

# NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

## DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- April 22—State Letter Carriers' Convention at Grand Island.
- 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 2—Omaha-Lincoln-Denver Good Roads association convention at Lincoln.
- May 16 to 18—State G. A. R. Encampment at Lexington.
- May 15-18—State Dental Society annual convention at Lincoln.
- May 17—Nebraska Bankers' convention, Group One, at Beatrice.
- May 24-25—State Association of Commercial Clubs' Convention at Omaha.
- June 5 and 6—Pageant of Lincoln, presenting "The Gate City."
- June 5-6—Spanish War Veterans' State Convention at North Platte.
- June 12 to 15—Trans-Mississippi Bankers' Ass'n convention at Omaha.
- June 13 to 16—State P. E. O. Convention at Alliance.
- June 13-14-15—Great Western Handicap Tournament at Omaha.
- June 19-20-21-22—American Union of Swedish Singers, West Div., concerts and convention at Omaha.
- June 20 to 24—State Stockmen's convention at Alliance.
- June 21 to 23—Fraternal Order of Eagles, state meeting at Lincoln.

Gould Dietz, Ak-Sar-Ben governor, who just returned to Omaha from a trip to New Orleans and Washington, said the commissioner of Indian affairs in Washington gave him permission to go through various Indian reservations this fall and select as many Indians as he wants for the historical celebration in connection with the Ak-Sar-Ben festival in Omaha next September and October.

That farmers are not worried much over the attempt of the packers to lower meat prices is shown by the large number of feeder cattle sent to the country from South Omaha last month. The feeder cattle output was much larger than during March last year. There were 43,863 head shipped to the country as compared with 41,529 for March, 1915.

Ainsworth is in the throes of an agitation concerning the question of changing time from mountain to central. Long Pine is the end of a division on the Northwestern road, and the company changes time there. Ainsworth is just ten miles west. Thus a part of the people of Brown county keeps one time and a part the other.

Over 600 farmers attended a meeting in Fremont in celebration of the opening of the new co-operative creamery. The farmers have placed milk on sale at 6 cents a quart and have reduced the price of cream and butter below the prevailing market price. The new creamery is pronounced a model of its kind.

With four dead from measles and another case of diphtheria and with seven children suffering from scarlet fever North Platte is facing a serious epidemic. Health authorities have no idea when schools will be re-opened or when the ban on children attending motion picture theaters will be lifted.

A new Catholic church is to be erected in Bridgeport at once. Catholic services have been held at regular intervals ever since the town was established but this is the first effort which has been made to erect a church building.

John Meints, 18, living near Pickrell, was killed when an automobile in which he was riding overturned. Four years ago his father was killed, presumably by robbers, near the O street viaduct at Lincoln.

Bonds in the amount of \$33,000 to construct a sewer in Falls City carried at the recent municipal election by a majority of 124, and bonds for extending the water system won by a majority of 204.

W. S. Delano at Ansley died as a result of injuries sustained in a runaway. He was driving from his farm near Ansley to Arcadia when a cleavis pin became dislocated and the team bolted.

A new record for cattle receipts for the month of March has been established at the So. Omaha stock market. Receipts for the month just ended show 122,936 head of cattle were received. March, 1915, showed receipts of 102,687 head.

The destruction by fire of the old Hutt residence in Broken Bow removes an old landmark. The building was a two-story brick and was built when the railroad came through there by O. J. Coleman, one of the early bankers.

A large number of farmers met at York recently and organized an association known as the York County Agricultural society. The object of the organization is to establish a permanent fair for York county. Ground will be purchased and permanent buildings erected within the next year.

A hundred and fifty Fremont boys and girls have joined the new school gardening club. R. R. Partridge of the high school faculty has been chosen to take charge of the garden classes.

In a letter to the Farmers' association of Madison county, A. G. George, county agricultural agent, brings up the matter of treating oats for smut. "Last year," says the agent, "in 72 Madison county oat fields from all over the county, there was an average of 5 per cent smutted heads. If 1 per cent of smut decreased the yield one bushel per acre, as was the case in Gage county two years ago, the oat yield was decreased five bushels per acre in Madison county last year. The total oat acreage in Madison county last year was 59,000 acres which, if the yield had been increased five bushels per acre, would have been 295,000 bushels. This, valued at 35c per bushel, would have been \$103,250 saved on the oat crop alone." The county agricultural agent concludes by stating that oat smut will only be controlled by every farmer co-operating in this movement to prevent it on his own farm. Directions are enclosed with this circular letter to the farmers for the formalin treatment.

