

# NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

## DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- April 6-7-8—Convention East Central Teachers' Association at Fremont.
- April 3-4—State Bowling Tournament at Lincoln.
- April 3 to 8—Nebraska "Pure Food Week."
- April 28-29—State T. P. A. Convention at Alliance.
- April 18—Nebraska Primary Election Day.
- April 24-25—Savannah to Seattle Highway Convention at Omaha.
- May 16 to 18—State G. A. R. Encampment at Lexington.
- May 24-25—State Association of Commercial Clubs' Convention at Omaha.
- June 13 to 15—State P. E. O. Convention at Alliance.
- June 13-14-15—Great Western Handicap Tournament at Omaha.
- June 5-6—Spanish War Veterans' State Convention at North Platte.

Fremont horse buyers who have been acting for the European governments declare that notwithstanding the removal of thousands of horses from Nebraska for shipment to England and France, that there remains an apparently unlimited supply. The price is no bigger than it was a year ago. They declare that driving horses of the finest quality are practically valueless, having been crowded off the market by the automobile.

Improvements aggregating \$500,000 will be made in North Platte during the building season of 1916. The largest amount to be expended for any one improvement will be \$100,000 for street paving. Other improvements in the business section of the city will be a \$50,000 hotel, \$40,000 bank building, \$20,000 K. of C. club house, \$15,000 addition to the Elks' home, \$25,000 parochial school and a \$50,000 junior high school.

Material for the fourth unit of the hog division at the South Omaha stock yards is being assembled and the construction work will begin soon. It is expected the work on this section will be completed by September 1. The cost will be close to \$150,000. With the completion of this unit the yard company will be able to take care of hog receipts up to 500 cars a day.

A letter writing day was held at Alliance recently and as a result over 800 school children wrote letters to some relative or friend telling them of Box Butte county and Alliance. The Commercial club furnished a pamphlet to place in each letter and adults as well as the children took an active interest in this novel plan to tell strangers about the possibilities of western Nebraska.

The National Retail Credit Men's association meets in Omaha in August for its annual convention, holding three days. It will bring 300 to 400 members from all over the United States; S. F. Gillilan of Minneapolis is chairman of the board, and E. C. Howell of Denver, secretary.

The Magenu bridge, one of the oldest crossings on the Elkhorn river, has been reopened to traffic, having been closed a year following the floods of last spring. Washington and Dodge counties joined in the expense of erecting the structure which costs \$3,000.

Though scarlet fever has not been entirely eradicated in Omaha, it has been reduced to such an extent that reference is rarely made to the epidemic, which threatened to sweep the city two months ago. The health authorities have the situation under thorough control.

No less than \$20,000 will be the cost of producing the historical parade for Ak-Sar-Ben in Omaha this year, when, with fifty floats and twenty-five groups of soldiers, Indians, cowboys, trappers and scouts; the history of Nebraska for the last 300 years will be represented.

The people of Glenwood Park, Buffalo county, are making an effort to secure a depot and station agent. The population of the town is small, but it is surrounded by a thickly settled farming community. It is on the Union Pacific railroad.

Twenty-two blocks of the residence portion of Kearney, comprising one paving district, will be paved this spring. This makes approximately forty blocks of paving to be contracted for this spring.

Manager William (Ducky) Holmes of the Lincoln Western League club announces the purchase of Shortstop Stevenson from the St. Louis Americans. Stevenson was a member of the Rochester, N. Y., club of the International league in 1915.

Hastings democrats have united on a plan to secure the state party headquarters during the approaching campaign. The central location and unexcelled hotel and railroad facilities are among the advantages claimed for the city.

Alfred Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fowler, of Fremont, is a member of the winning Yale wrestling team that has won the intercollegiate honors this year. Fowler is a senior.

The First Methodist church of Fremont has received forty-eight new members, swelling the membership to 895. This is by far the highest point the membership has ever reached.

At a meeting of the Allen Commercial club a move was started to secure the Burlington Railroad company to put the electric lights and city water in the depot.

The Hotel McCabe, recently completed and furnished at a cost of \$55,000 at North Platte, is now open to the public. The hostelry has fifty guest rooms, twenty-eight of which are equipped with bath. It has every modern convenience and is considered the best hotel in any town of North Platte's population throughout the west.

An extensive program has been mapped out for the twenty-third annual meeting of the southeastern Nebraska education association, which will be held in Lincoln March 29, 30 and 31. The convention is expected to bring between seven and eight hundred teachers and superintendents to Lincoln for the three days' session.

