

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.

All Greek reservists in Canada have been ordered home. The recall order reached the Greek consul, J. C. Walsh in Montreal from Athens.

The Paris Temps announces that France and Great Britain already have taken military measures to defend Serbia and Greece against Bulgarian aggression.

Berlin reports that one British war ship was sunk and two others were damaged in the attack by a British squadron on German batteries along the Belgian coast.

An Athens dispatch to a Paris newspaper says that Bulgaria has concluded an agreement with the Teutonic allies and will enter the war October 15.

A formal order declaring London and surrounding districts to be an area under the defense of the realm act, in which the practice of treating is prohibited and a further dilution of spirits is allowed, has been issued.

The Greek chamber of deputies passed without debate bills declaring a state of siege in Macedonia, providing \$30,000,000 for mobilization of the Greek armies and authorizing the relief of families of soldiers in case of war.

Every male German, Turk and Austrian of military age in London, who has not been granted exemption, will be required to surrender to the police. Austrians under 51 years of age and Germans under 55 years will be interned.

The Munch Post has received a report from Switzerland, that Pope Benedict is preparing a circular letter to the belligerents, asking for a general truce on All Saints' day, dedicated to the memory of the soldiers who have perished in the war.

German casualties in the recent offensive of the French and British, including killed, wounded and prisoners, were given officially by the French war office in Paris as in excess of the strength of three army corps (more than 120,000 men).

A German newspaper is authority for the report that British and French troops for service in Serbia have landed at Port Kathrin, near Saloniki, Greece, while there is a rumor that 300,000 Austrian-German troops have begun an advance on the northeast Serbian frontier.

GENERAL.

Elias R. Montford of Cincinnati, O., was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the annual reunion at Washington.

Art Smith, aviator, flying at the state fair at Springfield, broke the world's record for looping the loop. He made nineteen loops in succession.

One hundred girls, who came to Winnipeg, Man., Canada, before the war started, are in various mechanical shops taking lessons to prepare themselves for mechanical positions. Many Winnipeg girls are learning to be chauffeurs.

Andrew H. Coggins, called the "king of high graders," pleaded guilty to stealing ore estimated to be worth \$40,000 from the Empire mine at Grass Valley, Cal., and was sentenced to serve four years in the state penitentiary at San Quentin.

Heads of independent motion picture companies are elated by the news that the United States district court at Philadelphia rendered a decision adverse to the Motion Picture Patents Co., familiarly known in filmdom as "The Trust." The effect of the decision, it is declared, will open for the first time, a free market to producers of picture plays.

A spark from a workman's hammer ignited a tank car of gasoline in Ardmore, Okla., and as a result 50 people were killed and 200 injured. Two entire blocks of the city was destroyed with a loss estimated at \$500,000.

By a unanimous vote, members of the Omaha Young People's Socialist league adopted a resolution pledging themselves to do "all in their power to destroy the curse of militarism, and its parent, the capitalist system, which is responsible for the war horror."

James Keir Hurdle, labor member of parliament and leader of the peace element in the British socialist party, died of pneumonia at Glasgow recently.

The bank clearings for Omaha were over \$7,000,000 greater in September than they were September a year ago.

Eighty passengers of a Southern Pacific Mexican train were thrown into a car containing hay and the car set on fire by a band of Yaqui Indians near Torres, Sonora, according to advices received at San Diego, Cal. All but twenty perished.

The statement was made by officials of telephone companies in New Haven, Conn., that messages by wireless telephone were sent from the wireless telegraph station at Arlington, Va., to Honolulu, Hawaii, a distance of about 4,500 miles.

The annual pamphlet report of the Union Pacific Railroad company, made public in New York, for the fiscal year ending June 30, last, shows a decrease of \$1,446,308 in operating income and a decrease of \$5,578,566 in total income.

Charles C. Glover, president of the Riggs National bank of Washington, D. C.; William J. Flather, vice president, and H. H. Flather, cashier, were indicted for perjury in connection with the bank's recent suit against Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller Williams.

