county.

Twelve taxation cases have been appealed to the supreme court by the county board of Douglas county. In the lower court the Farmers Co-operative Creamery Co. objected to an increase in its assessed valuation from \$22,500 to \$50,000, which has been made by the county board. The board was defeated and now appeals this case and eleven other similar suits.

The state railway commission after listening to a protest from a committee of Ashland citizens rescinded its recent order which permits the Lincoln Telephone company to cancel grounded circuit rates and to increase rates for metallic service. It was represented to the commission that 80 per cent of the subscribers desired metallic service.

State Superintendent Delzell has announced that he has been informed that Dr. A. O. Thomas of Kearney is one of the promoters of a private normal school which will open this fall at Nelson. It is to be known as the Normal and will not only fit teachers for service in rural schools, but will teach agriculture, manual training, music and domestic science. D. I. Dickerson will be principal of the school. The people of Nelson have subscribed liberally for the support of the institution.

BELGIAN ARTILLERY ABOUT TO ENTER ACTION AT DIEST

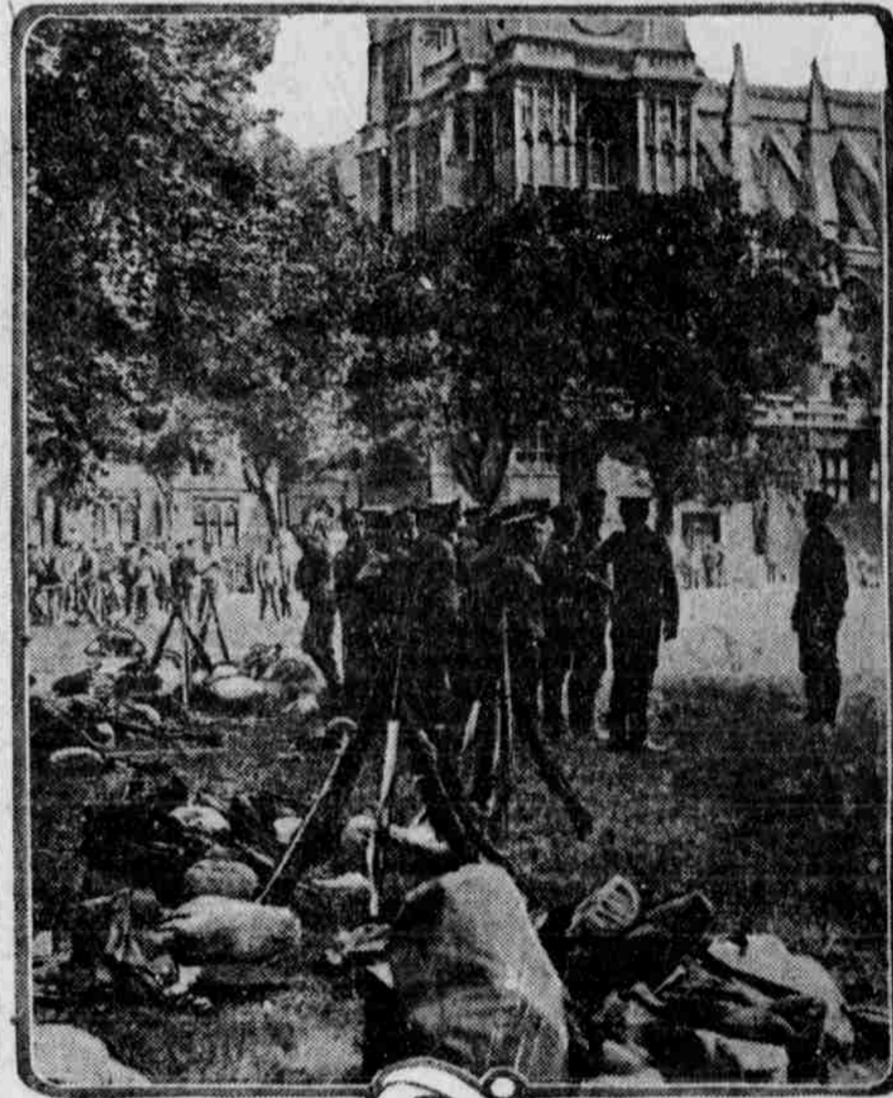


WHERE JAPANESE ARE ATTACKING THE GERMANS



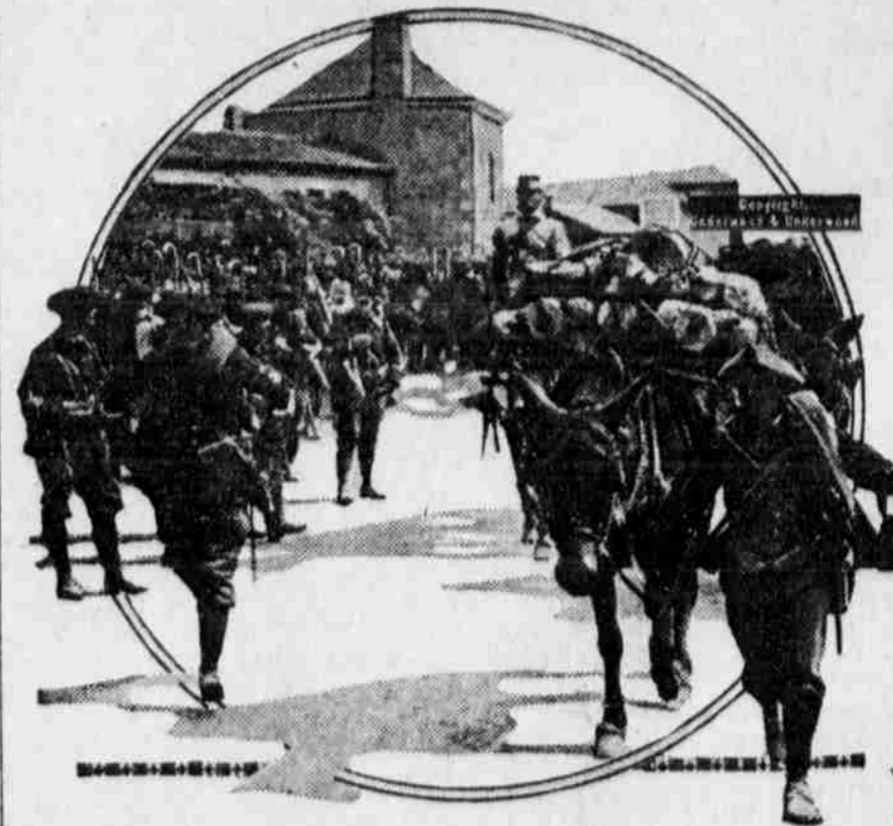
View of the city and harbor of Tsing Tau, the seaport of Kiauchau, Germany's city in China the quitting of which by the kaiser was demanded by Japan.

DEANS' YARD A MILITARY CAMP



The famous Deans' yard of Westminster abbey utilized as a camp for the troops arriving in London on their way to the continent.

FRANCE'S HARIEST TROOPS ON MARCH



These are some of the French mountaineers and alpine guides in heavy marching order and on their way to the front.

PRINCE OF WALES TO FRONT



The twenty-year-old prince of Wales leaving Buckingham palace to join his regiment, the Grenadier Guards, with which he went to the continent.

KING OF MONTENEGRO

