

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- June 5 and 6—Pageant of Lincoln, presenting "The Gate City."
- June 6-7-8—State Undertakers' Convention at Hastings.
- 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 13 to 15—Nebraska Pharmaceutical Convention at Hastings.
- 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.
- July 3-4-5—Mid-Summer Race Meet at Kearney.
- July 5 to 8—State Golf Tournament at Omaha.
- July 10-11-12—Northwestern Hotel Men's Association Convention at Omaha.
- June 28-29—International Auctioneers' Association Convention at Omaha.

City commissioners of North Platte have let a contract for twenty-five blocks of vertical fiber brick paving to be laid this summer. The contract price totals approximately \$104,000.

William Jennings Bryan is not going to the democratic national convention as an alternate from Nebraska, nor as a delegate from any other state, according to an announcement made in Lincoln.

The encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Lexington, was the greatest affair of the kind ever held in the state. It is estimated that 12,000 visitors were in attendance. Columbus secured the encampment for next year and won out over Hastings and Wayne by a good-sized majority.

Another discovery of a technical error has just been made at Hooper with the result that another six weeks' delay will be necessary before the saloons can legally open. This time it has been found that the new ordinance drafted hurriedly by the Hooper council is defective in several particulars.

The biggest flag day ever attempted among the Elks will be the feature of the Nebraska convention, which will be held in Omaha, June 12, 13 and 14. Thursday, the 14th, is the national flag day of the organization. All Elk lodges in Nebraska are urged to send delegations.

The farm management association of Dawes county has purchased a load of dairy cattle for the use of the dairymen of the county, which consists of forty-one head of high-grade Holsteins to be sold to the farmers without profit for the betterment of their dairy herds.

One hundred thousand yards of dirt are to be removed from the roads of Otoe county during the next twelve months, according to plans of the county commissioners, who have just let a contract for the year's grading.

Ralph Conyer, formerly of Excelsior Springs, Mo., died at Mitchell as the result of injuries received when he lost control of a motorcycle on which he was riding. He was thrown on his head.

Paving that will cost the city of Lincoln a quarter of a million dollars has already been ordered this spring. A total of 97,000 square yards has been authorized and most of it contracted for.

Ord held a special election just recently to decide the liquor question. Four hundred and fifty votes were cast, the drys winning by a majority of eighty.

The people of Creighton have just voted a liberal bond issue for the purpose of building a city hall that will be a credit to the town.

The big lumber sheds of J. Shumway & Son at Lyons, were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

A week's campaign against the dandelion at Fairfield brought in a total of 1,200 bushels.

An amateur baseball league, which will embrace Kearney, Shelton, Elm Creek, Riverdale and other towns, has been established in Buffalo county. A schedule has been arranged to date from June 1, after which two games per week will be played.

It is reported that J. H. Morrison is to remodel his building that has been used for a saloon for years, at Superior, and make an up-to-date moving picture and vaudeville theater of it, giving Superior two moving play houses.

Marion B. Stahl of West Point won first, Louis Wirt of South High school, Omaha, second, and Nellie M. Schwab of McCook third in the ninth annual contest of the Nebraska High School Debating league at Lincoln.

Hastings lost 105 families until November, recently, when a special train left for Scottsbluff with those who annually work in the beet fields in that section.

The village of Syracuse, in Otoe county, has issued \$16,000 in bonds to build a municipal electric light plant.

The development of potash and its by-products will soon be one of Nebraska's chief industries, a pure article having been found at Hoffland, near Alliance, which necessitates little else than pumping, boiling and drying to make the best portion ready for the refinery, after which the finished article brings the heretofore unknown price of nearly \$500 per ton. The outlook in the potash lines seems to bid fair to be as important in Nebraska as the oil industry in other states. Nearly 100 men are employed in the plant. New residences and business buildings are going up in the little city at a most remarkable rate.

In a sweeping decision in the district court at Kearney, Judge James Hanna of Grand Island, sitting in place of Judge Hostetter, denied an injunction against the mayor and city council of Kearney, to restrain them from paving the city streets. He declared the constitutionality of the law passed by the last legislature providing for paving and assessing in cities of the first class. His decision directly affects over \$1,000,000 worth of paving improvements to be laid this summer in Kearney, Beatrice, Columbus, Fairbury, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Nebraska City, North Platte, Plattsmouth and York.