A new clock has been donated by the parishoners of the Sta. Peter and Paul church at Falls City. The clock has three dials five feet in diameter placed on the south, west and north sides of the church tower and can be seen from most any place in the city. It rings the Angelus three times daily and strikes the hours.

Because the bidder was unable to guarantee the material, the Hastings city council surrendered a certified check for \$25,000 to a St. Joseph firm, which was declared the low bidder on eight paving districts for which brick had been specified. Contracts were awarded to another firm.

Sixteen steers, one carload, sold for a gross price of \$2,405 at the South Omaha market a few days ago. The cattle were sold to one of the packers for beef. The shipment came from John Rhudy of Pilger. The cattle sold for \$9.25 per hundredweight.

April 25 has been set as the date of the special election, at which time the citizens of Kearney will be given an opportunity to decide, via the ballot, if they prefer to retain the present form of city government or to accept the commissioner form.

Fully five hundred school teachers are expected to attend the annual convention of the East Central Nebraska Teachers' association at Fremont, April 6, 7 and 8. Arrangements are being made for an exceedingly strong program.

President J. N. Clark of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce declared before a meeting of one hundred business men of the city that twenty-nine state conventions were scheduled for Hastings this summer.

Through the Commercial club an effort is on to secure contracts with farmers in Adams county for furnishing the milk of 1,500 cows to insure the success of a condenser soon to be established at Hastings.

The Kearney Canning factory is contracting for its season's crop of raw material. An acreage of 150 of tomatoes and 600 of sweet corn is wanted. Last year's crop proved profitable to growers.

In the district debate on the subject of preparedness between Mason and Ansley high schools the judges rendered a unanimous decision for the affirmative, upheld by Ansley. The debate was held at Ansley.

All six members of the Nebraska delegation in the lower house of congress voted in committee of the whole against Representative Kahn's amendment to increase the regular army to 220,000.

The Fremont Farmers' Union Co-operative creamery, erected during the past winter, is now in operation. The creamery has a membership of farmers from all parts of the state.

The town of Seward has a Y. M. C. A. with its own building and it claims to be the smallest town in the country with a paid Y. M. C. A. secretary. A year ago the "Y" membership was

A new Elks hall is soon to be constructed by the Grand Island lodge. The building will cost \$40,000 and will be completely equipped for the use of the members.

Articles of incorporation of the Beatrice country club have been filed with the county clerk. The club is incorporated with a capital stock of \$20,000.

A prairie fire which swept a large territory in Lincoln county destroyed much hay, corn in cribs and farm implements. One farmer lost a valuable herd of hogs.

Plans are being made at Alliance for entertaining the several hundred delegates expected to attend the Nebraska T. P. A. convention April 28 and 29.

Ravenna is being organized as a city of the second class. A mayor and four councilmen will be elected in April.

Bessie Peck, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Peck, residing near Amherst, is dead as the result of burns received when, with other children, she was playing about a bonfire which had been built to destroy rubbish.

A shorthorn cattle sale held in Humboldt recently by Rueben and J. L. Harshbarger, consisting of eleven bulls and twenty-nine cows, averaged \$211 per head for the bulls and \$180 for the cows. The bull, Collynie Goods sold for \$500.

Columbus is in the throes of a rejuvenation of its band. It is anticipated that forty or more will be on hand for the summer season of concerts. A saxophone quartet and a drum major are features.

A movement is on foot in Omaha, backed by the Commercial club and other civic organizations, for the establishment of a new Union depot in the metropolis.

A good roads meeting is to be held at Tecumseh April 7. At that time prizes will be awarded for the best roads maintained during the year.

## EXPECTS LONG HUNT

PERSHING THINKS THAT VILLA CHASE MAY TAKE MONTHS.

## HARD TO SURROUND OUTLAWS

Mountain Passes and Trails Give Bandits Advantage.—Troops Can Meet All Emergencies.

Columbus, N. M.—A speedy termination of the American expedition into Mexico is not looked for by General J. J. Pershing, commanding the forces in the field, according to advices received here.

It was asserted that, following a staff conference, General Pershing announced that the people of the United States should not place too much confidence in reports that Francisco Villa, the factional leader, whose command attacked this town several weeks ago, has been baffled, either by the American forces or by Mexican troops. The nature of the country in the vicinity of Namiquipa where Villa is supposed to be, was pointed out, renders it difficult for any force to surround effectually a small band, in the mountain passes and trails offering a means of escape.

While it was understood that General Pershing does not attempt to predict the length of time American troops may be in Mexican territory, it was intimated that the period may extend into months.