For the first time in the history of Omaha, bank clearings aggregated more than one hundred million dollars for a single month with total clearings of \$114,298,714.28 for March. The previous high water mark was attained in October, 1915, when the total was \$98,352,313.50. For the first three months of the year, Omaha's clearings through its banks show an increase of \$67,223,149 or 27 1/2 per cent. The total for January, February and March, 1916, was \$298,633,741 as against \$231,410,565 last year.

Gasoline now sells at 21 cents a gallon in Lincoln. One Lincoln automobile dealer has expressed the belief that the price will go up to 35 cents, when it will be forced down with a tumble by the auto dealers corporation which is being formed to demonstrate that it can be produced for less money than it is now sold for. He is hoping the forcing down will come quickly.

The new power lines which the International Railway, Light and Power company of Holdrege have been constructing out of Holdrege to the neighboring towns are now in operation and light and power is being furnished Wiscox. Other towns will be supplied as soon as the company receives more transformers from the factory.

In compliance with the proclamation of Governor Morehead that some day last week be observed by Nebraskans generally as "Nebraska Food Products Day," 400 members and attaches of the soldiers home at Grand Island partook of a dinner consisting of all Nebraska-made articles, excepting the sugar and coffee.

Many citizens of Beatrice are agitating the question of calling a special election to vote on the Sunday amusement proposition. The present law prohibits amusements such as band concerts and moving pictures. The promoters desire an amendment making it lawful to permit these amusements on Sundays.

Because the American Beet Sugar Co. is trying to reduce its acreage of 3,600 to 600 in Lincoln county, for shipment to Scottsbluff, the farmers of that county around Hershey and O'Fallons have organized a company for the purpose of inducing capital to build a factory there.

Mrs. Anna Wisner, wife of Henry Wisner, a foundryman, of Fremont was instantly killed when she threw herself in front of a string of box cars on the Burlington tracks at that place. She was dragged about fifty feet before the engineer could bring the train to a stop.

The Buffalo County Sunday School convention, which was to have been held at Ravenna on April 20 and 21, has been transferred to Gibbon. The change in place of meeting was made because of the prevalence of contagious disease in Ravenna at the present time.

While smoking a pipe in bed, Mrs. Abraham Spoon of Springfield, an invalid, set fire to the bed clothing and before help came she was so badly burned that she cannot recover. Her husband had left her but a few minutes, and when he returned the house was on fire.

Mrs. Emma Gueffroy of Beatrice received a message a few days ago stating that her son Adolph, a member of Company L, Twelfth cavalry, U. S. A., had been accidentally shot and killed by a comrade while on patrol duty on the Mexican border near Hatchita.

Residents of Endicott are making a supreme effort to secure a new St. Joseph & Grand Island depot in their town. The present structure is but seven and a half feet high, and the outside dimensions of the building are but ten feet by twenty-four feet.

Several men interested in the employment of a farm demonstrator for Wayne county have been securing signers to a document guaranteeing support, and have met with gratifying results, very few turning down the proposition.

Petitions requesting the government to extend free hog cholera service to the farmers of the south half of Gage county have been placed in the banks at Wymore, Blue Springs, Barneston, Liberty, Lanham, Odell and Beatrice.

The north and south road between Kearney and Minden has been graded. The Lincoln highway between Kearney and Gibbon has been graded and preparations are being made for work on the Kearney to Pleasanton road, where \$10,000 is to be spent for repairs.

## DRYS SCORE VICTORY

TWENTY-TWO WET TOWNS VOTE TO ABOLISH SALOONS.

## 7 CHANGE FROM DRY TO WET

North Platte and Fairbury, Both Big Railroad Centers, Switch to the Prohibition Columns.

A large number of Nebraska cities voted on the wet and dry issue in the local option elections held recently over the state. It was by far one of the fiercest contests in Nebraska's history. North Platte went dry for the first time in the history of the city by a majority of 90 votes. Fairbury, in Jefferson county, went dry by a majority of 100 votes, changing over from the wet column.

Of the 160 towns reporting seven changes were recorded from dry to wet and twenty-two changes from wet to dry.

