

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

Citizens of Waco recently celebrated the opening of their new electric light plant.

The Frank Tooley farm, located near Central City, was sold recently for a consideration of \$175 per acre.

The Hastings city council is advertising for bids to be opened March 13th for ten and a half miles of street paving.

A big wolf hunt was held near West Point last week. The ground covered by the hunters was approximately thirty sections. A number of wolves were dislodged and two were shot.

M. E. Crosser, who succeeded F. M. Hunter as superintendent of the Norfolk schools several years ago, has notified the Board of Education that he will not be an applicant for re-election.

Twenty-eight head of horses were shipped in a special stock car by express from Bristol to Boston, Mass., recently. This is the first car of horses to be shipped from that territory by express.

The three municipal wells at Falls City were found to be contaminated with surface drainage and decayed vegetable matter, through tests made by the state bacteriological bureau. Probably new wells will be sunk.

A two-section state aid bridge will be constructed across the Platte river at Sutherland early this spring. The cost will be \$20,448. Each section will be 250 feet long. There will be a 1,100-foot fall between the two sections.

A gravel pit which will no doubt prove of great value to the Northwestern railroad, has been discovered at Bristol. This gravel pit is nearly 100 rods long and 40 rods wide with an average depth of gravel of about thirty feet.

E. S. Davis, for several years postmaster at North Platte, has been succeeded by P. H. McEvoy, administration appointee. McEvoy's appointment was confirmed by the senate December 17, but his commission has just arrived.

A contract for plans and specifications for the new hotel to be built at a cost of \$200,000 in Fremont has been let. Work of preparing the site for the structure has been started. The building will be either four or five stories in height.

Eugene T. Westervelt, editor of the Scott's Bluff Republican, has announced that he will be a candidate for one of the delegates from the Sixth district to the republican national convention at Chicago. His petition will be filed shortly.

Approximately six hundred dollars will be required for the corn and poultry raising contests to be conducted this summer and to stage the shows to be held next December in Beatrice by the Gage County Crop Improvement society.

Petitions are being circulated at Wymore asking the board of education to call a special election for the purpose of issuing \$45,000 bonds, \$40,000 to be used in the construction of a new school building and the balance to repair the old building.

What was probably the top price for unimproved farm land in Nebraska was paid when Jacob Purbaugh bought 100 acres near Havelock of R. E. Moore of Lincoln. The price paid was \$250 per acre and was a part of an unbroken tract of 1,920 acres.

The operation of the Scottsbluff factory for the year just closed made necessary the handling of more than 10,000 carloads of freight, which is a large factor in making the city of Scottsbluff second to Omaha and Lincoln only in point of freight earnings.

The first racing meet of the New Nebraska Midway racing circuit will be held at the Douglas county fair grounds at Benson, June 8, 9 and 10. Meets will be held at Nebraska City June 13, 14 and 15; Auburn June 20, 21 and 22; Aurora June 27, 28 and 29; and Kearney July 3, 4 and 5.

About one hundred and fifty business men of Columbus attended a banquet recently given by the Y. M. C. A. in celebration of the payment of the last of the building debt and of the deficits that have been accumulating for the past several years. The occasion was the ninth anniversary of the first subscription made for the building of the Y. M. C. A. in Columbus.

Sarpy county wolf hunters, numbering about 100, killed one wolf in their chase a few days ago. The hunters said they saw fifteen big wolves, but the line was stretched out so thin that the animals slipped through and escaped.

Contract has been let for the state-aid bridge at Schuyler, between Colfax and Putler counties to the Elkhart Construction Co. of Elkhart, Ind., its bid being \$51,500 for four 175-foot steel spans to be attached to the present six spans.

Fire of an unknown origin destroyed three store buildings at Odell the other day, entailing a loss of about \$14,000.

The crop census of the North Platte Nebraska-Wyoming irrigation project recently completed by the United States reclamation service shows that during the past year 68,139 acres were cropped and a total value of \$1,263,617, or an average of \$18.55 per acre was realized. The most valuable crop was sugar beets, returns showing \$537,641, from 7,872 acres, or \$68.30 per acre.

Farmers and business men of Sidney are contemplating the construction of a \$50,000 elevator and flouring mill.

Seward has appropriated the sum of \$100 for a public playgrounds, the grounds to be under the supervision of the Y. M. C. A.

Five hundred persons took part in a wolf hunt in the vicinity of Daykin one day recently and six wolves and many hundreds of rabbits were killed.

Rushville, Hay Springs and Gordon have virtually entered into an agreement whereby a farm demonstrator will be secured for Sheridan county.

The Burlington road has indicated that it will give Tecumseh a new station this year to take the place of the old frame building it is now using.

After running seven block to catch a train at David City, Lincoln L. Lott of Rising City fell dead in the depot immediately upon purchasing a ticket to his home.