Other reports also received from unofficial sources indicated that with (deleted) troops in the field, American military authorities believed a sufficient number of men of all arms of the service have been concentrated at La Ascension, Casas Grandes, Colonia Dublan and other American field points to meet the exigencies of any emergency that may arise. Several thousand negro infantrymen and two squadrons of cavalry, who arrived here from Forts D. A. Russell, Wyo.; Leavenworth, Kan., and Sheridan, Chicago, Ill., during the last few days, are to remain on station here, it was asserted.

The cavalrymen will assist in the border patrol and the infantry will garrison Columbus.

### Three Planes Brought Down.

Berlin.—Not less than three British hydro-aeroplanes, among them a fighting aeroplane, were brought down by German guns on and about the Island of Sylt, during an air raid on northern Schleswig, according to a German official communication. The crews were taken prisoners.

Bombs dropped in the district of Hoyer water gate did no damage, says the statement.

### Says "Interests" Seek War.

Washington.—President Wilson has issued warnings that "sinister and unscrupulous influences" are spreading alarmist reports about the Mexican situation with the object of forcing intervention by the United States "in the interest of certain American owners of Mexican properties."

In a formal statement the president told the people of the United States to be on their guard and not to credit such stories. He urged those who disseminate news to test the source and authenticity of every report from the border, and called attention again to the government's announcement that the sole object of the punitive expedition now in Mexico was to punish Villa and his followers.

### Willard Retains Title.

New York.—Jess Willard successfully defended his title as heavyweight champion of the world here in a ten-round bout with Moran, and but for the fact that he broke open a knuckle of his right hand, probably would have knocked him out. The challenger could not reach the giant Willard with blows that bothered him. The bout went the full ten rounds, but only Willard's injured hand saved Moran from a knockout at several stages.

Willard drew as his share about \$55,100. Moran got \$26,750 and though beaten will probably be more popular than before.

### Six Burn to Death.

San Antonio, Tex.—Six persons lost their lives in the burning of the fashionable San Antonio Country club here, five of the victims being guests at the club, which was the scene of several week-end parties, bringing together a large number of persons prominent in social and business circles of the southwest.

### Sunday Turns Down Dallas.

Baltimore, Md.—The possibility of a Sunday revival in Dallas, Texas is extremely remote. Sunday said a few days ago that he had the city's invitation under consideration, but that his work for the next two years is practically cut out for him.

### Will Abandon Wireless.

San Antonio, Tex.—Wireless communication between Columbus and General Pershing's army in Mexico is to be abandoned as soon as the insulated wire telegraph is established.

## WATER PROBLEM A SERIOUS OBSTACLE FOR PERSHING



The punitive expedition collected all wagons that might serve as water carriers and are taking them with them across the arid wastes and cactus-grown sands of Chihuahua. The picture shows cavalry resting at a stream.