Plans for the biggest religious revival Chicago has seen in many years are announced by the Moody church. A tabernacle to seat 5,000 persons will be erected and meetings will be held nightly for six months. Mayor Thompson will open the revival on October 31.

John W. Carrigan, state inheritance tax attorney, announced at Los Angeles, Cal., that he had completed a survey of the estate left by the late A. G. Spalding, sporting goods manufacturer who died recently at point Loma, and found that the value was in excess of \$1,000,000.

The Carranza commander at Las Peladas, Mexico, headed the attacking party of Mexicans who crossed the border and in a fight with American soldiers, captured Trooper Richard Johnson, whom they shot and then mutilated. It was reported to southern department headquarters at San Antonio, Tex.

SPORTING.

Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., knocked out Tim Logan, United States navy champion, in the second round of a scheduled ten-round bout in Eu Claire, Wis.

Matt Brock of Cleveland, Ohio, knocked out Bobby Ward of St. Paul, Minn., in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round contest at Minneapolis.

E. J. Hanlon, president of the Sioux City club of the Western league announced that the All-American and All-National league baseball stars will play in that city October 23.

Earl Caddock of Anita defeated War Eagle, the Indian wrestler, in Atlantic, Ia., in two falls, the first in thirteen minutes and the second in three minutes, both falls being won by a scissors hold.

The Jockey club stakes, the only 10,000 sovereign (50,000) race of the present English turf season, was run at New Market, England, and won by Lanus. Dame Prudent finished second and Sir Cassel's Gadabout was third.

That the Western league is planning to secede from organized baseball and to affiliate with the Federals is a statement accredited to Jack Holland of St. Joseph. Holland says the report, believes there is an organized plan to throw over the traces and that it will be made public soon.

WASHINGTON.

Naturalized American citizens traveling abroad were advised by the State department to take their naturalization papers with them.

Dismissal of six midshipmen, suspension of four others for one year, without pay and the demotion to the next lowest class of fifteen others, was announced by Secretary Daniels as the result of the recent hazing investigation at the Annapolis Naval academy.

Secretary Lane announced the opening of 110,000 acres of land within the former Fort Berthold Indian reservation in North Dakota to surface homestead entry. Registrations may be made at Minot, Bismarck and Platte, N. D., beginning October 18 and ending October 30.

The treasury's income for the month of September was just a little more than \$50,000,000 and about \$10,000,000 less than the ordinary disbursements of the month.

Standing on the same spot where fifty years ago President Andrew Jackson reviewed the parade of Grand Army of the Republic, home from the war of the rebellion, President Wilson reviewed the parade of the feeble remnants of that army, called by historians the most efficient fighting force the world had known.

BOARD SOLE JUDGE

POWERS OF RAILWAY COMMISSION SET FORTH IN BRIEF.

TWO-CENT FARE HEARING SET

Application of Missouri Pacific to Enjoin Railroad Board to Be Heard in Omaha November 3.

Lincoln.—That the Nebraska Railway commission is the sole judge of equitable freight rates within the state, and that these rates should not necessarily be governed by the interstate commerce rates, is the substance of a brief prepared on behalf of the Nebraska commission by Ed P. Smith of Omaha, special counsel employed by the attorney general's office. The brief is in reply to the criticism of the Nebraska class rate schedule by the Council Bluffs, St. Joseph, Kansas City and Atchison. Considerable attention is given in the brief to an explanation of the equalization of rates as between Nebraska jobbing centers, which are declared to be on practically the same basis as the adjustment made by the railroads themselves before the class rate order became effective. Answering the charge that certain roads are required

"BETTER BABIES" AT NEBRASKA STATE FAIR.



Elizabeth Martha Webster, Thirty Months' Old, the Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Webster of Havelock, and a Perfect Baby, Scoring 100.

to make the same rate over round about routes as other roads in direct line, Special Counsel Smith intimates that the commission would be willing to allow the circuitous road to charge its rates if it cares to surrender its business to the direct lines. The hearing of the application of the Missouri Pacific railroad against the Nebraska Railway commission for a temporary injunction in the Nebraska 2-cent rate law has been set to be heard in Omaha November 3, by Judge Walter H. Sanborn of the United States circuit court. The receiver for the railroad, Benjamin F. Bush, is asking the federal court to restrain the commission from enforcing the 2-cent law, and asks that the company be allowed to charge 3 cents a mile for passengers.

