

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- 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 13-14-15—Annual convention of Nebraska Elks 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.
- July 25—Nebraska Democratic convention at Hastings.

"It pays to advertise. Printers' ink is the best investment that can be made." Adopting this as a motto, Rev. Robert White of the North Platte Presbyterian church has nearly doubled his church attendance and has largely increased the contributions to his church since he took up the pastorate four months ago. Shortly after his arrival in North Platte Rev. White began to do things that never before had been heard of in North Platte church circles, and seldom in the state. On the billboards around the city began appearing striking posters, seven by nine feet, inviting residents to go to church.

While playing with a .38-caliber revolver, Clarence Hall and Leonard Harris, ages 10 and 12, of Falls City, were both injured by a single accidental discharge of the weapon. The bullet penetrated Hall's left wrist, then went through the fleshy part of the Harris boy's hand and through both his legs without striking a bone. Medical attention was summoned.

William E. Morris, an Omaha bricklayer, died a few minutes after being hit by a motorcycle driven by police officer Steven Thrasher on one of Omaha's busiest corners. Scores of pedestrians, who saw the accident, declared Thrasher was running at a high rate of speed, some placing the speed as high as fifty miles an hour.

Because paving assessments will soon be made against the property, the Burlington railroad has offered for sale the State league baseball park at Hastings and given notice to the local association to remove its equipment in thirty days. A movement is under way to buy the park and keep it as a public playground.

Hugh Atkinson, of Lincoln, is the best judge of horse flesh among the sophomore animal husbandry students of Iowa State college. He proved it by coming out high man in the contest at Ames for the Wayne Dinmore horse judging medal. Dinmore is an Ames graduate, now secretary of the Percheron Society of America.

President Wilson has selected J. R. Cooper to be postmaster at Holdrege.

The Desher Commercial club members attended a session of the Hebron club recently and conferred regarding an east and west auto road. It was decided to start a movement for a road to extend through the southern tier of Nebraska counties and to be known as "The County Seat Highway."

The North Platte Chamber of Commerce is making things hum. In a two days' membership campaign 206 business and professional men joined the association, giving \$4,391, and it is hoped to run the membership up to 500 and have the budget of \$7,000.

Final arrangements for the meeting of the Trans-Mississippi Master Bakers' association, which will be held in Omaha, June 12 to 15, 1916, have been completed. This organization is made up of bakers of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

A lively wrestling match was held at Ord recently in which Keown of Scotia threw Kinney of Spalding in twenty-one minutes. Kinney got the second fall in one hour and twenty-one minutes. It was the best match ever seen in Ord.

Work has been resumed on Fourth street paving at Fremont. This marks the resumption of extensive paving operations which were abandoned when cool weather set in last winter.

A shipment of hogs sent to the South Omaha market by August Person of Bertrand, just recently, sold for \$9.65 per hundredweight.

Another advance on farm, implements, due to scarcity of steel, has been ordered, according to information coming to several implement dealers in this territory.

Figures made out in the Omaha Clearing House association's offices indicate that Omaha bank clearings this year will pass the billion-dollar mark, the first time in the history of the city. With the clearings for the week ending April 29 at \$20,797,711.47, a gain of \$3,685,012.67 over the corresponding week a year ago, it developed that the April clearings probably will total \$92,000,000, and bring the total for the first four months of the year to \$390,000,000.

Attendance at the democratic national convention in St. Louis will mean something to W. J. Bryan. It was stated at Lincoln recently by some of his friends that he had signed a contract to "cover" the gathering for a newspaper syndicate. "If the convention lasts a week it will mean \$10,000 to Mr. Bryan. If only a matter of a few days, it will mean about \$2,000 a day, as I understand it," one of Mr. Bryan's close friends said.

Exalted Ruler Harwood, Secretary Miner, Charles Reese for Omaha lodge, and C. D. Beaton, chairman, Gould Dietz, E. Buckingham, G. F. West, C. E. Black, F. W. Judson and E. F. Bralley for the state association, have secured financing and have outlined an extensive program for the Nebraska Elks' fourth annual meeting and first annual reunion at Omaha June 12-14.

The 15-year-old son of A. L. Hodge, living northwest of Crawford, was badly injured at the Hodge ranch, near Glen, when a piece of cheese which he had picked up at the dinner table, exploded, lacerating three fingers and destroying his left eye. It is thought a nitroglycerin bomb had been concealed in the cheese, by whom and for what purpose, no one knows.

