

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

Sept. 4 to 7.—Nebraska State Fair at Lincoln.
 Sept. 11-15—Southwest Nebraska District Fair at Maywood.
 Sept. 12-16—Central Nebraska Fair at Grand Island.
 Sept. 13.—Annual Convention State Federation of Labor at Fremont.
 Sept. 13 to 15—Old Settlers' reunion at Mitchell.
 Sept. 17-22—Women's Christian Temperance Union annual convention at Omaha.
 Sept. 26-Oct. 7—Ak-Sar-Ben Fall Festival at Omaha.
 October 2 to 7—National Swine Show at Omaha.
 Oct. 3 to 6—State Federation of Women's Clubs convention at Hastings.
 October 11-12—State Meeting Grand Lodge Degree of Honor at Lincoln.
 October 17-20—I. O. O. F. State Convention at Lincoln.

Electric light bonds to the sum of \$4,000 received almost unanimous endorsement by the people of Burchard, Pawnee county, at a special election held in the village last week. The bonds will be issued and sold at once and work begun on the electric light system.

The building of the new \$20,000 Burlington depot at Columbus has commenced. The structure is to be one of the best in Central Nebraska.

Forty floats have been completed for the Ak-Sar-Ben electrical parade during the fall festival, September 26 to Oct. 7, at Omaha.

Contract has just been let for a new \$20,000 theater in Columbus. It will be a fireproof structure and will be one of the best and most up-to-date theater buildings in this state, 44x100 feet. Preliminary work has already begun.

Word has been received in Central City that the United States treasury department has accepted the site donated by Heber Hord for a public building to be erected there, located at the southeast corner of Sixteenth avenue and Sixteenth street.

Miss Dorothy Ellsworth, 24 years old, whose fiance, Shirley Fossler, a Lincoln newspaper man, died in that city, ended her life there by swallowing carbolic acid. Remorse over Fossler's death is believed to have been responsible for the act.

One of the elevators of the Farmers' Equity Exchange at Jansen, collapsed last week, scattering about 4,000 bushels of wheat and about a thousand bushels of corn over the ground.

While the three children of Albert Estler, a rancher residing east of Harrison, were playing on a hay rake the clutch slipped and almost tore two fingers and half of the hand from little Robert.

A young man of North Platte was prosecuted for hauling two beef carcasses in a wagon without being covered to protect them from flies, dust and dirt. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

E. T. Griggs, caretaker for the Carter Lake club, and Frank Musco, Italian laborer, were overcome by sewer gas in the club sewer pumping station at Omaha, fell into the water and were drowned.

Work is being pushed with vigor on the new Platte river bridge at Kearney. In an effort to finish the structure this year the contractors are keeping up operations twenty-four hours a day.

The board of directors of the York Y. M. C. A. has adopted a resolution eliminating from their reading rooms such papers and periodicals as contain liquor and cigaret advertisements.

The new federal land bank board will hold a hearing in Omaha about September 18 to consider this city's claim to one of the twelve district banks.

There are 38,592 children of school age in Omaha. Last year 29,763 pupils were enrolled in the schools, 1,795 of them being in the night high school.

Contract is to be let in the very near future for the construction of a three-story brick school building at Giltner.

Work on Havelock's new \$25,000 school building is expected to begin in the next few weeks.

In spite of adverse conditions and the payment of \$1,500 to Madam Schumann-Heinsk for a single program, the Hastings chautauqua, held just recently, paid all expenses. The chautauqua will be continued another year.

Nebraska hunters, who were eagerly watching for a month's additional shooting of game birds in March, may be doomed to disappointment, Federal Game Warden R. P. Holland of Kansas intimated during a visit at Lincoln recently.

The Union Pacific railroad has decided to lay a switch for the purpose of hauling coal to the Hastings electric light and water works plant, for lack of which the city has paid out about \$25,000 in transfer charges.

E. D. Beach of Lincoln was elected chairman of the republican state central committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jesse C. McNish of Omaha.

September 7 has been set as "Omaha day," at the Nebraska state fair at Lincoln. Several thousand Omahans will attend.

The board of county supervisors of Burt county has let the contract for the erection of the new \$75,000 court house to be built at Tekamah. Burt county never had a county building of its own, as the present shack was donated to it by a few Tekamah citizens. Because of strife between the west and east sides of the county no agreement could ever be reached for a suitable county building, despite the fact that the county valuation is over \$50,000,000.

"Nebraska has the best wheat in the world, and an abundance of it," was the assertion of General Manager Frank Walters of the Northwestern railroad, while discussing business conditions at Omaha recently. "Our freight traffic is heavier than ever before, and shows no sign of letting up. The wheat crop is wonderful, and all eyes are on Nebraska."

