

# EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

ARE SHORT BUT INTERESTING

Brief Mention of What is Transpiring in Various Sections of Our Own and Foreign Countries.

## WAR NEWS.

Italian merchants, manufacturers and professional men are leaving Austro-Hungary on the recommendation of the Italian consuls in that country.

All the retail liquor dealers in London, through their trade organization, have united in a protest against the proposed increased taxation on spirits, wines and beers.

The vatican has advised all German and Austrian ecclesiastics and theologians to leave Rome immediately, according to a dispatch to the Petit Parisien from the Italian capital.

A late report from Rome says that an agreement between Austria and Italy regarding territorial concessions on the part of Austria in return for Italian neutrality, is now among the possibilities.

The Cunard liner Lusitania, one of the finest and fastest ocean liners, which sailed out of New York May 1, with more than 2,000 persons aboard, has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

American oil tank steamer Gulf-light, bound for a French port, has been torpedoed off the Scilly islands. The captain died of heart failure as a result of the shock and two seamen jumped overboard and were drowned.

The extent of the Austro-German victory in the Carpathians is indicated in the German official communication in which the statement is made that the third fortified line of the Russians had been pierced by the Teutonic allies.

In one of the shortest budget speeches on record David Lloyd George, the chancellor of the exchequer, told the English parliament that the war was costing Great Britain at the rate of 2,100,000 pounds or \$10,500,000 daily.

Fruit and vegetables for the men of the fleet is the object of a new campaign approved by the British admiralty. British housewives are urged to plant a small plot from which vegetables may be gathered for the men of the navy.

Reports of the new German victory in western Galicia put the Russian losses in killed, wounded and prisoners at 100,000. German military experts assert that the Russians must now abandon the entire campaign to force the Carpathians and invade Hungary and fall back into northern Galicia.

## GENERAL.

Governor Rye of Tennessee vetoed a bill abolishing the death penalty, expressing the belief that it would tend to increase mob violence. He also vetoed an anti-tipping bill.

The federal statute barring the importation of moving pictures of prize fights was held to be constitutional by Judge Haight in the United States district court of Newark N. J.

China has replied to the Japanese demands in a note, which while complying with some of the demands, definitely refuses to accede to others, including the most important embodied in what is known as group five.

Guy Knease of Iowa City, Ia., automobile race driver, was killed at Coffeyville, Kan., in a collision of cars in the last event of a motor day program. Knease was driving about sixty miles an hour when the cars came together.

Mrs. W. P. Harford of Omaha was elected president of the Y. W. C. A. national convention, by acclamation, in Los Angeles. The association wants daily newspaper woman's page articles on love and beauty supplanted by articles on moral uplift.

John R. Lawson, noted labor leader, was found guilty of first degree murder at Trinidad, Colo., in connection with the case of John Nimmo, a deputy sheriff, killed in a strikers' battle October 25, 1913.

More than 150 special trains, each containing from eight to ten Pullman cars, have been scheduled via different transcontinental railroads to bring delegates from eastern and middle western Shrine temples to the annual session in Seattle July 13, 14 and 15.

The so-called Alaska coal land fraud cases, pending in the United States district court of Detroit since 1911, were nolle-prossed at the request of the attorney general, through his assistant, Ernest Knaebel.

Fifteen persons were killed and more than two-score injured by a tornado which passed through the western part of Acadia parish, in southern Louisiana.

Dr. A. J. Ochsmier of Chicago urged President Wilson to send a commission to Mexico to study conditions in an effort to end the reign of anarchy in that country.

Seven persons were killed, many seriously hurt, by a tornado that swept over the Pee Dee section of South Carolina. Houses were wrecked, trees uprooted and crops injured in many localities.

Fears of an outbreak of hostilities between China and Japan caused general selling on the New York stock market for domestic and foreign accounts. Latest developments in the European war were a contributing cause.

Judge John V. Anderson of Sioux City set June 1 as the date for pronouncing sentence on George Pierce, former police chief, who was convicted of conspiracy to allow resorts to operate in the city without police molestation.

