

# NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

## A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

### WAR NEWS.

Lord Kitchener has issued a call for 300,000 recruits for the British army.

A dispatch from Copenhagen says that the Germans have captured Riga, in northwestern Russia.

Six thousand Armenians have been massacred at Van in Armenia, Asiatic Turkey, according to a dispatch received in official quarters in London from the Russian consul at Urumiab, Persia.

Various municipalities in Germany have now started schools for teaching one-armed soldiers how to earn a living. Two were established some time ago at Berlin and Heidelberg, and now one has just been reported at Dresden.

"Ten millions of persons in Poland are facing starvation and three-fourths of the villages and towns have been destroyed," is the report made to the Polish relief society in London through agents who have recently returned from Poland.

A Copenhagen correspondent says he has learned from an authoritative source that Germany is about to call up 2,000,000 men. Berlin official circles, he states, believe that an army of 500,000 will be sufficient to cope with Italy.

The total number of war prisoners now in Germany and Austria Hungary is 1,386,000, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung. The paper says that this total includes 1,000,000 Russians, 250,000 French, 25,000 English, 50,000 Belgians and 50,000 Serbians.

The Teutonic allies, Vienna reports, have forced a passage of the San river at several points and secured a foothold on the eastern bank. The Russian prisoners taken during the first half of May, the Austrian war office says, numbered 174,000.

Germany is patching up and mending her broken soldiers with remarkable speed at the new "krankenhaus" in Barmbeck, a suburb of Hamburg. This great hospital, which covers several acres of ground, was completed early last fall at a cost of many millions of marks, and has a capacity of 2,000 beds.

### GENERAL.

Governor Walsh of Massachusetts designated the last week in August for the national conference of governors in Boston.

Panama merchants have completed the organization of a Panama Chamber of Commerce with the object of improving business conditions in the republic.

With gifts totalling \$250,000 reported, the fund of the Northern Baptist convention at Los Angeles for aged ministers and missionaries was swelled to \$625,000.

Conservation of the country's supply of natural gas was urged by almost every speaker before the Natural Gas Men's convention in annual session at Cincinnati.

The steamer Corwyn, which sailed from Seattle, May 1, with 106 passengers, reported by wireless to Nome, Alaska, that it had run into an ice-field sixty miles out from Nome.

Organization of a new order of boys to be called Maccabees Scout, has been authorized by the supreme tent, Maccabees of the World, which concluded its sessions at San Francisco.

A resolution asking the federal government to provide great naval protection for the Pacific coast was adopted by the conference of western governors at the closing session at Seattle.

All records were smashed for transcontinental auto trips when E. G. Baker made the trip from San Diego, Cal., to New York in 11 days, 7 hours and 15 minutes, driving the car the entire route himself.

Seven highwaymen, three of them masked and all of them armed, entered the billiard hall of Curro & Kessler, less than a mile from the Detroit city hall, and lined up fifty men and escaped with more than \$1,500.

A jury was secured at Trinidad to try Robert Uhlrick, former president of the Trinidad union of the United Mine Workers of America, charged with the murder of Mack Powell, near Ludlow, October, 1912.

The 700th anniversary of the granting of the Magna Charta will be celebrated by the New York constitutional convention June 15 at Albany.

Admiral George Dewey is the new commander of the Vermont commandary of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He was elected at the annual meeting at Burlington.

Cincinnati was chosen as the meeting place for the 1916 convocation of the American Federation of Musicians shortly before the organization closed its convention at San Francisco.

Two young women will be graduated next month from the University of Michigan civil engineering department. Both expect to engage actively in the engineering profession.

The Chicago street car men's union has declared that it will unalterably oppose any attempt to arbitrate its contemplated demands for shorter hours and higher wages.

California club women, represented by the California Federation of Women's clubs, went on record at San Francisco opposing "preparations for war" and in favor of international arbitration.

Permanent damage to the heart does not result from rowing under the present college system, according to results shown by an examination of oarsmen at Harvard college at Cambridge, Mass.

Reports of committees on Christian life and work and on church co-operation and union took up most of the session of the fifth general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States at Rochester, N. Y.

The right of Chicago to censor moving picture films was upheld in a decision of the United States circuit court of appeals. The decision was in a suit brought by several film companies who disputed the right of the city to order sections cut from pictures on the grounds of morality and public policy.

A bond of \$20,000 for Guy Hartman, accused of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the alleged operation of a "moonshine still" in Fort Smith, Ark., was declared forfeited by Harry L. Arnold, United States commissioner at Kansas City, when he failed to appear for preliminary hearing.