Bar Commission Reappointed.
The supreme court has reappointed all the five members of the state bar commission, whose duty is to examine applicants for bar examinations investigate charges against attorneys and make recommendations on these matters to the supreme court. The five, reappointed for another year are: W. L. Anderson, Lincoln, secretary; A. D. McCandless, Wymore; Bernard McNeely, Red Cloud; N. C. Pratt, Omaha, and J. J. Ledwith, Lincoln.

Assessment Figures.
Assessment figures from all the counties on real estate, live stock and automobiles will be published in pamphlet form by Secretary Bernecker of the State Board of Equalization to assessors of Nebraska as a guide for their work next year.

To Appoint Postmaster.
Postoffice inspectors have been detailed to make investigations with a view to appointment of a postmaster at Colyer, Morrill county, Nebraska to fill a vacancy caused by resignation.

Hearing on Water Rights Delayed.
Attorney General Reed has received a telegram that the hearing in the Colorado supreme court in which a large number of farmers in western Nebraska have cases will not be held in October, being laid over several months. The big suit between Wyoming and Colorado over water rights is of much concern to Nebraska because Colorado is claiming absolute rights to head waters of the Platte. If the Colorado claims are upheld it would be a serious blow to irrigators in the western part of Nebraska.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

C. D. Hohey is erecting a \$25,000 garage at Hastings.

Clearwater is to have a new high school building.

Red Cloud voted \$30,000 to build a high school recently.

The new town hall at Saronville was dedicated last week.

The Carnegie library in Hartington will be dedicated October 8.

The Neigh Leader has changed from a weekly to a semi-weekly.

\$7,000 worth of property at Merriam was destroyed by fire recently.

Work on Bridgeport's sugar factory is expected to start in a month or so.

The \$22,000 parochial school just built at Kearney, was dedicated last week.

The Fairbury High school athletes organized a football eleven for this season.

Nebraska Bankers' association will hold its annual meeting in Omaha October 27 and 28.

B. F. Davis, editor of the Silver Creek Sand, died suddenly at his home in that city.

Editor Stone of the Hartington Herald, has been appointed probate officer of Cedar county.

Fred Steller of Lushton was severely scratched by a large domestic cat while walking along a country road.

The all star American and National league ball players are to play an exhibition game in North Platte on October 28.

Civil service examination will be held on October 23 for rural letter carriers at Lincoln.

The Omaha creamery men have decided to cut loose from the old Elgin regime and to make Omaha its own market.

In a heavy electrical storm at Bridgeport, Frank Meyers, an Kincaid, was instantly killed by a bolt of lightning.

The First Security State bank of Cedar Creek, with a capital of \$10,000, has been granted a charter by the State Banking board.

Nebraska Methodists in their recent convention at Lincoln, decided to make state prohibition the paramount issue from now on.

Arthur Paska, a Blair man, in his haste to get on a northbound passenger train, at Fort Calhoun, fell and lost one arm under the wheels.

While attempting to drag a shotgun from a boat by the barrel, Raymond Maurer of Plattsmouth was shot through the left breast and instantly killed.

John Truto of Elk Creek was killed and four others were injured when an automobile turned over near Beatrice.

Arrangements have been made for the appearance on October 18 of the United States Marine band at Kearney.

James Renny was thrown from his horse and trampled upon and seriously hurt at the Nemaha county fair at Auburn.

Miss Sutherland of Elwood, teaching school near Alvo, in burning trash raked from the yard, caught her clothing and was severely burned.

Gus Swan of Arlington, while walking to the farm of Frank Morehouse east of Fremont, was run down by a Northwestern freight train and killed.

Out of forty cultures taken in South Omaha public schools by Dr. Boler, assistant city physician, twenty positive cases of nasal diphtheria were found.

Governor Morehead has issued a proclamation asking Nebraskans to join in a clean-up campaign on October 9 to forward fire-prevention work.