If present plans of the state executive board of the Seventh Day Adventist church are carried out Hastings will be made the location of one of the most important denominational schools in the state. The school is preparatory in nature and it is expected will start with an enrollment of 100 students. The first building to be erected will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

Nebraska's crop of winter wheat will total 59,341,000 bushels this year, according to the estimate of the United States department of agriculture, based on the condition of the wheat May 1. Last year the winter wheat crop of Nebraska amounted to 65,618,000 bushels. The condition May 1 last year was reported as 99 per cent, while May 1 this year it was 89 per cent.

Ray Wiggins, veteran engineer of the Rock Island railroad, and his 6-year-old son were drowned a few miles from Fairbury, while attempting to cross a creek. The stream, ordinarily nearly dry, was swollen to a torrent by heavy rains. The little boy fell into the water, his father dived after him and both were swept away.

A. C. Watson of Plainview was on the South Omaha market a few days ago with a load of beef steers, averaging 1,403 pounds, that sold at \$9.50, the extreme top of the year to date. This is also the highest priced bunch of cattle ever sold in the month of May at the South Omaha market.

The woman's annual metropolitan golf championship tournament will be staged at Omaha on the links of the Omaha Field club, July 10, 11, 12 and 13. The woman's tourney will follow immediately after the Nebraska state event, which will be held at the same links July 5, 6, 7 and 8.

In a high school track meet held at Superior, with Superior, Hardy, Edgar, Nelson, Hebron, Scandia and Republic City, Kas., contesting, Superior won first place with 36 points.

Joe Stecher of Dodge and Strangler Lewis will meet in the wrestling ring in Omaha on July 4.

Three cartloads of postage stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards were received by the Omaha postal authorities just recently, to fill the needs of the Omaha office for the ensuing quarters. This consignment is valued at little less than \$500,000.

More than fifty crack gunners from all parts of the state will go to Norfolk June 4 and 5, the dates of the first annual registered tournament of the Norfolk Gun club.

Sunday baseball can now be played in all parts of Dodge county as the result of action taken by the county board of supervisors at Fremont a few days ago.

Fremont was chosen as the meeting place for the Omaha Association of Congregational Churches in 1917, at the closing meeting of the convention at Uehling.

Hastings is to have a public market, operated and managed by boys in the agricultural department of the city schools.

At a special election held at Holbrook the electric light issue carried by a majority of twenty-five votes.

Talk of secession of five western counties of Nebraska on the grounds that the eastern part of the state is not in sympathy with the west in the fight for water rights, has been brought to Lincoln by a prominent attorney, who is interested in various water cases.

Plans are being laid for the ninth annual encampment and reunion of all Spanish War veterans to be held at North Platte June 5 and 6. There will be a camp fire, dance, rifle shoot, auto rides and banquet.

The town of Stella in Richardson county will hold a special election May 29th to vote on a proposition to issue \$8,000 in bonds to build an electric light plant.

The Civic Improvement League of Columbus is giving prizes every month for the best flowers produced in the gardens and on the lawns of the city.

County boards of Platte, Butler and Polk counties are making an effort to secure a state-aid bridge across the Platte river south of Columbus next year.

SWEPT BY TORNADO

KEMP CITY, OKLAHOMA, WIPED OUT BY TWISTER.

NINE KILLED AND MANY HURT

Considerable Damage Done By Storm in Iowa.—Cyclone Visits Holbrook, Nebraska.

Denison, Tex.—Nine persons were killed and thirty-eight injured and Kemp City, Okl., eight miles east of Denison, was wiped out by a tornado which swept a path three-quarters of a mile wide and five miles long in the Kemp City section.

Twelve business houses, a two-story hotel and sixty residences were demolished in Kemp City. This was the second time in recent years that the little town of 300 inhabitants has been visited by a tornado.

Eight of the dead were killed in the town, while the other victim, a child, was killed in the collapse of its father's home just across the Red river, in Texas.

Most of the injured were caught in the collapse of buildings or while trying to reach storm cellars shortly after the storm broke.

