

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

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COVERS WIDE AREA.

GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Wash-
ington and in Other Sections of
the Country.

WAR NEWS.

A manifesto opposing conscription has been issued at London by a comparatively small number of members of the British parliament.

A Coalition cabinet has been formed in France to take the place of the ministry of Premier Viviani, which resigned.

Japan has become a party to the agreement entered into by Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy not to conclude a separate peace.

Great Britain has informed Greece that if she would give her full, immediate support to Serbia against Bulgaria, Great Britain was prepared to give her the island of Cyprus.

David Lloyd-George, the British minister of munitions, speaking for Premier Asquith in the House of Commons, denied that Great Britain was engaged directly or indirectly in peace negotiations.

As the result of the activity of British submarines in the Baltic the rate of Swedish war insurance on ships bound for German ports has been doubled, according to a Copenhagen dispatch.

All the belligerent powers have granted the request of Pope Benedict that Sunday be made a day of absolute repose for prisoners of war. Several of the countries in their replies said that they already had been observing this rule.

The Russian government is busy making war munitions and importing them from Japan in preparation for a big drive that is expected to begin in the early spring, according to Albert B. Thayer of Cincinnati, who arrived in New York from Copenhagen.

Premier Asquith announced in the British House of Commons that the casualties to October 9 were 493,294. He placed the killed in all areas at 6,606 officers and 94,892 men, the wounded at 12,633 officers and 504,832 men and the missing at 2,000 officers and 72,177 men.

GENERAL.

H. B. Whitehouse, head of the Omaha agency of the National Cash Register company, said, that from the check taken by himself recently there are sixty-one new stores in Omaha, opened since January 1.

It is reported in New York that Russian agents are trying to float in this country a credit loan of about \$60,000,000, for eighteen months, at 9 per cent, to be spent entirely in this country for supplies.

The act of the legislature levying a tax on anthracite coal and providing for the collection and distribution of such tax on the coal mined within the state, was declared unconstitutional by the Pennsylvania state supreme court.

St. Joseph, Mo., is to have a new two-mile automobile speedway of concrete, Jack Prince, promoter, has received the assurance of business men and commercial organizations there that the project would be backed satisfactorily.

Germany and Austria can stand the strain of financing the war longer than can their enemies, in the opinion of John J. Arnold, vice president of the First National bank of Chicago, who spoke at the Nebraska bankers' convention at Omaha.

Captain Anton G. Thomsen of the Frederick VIII, which arrived in New York a few days ago, completed his 399th voyage between Denmark and New York as a master. He received his master papers in 1881, and his record shows that he has covered nearly 1,600,000 miles during his time as master.

California, in a general election on the question of making the state government wholly nonpartisan as its county governments and some state offices now are, voted flatly against it.

The supreme court of Wisconsin held that typhoid fever contracted through drinking water furnished by the employer and resulting in the death of said employe is an accident and within the meaning of the workmen's compensation act.

Albanians in the Kosovo district of Serbia, the Prizrend region, have begun hostilities against the Serbians, according to the official statement by the Bulgarian war office issued at Sofia.

Outlining the policies of the Illinois Equal Suffrage association, Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, president, declared against any alliance with either wet or dry factions.

Twenty-one children, most of them girls, ranging in age from 7 to 17 years, lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the St. John's parochial school at Peabody, Mass.

The steamship Eastland, which tipped over in the Chicago river, August 6, with a loss of 812 lives, may be used as a government naval training ship, it was announced in Chicago.

Chairman Charles D. Hilles of the republican national committee announced that a call had been issued for a meeting of the committee in Washington, December 14, to select a city for the coming national convention.

Drastic action by officials of Kansas City, Kan., to prohibit illegal sale of beer by breweries was taken when three drivers were arrested, sentenced to jail and the beer and trucks confiscated. The drivers were fined \$500 each and given six months in jail. More than 100 cases of beer were destroyed.