Cheyenne business men will investigate a report that a Denver agent has been stationed at Big Springs, Neb., to direct Lincoln highway tourists to go through Denver instead of following the Lincoln road through Cheyenne.

Ten thousand dollars has been contributed from the American Red Cross on "the field of action wherever most urgently needed." This is the largest anonymous gift ever received by the Red Cross. The money was deposited with a Philadelphia bank.

"If Governor Johnson of California is nominated for president on the progressive ticket in 1916" said Harry Weinstein of the federal industrial relations commission, at Washington, "he will get the entire progressive and most of the independent vote in the west."

The Dalles-Celilo canal was formally opened at Big Eddy, Oregon. The opening of the waterway means a free river from the mouth of the Columbia to a distance 500 miles inland. The government has been working on it for the last ten years. It cost \$4,850,000.

The Modern Woodmen of America, largest fraternal insurance society in the world, will use the movies. The head camp, located at Rock Island, Ill., has voted to prepare slides showing principal features of the M. W. A. workings, to be loaned to local camps throughout the country.

Milford Lake, inventor of the even-keel type of submarine, made a statement at Milford, Conn., in which he said, "that each submarine attack, while horrible, proves the contentions that the submarine will prove the greatest peace agent that science has produced, and submarines may yet win the war for Germany."

## SPORTING

Sidney Hatch of the Illinois Athletic club won the annual marathon of the Missouri Athletic association at St. Louis.

Nebraska was literally swamped in the annual track and field meet between the Huskers and the Ames Aggies at Lincoln. Ames winning, 83 to 31.

Including the prize money which is offered this year for the 500-mile auto race over the Indianapolis speedway on May 31, there will have been awarded \$250,000 in prizes.

Just as he had finished winning a five-mile motorcycle cup race at Sacramento, Calif., Fred Farwell, aged 18, crashed into a fence and was killed.

Jim Coffey, the Dublin giant, knocked out Al Reich, the New York heavyweight, in the third round of what was to have been a ten-round bout at Madison Square garden, New York.

## WASHINGTON.

The department of agriculture announced that the prices of meat animals, hogs, cattle, sheep and chickens to producers of the United States on April 15 averaged about \$6.59 per hundredweight. A year ago the average was \$7.40.

The winter wheat area sown last fall, according to reports of the Agricultural department, was 41,263,000 acres, an increase of 4,135,000 acres over that in the year previous. Estimating on the April 1 condition, the report calculated the crop would be 619,000,000 bushels, or fifteen bushels an acre.

The national weather and crop bulletin announced that in the greater portion of the winter wheat growing sections the weather favored rapid development and that crop is reported in good condition.

Tentative plans have been made by Secretary McAdoo to give delegates to the pan-American financial conference some insight into life and work under North American conditions by a tour of several of the principal cities and manufacturing towns of the central west and the east.

# STATE CROPS GOOD

WINTER WHEAT AND ALFALFA ESPECIALLY PROMISING.

# GRASS MAKES GREAT GROWTH

Heavy Snows During Past Winter Has Wet Ground Deeper Than For Several Years.

Lincoln.—Nebraska crops and soil conditions were reported to be excellent in the state board of agriculture's bulletin, just issued. Winter wheat and alfalfa are especially promising, according to all reports reaching the state board from various sections of the state. The survey follows:

"The great amount of snow during the past winter, covering the ground continuously for a period extending from the middle of December to the latter part of March over the greater part of the state, prevented frost from penetrating but slightly into the ground and permitted nearly all of the melted snow to be absorbed. The ground is wet down to a greater depth than for several years past, therefore, a very little moisture is needed for finishing the grain crop, providing it comes at a reasonable time.

"From reports received, winter wheat is in excellent condition, the growth being further advanced and heavier than last year, when the record crop of the state was gathered. From every section of the state the most favorable reports have been received.

"The backward spring and wet fields have prevented early sowing of oats. On some high ground sowing was done as early as the middle of April, but a greater part of the crop was put in from the 20th to the last of the month. The early sown is showing through the ground nicely, as the condition of the soil is favorable to quick growth.