The plans and specifications for the steel bridge to be built across the Niobrara river at the Parshall crossing, just south of Butte, are ready for bids.

O. M. Edwards of Fairbury has filed for the office of sheriff on the democratic ticket. This makes nine candidates, three democrats and six republicans.

Earl Caddock, the Anita, Ia., grappler, and Cal Wood, the Stanton heavyweight, have been matched for a bout at Hooper, March 7, before the Hooper Athletic club.

William J. and C. W. Bryan are among democratic leaders who have engaged suites at the Clarke hotel at Hastings for use during the democratic state convention there next July.

A cash box containing \$104 in various school funds was robbed by unknown parties at the Norfolk high school just recently, according to an announcement made by the authorities.

The fifteen hundred dollar tabernacle erected for the recent revival in Fremont, has been taken over by the Commercial club directors, and will be used as an auditorium for all public meetings.

The Nebraska Gas and Electric company was given a twenty-five-year franchise by an ordinance passed by the Blue Springs city council recently. The present franchise expires the latter part of this year.

Office days for Madison County Farm Demonstrator, A. G. George have been established at Norfolk, Tilden and Madison, where farmers may receive any information or advice they desire.

Federal Judges Martin J. Wade, T. C. Munger and W. I. Smith, sitting as a chancery court in Omaha, granted the Rock Island railroad a temporary injunction restraining the state railway commission from enforcing the 2-cent-a-mile law, thereby giving the road power to raise its intrastate passenger fare to 3 cents a mile.

A total of 2,858 cars of live stock, the second largest number in the history of the South Omaha yards for a single week, were received last week. The record for a single week was made last month, ending January 22, when a total of 2,988 cars were marketed. Cattle receipts for the week were 29,912 head; hogs, 196,445; sheep, 48,724.

Drainage District No. 1 in Richardson county, will soon advertise for \$20,000 worth of excavating to enlarge a ditch near the mouth of the Nemaha river on the Rulo bottom. Some of the land owners on the bottom had brought suit to compel the drainage board to build a levee that was part of the original plan, but had been changed by the board. The court held that the board had a right to make the change and dismissed the suit of the land owners.

The stockholders of the Blue Springs Farmers' Elevator company, who received a dividend of 100 per cent on their stock at their recent annual meeting, are receiving a second dividend of the same amount, making a total of \$50 distributed to each of the eighty-four stockholders since January 1.

Fifty members of the state association of commercial clubs held an enthusiastic convention in Hastings last week. The association went on record as favoring the drafting of a bill for a state highway commission and one for a state publicity fund. Water power development, Missouri river navigation and the drainage undertaking at Holdrege were also given endorsements by the organization. The association will hold their next meeting in Omaha May 24 and 25.

"Jack" Boom, famous trapper and hunter, organized a successful wolf hunt in Center precinct, Cass county, which covered twenty-four sections and in which 400 men participated. The hunters were successful, killing eight out of twelve wolves seen.

Charley Peters used the scissors hold and won in straight falls at Papillion from Fred Schmarder, a heavy-weight wrestler, who hails from Louisville. The first fall took seven minutes and the second fall four minutes.

A checking up of the recent revival effort in Fremont shows that a total of 1,115 persons were converted and that a total of \$1,906 was paid Revivalist Rayburn for his work.

The elevators and mill of Holdrege are now 195 cars short of their needs. One elevator has been obliged to stop buying grain several times recently. Since the first of the year there have been fifty-five cars of grain shipped from Holdrege. This is about one-third of the amount that would have been shipped had cars been plentiful.

CZAR'S FORCES BUSY

FOLLOW UP ADVANTAGE GAINED OVER TURKISH ARMIES.

MANY POSITIONS ARE TAKEN

Muscovites Hope to Surround Main Army.—Turks Retreat Impeded by Snow and Lack of Supplies.

Petrograd—The Russians are pressing the advantage gained at Erzerum. On the right along the Black sea coast, by the co-operation of the sea and land forces they are driving the Turks from one position after another to the east of Trebizond and active operations against that important seaport are expected soon.

In the last few days the Russians have occupied Witde (Widje) and pressed forward ten or twelve miles westward. The fleet has destroyed several shore batteries and by keeping well in advance of the land forces and by destroying bridges over several streams in the path of the retreating Turks, has rendered their retreat more difficult.

On the left flank, after the occupation of Koph, the Russians pushed on to Mush and Achlat, the latter on the north shore of Lake Van. From Koph to Mush, sixty miles over mountain roads, they fought several battles and occupied Mush by storm.

The Turks fled southward toward Diarbekr, the next objective of the Russians. Once in possession of Diarbekr, it is only a day's march to the Bagdad railway, the last remaining communication into Syria.

