

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- April 28-29—State T. P. A. Convention at Alliance.
- April 24-25—Savannah to Seattle Highway Convention at Omaha.
- May 2—Omaha-Lincoln-Denver Good Roads association convention at Lincoln.
- May 13—East Central Nebraska High School track meet at Fremont.
- May 14—Proclaimed "Mothers' Day" in Nebraska.
- 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 23-24-25—State Harness and Saddle Makers' association meeting at Columbus.
- 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 Bakers' 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.

Abraham Vansaver, a packing house employe of South Omaha, on a wager drank twenty-four pints of beer and four dozen raw eggs. An attendant prepared the feast in installments by pouring a pint of beer into a big stein and breaking two eggs into it. Vansaver stowed them away, one after another, and in half an hour had finished the task without leaving his chair. He proposed to tuck two dozen more eggs on the same basis on a \$10 bet, but there were no takers.

A dike twenty miles long and costing in the neighborhood of \$50,000, is a project contemplated by the Elkhorn Valley drainage district. The wall will extend along the east bank of the Platte river in Douglas county and is expected to prevent such floods as happened in 1912, when \$16,000 damage was done to Douglas county roads, also great damage in Waterloo and Valley.

To solve its electric light problem, which has arisen since the abandonment of the private plant, the village of Winnebago is considering the appropriation of the waters of Omaha creek for the purpose of furnishing power for lighting purposes, along the lines advocated by former Representative J. J. McAllister of Dakota City. Arrangements are being made to investigate the feasibility of the plan.

Work is progressing rapidly on Fremont's new hotel. It is to be six stories high and cost nearly \$150,000.

Hastings won its suit in county court to force the Missouri Pacific railroad to pay for the installation and maintenance of electric street lights at all the railway crossings within the city limits. The judgment amounted to about \$300.

The Trans-Mississippi Master Bakers' association, which embraces the four states of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, will hold a four-days' convention in Omaha June 12 to 15. The association will put on a big exhibit of baking machinery, equipment and supplies of every description used by the bakers.

The patrons of school district at Niobrara will hold an election on April 24 for the purpose of deciding on the issue of voting \$17,500 bonds for the district for the purpose of erecting a new modern brick building and installing up-to-date furniture.

The week of August 7 to 11 has been named as tractor week for Fremont this year.

The York Commercial club is agitating the building of a \$25,000 city hall.

A barn on the farm of John Volesky near Barneston, Gage county, was destroyed by fire. A double corn crib, granary and eight head of horses, 4,000 bushels of grain, considerable farm machinery and harness were consumed by flames. The loss will aggregate close to \$5,000.

Officers of the Columbus Commercial club are planning on entertaining the members of the Nebraska Harness and Saddle Makers' association meeting, which will be held there May 23, 24 and 25.

Sealed bids will be received by the board of education at Homer till April 27 for the erection of an addition to the high school building and also for the furnishing of a heating plant.

A contract has been let by the federal government for the construction of a new post office building at Falls City. Work is expected to begin June 1.

A concrete bridge to cost in the neighborhood of \$65,000 is to be built across the Platte river immediately south of Kearney.

The Union Pacific is working out the details for running a dairy special through the counties along the line of the road in the western part of the state. A special of this character was run through Kansas and Colorado last year with great benefit to the farmers and dairymen. The Nebraska dairy special will probably be run early during May and will be out on the road a week. Stops will be made at practically all the towns and lectures and demonstrations will be given by dairy and live stock experts.

The case of Fred L. Tiede against the village of Orchard in which the former tried to have his land excluded from the corporate limits of the village, was tried in the district court, and the request on the twenty-eight acres south of the track was granted, but the three-cornered tract on which the John Stelling house is located was ruled in the corporate limits. The village board voted to carry the case to the supreme court as they believe that the twenty-eight acres rightfully belong to the town.