### SPORTING

A twelve-round bout at Boston between Willie Ritchie, lightweight champion of America, and Mattio Baldwin of that city, ended in a draw.

The University of Missouri track team defeated representatives of the University of Kansas, 68 to 41, in the annual dual field and track meet at Lawrence, Kan.

Charles Challander of Chicago, who was defeated by Stecher in a wrestling match at Nellig, Neb., said that he had met all the good ones, but Stecher was the best one of them all.

A new world billiard record was made at St. Louis when Charles Morin of Chicago scored a high run of eighteen in an inter-city tournament, three cushion game. Morin won the game fifty to thirty-two.

F. Hargens of Davenport broke the state record for the shotput in the state high school field meet at Des Moines, when he tossed the sphere 45 feet, 7 inches. Merle Alderman of Marion held the record with 45 feet, 3 inches, made in 1907.

Waldek Zbyszko, the Polish wrestler, threw Dr. Roller at Montreal so hard that the doctor's knee was wrenched and he was not able to continue the contest after the one fall, which was won by Zbyszko in fifty minutes with a toe hold.

The women's collegiate broad jump record was broken at Columbia, Mo., by Miss Irene Chancellor, who cleared fifteen feet and one inch during the dual track meet between Howard Payne college of Mexico, Mo., and Stephens college of Columbia.

### WASHINGTON.

The Navy department has been advised that the submarine F-4, lost in Honolulu harbor with nineteen lives nearly two months ago, has at last been lifted clear of the ocean's bottom.

According to reports reaching the State department, the American consulates at Berlin are now receiving answers to a postcard canvass ordered to determine the whereabouts and plans of Americans still in Germany. Many Americans announced their intention to remain in that country.

Diplomatic interests of Switzerland in China will be cared for hereafter by the American minister at Peking. The Swiss minister presented a request to Secretary Bryan, saying his government was without diplomatic representation in China.

The Interstate Commerce commission has awarded reparation in the complaint of Beebe-Runyan Furniture company of Omaha against the Union Pacific railroad on account of unreasonable switching charges collected at Omaha.

# BUMPERWHEATCROP

BIGGEST YIELD IN STATE'S HISTORY IS EXPECTED.

## REPORTS REACH LABOR CHIEF

Commissioner Coffey Gets Line On Harvest Hands That Will Be Needed Through Solons.

Lincoln.—Reports from a half a dozen Nebraska counties received by Labor Commissioner F. M. Coffey indicate farmers are expecting the biggest wheat crop in the state's history and expecting to need farm hands during the harvesting season. One or two reports state the crop will double that of the banner year of 1914 and that the acreage is much larger.

Coffey asked members of the legislature to furnish the crop reports so he could get a line on the number of harvest hands needed for this state.

Cairo reports the wheat is excellent and harvest hands will be paid \$2.50 a day. Beemer reports 10 per cent better outlook than at the same time last year. Amherst says the acreage is 10 per cent larger than last year, and prospects 50 per cent better than at the same time in 1914. The eastern half of Buffalo county can use 100 extra men at \$2.25 per day, the report states.

Gothenburg reports a larger acreage than last year, with chances of double the yield of a year ago. Two hundred harvest hands at \$2 a day can be used. Valparaiso has the same outlook as last year, the report states, with the farmers needing fifty more men at \$2 a day. Geneva reports 150 hands will be needed, with wages at \$2.50 a day.

All reports agree the harvest will start about July 1.

### Settles 3,000 Cases.

Nearly 3,000 final reports of settlements effected under the compensation law of Nebraska, which went into effect December 1, last, have been made to the state labor commissioner's office during the five and one-half months' operation of the law. This does not include the large number of incomplete reports filed. In the final reports, complete information of the accident is given, with the time lost and amount of compensation. An overwhelming majority of these reports deal with minor and even trifling injuries, which resulted in little loss of time. The law does not allow any compensation for the first two weeks unless the incapacity extends over eight weeks. The reports show the doctors' bills were paid in most instances by the employers regardless of the nature of the accident.

### Saving of Over a Million.

State Accountant DeFrance, who is employed in Auditor Smith's office, has made an exact comparison of the appropriations of the 1913 and 1915 sessions of the legislature and finds that the total saving of the latter in making appropriations for the ordinary expense of government was \$1,046,173.28. This does not include school appropriations, but it does include cash funds, which were not available in previous comparisons that have been made.

### Klein Wins Debate.

Leonard W. Klein of the Blue Springs High school, won the state interscholastic championship in debate, when he defeated the cream of Nebraska High schools at the district debate held here at the state university. The question debated was: "Resolved, That the United States Should Adopt Government Ownership and Operation of Railroads."