Rev. Billy Sunday, the famous evangelist, delivered anti-liquor addresses last week at Grand Island to an audience of 7,000, at North Platte to over 4,500 people, and at Omaha to an assemblage estimated at close to 9,000. His audiences in every case pledged itself to fight to make Nebraska a "dry" state this fall.

The Kearney canning factory has started its machinery and the regular run has now commenced. Everything is in tip-top shape for the season's work and a good run is expected. The factory has over three hundred acres of sweet corn contracted for and also one hundred acres of tomatoes, but much more can be handled.

One thousand prize-winning Chester White hogs will be shown at the National Swine Show at Omaha, October 2 to 7. F. L. Barber of Harlan, Ia., a member of the board of directors, has reserved space for that many hogs. In addition he made hotel reservations for eighty-five breeders, who will come from every state in the union.

C. N. Nichols, a farmer residing near Wauweta, threshed ten acres of wheat that yielded 517 bushels. He has 300 acres in wheat and has just completed threshing 160 acres that averaged 35 bushels. The ten acres were especially prepared as an experiment.

The automobile display at the Nebraska state fair at Lincoln, Sept. 4 to 7, is going to exceed anything ever before seen in this state, is the opinion of Secretary Mellor. The largest dealers have engaged all available space and additional facilities are needed.

The \$1,750,000 "good roads" bond issue voted by the people of Douglas county at the recent primary election was declared invalid by District Judge Leslie in a decision handed down at Omaha. He denied the proposition had received a legal majority of votes cast. An appeal will be taken.

The annual Southwest Nebraska District fair will be held at Maywood September 11 to 1. General Superintendent W. P. Withrow of the fair association has made arrangements with several tractor companies to be at Maywood during fair week with exhibits.

Gage county swine breeders have organized the Gage county hog cholera control association, the purpose of which is to prevent the spread of the plague in the county.

Three young men of North Platte were fined \$105 and costs, fine and costs to be split by the trio, by County Judge French, for shooting prairie chickens out of season.

A special election has been called for September 12th by the city council of Chadron to vote on a \$15,000 bond proposition for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a city hall.

The official government report of rainfall at Oshkosh for the past four months shows the following: April, 1.08; May, 2.69; June, 1.60; July, 2.57. Making a total of nearly eight inches.

The York Electric and Gas Co. was transferred to the Public Service Co. of Delaware, according to a mortgage filed with the register of deeds in the sum of \$1,000,000.

Recent rains have so changed sweet corn conditions that the management of a Hastings cannery announced that its factory will soon be opened.

The Masonic order of Alliance has just let a contract for the rebuilding of their home in that city. The work will cost about \$15,000.

Merchants of Pickrell and stockholders of the Farmers' Elevator of the town will hold a joint picnic on September 14.

Work has commenced on the new church building being erected by the newly organized Nazarene congregation at Beatrice.

When Mrs. Anna Towle, postmistress at South Bend, opened the office the other morning she discovered that \$100 had been stolen from a waste-paper basket she used in lieu of a safe. The thief had not disturbed the stamps.

A petition signed by 750 voters of Beatrice has been filed with the city commissioners asking that the present ordinance which prohibits Sunday amusements be so amended that it will permit Sunday moving picture shows.

Miss Edna Work, assistant principal of the Hastings high school, has accepted the position of assistant principal of the State Normal school at Chadron.

The construction on the new \$50,000 high school building at Plattsmouth will be commenced early next week. It will be one of the finest school buildings in eastern Nebraska.

A pure seed exhibit will be one of the features of the coming state fair, at Lincoln, Sept. 4 to 7. An exhibit in charge of a competent seed expert will be placed in one of the buildings.

FAVORS WITHDRAWAL

FUNSTON MAKES KNOWN VIEWS ON MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

HIS OPINION WAS SOLICITED

Stand Taken by the General Will Have Decided Affect On Coming Commissioners' Meeting.

Washington.—A recommendation from General Funston that the American troops be withdrawn from Mexico was contained in a recent report on the military situation made at the request of the War department, and designed for use of the joint commission which will discuss border problems. State department officials do not attempt to disguise their regret over premature publication of General Funston's conclusions, but they indicated that it would not cause any alteration in plans.

Officials realized, it is understood, the pressing matter for discussion by the commission from Mexico's viewpoint will be the question of withdrawal of General Pershing's expeditionary force.