Fire which broke out in the horse yards of Hilliker, Simpson & Smith at Grand Island last week, contractors for horses for the French and British governments, caused some loss to buildings and a general scare for the section of the city occupied as the yards. Seven hundred head of horses, already the property of the allies, were run out and others led to other corrals, and not an animal was lost. The loss of hay, buildings, etc., amounts to about \$1,000.

Directors of the Fremont Commercial club have voted to loan \$10,000 to President W. H. Clemmons of Fremont college for the purpose of rebuilding the dormitory. The dormitory was destroyed by fire in December. A loss of \$30,000 was sustained by Mr. Clemmons and insurance of only \$11,000 was carried.

Following the recent "dry" victory at the polls in North Platte saloonkeepers are already preparing to quit business. A "fire sale" in one of the saloons has already started, the proprietor announcing in flaming posters that liquors, wines, cigars and other stock will be sold out at cost, since he is "quitting business."

A disastrous prairie fire, aided by hot, dry wind, did much damage in the vicinity of North Loup before it was got under control. Buildings were saved with great difficulty, although much hay was burned. It was the first disastrous prairie fire for several years in the locality.

J. W. Steinhart, president of the Nebraska Association of Commercial clubs, declared while in Omaha a few days ago, that he expected 150 or more of those affiliated with the association to send representatives to the meeting in Omaha May 24-25.

At a meeting of the Dodge county board of supervisors it was decided not to rebuild the old court house at Fremont, seriously damaged by fire last December. The board plans to put up an entirely new building to cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

Preparations are being made in Omaha for the convention and musical festival of the western division of the American Union of Swedish singers, which will be held June 19 to 22. A very large attendance and a very successful festival is anticipated.

The Rialto Realty company of Omaha announces the purchase of 150 acres of land near the village of Ralston for the purpose of building a motion picture city. The deal involved \$500,000. Work on the huge project has already begun.

A committee of the Mitchell Community club is working to gain for Mitchell the next sugar factory. There are about 60,000 acres of irrigated land in the vicinity, about 25 per cent of which is now available for raising sugar beets.

Professor Knorr of the government experiment station at Mitchell reports the appearance of an alfalfa army worm which works in the crowns of the alfalfa and cuts the new sprouts. There is fear that the first crop may be damaged considerably.

A movement has been started by citizens of Madison for a new hotel and it is certain that it will be constructed during the summer.

More than 2,000 carloads of material will be shipped to Hastings for use in the eleven miles of new paving, on which actual work has started.

Sewer bonds to the amount of \$19,000 were voted at Ainsworth recently.

Members of the Elair library board received word that the Carnegie library commission has granted the request for a \$10,000 library building for the city. Plans for the building will be immediately drawn and a location secured.

Thirty-eight gallons of poison for gophers were sent to about 600 farmers in Gage county recently by Farm Demonstrator Libers. The gopher clubs recently organized in the county propose to make war on the pest for the next few months.

Miss Elizabeth Graham of Cozad has entered a contest being conducted by an Omaha newspaper to secure an attractive brunette for the ingenue role in Chandler Trimble's \$100 photoplay, which the paper is to produce in the Metropolis this summer.

Plans are being prepared for a new home by the Masonic lodge of Bridgeport. The building will be a two-story brick affair.

Ten new bridges have been ordered by the board of supervisors of Gage county.

FRIENDS TURN FOES

AMERICAN TROOPS LED INTO A TRAP BY CARRANZAISTS.

TWO U. S. CAVALRYMEN SLAIN

Major Tompkins Reports Parrel Incident Regular Organized Action. Mexicans Report Villa Dead.

San Antonio, Texas.—It was a force of Carranza's soldiers who engaged the little detachment of American cavalry at Parral April 12th in a regularly organized action, according to a detailed report written by Major Frank Tompkins and forwarded to General Funston by General Pershing. Forty of the Mexican soldiers, including one major and one civilian, were killed by the retreating Americans. The American casualties were two killed and six wounded, including Major Tompkins. His wound was slight.