Nebraska railroads in conjunction with those elsewhere, have inaugurated a "safety first" movement that has been designated as an "anti-track walking crusade," the idea being to educate people to keep on the public streets and the wagon roads instead of walking the railroad tracks.

While lighting a fire with kerosene a few days ago at his home near Hyannis, Ray Yauney was seriously burned when the kerosene exploded. He ran 100 feet and jumped into a tank of water. He then saddled a horse and rode five miles to town. He was badly burned about the face and legs, most of his clothes being burned off.

Contracts have been awarded at Hastings for the building of a new home for the Sunnyside home for old folks at \$120,000 and an addition to the Clark hotel at \$70,000. Work on both projects is to begin at once.

Kearney landed the State Letter Carriers' convention for 1917 at the recent meeting of the association at Grand Island.

While raking corn stalks Henry Ernestmeyer, a young Hamilton county farmer, was the victim of a runaway team. The team pulling the rake teeth became unmanageable, dragging teeth and driver through a barbed wire fence. When found, Ernestmeyer was unconscious, with many cuts about the head and two fractures of his legs.

Convict labor probably will be used upon the Savannah-Seattle highway, which was established last week by the George Washington National Highway association, organized in Omaha recently by delegates from cities all the way from Seattle, Wash., to Savannah, Ga.

The "Win One" campaign, started by fifty-two of the fifty-seven churches in Omaha last November, resulted in 2,716 additions to the churches, according to reports now in. The campaign ended Easter. The goal set was 3,000 new members.

A hog which weighed one thousand pounds and was six feet in length, brought \$78.20 on the South Omaha stock market just recently. The porker was shipped in by M. Benedict of Hoskins.

Citizens of Kearney engaged in a special election a few days ago and turned down the proposed contract of the local power company to pump the city water by a vote of 3 to 1, and also adopted a commission form of government.

Four school districts of Riverdale plan to unite and establish a rural high school. This will be the first township in Buffalo county to take up the project.

The new \$8,000 Methodist church at Ponca has been dedicated. The building is of brick, 40x60, with a full basement.

A street preacher from Sioux Falls, S. D., was "egged" in the main street at Morse Bluff a few nights ago. The preacher was delivering a tirade which is supposed to have reflected seriously on certain local conditions, when he was attacked.

Fourteen men have been signed by the North Platte Baseball association for this year and will report for duty May 10. North Platte will have one of the fastest teams in the state again this year and again expects to be a contender for the semi-professional championship of Nebraska.

For the second time in eighteen years Columbus was selected for the meeting place of Group 2, Nebraska Bankers' association at the recent business session in Fremont. The meeting will be held some time in May.

Material for the reconstruction of the million dollar Union Pacific bridge over the Missouri river between Omaha and Council Bluffs is arriving daily. The steel will start coming early in June. Men are now at work putting in the false work.

HUMANE SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED

CHURCHES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY BEHIND MOVEMENT.

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, SELECTED

Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Designate Week of May 15-20 to Further the Cause.

May 21st is to be observed by hundreds of churches throughout the United States as Humane Sunday. At this time clergymen are being urged to preach sermons on the subject of kindness, particularly as it concerns children and animals. The movement is under the direction of The American Humane Association of Albany, N. Y., which is prepared to send out a large amount of literature dealing with this subject. A most valuable leaflet has been prepared for clergymen which may be had on request.

The week of May 15-20, inclusive, will be known as Be Kind to Animals Week by Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. During this week every effort will be made to emphasize the economic and moral value of treating animals humanely. Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls are co-operating to make the movement a success. Work horse parades, common dog shows, illustrated lectures and the distribution of humane literature are a few of the special plans laid out by the local societies.

The anti-cruelty movement is making very rapid progress throughout the United States. There are now 562 anti-cruelty societies, a slight gain over last year. These organizations handled cases involving 212,215 children and 2,394,721 animals during 1915.

Negro Town a Success.

Birmingham, Ala.—After several years' struggle against heavy odds, including local unsympathetic sentiment and gloomy predictions of failure by white people of neighboring towns, Hobson City, the only municipality in the United States with one exception which is wholly populated and conducted by negroes, has won its battle by demonstrating that it is a pronounced success.

When the plan to found an exclusively negro town in the south was proposed, scarcely any white people in the Anniston district, where it is located, dreamed it would work out. But the negroes were not discouraged and went ahead. Now Hobson City is firmly established as a progressive town and governs itself successfully both in a financial way and in law enforcement and observance.