Des Moines, Iowa.—A tornado swept across central Iowa late Sunday afternoon doing considerable damage. All the outbuildings of the Jasper county poor farm near Newton were wrecked and the roof was torn from the main residence buildings.

Houses, barns and live stock were swept away by the storm at Burrell, a mining town, nine miles north of here. The house of George Forbey, a miner, was lifted fifty feet in the air and carried 100 yards down the hill. The house was wrecked, but Forbey escaped injury.

Holbrook Damaged. Holbrook, Neb.—A Saturday night about 6:30 a cyclone visited the vicinity twelve miles southwest of Holbrook and demolished several farm houses and barns. Many went to the caves as soon as they saw the cloud approaching and escaped. No lives were lost.

Damage at Yuma \$150,000. Yuma, Colo.—Estimates on the damage caused by a tornado which struck this town place the loss at approximately \$150,000. Many buildings were completely wrecked. Several persons were injured, but none seriously.

Pershing Inactive. San Antonio, Tex.—With the arrival on the American side of Colonel Sibley's little force, that rescued Jess E. Deemer and Munroe Payne, who were taken prisoners in the recent Glenn Springs raid, and chased the border raiders 145 miles into Mexico, General Funston's command of nearly 50,000 men are awaiting developments.

That portion of the army under General Pershing in Mexico has become as inactive as the remainder of the big border force, and so far as army officers know the period of comparative inaction will be unbroken, unless the initiative is taken by Mexicans.

More Troops Being Withdrawn. El Paso, Tex.—There is evidence here that the movement out of Mexico is well under way and that the Punitive expedition of General Pershing is withdrawing steadily. It is stated in army circles here that the Sixteenth infantry, one of the first organizations to enter Mexico, has begun its withdrawal to the United States, together with the Tenth cavalry. It will be at least a week before the Sixteenth regiment can reach Columbus. The Sixth cavalry has reached Columbus and has already been distributed at border points.

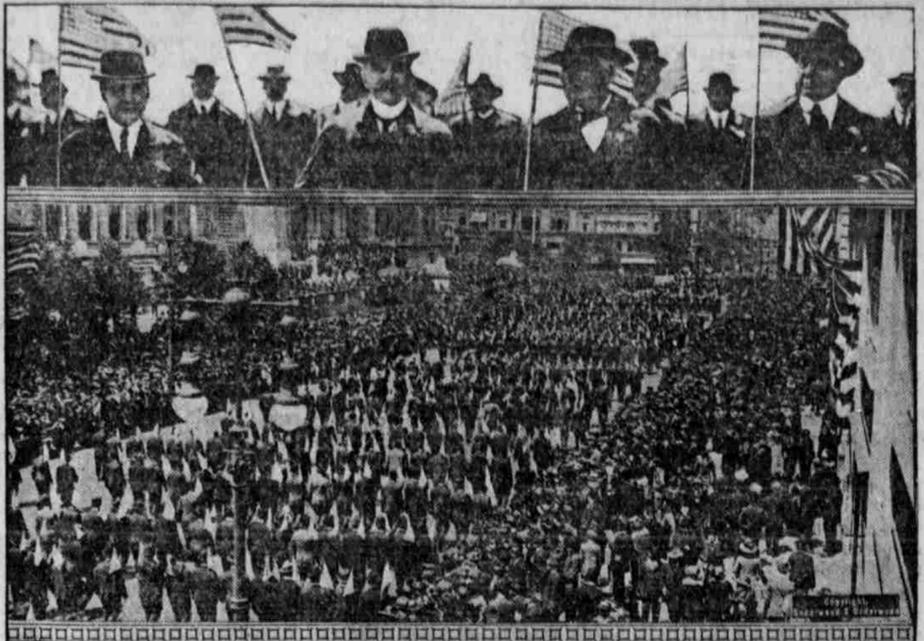
Find Statue, Missing 70 Years. Dubuque, Ia.—After a search of seventy years, a bronze group by Francis Girardin, "The Rape of Proserpine," has been located here, the property of Mrs. Oliver P. Shiras, widow of the late Federal Judge Shiras, one of whose relatives brought it from France years ago. The Metropolitan art museum of New York is after it, and also the French government, but it will not be sold until appraised by experts.