The State Railway commission issued an order directing the Burlington to install electric lights at its depot and grounds at Dorchester.

Playing with strychnine tablets caused the death of the eleven-month-old baby daughter of Ben Atwood at Humboldt. The child was discovered playing with them, having swallowed several.

The station settlement at Koller, just east of Minden, is entering the distinction of having its first store under erection. John Hoover, grain man, will have charge of the store and will deal in general merchandise.

John J. Bellek of Bennington has asked the railway commission to order the Northwestern railroad to furnish tank cars for the shipping of buttermilk out of Omaha. The hearing has been set for October 11.

Dr. W. R. Peters of Stanton met with an accident three miles northwest of that place when the automobile in which he was driving turned turtle and pinned him under the car, where he remained for eight hours.

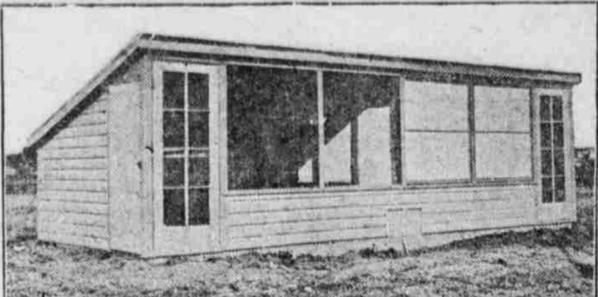
The State Board of Agriculture allowed all bills for the 1915 fair and heard a financial report. It is expected there will be a balance close to \$20,000. The next meeting of the association is to be held in Lincoln in January.

The completion of a \$5,000 barn and silo combined on the Matt Heurtz farm near Juniata was celebrated by an old-fashioned barn dance, attended by over fifty people.

The Walrath, Sherwood & Kent lumber business of North Bend, a branch of the Omaha firm, was sold recently to the Farmers' Co-operative association.

It is estimated that the annual loss from hog cholera in Nebraska for the last two years has been at least \$5,000,000, according to a recent bulletin of the College of Agriculture.

BUILD INEXPENSIVE HOUSES FOR POULTRY



An Open-Front Poultry House.

A good poultry house need not be expensive. It can be made of rough boards of any kind. If a floor is used it should be made of a double thickness of planks with a sheet of building paper between. The sides and roof should be covered with heavy tar paper, battened down over all the cracks, the essential thing being to prevent any drafts whatever.

The roosting closet should be separate from the laying room and scratching shed. Hens should never be fed in the roosting closet nor should the floor of the closet be covered with straw, as this gathers dampness. Many successful poultrymen do not use dropping boards at all but clean the floor every day, which is, all things considered, preferable. Of course, if the droppings are allowed to accumulate on the floor the conditions will be as bad as if allowed to accumulate on the dropping boards. Cleanliness is always essential and whether the dropping boards are used or not the roosting house should be kept perfectly clean and dry at all times.

By sprinkling a little dry earth or sand on the floor the droppings may be removed in a few moments and the floor can be kept clean with very little effort.

The laying nests should be arranged in an apartment adjoining the roosting closet and here the birds may be fed. This laying and scratching shed should be entirely open to the south, the front being covered with wire to prevent the intrusion of rats and other rodents.

A box of grit and a box of dry road dust should always be kept in the scratching shed. No matter how careful one may be fowls cannot be kept entirely free from vermin without having constant access to dry dust. It is their natural way of protecting themselves from vermin and if they are confined without being allowed to dust themselves they are sure to be affected.

Nests should be placed at least two feet above the floor with a board so placed on an incline that the hens can easily walk up to the nest instead of being compelled to fly up. Young pullets heavy with egg are often injured by flying up to, and down from nests placed too high.

Nests should be arranged with movable bottoms so that the contents may be frequently removed and the nests kept perfectly clean. The nest should not be less than 14 inches square in size, particularly for the larger breeds of birds.

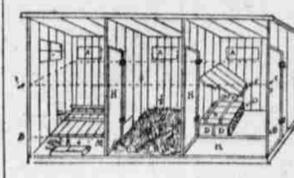
No attempt is made here to go into the scientific considerations of poultry houses used by fanciers or very large poultry breeders, but the information given is intended for the benefit of the small flock raiser, the farmer or suburban dweller.