The wet forces won among other towns Falls City, DeWitt, Newcastle, Hildreth, Tilden and St. Paul, which previously had been dry, while the dry forces have a big string of large cities of Nebraska hanging to their belt. Among these are North Platte, Fairbury, Wahoo, Sutton, Orleans, Valentine, Hebron, Superior, McCook, Beatrice, Bloomington, Sidney, Rushville.

A feature of the contests in many places was that the vote was by an extremely narrow margin, one and two votes often settling the policy of a town for a whole year.

Prohibition carried at Beatrice after one of the heaviest votes in the history of the city had been polled, the drys winning by a majority of 14.

After one of the most strenuous battles in the history of Fairbury between the wet and dry factions, that city reversed its policy and switched to the dry column by an estimated plurality of 100 votes. One vote decided the issue at Sidney in favor of the drys.

Following is a list of towns that voted on the saloon license issue:

- Dry—Allen, Auburn, Aurora, Albion, Alma, Ashland, Arapahoe, Ainsworth, Boelus, Belgrade, Blair, \*Bladen, Bertrand, \*Bridgeport, Benkeleman, \*Bloomington, \*Beatrice, \*Campbell, Central City, \*Chadron, Cozad, Curtis, Clarks, Cotesfield, Culbertson, Clay Center, David City Dannebrog, \*\*Dakota City, \*Dawson, \*Fairbury, Edgar, Exeter, Farnam, Fullerton, Franklin, Friend, Giltner, Gordon, Guide Rock, Gothenburg, Geneva, Genoa, Gibbon, Harvard, Holdrege, Humboldt, \*Hebron, Juanita, Kenesaw, Loup City, Lexington, Laurel, Lyons, Louisville, Mitchell, Milford, \*McCook, Minden, Mullen, Nelson, Newman Grove, North Bend, \*North Platte, Ord, \*Orleans, Oxford, Ogallala, Overton, \*Odell, Ponca, Primrose, Peru, Red Cloud, \*Rushville, Springfield, Sargent, St. Edwards, \*Sutton, \*Shickley, Sumner, Stockville, \*Superior, Stella, \*Sidney, Taylor, Tecumseh, Tekamah, Upland, Union, \*Valentine, \*Verdon, Valley, Wayne, \*Wahoo, Wymore, York, Weeping Water, Wolbach.

- Wet—Amherst, Avoca, \*Bassett, Brady Island, Barnston, Battle Creek, Bancroft, Benson, Bennington, Blue Hill, Bruning, Callaway, Coleridge, Columbus, Crete, Cook, Deshler, \*De Witt, Dodge, Elba, Elkhorn, Farwell, \*Falls City, Florence, Grafton, Greeley Center, Fremont, Grand Island, Herman, Hartington, Hastings, \*Hildreth, Harrison, Hooper, Heartwell, Leigh, Lindsay, Madison, Milligan, Niobrara, Neligh, \*Newcastle, Oconto, Obert, Oshkosh, Papillion, Pender, Plattsmouth, Pilger, Pickrell, Prosser, Ravenna, Scotia, Silver Creek, Schuyler, Shelton, \*St. Paul, Stapleton, Sterling, Seward, Table Rock, \*Tilden, Waterloo, West Point, Wilber, Wisner, Wood River.

\*Indicates change. \*\*Indicates the vote.

Sunday baseball won at the following towns: Silver Creek, Ord, Farnam and Enstis.

A \$50,000 bond issue for a new high school building carried at Plattsmouth. The issuance of \$40,000 intersection paving bonds carried at Fremont, 1,000 to 432.

To Improve Lincoln Highway. Grand Island—Advocates for the expenditure by the city of \$1,500 for surfacing more of the Lincoln highway immediately west of the city and for giving financial support for the band to the extent of \$2,500, both carried.

Manager Plan Defeated. Beatrice.—The manager plan received a decided defeat at the polls, a two to one vote being cast against the proposition.

Votes Bonds for Light Plant. Syracuse.—The main issue here was on the voting of \$16,000 bonds to erect an electric light plant. The result on this proposition was 134 for and 79 against.