In order to furnish the American commissioners with full information, General Funston was asked to express his views on the military aspects of the expedition. There is every indication that the commissioners, and later the administration, were expected to abide by the recommendations of the chief military adviser on border matters.

Publication of the fact that General Funston believes it wise to withdraw the troops may hamper the American commissioners, some officials think, in obtaining whatever guarantees they may ask of the Mexican government as to security of the border from bandit raids. It is believed the administration is fully prepared to arrange for the recall of General Pershing's forces, since both State and War department officials are understood to share the views expressed in General Funston's report.

There can be little doubt, it is now said, that the withdrawal will be promptly agreed to when the commission meets, the conferees then turning their attention to the drafting of a protocol to cover future border operations, investigation of the causes of bandit raids, and such other matters as they may wish to take up.

Wilson for Eight-Hour Day.

Washington.—President Wilson has appealed to the railroad officials to abandon their insistence on arbitration of the dispute threatening a nation-wide railroad strike, and to accept his plan of settlement, already agreed to by the employees, because in his opinion the railroads are contending for a principle which it seemingly is impossible to apply to the present situation.

In one of the most dramatic scenes known to the White House in recent years the president declared to the heads of \$5,000,000,000 worth of property assembled at his summons:

"If a strike comes, the public will know where the responsibility rests. It will not be upon me."

The president later issued a statement declaring that he recommended the concession of the eight-hour day—that is, the substitution of an eight-hour day for the present ten-hour in all the existing practices and agreements. He said he made this recommendation because he believes the concession right. The eight-hour day now has the sanction of the judgment of society in its favor and should be adopted as a basis for wages even where the actual work to be done cannot be completed within eight hours.

Thirteen Die in Storm.

Corpus Christi, Tex.—The loss of life from the tropical storm which struck Corpus Christi and ten adjacent south Texas counties late last week has been placed at thirteen, including nine members of the crew of the small freighter pilot boat which foundered off the Aransas pass jetty. The total damage in this section of which Corpus Christi bore the heaviest part, was estimated at \$2,000,000. This includes devastation of a large portion of the lower coast's cotton crop, which was ready to be picked. The storm area is along 150 miles of lower gulf coast, from Corpus Christi to Brownsville, reaching inland from thirty to fifty miles.

Nevada Men Enlist in Utah.

Salt Lake City.—Nevada's late National Guard, consisting of about forty men, is arriving here in small detachments to enlist in the Utah National Guard and go to the border.

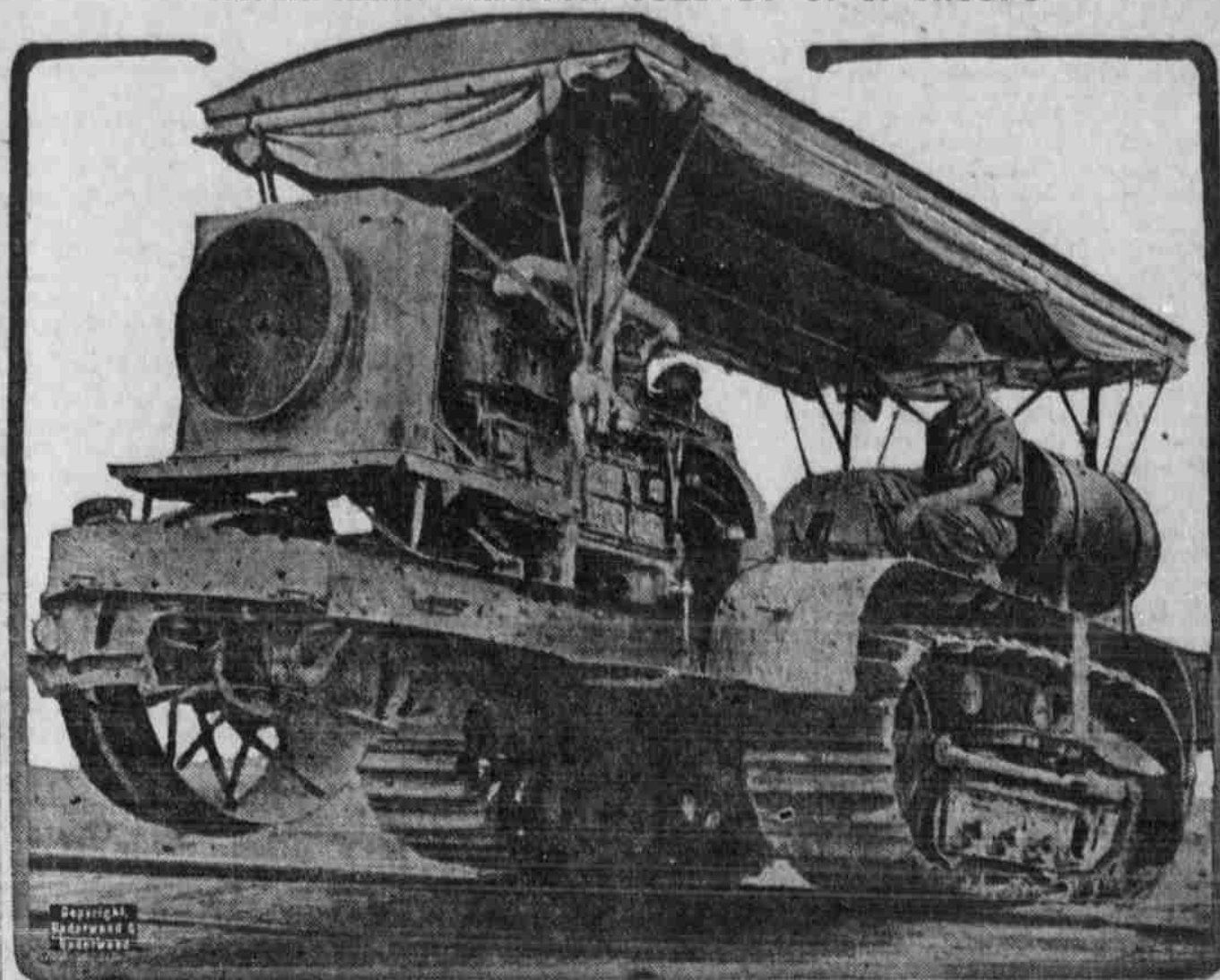
Suggest Building Memorial.