## MACHINE-GUN CAVALRY TROOP IN MEXICO

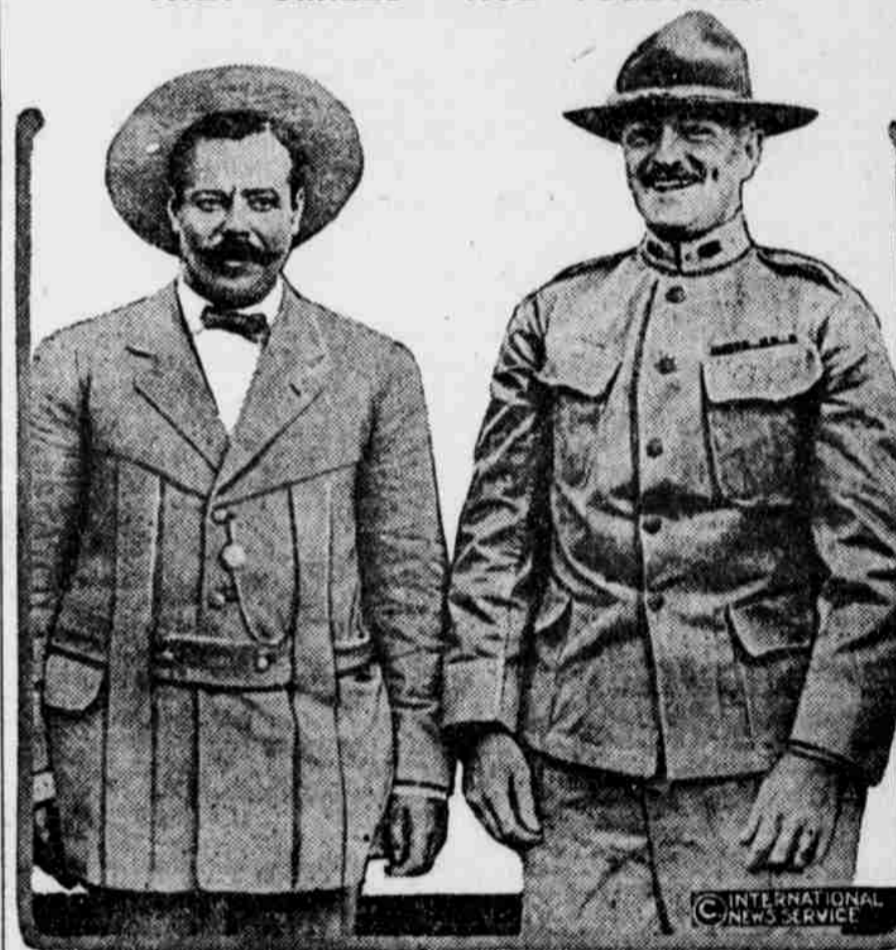


## MAN WHO SAVED MORMONS



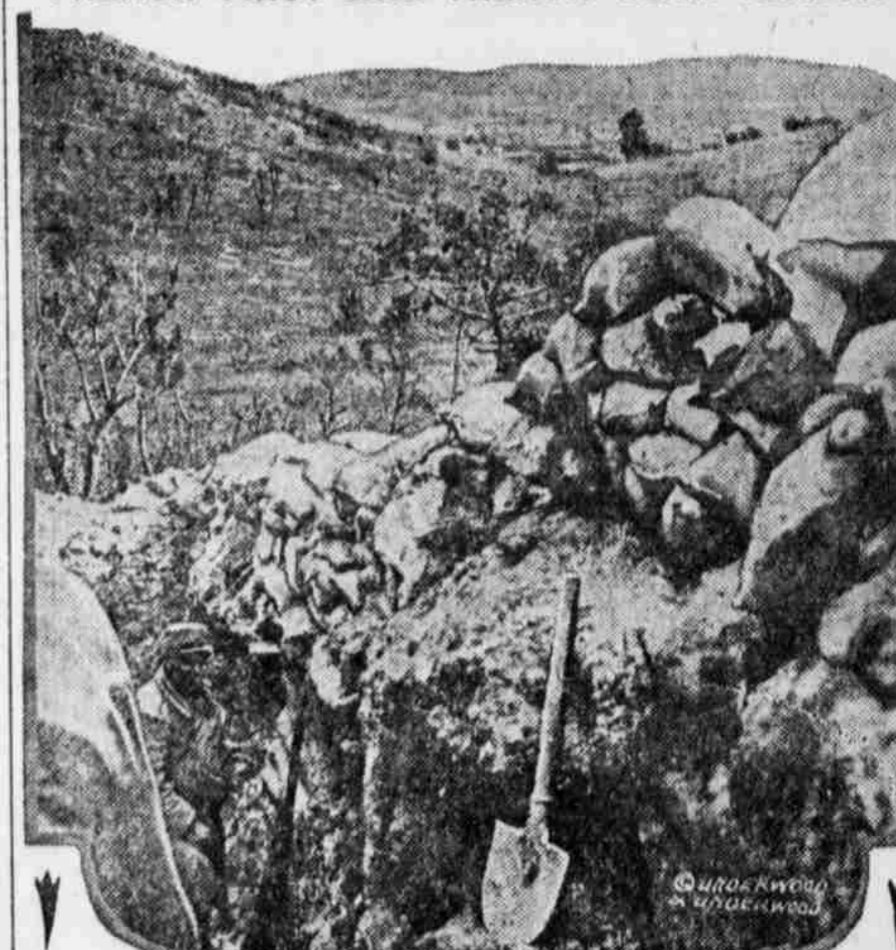
Daniel Hurst, son of Bishop Hurst of the Mormon church at El Paso, who ran the gantlet of the Villa lines and arrived at El Paso from Casas Grandes with the news that 500 Mormons were trapped by Villa. Colonel Dodd's troops made a forced march in record time and rescued the colony.

## THEY SMILED ONCE TOGETHER



When Villa (left) and General Pershing (right) met after Carranza and Villa had defeated Huerta in 1914.

## FRENCH FIRST-LINE TRENCH NEAR VERDUN



This photograph shows an intimate view of a French first-line trench in the Verdun region. This is one of the best pictures taken during the great German offensive. It shows the nature of the country.