Back in 1900 this exclusively negro town was started by a band of negroes who obtained a charter and incorporated. The population shows a gain of 150 per cent. No man without employment is allowed to stay in the town. Either a job is found for him or he is required to move away.

The town has four churches with a combined membership of 700, a good public school with 250 pupils, a dozen progressive stores, water works, electric lights, police and sanitary departments, a well built jail and a governing board elected every two years. It is the only town in the state that is out of debt and has money in the treasury. More than half the citizens own their own homes. Some of its residents produce within a stone's throw of the town limits from \$800 to \$1,500 worth of cotton and other farm products, besides large quantities of vegetables and fruits.

Hobson City's governing board consists of seven councilmen, a mayor and four other municipal officers, including a chief of police. Every resident of the town is a negro.

Closes Baltimore Campaign.

Baltimore, Md.—The eight weeks' revival conducted by the Rev. Billy Sunday came to a close Easter Sunday in a magnificent manner. And Baltimore, that great last day, saw 96,000 people at the five services. These 96,000 brought Baltimore's total for the great campaign up to nearly a million and a half people who heard the evangelist.

From the million and a half people there came more than 23,000 trail hitters, 1,843 of them on the last day, 944 of them at the last service. Baltimore's committee believes that the free will offering to Mr. Sunday will show as large a figure as did Philadelphia. Philadelphia's was \$51,000.

"Home Run" Baker and six other New York American league club ball players hit the trail.

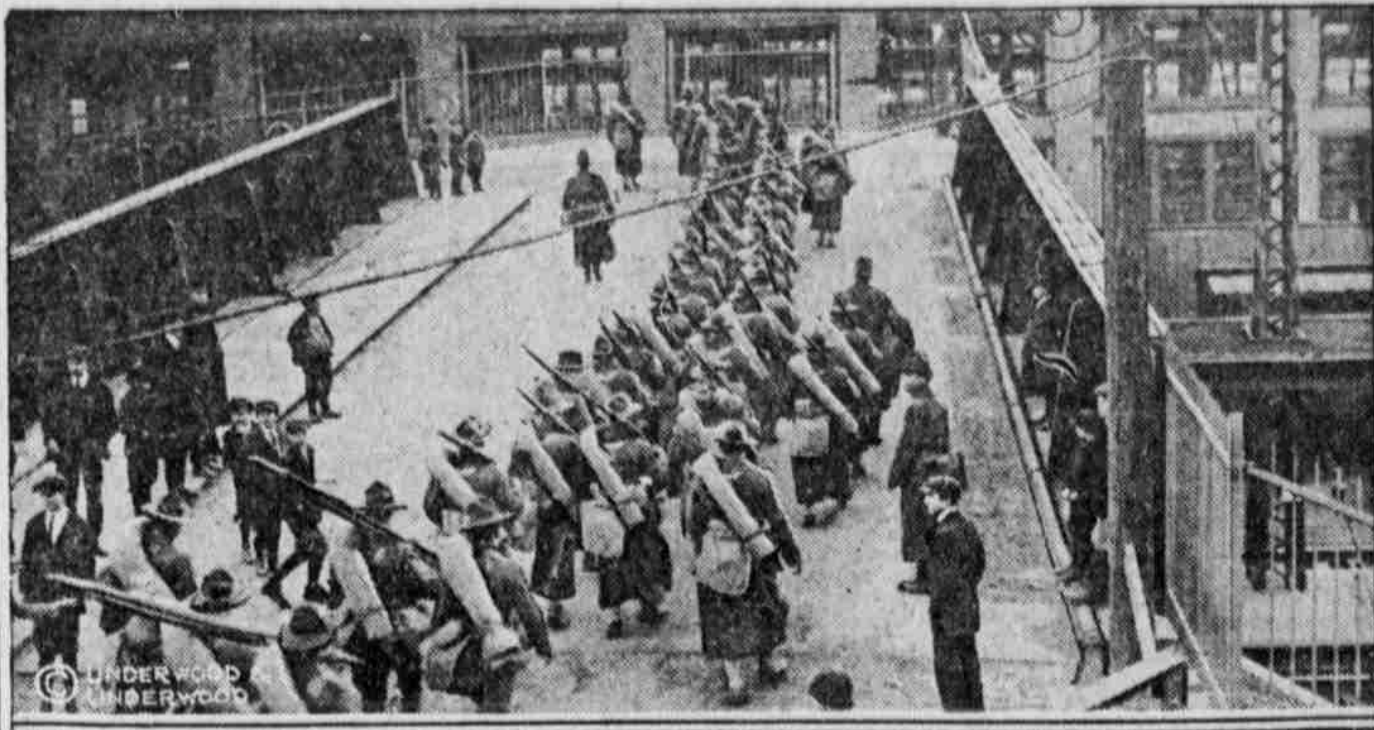
Many Sheep Killed.