The rapid Russian offensive beyond Erzerum, it is believed here, makes it probable that the retreat of the Turkish corps operating along the Black sea coast, and of those troops which were active in the Mush district before the Russian occupation, will be entirely cut off and that the main Turkish armies will be surrounded.

It is regarded as almost inevitable that the Turkish corps retreating along the Black Sea coast, under the destructive fire of the fleet and the pressure of the Russian armies, would be caught in the same sort of a trap as the Turkish Thirty-Fourth division of the tenth corps after falling back from Widje. This division which was completely surrounded, had no alternative but to surrender with arms, equipment and artillery.

On the Turkish right flank, where the Ninth corps is operating, the Turks find themselves in the same precarious position, since all the roads of retreat to the north are gradually falling under Russian control. The retreat of the Turkish army everywhere is impeded by deep snow and the difficult character of the country. They are without food and lack war supplies and there seems to be little possibility of their offering even temporary resistance of any strength to the Russian advance.

16,000 Hit Trail at Trenton.
Trenton, N. J.—The eight weeks' evangelistic campaign conducted by the Rev. Billy Sunday, came to a close February 20. Before Mr. Sunday left for his home in Winona Lake, Ind., Dr. Henry Collin Minton, chairman of the Trenton Sunday committee, gave the evangelist a check for \$31,981 as a "free will offering," which will have \$377.93 added by checks that will come in, making the offering \$32,358.03. This amount beats Syracuse by \$5,000.

The total current expenses were \$33,258.62 and adding the "free will" the amount invested in the campaign was \$65,616.65. The trail hitters are 16,764; attendance, 810,000.

Five Killed in Wreck.

Spokane, Wash.—Five persons were killed and three seriously injured, when Northern Pacific passenger train No. 2, known as the North Coast Limited, east bound, crashed into the rear end of Northern Pacific-Burlington train No. 42, east bound, at South Cheney, Wash., seventeen miles from Spokane, February 20. Both trains, east bound, were being detoured because of flood conditions on the Northern Pacific. The engineer of the Burlington train stopped at South Cheney for orders, and a few minutes later the Northern Pacific train crashed into the rear of the Burlington.

Seaplanes Visit England.

London.—Four German seaplanes Sunday, Feb. 20th, made a raid over the east and southeast coasts of England, according to an official announcement. The total casualties are given as two men and one boy killed and one marine wounded. Considerable material damage was done.

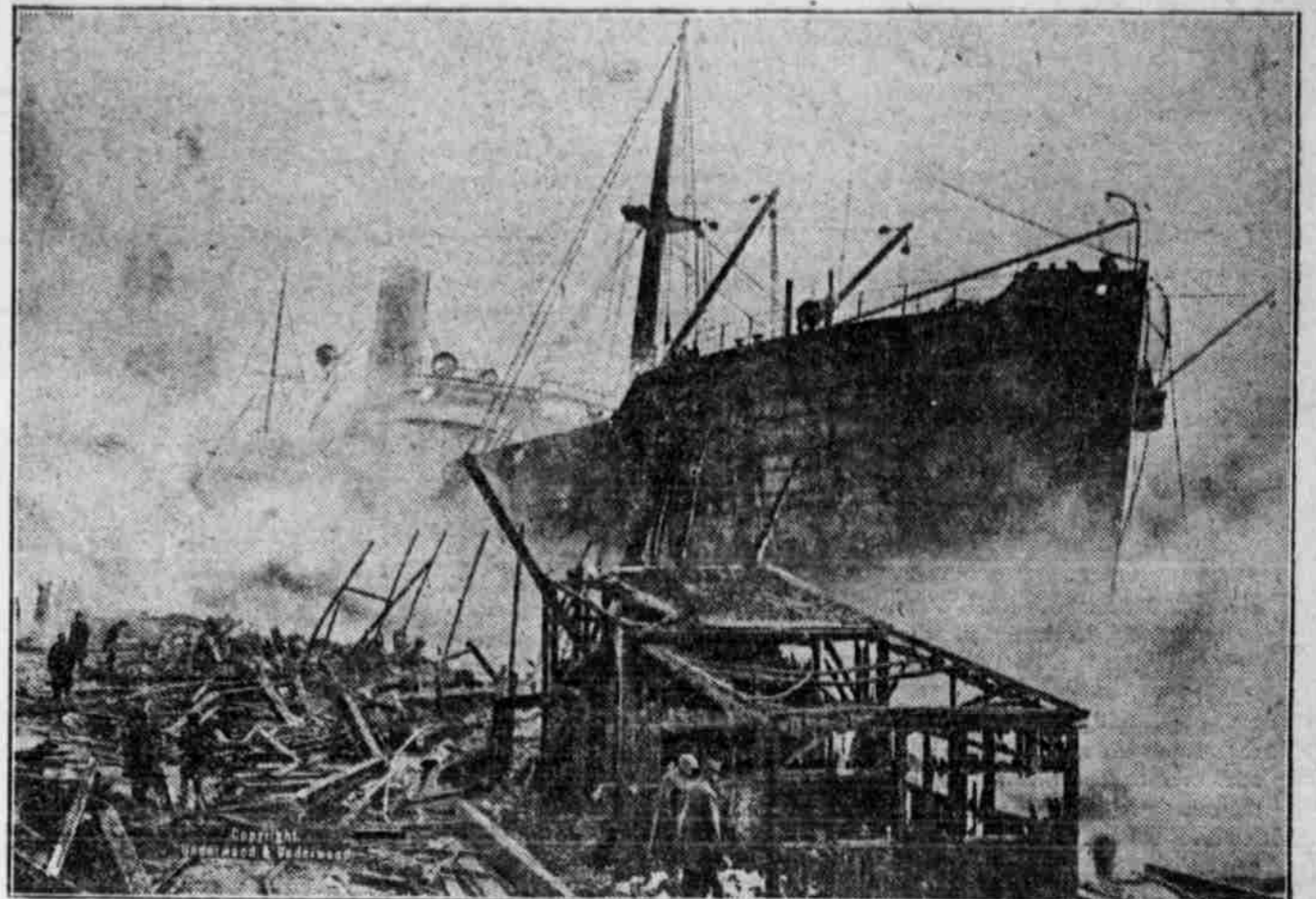
Miners May Sign Up.