Baltimore, Md.—An office building as headquarters for the International Typographical union at Indianapolis was suggested as memorial to William B. Prescott at the convention of the union here. He was a former president of the union.

80 New Cases in Chicago.

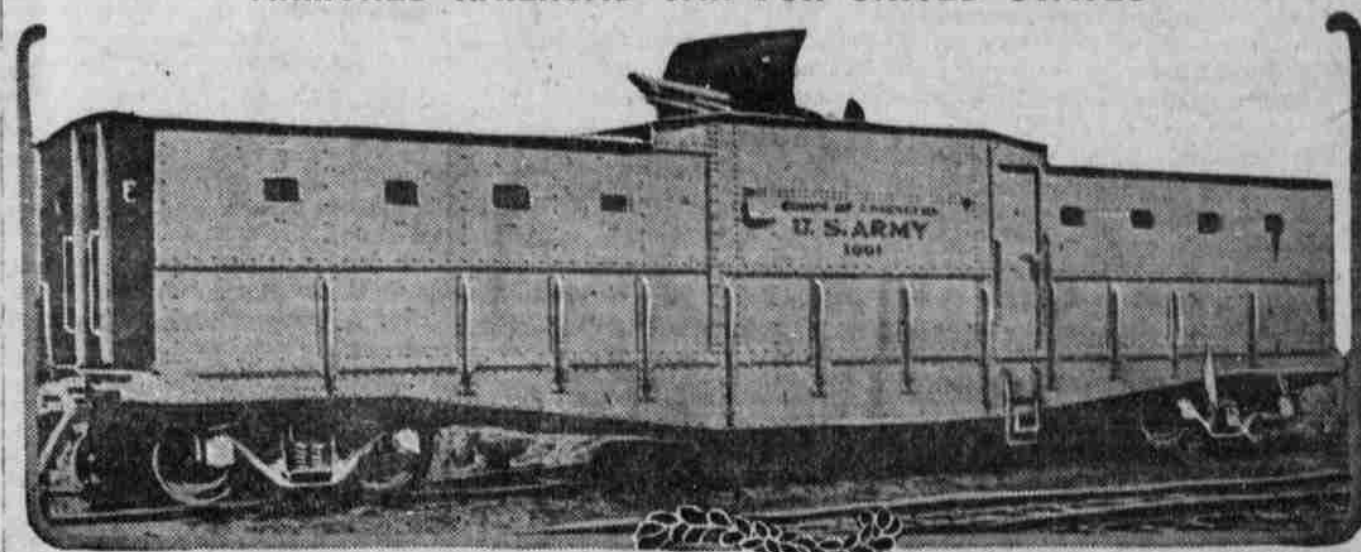
Chicago.—Eighty known cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in Chicago this month, and spread of the disease appears to be continuing over the city.