Porter Charlton, former Omaha boy who has been on trial in Como, Italy, charged with murdering his wife at Lake Como in 1910, was condemned to six years and eight months imprisonment. The jury found Charlton only partially responsible. Owing to amnesty, Charlton will serve only twenty-nine days in prison.

SPORTING.

Charles Cutler of Chicago, defeated Floyd Domer of Polo, Ill., in two straight falls, in thirty-eight and nineteen minutes, respectively, at Deadwood, So. Dak.

Nelly the Great, a 2-year-old trotting filly, made a new world's record for a half-mile track at Springfield, O., when at a breeders' meeting, she stopped a mile in 2:16 1/2. The former record was 2:16 1/2.

Outweighed to a certainty and outplayed in many departments of the game, Nebraska university's big football team defeated at Lincoln, Neb., the formidable Notre Dame crew by the remarkable score of 20 to 19.

Matt Wells, English lightweight, was accorded the newspaper decision by a shade over Charlie White of Chicago, in a sensational ten-round bout in Milwaukee. Popular opinion conceded Wells the winner.

Alexander Aberg of Russia, world's champion at Greco-Roman wrestling, successfully defended his title, throwing Wladek Zbyszko, the Pole, after one hour and four minutes wrestling at Madison Square Garden, New York.

Fred Fulton was accorded a newspaper decision over Arthur Pelky in the fifth round of the scheduled ten-round bout at Oshkosh, Wis. Fulton had knocked Pelky down twelve times in this round, and the referee stopped the fight.

That the Kansas City club of the Federal league lost \$35,332.13 this year, although finishing high in the race, was incorporated in a report made to a stockholders' meeting of the club in Kansas City, by Conrad H. Mann, president.

WASHINGTON.

The justice department announced a decree entered at Philadelphia against the Philadelphia & Reading railway, divorcing the company's coal and iron holdings as well as its navigation line.

Mrs. Frederick Gillman of Vallejo, Cal., widow of a gunner on the submarine F-4 which sank in Honolulu harbor, has been appointed flag maker at the Mare Island navy yard by order of President Wilson.

Secretary Daniels has signed an order for the construction at the Washington navy yard of a giant biplane for the navy, the first aircraft to be built at any government establishment. Plans for the machine are prepared.

Speaker Champ Clark has been invited by President Wilson to confer with him some time before congress convenes on the general legislative program for the next session, particularly the administration plans for national defense.

President Wilson announced that he would receive on December 6 Sarah Bard Field and Miss Frances Joffie, representatives of the woman voters' convention recently held in San Francisco, who will present a petition urging nation-wide suffrage for women.

America's long considered protest against British interference with commerce between the United States and Europe has been dispatched to London by special messenger and will be presented by Ambassador Page to the British Foreign office this week.

A naval aviation corps independent of the navy proper, with the same status as the marine corps, will be recommended to congress by Secretary Daniels as one step toward the improvement of the aviation service at sea.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

The Ponce Weekly Advocate claims there is not a vacant house in that place.

The Beatrice Commercial club is considering a proposition of erecting a community club house.

Spontaneous combustion caused the destruction of the Ponek mills at Lynch, with the loss of \$7,500.

President Wilson has appointed Samuel G. Hudson postmaster of Lincoln. His selection was urged by W. I. Bryan.

Thomas Murray of Dunbar was elected president of the Nebraska bankers' association at its session at Omaha.

Burwell was visited by a disastrous fire last week. The Frank Weryzyn livery barn and two other buildings were burned.

Beatrice young women have organized a Y. W. C. A. and a committee has been selected to raise funds for the securing of quarters.

Officers of the farmers' co-operative creamery, at a meeting in Fremont have decided to locate their new plant in that town.

Manual training pupils in Omaha are preparing a large number of bird houses, to be placed in the parks there next season.

The third week of the Lowery meetings at York ended Saturday, Oct. 23. At the close of the second week since the invitation was given for sinners to hit the sawdust trail more than four hundred have gone forward.