Major Tompkins' story of the fight indicates lack of control over the troops by the commanding officer of the Parral garrison, General Lazano, and bitter antagonism by the public and troops. The fighting took place outside Parral and was continued over a route of eight miles to Santa Cruz, northeast of Parral on the railroad.

Major Tompkins arrived outside Parral on the forenoon of April 12 with two troops, M and K, of the Thirteenth cavalry. Reduced in numbers the total of these two companies is approximately 100 men. The report that unarmed men went into Parral appears to have been erroneous.

He admitted that he did march his small detachment quite openly along the trail into the city, where they were met by General Lazano, who received them most graciously. The civil authorities arrived and joined in the courteous reception of the major and his troops. The incident appeared to be progressing without unpleasant features. General Lazano and the civil authorities discussed with Major Tompkins the question of camping sites, he and the local officials deciding on one just outside the city, to which Major Tompkins was directed.

Major Tompkins entered the town upon the invitation of an officer of the Parral garrison. He stated that the officer met him ten miles from Parral, introduced himself and urged him to accept the hospitality of the military and civil authorities. This fact, coupled with Major Tompkins' report of the subsequent attack, caused officers here to express the opinion that he and his men had been deliberately led into a trap, although perhaps not with the knowledge of General Lazano commanding officer.

Bandit Villa Reported Dead.

Mexico City.—Villa's dead body has been dug up out of a two weeks' old grave by Carlos Carranza, nephew of General Carranza, the first chief of the Constitutionalists, according to information received by the war department.

Villa's death was due to the amputation of one of his legs, made necessary by wounds received by him in the fighting around Guerrero. After being desperately wounded he was carried by his followers to the town of Temocachic, where the amputation was performed by a village doctor.

As soon as the bandit chief could be moved he was carried south to the town of Cusuhuirachic, thirty-nine miles distant. Here, according to the story, he lingered for a few days, suffering greatly before death ended his career.

Germany Sees No Break.

Berlin.—In spite of pessimistic reports from English sources, officials are confident there will be no breaking of diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States. The foreign office considers the cases of the four freighters closed by the German reply. Germany, however, is willing to meet the United States half way and do everything in her power to avoid a crisis with respect to the channel packet Sussex. Though officials refused to give any intimation of Germany's course, it is understood the foreign office will give careful consideration to any evidence the United States may submit regarding the Sussex.

British Barbers Boost Prices.

London.—The Hair Dressers' guild has announced that hereafter shaves will be raised from 4 to 5 cents and the price of hair-cutting from 8 to 10 cents. Scarcity of labor is the cause.