### Governor Reappoints Royse.

E. Royse has been reappointed secretary of the state banking board. Mr. Royse is a republican and the administration is democratic. His reappointment occasions no surprise, as the governor announced some time ago that there would be no change in the banking department.

### Dorchester Man Appointed.

Dr. J. D. Case of Dorchester has been appointed state health inspector by the board of health. Dr. Case succeeds Dr. W. H. Wilson of Table Rock, who has held the office for the past eight years.

### Auto Registration Increasing.

Instead of the automobile registration decreasing after the first rush incident to the taking effect of the new law, it has steadily increased.

### Corn and Alfalfa Are First.

Corn and alfalfa again ranked first in rate and cheapness of gain in the recent experimental feeding of six lots of steers at the agricultural experiment station, according to the results made known at the beef producers' meeting held recently at the university farm. The experiment indicated not only that corn and alfalfa ranked first but that the difference in favor of this ration is even more marked than shown in previous experiments.

# CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Citizens of Oakland are planning a city park.

An automobile association has been formed at Pierce.

Plans are being prepared for a new city jail at O'Neill.

A big racing meet is to be held at Wahoo, July 7, 8 and 9.

The United Brethren church of Upland has been dedicated.

A \$15,000 electric bond carried at Tekamah by a two to one vote.

The Gothenburg National bank will soon reorganize as a state bank.

Work has started on the "seeding mile" of concrete roadway at Kearney.

The Sterling Commercial club dedicated their new headquarters last week.

The Beatrice Chautauqua assembly will be held in that city June 29 to July 5.

Eight automobiles were sold to farmers in Buffalo county in two weeks.

The contract for the new parochial school to be built at Kearney will be let soon.

Omaha High school won the annual high school track and field meet at Lincoln.

Grandma Welmer of Stella celebrated her hundredth birthday anniversary last week.

Louis Larson, a farm laborer, was run over and killed by a Northwestern train near Albion.

The Farmers' State bank of Lewellen has received a charter from the state banking board.

A new canning company, incorporated at \$50,000, will be established at Blair this summer.

Sixty of the eighty-five thousand dollars court house bonds of Pawnee county have been paid off.

The contract has been let for the addition to the National guard arsenal at the fair grounds, Lincoln.

A new ordinance enacted by the Lincoln city council is expected to drive the jitney bus out of business.

The Douglas County Pioneers' association will hold its annual summer picnic June 26 at Miller park, Omaha.

Edward W. Marcellus, superintendent of the Crete schools, has been appointed principal of the Evanston, Ill. academy.

A Fourth of July celebration will be held at Chadron and a number of nearby towns will aid in making the celebration a success.

Nebraska fruit is in excellent condition, according to a report issued by Secretary J. R. Duncan of the state horticultural society.

The two-year-old daughter of L. H. Christensen of Minden, who accidentally tipped some boiling water over herself, died from its effects.

Charles Sans, who lives near Plattsmouth, was painfully bruised when his automobile turned turtle. He fainted while driving and the machine ran into a ditch.

Leonard W. Klein of Blue Springs won the state championship high school debate at Lincoln; Aaron S. Spier of Lincoln was second and Donald G. Moore of Geneva, third.

Chadron is now entitled to a free mail delivery as a result of increase of postal business. An inspector will look over the situation as soon as the houses are numbered and all streets are named.

Governor Morehead has written Rendell K. Brown, chairman of the Omaha Commercial club's good roads committee, advising him that he expects to proclaim a good roads day this summer.

Three thousand dollars has been raised by the Stanton Speed association to be hung up as prizes at the race meet to be held in that city July 2 and 3. A new \$1,000 amphitheater is being constructed for the event.

Stockmen and farmers in the vicinity of Holdrege are much interested in demonstrations of the new Huff-Hollenback silage elevator on the Jams McClay farm. The invention makes a boys' job out of what was once a job for two or three men, for it solves the problem of getting silage out from the pit silos.

Baseball enthusiasts of Thayer county have formed an eight club league and will play regular games throughout the summer. The towns participating are Belvidere, Bruning, Carleton, Chester, Davenport, Desler, Hebron and Hubbell. A twenty-eight game schedule has been drawn up.