The St. Francis hospital at Harrison was open to the public last week. This is the first and only hospital in Sloux county. Dr. Borglum, who is in charge of the institution, will start a tuberculosis colony in the spring.

William, alias "Dan" Jordan, was found guilty by a Scottsbluff jury of the murder of Joseph Layton. His punishment was fixed at imprisonment in the state penitentiary for life. The jury verdict and sentence met the general public's approval.

The Nebraska-Notre Dame game at Lincoln October 23 set a new mark in Husker finances, the total receipts being \$11,700. The previous high mark was two years ago for the Nebraska-Minnesota game, when receipts were slightly over \$8,000.

The government census bureau has made by arithmetical calculations the following estimates of the population of Nebraska cities in 1915: Omaha, 163,200; Lincoln, 46,028; Grand Island, 12,519; Hastings, 10,470; Beatrice, 10,137; Fremont, 9,491.

Mrs. Fred J. Epton of Sydney, Australia, 28 years of age, was killed, and her husband quite badly injured, when the automobile in which they were riding turned over one mile west of Fremont. The machine turned completely over and righted itself.

Refusal upon the part of Mrs. B. F. Reynolds to allow the placing of a buttress in the basement of her millinery store at Hastings, resulted in the abandonment upon the part of William Brach of plans for the erection of a \$75,000 six-story office building soon to have been submitted to contractors.

The expenses of fifty Presbyterian pastors and laymen in Nebraska in the fight to make Nebraska dry in 1916 will be fully and completely paid by the national board of temperance of the Presbyterian assembly. Announcement of this plan was made recently at the state synod at Aurora by Dr. Robert C. Westenberg, secretary of the board of temperance.

Will Hawk, living near Loup City, met with a severe accident while riding a spirited animal one day last week. In turning a corner he was thrown to the ground. His head struck the stump of a tree, inflicting a very severe scalp wound. Nearly one-half of the scalp was peeled from his head.

John Otto, son of a farmer residing one and a half miles south of York, suffered a fractured skull and other serious injuries when his clothing was caught in a belt of an engine. His head struck against the engine at every revolution of the drive wheel. He was assisting in baling straw at the time of the accident.

An unusual case of rabies has developed in a horse belonging to Lee Snyder, near Lushton. A veterinarian called from McCool watched the animal until it died from the loss of blood from its self-inflicted wounds. When the veterinarian called he was attacked by the animal and it was with difficulty that he got away without serious injury.

The European war is delaying the shipment of buildings materials for the new buildings to be constructed at the state university and the farm at Lincoln under the campus extension fund. Contractors on the new building at the farm report some of the iron work, which was to have been shipped, has been delayed because the factories are overworked with orders for supplies from the allies.

The Fillmore County Signal, published at Geneva, has celebrated its fortieth anniversary. For twenty-one years the paper has been published by the present owner and editor, Frank O. Edgecombe.

The Carnegie library at College View is about completed. All the exterior work is done, and all that remains is a few finishing touches on the inside. The library board is making plans for the dedication, which probably will be held within the next few weeks. The building cost about \$7,000.

The Peru Commercial club has been reorganized.

National guard companies are soon to be established at Crawford, Gordon and Plattsmouth.

Manufacturers of the state will hold their annual convention in Lincoln November 15 and 16.

The Nebraska State Bar association will hold its annual session in Omaha December 25 and 29.

The Ravenna High school authorities have cancelled all football dates of the team on account of rough playing.

James K. Keithly, for the past ten years editor and publisher of the Syracuse Journal, died at his home in that city.

The evangelistic revival meetings to be held at Seward will begin November 7. A tabernacle seating 1,500 has been erected.

While hanging up a 22-caliber rifle C. H. Jessup of Aurora accidentally shot himself through the abdomen and is in a precarious condition.