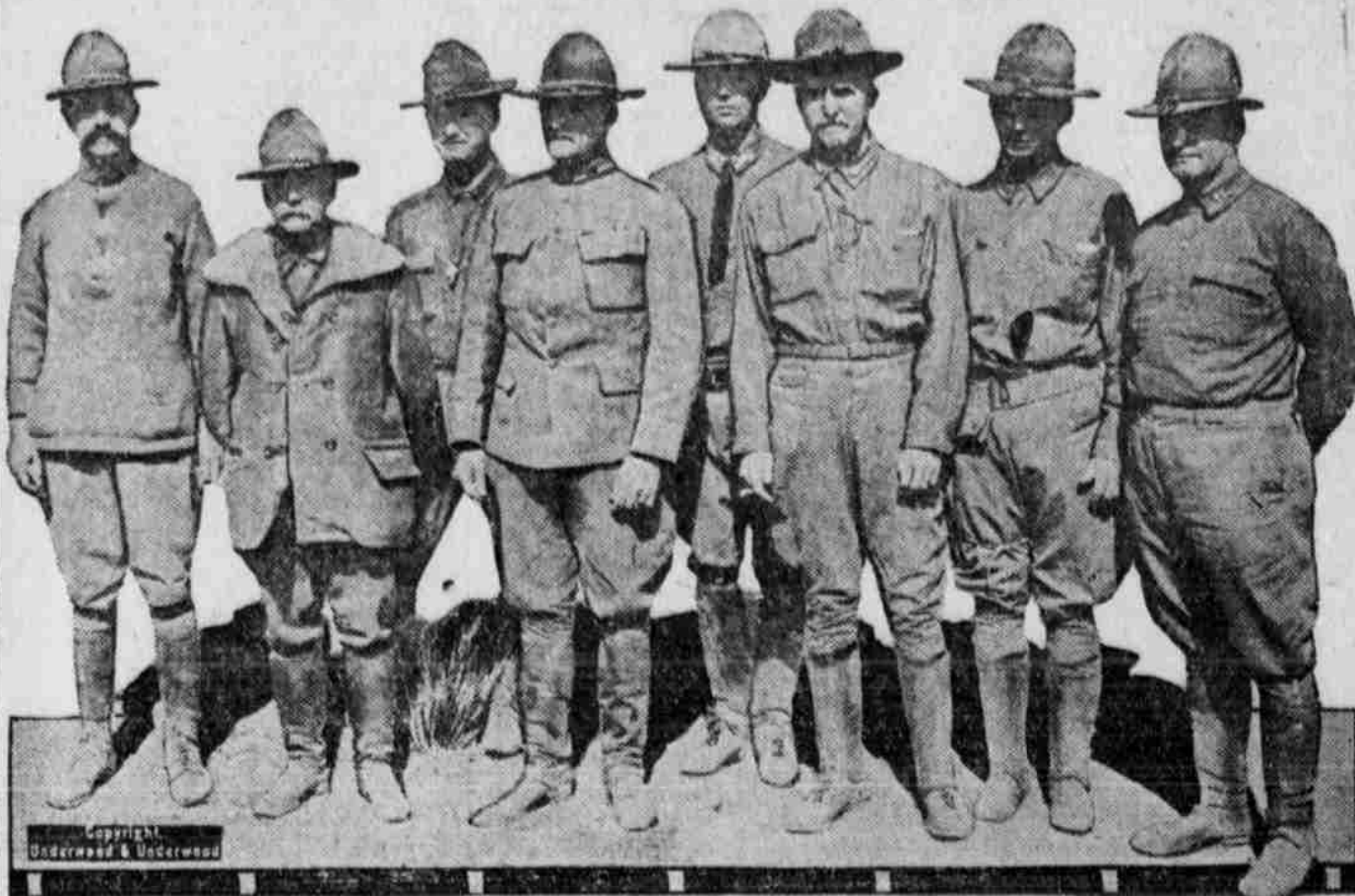
Dump Beer into the Ocean.

Seattle, Wash.—Twelve thousand quarts of beer seized by the police, who found it stored on a scow moored in the bay, recently, were dumped into the bay by policemen and firemen. This is the largest seizure under the prohibition law.

Kills Brother During Quarrel.

Lincoln, Neb.—Hubert Deardoff, 39, shot and instantly killed his young brother, Jeremiah Deardoff, on the farm owned by their mother, a few miles west of here during a quarrel.

GENERAL PERSHING AND HIS STAFF



This photograph of General Pershing and his staff was taken at one of the camps in Mexico. Left to right are: Col. L. G. Berry, Fourth Field artillery; Col. De R. C. Cabell, chief of staff; Lieut. M. C. Schollenberger, personal aid to General Pershing; Gen. John J. Pershing; Lieut. George S. Patton, aid; Maj. J. I. Hines, censor; Maj. J. B. Clayton, chief of medical officers; Capt. W. B. Burt, assistant chief of staff.

AFTER A GERMAN AIR RAID ON SALONIKI



Carrying away on a stretcher a soldier of the allied armies who was wounded by a bomb dropped during one of the raids on Saloniki made by German airmen.