"Never in the history of the plant has alfalfa shown up to better advantage than at this time.

"Grass has made a wonderful growth in the past two weeks. Stockmen hail this fact with delight after a three months' period of feeding, something almost unknown heretofore in Nebraska. The long period of feeding taxed the farmers to the utmost, as they have not been in the habit of making such preparations; therefore, the stock came through in poorer condition than is customary."

## Sanitary Survey of the State.

Proposal to make an extensive and thorough sanitary survey of the state has been made by the board of secretaries of the state board of health. The probability is, according to board members, that the step cannot be taken at the present time because of the lack of funds. That, however, is not expected to be a bar for many years. The plan of the secretaries is to have a survey similar to the Downing survey, which so startled the inhabitants of Louisiana two or three years ago. Sanitary trains will be run from town to town and the traveling corps will visit each place and do the work entirely at first hand. Stores, residences, municipal water plants and garbage disposal concerns will come in for attention. Lectures on public health and demonstrations along the same line would be given at all towns visited.

## Farmers May Choose Speakers.

Points desiring agricultural short courses the coming fall and winter will have the opportunity of choosing lecturers and demonstrations on the particular subjects they wish, providing they do not include subjects from more than three departments at the University Farm. The schedule for the season is being rapidly made up by the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture.

## Fair Board Orders Improvements.

The board of managers of the state fair have authorized some general repair work on the hog barns and other buildings, the repainting of the big grandstand and the filling in of the old creek bed that runs through the southwest part of the grounds.

## Olson Appointed New Judge.

A. R. Olson of Wisner has been appointed judge of the Ninth judicial district, the last legislature providing for an additional judge by taking Cuming and Stanton counties from the Eighth district and adding them to the Ninth.

## Commander-in-Chief to Speak.

Commander-in-chief David J. Palmer of Washington, Ia., will speak May 18, at the thirty-ninth annual encampment of the G. A. R. of Nebraska to be held at Minden.

## School Increasing Acre Yield.

The university school of agriculture has increased the yield of the average acre of Nebraska corn by about eighteen bushels, according to Dean E. A. Burnett of the school. The state has been divided into six zones and the farmers shown that each one of these zones, differing in its conditions, will best grow certain kinds of corn. The state is also conducting important work in the prevention of hog cholera, according to Dean Bur-

# CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Gage county farmers have begun to plant corn.

Central City will have a fast amateur ball team this season.

Interstate passenger rate case is to be held in Chicago, June 9.

Miss May Sheldon was crowned May queen at Hastings college.

William Naper, 91, oldest resident of Mason City, died at Hastings.

Mayor Allen C. Fisher of Chadron wants state to test 200 cattle there.

L. C. Armstrong has decided to erect a two-story brick building at Ainsworth.

Dr. A. C. McKim of Norfolk has been appointed assistant state veterinarian.

Dependent over ill health, Carl Peters, a Fremont carpenter, committed suicide.

The Flesch Motor company is erecting a large cement block garage at West Point.

The date for the Nebraska Seed association meet at West Point is July 7, 8 and 9.

Fruit growers in the vicinity of Brownville are arranging to hold a strawberry carnival.

As a result of the recent election seven saloons in Kearney have closed for at least one year.

The Potash Products company, located near Alliance, will open for business about June 1.

During April, 6,574 motor vehicle licenses were applied for at the office of the secretary of state.

Warden Fenton announced that the new baseball grounds at the penitentiary has been completed.

The Beatrice Commercial club is backing a movement to secure a new county jail for Gage county.

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A poultry department has been established at the College of Agriculture, University Farm, Lincoln.

The Omaha Commercial club has started a movement to establish a public hay market in that city.

Omaha, Lincoln and Beatrice interurban railway have renewed their application for reduced tax assessment.

A new arsenal building for the national guard is to be erected on the state fair grounds at Lincoln, to cost \$3,500.

The date of the next race meet at West Point, under the auspices of the Nebraska speed association, has been set for July 7, 8 and 9.