West Point citizens will give a five number lecture course this winter free of charge, the cost of the course to be raised by voluntary subscription.

A steam tractor and complete thrashing outfit ran over and killed Elmer Benedict near Dalton. The man was lying in direct path of the tractor.

M. C. Miller, a Seward merchant, has been awarded first prize by a Chicago concern, that was seeking tall corn. Miller's entry measured 15 feet, 10 inches.

Twenty good roads enthusiasts from Clay Center, including Mayor Adams, met with Hastings business men recently in the interests of good roads co-operation.

An effort is being made in North Bend to enforce the state law on the sale and use of tobacco by minors. The woman's club is taking an active part in the campaign.

Tom Doctor of Belleville, welterweight champion of Kansas, won over Ross Robinson of Lincoln, champion welterweight wrestler of Nebraska, in two straight falls at Deshler.

Prominent business men of Aurora have organized and incorporated the Hamilton County Speed association of Aurora and are planning to hold a race meet in June of next year.

The York base ball park is to be dismantled and all paraphernalia sold November 16. The association had a disastrous year, and the season closed with a small deficit.

Sheriff Cole and Chief Crosson are keeping close watch around Hastings for burglars who entered C. Peterson's hardware store at Minden and robbed it of \$500 worth of merchandise.

The first load of barley seen on the streets of Kearney in ten years was brought to town last week. The grain was sold at 30 cent a bushel, there being no market for it in the section.

Joseph Cording was seriously injured and the building occupied by his drug store at Litchfield was totally wrecked by an explosion of turpentine which had leaked from a barrel in storage.

E. P. Curran, who has been editor of the York Daily News-Times for the past four years, has severed his relation with that paper and purchased an interest in the Daily News at Columbus.

Although but a small per cent of the threshing is done Jefferson county farmers have plenty of money. At a sale of nearly \$4,000 worth of hogs and cattle near Fairbury recently, every sale was settled in cash.

In a wrestling match at Lincoln Joe Stecher of Dodge easily defeated G. Scheenlein, alias Americus, of Baltimore, in two straight falls. The first fall came in six minutes and a half, and the second in three minutes.

Based on actual surveys, a high school course is proving to be worth more than an investment of \$6,000 in 5 per cent bonds to a farmer, while a course in a College of Agriculture seems to be worth as much more.

From 30 to 100 per cent greater and better yield of potatoes was secured from northern grown seed than from home grown seed this year on farms of the Gage County Farmers' Association members under the direction of the county agricultural agent.

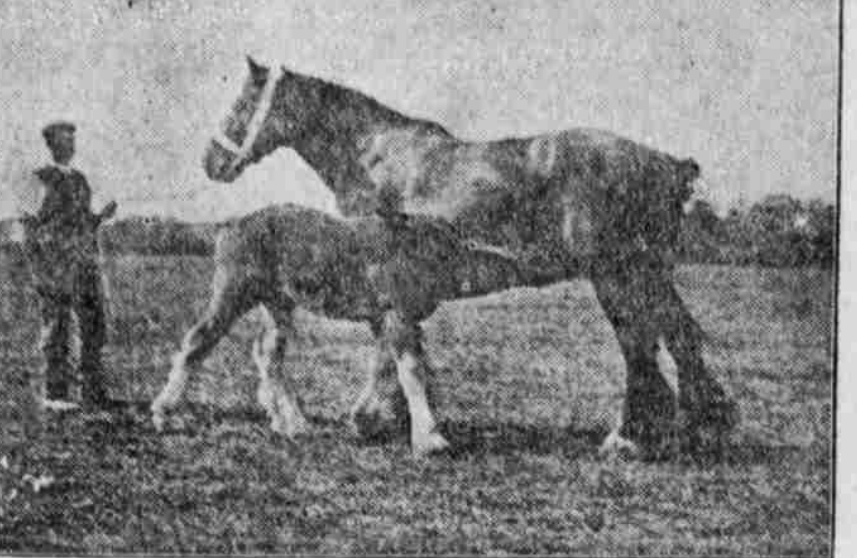
An X-ray examination revealed a broken thigh, a dislocated knee and a crushed ankle bone after his physician had told him there were no broken bones, according to the petition of William Stewart, seventy-two, who filed suit for \$5,000 damages against Dr. J. V. Berthol, Hastings city health officer and former coroner.