Grand Junction, Colo.—Thirteen hundred sheep were shot by raiders near the Mesa-Delta county line, according to reports reaching here. The sheep belonged to R. E. Baker, who is said to have had frequent clashes with cattlemen over the use of the range.

Orders Inspection of Ships.

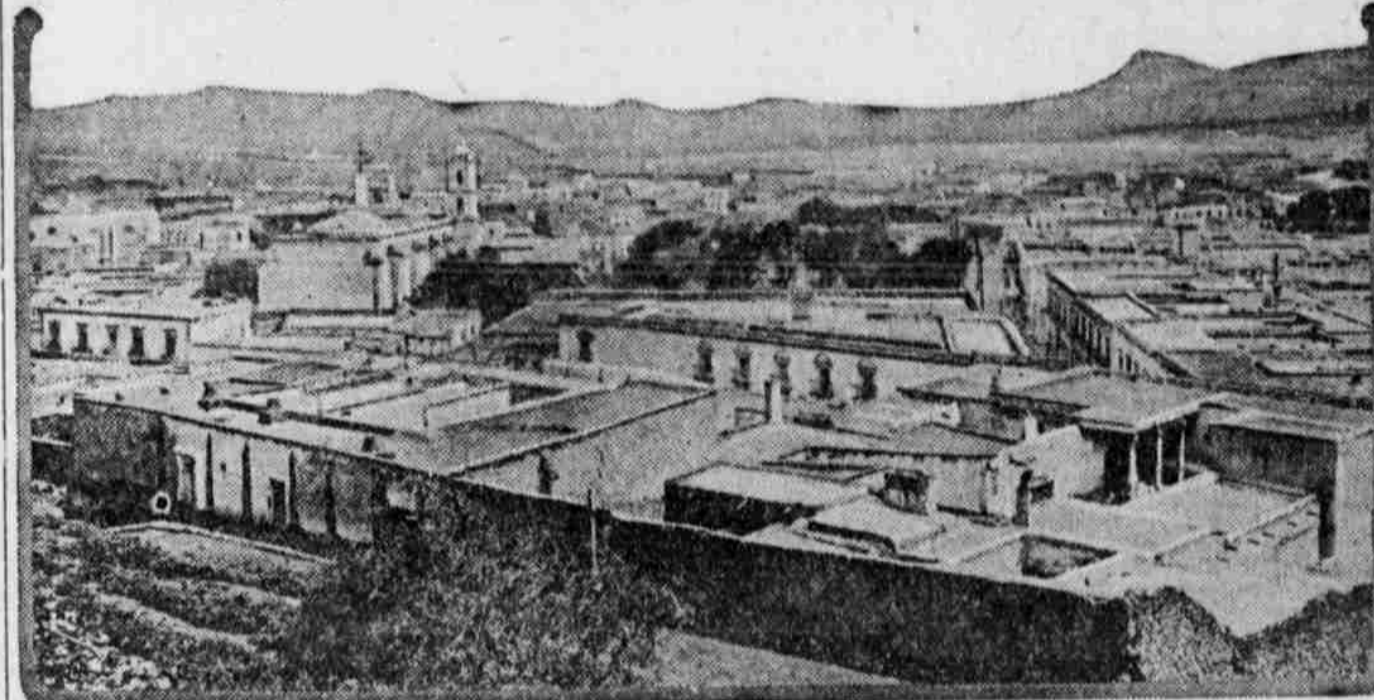
Vallejo, Cal.—Orders have been received at the Mare Island navy yard directing an inspection and survey of all privately owned vessels in this district that might be available in war.

MILITIA GUARDS PLANT FROM STRIKERS



Militia of the New York National Guard crossing a bridge at Hastings-on-Hudson to enter and guard the plant of the National Conduit and Cable company, because of the fight between the strikers, former employees at the plant, and the directors, who refuse to advance the wages of the men.