Mobile, Ala.—Mine workers are on the point of signing a two-year contract with Ohio, Indiana and Illinois operators, calling for an increase in wages and compliance with their mine run demands. Pennsylvania operators have so far rejected the terms.

Will Send Uninstructed Delegate.

Des Moines, Ia.—Iowa progressives will send an uninstructed delegation to the national convention of the party in Chicago, June 7. This was decided by the state central committee.

STEAMERS AND DOCK BURN AT BROOKLYN



Following a series of explosions, the most spectacular fire of years in Brooklyn destroyed the New York Dock company's 900-foot pier at the foot of Pioneer street, almost destroyed the steamships Bolton Castle, Pacific Castle, and Bollagio, and burned, or partly burned, 37 lighters and barges. The vessels were being loaded with war munitions for the allies. Steamship men figure the loss to be \$4,000,000. The photograph shows the pier and the Bolton Castle on fire.

LATEST AMERICAN AEROPLANE BREAKS SPEED RECORDS



This new military tractor aeroplane, built in Ithaca, N. Y., for the United States government, was driven at the rate of 95 miles an hour by Aviator Frank H. Burnside in a series of flights over a measured half-mile course. With a slight wind at his back, Burnside covered one-half mile in 15.45 seconds. Against the wind he made one-half mile in 20.15 seconds. All of Burnside's times were recorded by J. J. Frawley of the Aero Club of America and forwarded to the New York headquarters of that organization. The machine is equipped with a 135 horse power "V" type motor and is constructed for weight lifting and climbing as well as for speed.

PREFERS HIS WIFE TO A PAGE



Thomas D. Schall of Minnesota, the only blind member of the national house of representatives, has been assigned a page by his fellow members, but prefers to rely on the aid of his wife, who is here seen with him. Mr. Schall said: "There could not possibly be any better or more reliable guide than my wife."

MAJ. GEORGE T. LANGHORNE



The officers of the United States army are watching with great interest to see what will become of the investigation started by former Secretary of War Garrison into the charges that Maj. George T. Langhorne was the bearer of messages from Germany to Captains von Papen and Boy-Ed, the recalled attaches of Germany. At the start of the war Major Langhorne was military attache in Berlin. He was recalled, and, it is charged, brought back letters from German officials to the embassy here.

Marriage Vs. Common Sense.

So many women are annoyed and displeased if their husbands even dare to suggest a fishing, hunting, skating or skiing trip, "with the boys." If they did but realize it, these little separations do more to make home dearer. Short vacations away from each other make husband and wife all the more appreciative of the other's good qualities.

So don't frown on your husband's desire to leave you for a short time. In fact, if he does not express any wish to leave you, you should pack up and leave him for a short visit to friends or relatives. These short separations tend to a long union, while too much and too constant propinquity tends to a long separation. Especially if you feel any signs of a strained atmosphere between you both, if there is a formal politeness, or a disposition to snap at each other, you may know that it is time for one of you to go visiting for the good of your marital relations.

When common sense and good reason live in the same house with a husband and wife, dissension does not as a rule get a chance to raise its head.

SAVING THE SONGS OF THE INDIAN



The United States government is endeavoring to retain for future generations the voice and songs of the American Indians, making phonographic records of the songs, conversation and voice of original inhabitants of America. The photograph shows Mount-in Chief of the Blackfeet Indian tribe singing war songs into a phonograph at the Smithsonian institution in Washington.