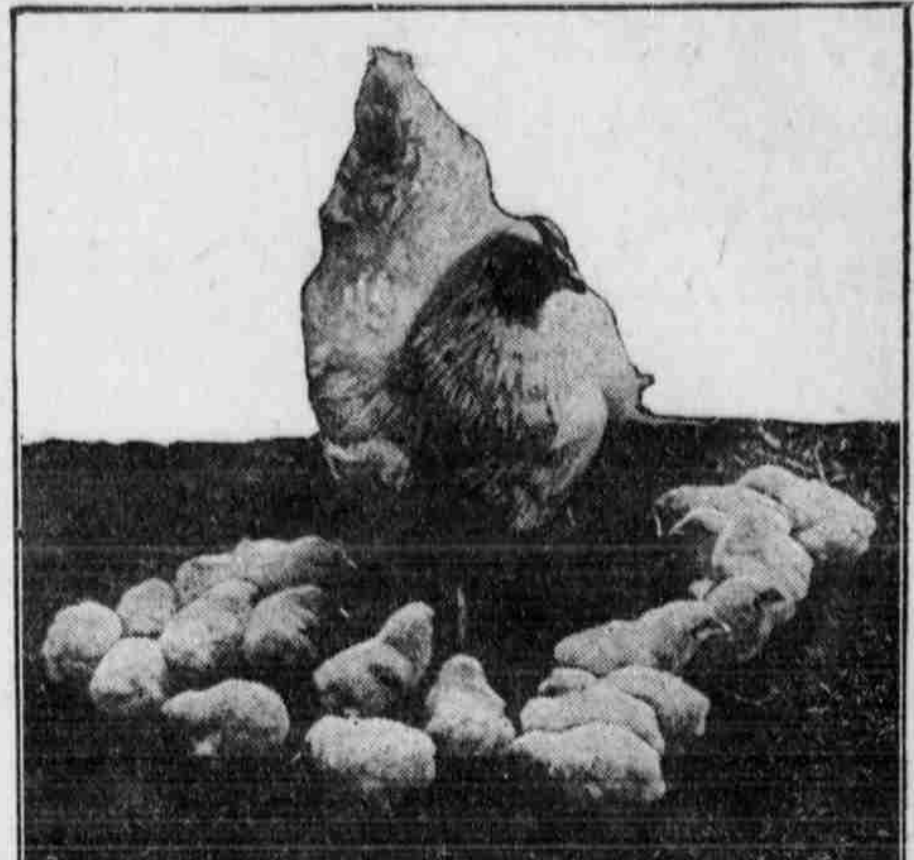
Surveyors have completed the preliminary work incident to the construction of the new power dam at Erierson on the Cedar river and work on actual construction will begin soon. Beside using the dam for power it is expected to make a summer resort of the surrounding country. The people of Erierson look for a complete rejuvenation of the town as a result of the project.

J. J. Anselmo, one of the oldest residents of Custer county, was killed in a runaway near Whitman.

When Mr. and Mrs. David Roberts who reside near Lindsay, returned to their house after doing some chores they found their 3-year-old daughter burned to death.

The most powerful motor car ever built, the "M-23," has been completed in the Omaha shops of the McKeen Motor company and will soon be placed in the service of the Union Pacific on the Kearney-Callaway branch.

# USE OF CHICK DETERMINES THE FEED



Mother and Queen of Them All.

In bringing the chick from the hatch to maturity, the kind of feed to be used depends much upon the use to which the bird is going to be put. If the fowl is to be marketed at an early age, rapid growth is essential. The milk feeding method will stimulate this rapid growth.

If the bird is to be used as a layer or breeder, on the other hand, there should be a slow but steady growth. This can best be obtained by feeding a wheat and corn or kafir ration supplemented by bran, shorts, sour milk, beef scraps, clover, oyster shell, and grit.

Many a poultryman makes the mistake of feeding only fat producing foods. He expects the chick to produce bone, sinew and feathers from this one food. Perhaps the grain that is most frequently used in this way is corn. A certain amount of corn is essential in producing energy and animal heat, but the mistake should not be made of feeding it exclusively and expecting the little chick to develop bone and muscle.

Ash and mineral matter are essential parts of the chick's rations if you expect it to develop into a large, strong-boned bird. Some of this mineral matter the chick gets from clover, alfalfa and other green foods, but not enough. Mineral matter, therefore, is supplied in the form of beef scrap and finely ground oyster shell. The beef scrap should be fed in small quantities, and the amount increased as the chicks grow older.

Poultry authorities do not agree as to whether or not the chick should be made to scratch for his food. Some advise a shallow litter of light straw or chaff, some a deep litter, while some say to use no litter at all. One thing is certain, however—the chick must have exercise.