Russians Join British. London.—The Russians have accomplished in part one of their main objects in Asiatic Turkey—the joining of hands with their British allies fighting against the Turks on the Tigris river. Coincident with the arrival, comes a report that the Turks have evacuated Bethalessa, their advanced position on the right bank of the Tigris, and also have lost to the British their Dujallam redoubt.

Suffragists Will Sell Peanuts. Chicago.—To help defray the expenses of their convention, members of the national suffrage organization, will sell peanuts at the Chicago National league baseball park until the opening of the convention, which is to be held here July 5, 6 and 7.

Says Cymric Wasn't Torpedoed. Berlin.—The White Star liner Cymric was sunk by an explosion of her boilers and was not torpedoed, was the assertion made by a member of her crew, reaching Amsterdam.

MONSTER PARADE OF PREPAREDNESS ADVOCATES



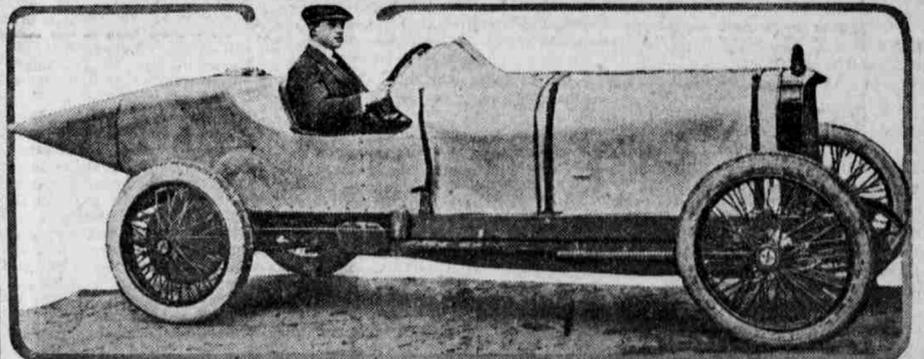
The great preparedness parade of 150,000 men and women in New York photographed as it was passing the public library. Above, left to right, are Thomas Robins, Peter Cooper Hewitt, Thomas A. Edison and W. L. Saunders of the naval advisory board who took part in the impressive demonstration.

FIGHTING THE IRISH IN DUBLIN



This photograph, taken during the actual fighting in Dublin, shows a machine gun section firing upon the rebels from behind a barricade in the southern part of the city.

FROM THE TRENCHES TO THE SPEEDWAY



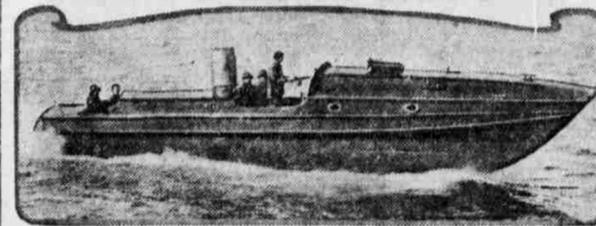
Josef Christians, here photographed in the English Sunbeam car he brought for the international sweepstakes race at the Indianapolis speedway May 30, has been in the military service of the entente allies ever since the war began. First he was in the trenches, but later entered the aviation corps and won medals for bravery. He is a Belgian.

RE-ENFORCEMENTS FOR GENERAL PERSHING



Infantry re-enforcements on their way to join General Pershing's command in Mexico.

FASTEST OF CRUISING MOTOR BOATS



Sea-sled cruiser making 34 miles an hour in the waters about South Boston. In the turnout trials of the patrol scout squadron this little cruiser outdistanced the fleetest boats of the squadron by an easy 14 miles, and proved to be the speediest cruising motor boat in the world. The boat is owned by Milton C. Wilson, and is equipped with 300 horse power. It is finely appointed, having sleeping berths, clothes closets, buffet and all accommodations of a modern launch.

CHICAGO Y. M. C. A. HOTEL



This is the big Y. M. C. A. hotel that has just been dedicated in Chicago, the first of its kind in the country. It cost \$1,500,000, the money being donated by the business men of Chicago.

In the War of Words.

"You must admit that I have done some deep thinking."
"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum; "you submerge all right; but you don't launch intellectual torpedoes that land on anything."