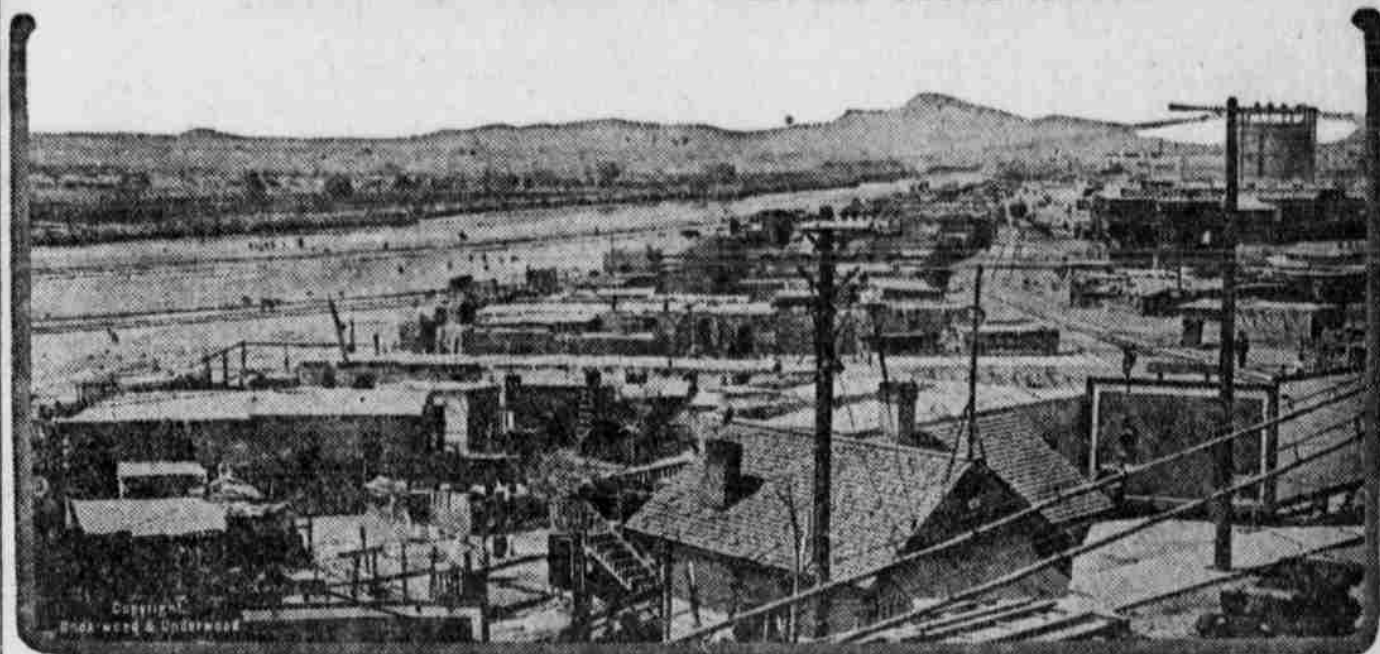
Brown County Goes Dry. Ainsworth.—Ainsworth voted dry by 22 majority. This is its eighth dry year. Long Pine voted dry by 9 majority. This makes Brown county entirely dry for the first time in its history.

## AMERICAN CAVALRY CAMP AT COLONIA DUBLAN



Camp of the Seventeenth United States cavalry at Colonia Dublan, on the line of communication between Pershing's advanced forces and the border. Colonia Dublan is a big Mormon colony, but the Americans there have not been molested by Villa.

## WHERE UNCLE SAM IS KEEPING CLOSE WATCH



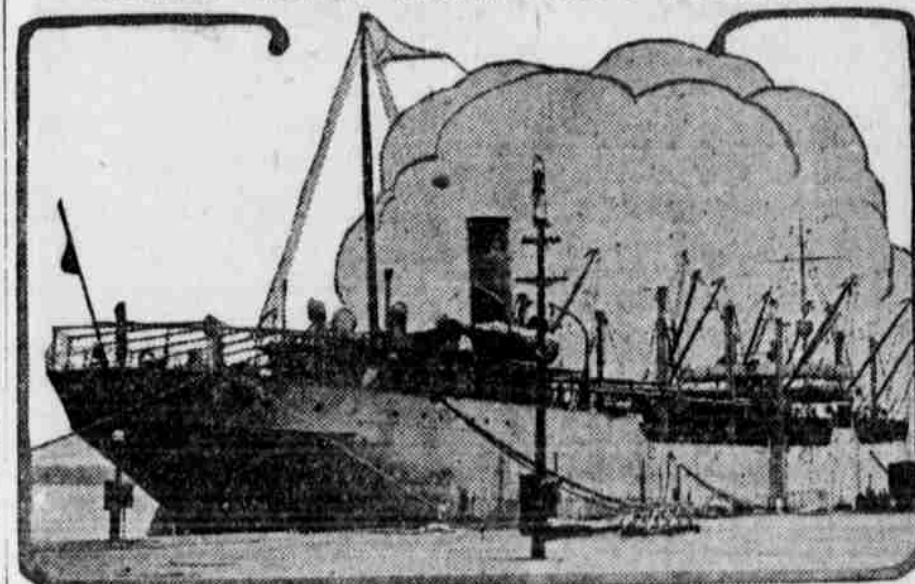
This is Santa Fe street in El Paso, Tex. The view shows the Rio Grande and a part of Juarez, Mexico, in the background. El Paso is on the American end of the International bridge, and being so closely connected with Mexico is regarded as a danger zone. Everyone crossing the bridge from Mexico is searched for concealed weapons.