When the chicks are kept cooped up and cannot run on the ground they soon form the habit of standing around, and then the poultryman's troubles begin. Artificial exercise must be supplied. Some poultrymen make the chick scratch for his food, others suspend vegetables at which

the chicks jump. When the chicks can have access to an outdoor runway they will, as a rule, exercise sufficiently so that no artificial form of exercise need be supplied.

For the first week after hatching a feed composed of hard boiled eggs, ground shell and all, mixed with five times as much rolled oats as eggs, will serve as a good feed. A little finely ground chick grit and pulverized charcoal should be sprinkled over the food. Plenty of clean, fresh water must be supplied at all times. Sour milk is good if it can be secured. Finely cracked wheat and corn should gradually be added after the first day or two. A shallow box containing bran should be kept before the chicks at all times. This should be given to them on the first day so that they will form a taste for it. A little beef scrap and cornmeal can gradually be added to the bran.

Constant care, watchfulness and patience are qualities of the good poultryman, and the person who applies these to the raising of young chicks is bound to succeed.

Be particular to keep a supply of pure water in clean vessels for the hens, and grit where they can get it.

If a hen becomes broody when she is not needed for hatching do not let her sit a single day. As soon as she begins to cluck shut her in a cage with slatted bottom and set the cage on supports where the air can circulate under it, and the broody fever will be cooled in two or three days.

Keep the chicks growing. Do not be afraid of overfeeding them. Make a little yard covered over the top, leaving openings in the sides large enough to admit the chicks while preventing the old fowls from passing through.

In this yard keep feed for the chicks all the time so they need not go hungry a minute. The pullet which is fed liberally matures quickly and becomes the producer of winter eggs.

If a poultry keeper is really interested, he will soon learn to read instructions and modify them to suit his locality.

## PULLETS FOR LAYING STOCK

One Poultryman Keeps Hens Through First Laying Year and Then Selects Best for Breeding.

How many years shall we keep a hen? This question comes up frequently for discussion, and the answers made by practical poultrymen are bewildering to a beginner. One man says that we should depend upon pullets entirely for laying stock. His scheme will be to keep the hens through their first laying season, then select the best of them for breeders and let the rest go. This plan is based on the general theory that a hen lays more eggs in her first year than in any other. Many poultrymen seem to believe that most of their hens cannot come back and give a profitable egg record the second year. The system based on this theory demands, of course, a vast amount of work in hatching and brooding, in order to keep up a full supply of pullets each year. On the other hand there are poultrymen who say that we may well keep our hens two, three, or even four years, provided we have the ability to judge the layers properly or have some system of weeding out the drones. Naturally if we could keep our hens three years it would mean less work at hatching and brooding.

## Best Looking Eggs for Sitting.

Choose only the smoothest and nicest looking eggs for sitting, as the rough or ill-shaped ones account for your crippled and deformed chicks at hatching time and they are liable to be entirely ruined by their being ruptured when hatched from these ill-shaped eggs.

## Selecting Best Chicks.

Watch the chicks closely and mark the ones making the most satisfactory growth. Select the ones that are plump, full breasted and in good proportion. You will not care to keep those that grow leggy and have thin breasts.

## FEEDING THE YOUNG CHICKS

Nothing Given Until Youngsters Are Two Days Old—Whole Grain Fed at End of Eight Weeks.

(By C. E. BROWN, Minnesota Experiment Station.)

We do not feed little chicks before they are two days old, but from the beginning give them water. During this period the hen is given her food out of reach of the little ones. The first feeds are given sparingly every two hours, and are usually wet mash.

After the third day we feed some of the cracked grains, a little at a time till, at the end of the fifth or sixth day we are giving the three feeds of the cracked grain. Occasionally we give a little whole wheat, and by the end of eight weeks we are feeding most of the grains whole. If the chicks are unable to get worms or insects in sufficient quantities, they must be supplied with a substitute, such as milk or beef scraps. Green feed is given in the form of finely chopped lettuce, a piece of potato or turnip or mangrel when they are not able to run outside on the grass.

## Keep One Breed Only.

The farmer should keep but one breed of poultry, just as he keeps but one breed of hogs or cows. Keeping several breeds means much additional work and expense in building the necessary houses and fences to keep them separated. Besides, housed and yarded poultry will not do nearly as well as those allowed the range of the entire farm.

## Tail-Tale Eggs.

There should never be a stained or dirty egg. Such a one tells tales of unclean nests, lousy birds, poor farming. Besides being unsightly, they are apt to encourage bacteria.

## Year-Around Harvest.

Fancy poultry business pays well, but the market egg trade is the real all-the-year-around harvest.