CATERPILLAR TRACTOR USED BY U. S. TROOPS



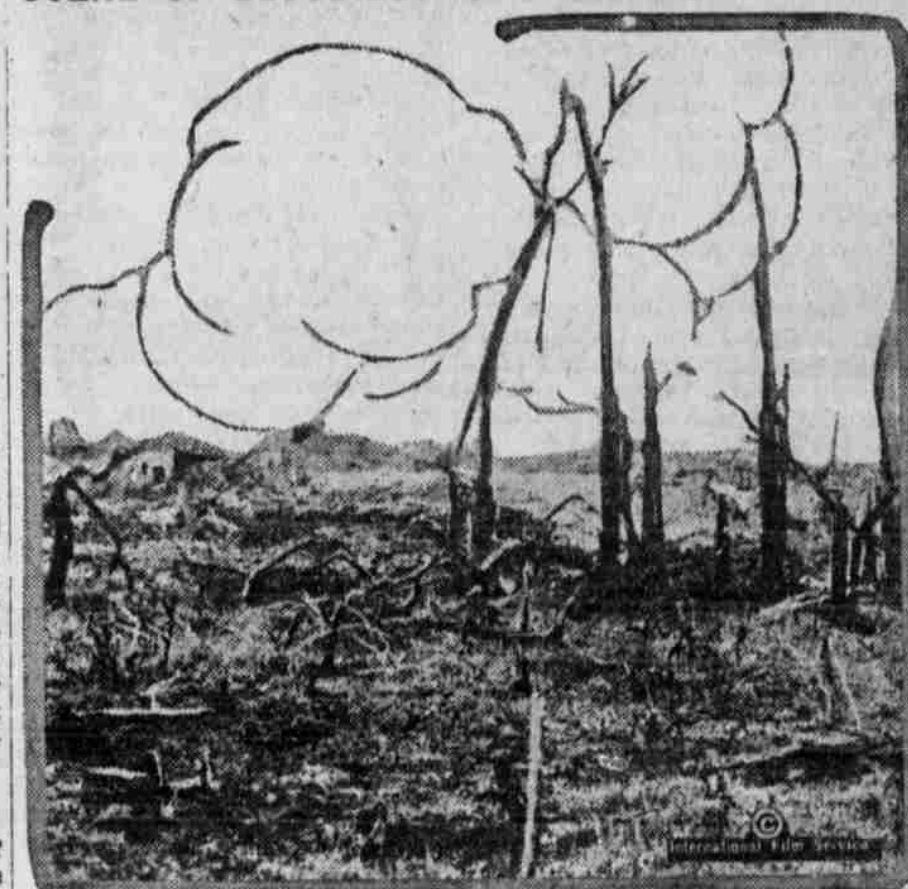
Caterpillar tractor used by the United States troops in Mexico to flatten down the bumps that make roads near the American base camp at Colonia Dublan truly Mexican. Bumps and mounds are the rule, smooth stretches being the exception. This machine weighs about 27,300 pounds or almost 14 tons. The photograph shows it crossing the railroad tracks near the camp.

ARMORED RAILROAD CAR FOR UNITED STATES



This is the first armored railroad car constructed for the United States army. It has just been delivered by a car-building plant at Hammond, Ind. The car is constructed of heavy steel plates and will carry one high-powered gun and 20 machine guns.

SCENE OF BLOODIEST OF FIGHTING



An official photograph from the British front showing the devastation wrought by the fighting armies at Fricourt, one of the most sanguinary battlefields of the war.

HIS TRIAL IS ORDERED



Chow Tzu-Chi, who for several years was minister of agriculture and commerce under the late Yuan Shi Kai, has been ordered put on trial by China's new president. He resigned under fire and disappeared. He is now reported living in the British concession at Tien-Tsin and consequently is beyond the reach of the Chinese government unless it makes criminal charges.

Repaid for Her Trouble.

Mrs. Lyle Perry of Flatrock township is a teacher in the schools at Clifford, northeast of Columbus. Last winter she had a hen that "stole out her nest." The hen finally selected a large pile of anthracite coal and laid three eggs there. Then she nursed the eggs for the required length of time and three chickens came out. Mrs. Perry did not wish to lose the chickens, and she could not leave them at home when she went to school. So she solved the problem by taking them with her in the morning and returning them at evening until they were old enough to shift for themselves. The chickens were hatched in January and now one of the pullets has been enterprising enough to hatch out a brood of 17 little chickens to repay Mrs. Perry for her trouble.—Indianapolis News.

OUTDOOR ARMY BAKERY AT NOGALES



In this outdoor bakery of the United States army at Nogales 5,000 loaves of bread are baked daily for the troops stationed at that place.