## AMBULANCE CORPS OFF FOR THE FRONT



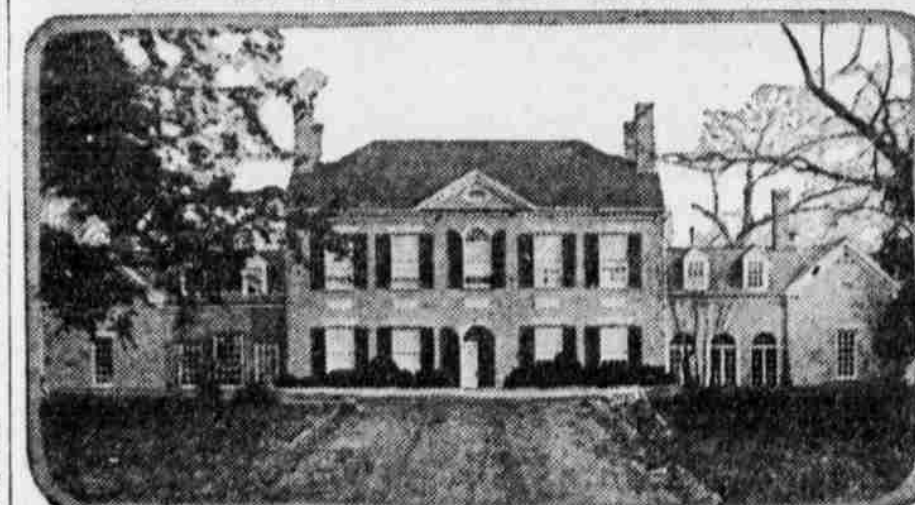
Ambulance corps No. 3 leaving Columbus, N. M., for the scene of operations in Mexico.

## BRINGS HOME UNCLE SAM'S EXHIBITS



The naval collier Mars, the largest boat which has ever navigated the Potomac river as far as the Washington navy yard, has just arrived with the greater part of the government's exhibits from the Pan-American exposition. She left San Francisco January 8 and came by way of the Panama canal.

## MAY BE THE SUMMER WHITE HOUSE



Woodland Mansion, the historic home of Nellie Custis Lewis, may be the next summer White House. The house is only 16 miles from Washington on an excellent road and is one of the favorite stopping places of the president and Mrs. Wilson on their motor rides. They have inspected it thoroughly and appreciatively, especially in view of the probability that the president will be so busy from now until November that he will be unlikely to go far from Washington for a summer rest. The house was erected in 1805. Many improvements have been made on it recently, one of its former owners having been Paul Kester, the playwright.

## BROKE TWO CHESS RECORDS



Frank J. Marshall of New York, chess champion of the United States, recently broke two world's records in competing with 105 of Washington's best players. He won 82 games, lost 8 and drew 15. The former records were set by Fahrni in Munich when he played 100 simultaneous games, winning 55, losing 6 and drawing 39.

## The Touch Pre-Eminent.

"A cozy picture, eh? A man lolling in an easy chair and his beautiful wife leaning over him to light his cigar." "You haven't seen the companion picture to it, have you?" "Why, no." "It's the same man savagely chewing the end of his cigar and writing a check."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## Shy.

An anonymous check for \$500 was received for one seat from someone who merely signs himself Mr. Winter's great admirer.—New York Telegraph.

No wonder paying tellers say their job is hard.—New York Tribune.