A rattlesnake about sixteen inches long was killed on a Lyons sidewalk by Hollis, three and one-half-year-old son of Giles Cleveland. The child ran over the snake while riding his tricycle, and seeing it squirm, he turned and rode over it again and again just to "see it wiggle," not knowing the dangerous character of the reptile. This is the second rattler killed this year on the Lyons sidewalk.

The second shoot between the Omaha and the Wisner Gun clubs for the Charles E. Reese trophy held on the Wisner grounds resulted in a score of 907 to 895, in favor of Wisner, thus giving the Cuming county town title of state championship.

A permanent organization of the Fremont Union Revival association has been completed for the purpose of conducting the Fremont revival in January. One of the first acts of the new body was a vote to enlarge the plans for the Tabernacle to a capacity of 2,500, instead of 1,500.

FARM HORSE FILLS IMPORTANT PLACE



A Money-Maker on Any Farm.

(By C. M. SCHULZ.)

When the active working season on the farm will have a little let up, the farmer can have a moment to spare to ascertain of what value his brood mares have been.

He will remember, in the first place, that they have each given birth this season and have raised to weaning age a nice promising colt that bids fair to develop into a good salable horse later on.

These youngsters are increasing in value and as they are yearlings now will help to make their living next season as two year olds. The brood mares have also done much farm and road work.

Probably I make a mistake in crediting each mare with a colt every year; so it is safer to say that counting for accidents a mare should average two colts every three years.

It would be rather a hard matter to say just what product she will give her owner each year of her working and breeding life. So much depends on her quality and especially upon her capacity as a sure breeder and likewise as a good mother.

Mares, like cows, differ greatly in their flow of milk and many times a medium-sized animal with heavy milk flow capacity will raise a bigger and better colt than a much larger animal whose milk flow is insufficient.

The practical horse breeder and the farmer of experience is well aware of these facts and one will often be surprised to see farmers keep breeding mares that to the uninitiated appear to be indifferent specimens.

Say that a farmer has bought a mare in January for \$150. She is five years old and he breeds her in March. The stud fee is \$25, but the money is not due unless the mare proves to be in foal.

The colt has cost \$25 at birth and at weaning time, four months later, he would be worth, if a good individual and a good grade, say, \$40.

By next spring he should be worth \$75, and at two years old should bring \$100 to \$125. Now he can be put to work.

From then until he is four years old he should earn his feed—say \$75 a year—and give a profit of \$25 per year, although \$50 would be nearer the mark.

At four years of age he should be

worth \$200, judging from the way well-bred, well-broken and well-kept horses are now selling.

We will say that a breeder is lucky enough to have raised a pair of four-year-olds, sound, good lookers, hearty, with snap and style, weighing from 1,200 to 1,400 pounds each, for the pair \$400 can easily be had in any of the big markets.

These are not fanciful figures but are based upon actual experience of everyday farmers of breeding, raising and selling colts.

Every farmer should, if possible, keep one or more good brood mares, not broken-winded, worn-out, city hacks, but sound, well-shaped, well-bred animals that possess individual merit and whose progeny will sell readily when the dealer comes along.

Any breeder of experience knows well that almost as much depends on the brood mares as upon the stallion in the raising of any breed of good horses.

Many colts take their conformation from their mother, especially from their shoulders back. For instance, if a mare has wide, ragged hips, her colts are most liable to inherit this tendency. Many colts also inherit their dispositions from their dams.

Brood mares should be sound, of quiet disposition, strongly built, and they should be well cared for.