PARRAL, WHERE MEXICANS ATTACKED U. S. TROOPS



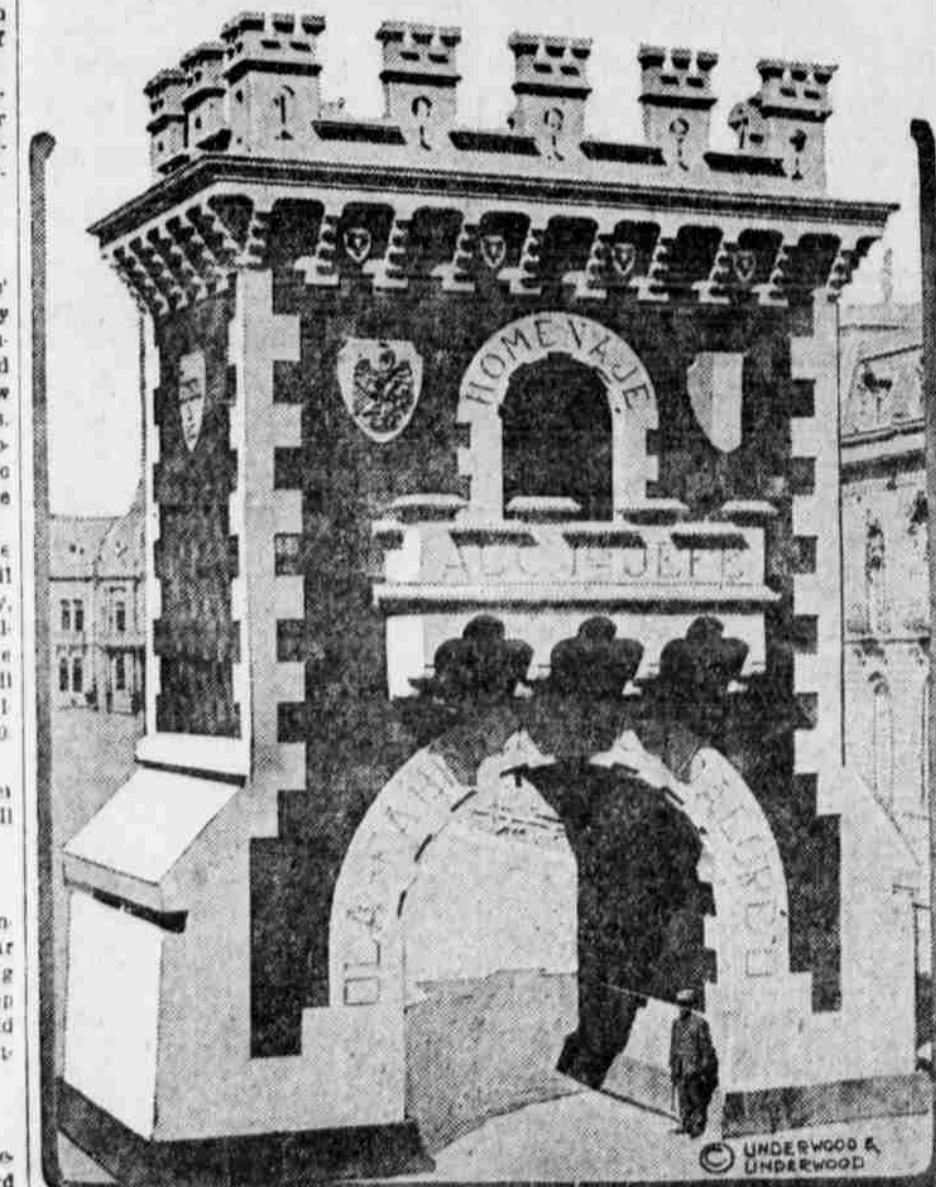
View of Parral, the city into which the American troops under Major Tompkins were invited by Carranzistas and then treacherously attacked by the garrison and citizens.

PREPAREDNESS IN SAN FRANCISCO



Preparedness seems to be getting a good start in San Francisco, judging by this photograph of the cadets of the Polytechnic high school at drill in Golden Gate park. The boys are fully equipped and are trained daily by Maj. James R. Watson.

CARRANZA ARCH IN MEXICO CITY



Triumphal arch erected in front of the war college on the principal plaza in Mexico City, in honor of the visit of General Carranza. The inscription on the balcony reads: "Homage to the First Chief."

COUNTESS SONIA SIKORSKA



Countess Sonia Sikorska of Warsaw, a young and beautiful widow and the daughter of the present governor of Kielce, landed in San Francisco the other day. Though the Germans shot her ancestral castle to pieces, she saved a wonderful collection of family jewels.