United States Senator G. M. Hitchcock has accepted an invitation to deliver an oration at the Fourth of July celebration at Hastings.

The third annual Beef Producers' meeting will be held at the College of Agriculture and Experiment Station farm, Lincoln, May 19.

The population of Hastings was temporarily depleted by more than 800 when 104 families departed for the beet fields of Colorado.

Small town commercial clubs are growing faster than clubs in larger towns, according to experts at the State Association of Commercial clubs, meeting in Lincoln.

The town of Alliance took a day off to celebrate the opening of its new park. School was dismissed and all stores were closed. It is planned to make the new park one of the finest in the state.

Wireless messages were sent and received by high school boys at North Platte with apparatus they had constructed for the benefit of the visitors at the school patrons' meeting held in that place recently.

Incensed residents of Hastings dismiss charge against seven boys when they agreed to share in expense of scouring the high school after having contaminated it with asafetida fumes during a public meeting.

Charles W. Bryan will be the next mayor of Lincoln, having been selected as one of the five members of the city commission at the municipal election last week. The proposition of Sunday theaters was defeated by a decisive vote.

H. G. Hellensick, cashier of the Harvard State bank, has filed articles of incorporation of the Harvard Union Elevator company, with the secretary of state. The company has a capital of \$25,000 and is backed by the Farmers' union.

Twenty-five thousand maps of the two through routes by way of Omaha from Chicago to the Panama exposition are being prepared by the Omaha Automobile club for distribution in the east among auto tourists who plan to visit the west this summer.

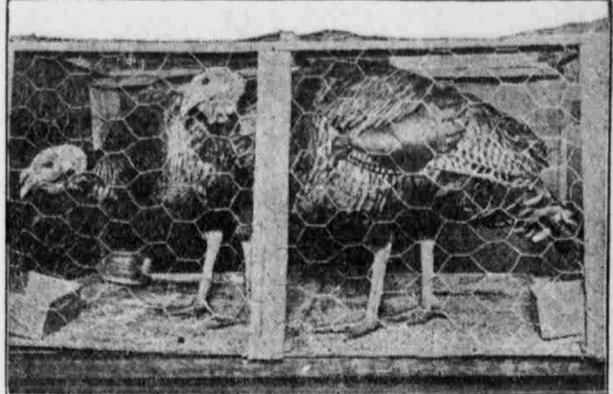
The organization of an amateur base ball league in Phelps county consisting of Elwood, Bertrand, Loomis and Holdrege has been completed. Each team will play two games a week, the schedule being arranged to allow one at home and the other abroad.

The state of Nebraska will claim the estate of George McCloud, McPherson county reclus, who died recently, leaving unclaimed property valued at \$10,000.

John Joseph was severely injured in an automobile accident near Wahoo when a dog ran in front of the car upsetting it and throwing the occupants out.

Mrs. Olive B. True has complicated matters in the race for the appointment of postmaster at Fairbury by circulating a petition to secure the place herself.

# MUCH PATIENCE REQUIRED WITH TURKEYS



Turkeys Do Not Thrive in Confinement.

(By E. VAN BENTHUYSEN.)

If a man is a successful fisherman he will make good at raising turkeys; but if he has not the patience to sit on a log and watch a cork bobbing on the surface of a creek all day long and be content with a dozen bites and a couple of bullheads for his pains, then he has no business trying to raise turkeys.

Women are almost invariably successful as turkey raisers, because they possess the necessary patience and fidelity for the job. If young turkeys are neglected they will die. If the mother turkey is conspicuously followed while seeking the nest, or disturbed after she has commenced laying, she is liable to leave half her clutch and refuse to lay another.

Crosses between wild and tame turkeys are harder than the common turkey, and take good care of their broods, but they partake too much of the wild nature of their uncivilized parents and are difficult to control.

In Rhode Island some interesting experiments have been made crossing turkey gobblers on White Holland and Bronze turkey hens. From the White Holland eggs the poults were particularly beautiful, with white breasts and white plumage across the backs, and wings penciled with black. Occasionally one of the pullets would be pure white.