The mare can be worked up to a week or two before the colt is dropped. In fact, she is better off for the regular exercise, but she should be handled by a careful man, who will not excite her, and she should have a roomy box stall for her sleeping quarters.

Although many may disagree with me, I am firmly convinced from nearly 30 years' experience on breeding farms, that it is a risky business purchasing aged mares, who have spent the best years of their lives doing work in the cities, and trying to make brood mares of them.

In the first place when a mare has arrived at that age, and has never had a colt, her chances of getting in foal are lessened each year.

Furthermore, it is safe to say that a reasonable proportion of these mares have slunked their colts, and for this reason they have been sent from the farm and sold in the cities, where they can do excellent work.

FENCING FOR SHEEP IS TOUGH PROBLEM

Most Sheep Raisers Use Woven Wire From 30 to 40 Inches High—Put Barbs on Top.

(By E. RUSSELL, North Dakota Agricultural College.)

The fencing problem has always loomed up big to the beginner in raising sheep. It is not, however, a very difficult one if it is undertaken in an intelligent manner. It does not require a heavy fence to hold sheep, though barbed wire will not make satisfactory sheep fence.

Most sheep raisers use a fence constructed of woven wire from 30 to 42 inches high, with five to nine horizontal wires and 16 to 20 stays to the rod. Any fence coming inside these limits, if put up with a post each 14 to 16 feet, will prove satisfactory for sheep. If a 40-inch woven wire is used it should have at least one barbed wire on top of it. It usually pays to put one or two barbed wires on top of the woven wire, however, as this will make a fence that will turn horses and cattle as well as sheep.

Clay Soil Fertility.

To keep the fertility of clay soils it is necessary to add considerable vegetable matter. This is best done by using all available manure and in addition by turning under an occasional second crop of clover or other legume. Even in the natural state clay soils rarely contain much humus. The supply of phosphorus is also limited and should be increased by the addition of phosphate fertilizer to supplement the farm manure.

Picking Chickens.

Instead of dipping fowls in scalding water to get the feathers off—if you will use that poor way of picking—put boiling water in a wash boiler or some big vessel, lay sticks on the top of it to set the fowls on, then let the water boil hard. The steam will loosen the plumage without wetting it. Turn the birds over and over until the feathers come off easily. Do not leave them over the steam long at a time.

TRIED CURES FOR POULTRY DISEASES

Avoid Leg Weakness in Chicks by Proper Feeding—Remedy for Swelled Head.

Leg weakness in chicks is often due to the food being of a fattening nature, and the bodies, in consequence, become too heavy for the muscular strength of the chick's legs. There should be bran in the soft food that is fed, it being one of the best bone and muscle foods that could be given. Afflicted chicks should be given quinine water daily—made by dissolving five grains of quinine in a quart of drinking water. Also add green meal and charcoal, and also give bone food daily.

Very often fowls, from some unexplainable cause, will become afflicted with swelled head and fever. Exposure to a draft of air, while roosting at night, however, is the most common reason, in which case the eye nearest the draft becomes first affected. In itself, swelled head is not rousp, but when the lumps appear it is one of the first stages of that disease. A very good treatment is to mix one part spirits of turpentine and four parts of sweet oil. With this anoint the head, face and comb daily. Then give, twice a day, a pill composed of equal parts of bromide of potash and quinine—the pill to weigh one grain. Add, in addition, a teaspoonful of chlorate of potash to each quart of drinking water.

The looseness of the bowels of a fowl generally is due to something it has eaten. Increase the amount of middlings in the mash, and add a teaspoonful of charcoal every day to each quart of soft food. Fowls should have charcoal at least twice a week.

Concrete for Poultry Floor.

In making a concrete floor for the poultry house or cellar, have the earth as firm as the natural condition, tamp it if you please, spread two inches of coarse sand, wet it down and apply the concrete while wet three-fourths inch thick. It will hold for all purposes except driving on.