The ground plan of the poultry house shown here is 12 feet by 30 feet, and is divided into parts each 12 feet by 10 feet.

The compartment on the right is used as a winter roosting and laying place.

The center as a scratching shed in winter and a shelter from rain and sun during the summer.

The room at the left is used during the winter as a place of exercise and in which to feed mash and to water



Ground Plan of Poultry House.

the fowls. This room also contains dust boxes and where the feed is stored.

A, A, A, in the dotted squares represent the windows or their location in the front of the house. B, B, is sided up solid to the line running from B to B one and one-half feet high.

The line running from C to C is the top of a four-foot high poultry netting which runs the entire length of the house.

There is a drop curtain arranged in each room to come down next to this wire in stormy weather or cold nights. From C, C, to top of the house is planked up solid except the windows, as shown in A, A, A,—D, D, D, the nest boxes under the dropping board N.

There are two rows of nests—one facing the scratching shed, the other facing the right-hand room. A trap nest may be arranged very conveniently here.

E is a drop curtain in front of the roosts in the winter department, which is to be let down at night. F

is the roosting poles in the winter quarters.

G is the roosting poles in the summer roosting quarters.

H, H,—the doors of poultry netting

I, the little door that leads from the scratching shed to the end room.

J, cut straw scattered on the floor of the scratching shed in which to scatter wheat, rye, oats and corn.

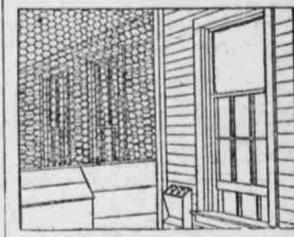
K, the dust box.

L, the drinking fountain.

M, M, M, the floor which should be of sand and gravel.

N, the dropping board in winter roosting department.

A house of these dimensions should be nine feet in front and seven feet tall in the rear. It may be made of any stuff at hand, or to suit the builder.



Interior of Poultry House Showing Muslin-Covered Window.

with very coarse sand or gravel or broken rock and on top of this three or four inches of light soil, the whole covered with a heavy coating of dry sand.

A floor of this kind will resist dampness unless the house is built in a low or swampy place. No matter where located the ground should be thoroughly drained on all sides of the house on the outside. Of course the ideal dry dirt floor is made by first laying tiled drains at the depth of about six inches, 18 inches apart the entire length of the house, extending out on each side from six to eight feet. This will absolutely prevent dampness.

The open-front houses may be adapted to the small flock of the farm or to any number of birds by simply multiplying the units. This form of poultry house has been tried in all climates and has proved more satisfactory than any other.

In the extreme northern states where the thermometer falls to many degrees below zero it is well to protect the birds at night by a thin muslin curtain attached to a roller which may be rolled up during the day and let down at night but in moderate climates this protection is not at all necessary. A muslin curtain should be of such texture that the air may pass through it, otherwise drafts will be caused and drafts are positively the most harmful conditions that can affect poultry.

The open-front curtained poultry house has been thoroughly tried at the experiment stations of Maine, Minnesota, Montana and in other states where the temperature falls to 20 degrees or more below zero, and with excellent success.

In those localities where there is little snowfall but excessive moisture during the winter months, the curtains should be left off for in these cases they are sure to hold dampness in the house.

THREE GOOD POULTRY HINTS

Supply of Grit is Essential—Select Well-Shaped Eggs for Incubator—Hatch Chickens Early.

Unless the hens have access to a free run on gravelly soil both oyster shell and mica crystal grit should be supplied where the hens may have free access to it. If a free range is available the oyster shell will be sufficient.

In selecting eggs to place in an incubator only average-sized, well-shaped eggs should be used as extremely large or small eggs or eggs that do not conform to normal shape will invariably hatch a low percentage of irregular-sized chicks.

Early hatched chicks will make more rapid growth than late hatched ones. If one wishes to sell breeding stock this is a decided advantage. Also if one wishes to market part of the chick crop as broilers and roasters the market is best for those hatched early in the season.—Farmer's Review.