GOLDEN FLIER OF SUFFRAGE



This little yellow suffrage automobile, containing Mrs. Alice S. Burke (right) and Miss Nell Richardson (left) of the National American Woman Suffrage association, has started on the 15,000-mile tour that it is to make in the interest of votes for women and the national suffrage demonstrations in Chicago and St. Louis on June 7 and 14. From the midst of a storm of daffodils, a swarm of "movie" cameras, and a waving, enthusiastic crowd of suffragists, the "Golden Flier" left New York.

OLDEST CAPITOL GUARD



Frank G. Jones is the oldest guard at the United States capitol. The only man now in congress who was sitting in the national assembly when Mr. Jones donned the uniform of a capitol guard forty years ago is "Uncle Joe" Cannon. It was Mr. Jones who lowered the flag over the capitol to half mast at the assassination of President Garfield and twenty years later he had the same sad task to perform after the assassination of President McKinley. He was the only guard on duty in the senate end the night Frank Holt, demented German sympathizer, exploded a bomb in the senate reception room, directly over Mr. Jones' desk. He is sixty-three and became a guard with the first Democratic congress after the Civil war.

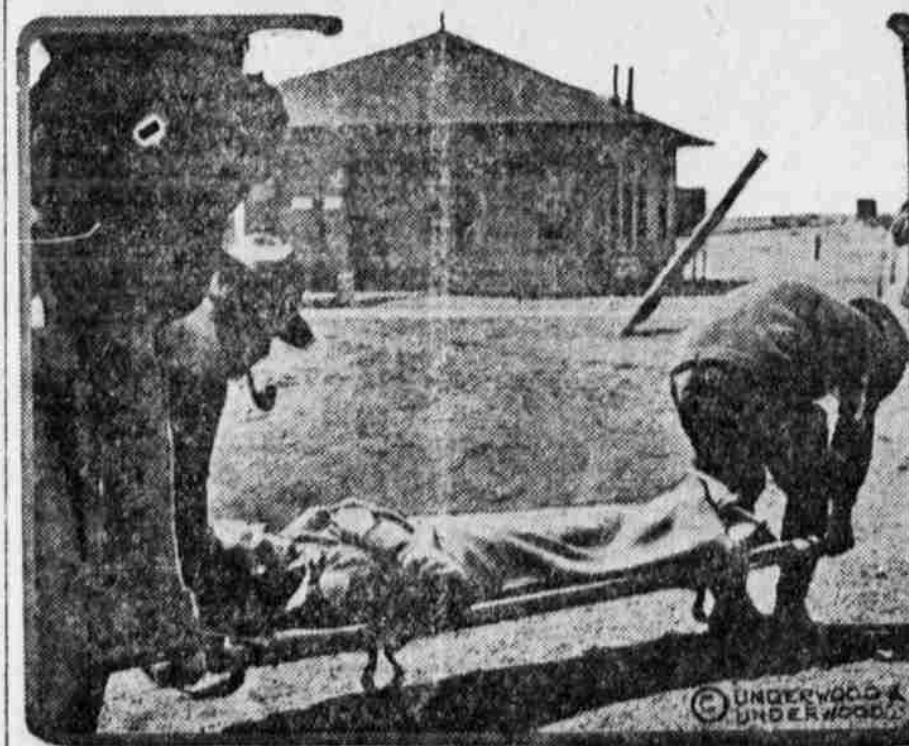
Neglected Discussion.

"There's one good thing about the war."
"What is it?"
"We don't hear so much about the high cost of living as we used to."
—Detroit Free Press.

A Roland for an Oliver.

"Why do you women insist on going to bargain sales to get something for nothing?"
"Why do you men go to the poker clubs to try the same thing?"

BROUGHT BACK SICK FROM MEXICO



A. S. Gilmer of the Sixteenth infantry being removed on a stretcher at El Paso, Tex., after having traveled 75 miles over the sandy Mexican desert in an auto ambulance. He was one of the first of the American soldiers to succumb to the trying climate of northern Mexico.