The Bronze hen cross produced poults resembling the Bronze, with the lighter yellow in their tail feathers. The poults from these crosses grew quickly and were extremely hardy. Half-wild gobblers are easily tamed, but the half-wild hens do not take kindly to confinement and are not easily domesticated.

A quarter-wild cross is better for practical breeding than a pure wild, or a half-wild bird, as the more wild blood there is in a bird the more difficult it is to restrain them and raise them in confinement. If the first crosses are bred together the stock resembles the pure wild, even to the red legs, and after several generations can hardly be distinguished.

Owing to the wild nature of the turkey it cannot be raised as chickens are. Many professional turkey raisers use chicken hens for hatching, placing seven or eight eggs under each hen. Hatching with incubators sometimes proves successful, but it is better to let the turkey hens hatch their own eggs where this is possible.

A laying room should be secluded and the nest darkened. As soon as the turkey hens show signs of nesting the nest should be placed in proper order by removing all old material, scouring out the interior of boxes, placing new nesting material in and spraying every inch of the interior of the poultry house with diluted carbolic acid, and afterwards giving it a thorough coat of whitewash.

As turkeys begin laying very early the nests must be carefully watched, particularly when the weather is cold, or they will become chilled within a few hours. They should be removed as soon as the hen leaves the nest and replaced by china eggs.

Turkeys begin laying at about ten months, and if undisturbed each hen will lay from 20 to 35 eggs before becoming broody. Let me say here that if you expect to be successful in turkey raising you should obtain your

stock in the fall, because if the birds are brought into new surroundings too soon before mating season begins they will not do well. Turkeys are cautious, timid and slow-moving birds, and cannot be hurried.

As soon as the eggs are laid they should be dated, and any other memoranda as to the hen should be marked on them, and the eggs then placed in wooden boxes packed loosely in wheat bran.

The eggs should be kept in a temperature of between 55 and 65 degrees, and must be turned partly over every day. The eggs should always be placed in the bran in a slanting position, with the little end down.

Of course eggs should be set as early as possible, and never after they are three weeks old. In fact, if they are set after they are two weeks old one is taking a risk.

If broken up, turkey hens will begin to lay again in about two weeks, and some breeders take advantage of this by having an incubator ready when the hens begin to lay, to take care of any surplus eggs, as it is deemed better practice to use incubators for this purpose than chicken hens.

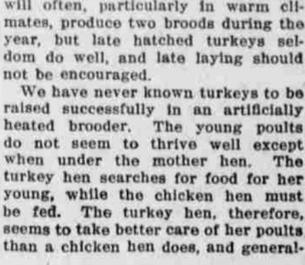
If hens begin laying very early they will often, particularly in warm climates, produce two broods during the year, but late hatched turkeys seldom do well, and late laying should not be encouraged.

We have never known turkeys to be raised successfully in an artificially heated brooder. The young poults do not seem to thrive well except when under the mother hen. The turkey hen searches for food for her young, while the chicken hen must be fed. The turkey hen, therefore, seems to take better care of her poults than a chicken hen does, and general-

ly succeeds in bringing more of them through the season than those that are started in brooders.

When the turkey hen begins to sit she should be provided with a dish of whole corn and wheat, given access to fresh water twice a day, and then must be left absolutely undisturbed. In order to get the best results, each turkey hen should have an individual pen where she can sit and eat and drink without being compelled to go out into the yard with the other birds, or be disturbed in any way.

Popular Bronze Turkeys.



# ADVANTAGES IN USE OF COLONY HOUSE



Portable Colony Houses.

The flock will pick most of its own living and at the same time clean out troublesome insects about the farm if kept in portable colony houses which can be drawn out into the fields after the grain is harvested.

Besides the saving of feed and riding the fields of insects, there is the advantage of always having the poultry

house on a clean piece of ground. It is far better for the hens than close confinement, and will greatly increase the egg production.

A portable house is made by building a small henhouse on runners. During the winter the houses may be grouped together for convenience in feeding.