

DRY FIGHT SETTLED

CONGRESS TAKES MATTER FROM LEGISLATIVE HANDS

OIL INSPECTION LAW IS VOID

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House

Western Newspaper Union News Service

The one big issue before the present session of the legislature probably has dropped out of sight. With the passage of the Reed bone dry amendment...

The question was up for consideration Tuesday of last week but was laid over in order to see what congress was going to do about it.

Oil Inspection Law Void

The Nebraska oil inspection law, which for a quarter of a century has yielded the state a revenue of from \$70,000 to \$150,000 a year...

Judge A. J. Cornish, one of the new judges who came upon the supreme bench last month, prepared the opinion of the court.

The court grants the writ of injunction asked for by the Standard Oil and thirteen other oil companies.

Governor Corrects Misleading Statement

In order to correct statements made on the floor of the house, where the confidential information from the banking board had been distorted...

The Mattes bill, providing for taxation of property where probate of estates discloses that it has been withheld from the tax rolls...

State Purchases Bonds

The state board of educational lands and funds has made the first purchase of irrigation bonds ever recorded.

Would Increase School Levy

Increase in the maximum school levy allowed in this state from 35 to 50 mills is provided in a senate bill elevated to the upper house calendar.

AUTOMOBILES IN NEBRASKA

More Than 100,000 in Use in 1916—An Increase of 41,394 in the Past Year.

Secretary of State Pool has just completed the task of auditing the automobile applications from the 93 counties of the state.

Table with 5 columns: County, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916. Lists automobile counts for various counties like Adams, Antelope, Arthur, etc.

Total 25,617 40,229 59,140 100,534

Change in Bank Guaranty Law

The state senate by a bare majority voted to amend the state bank guaranty law by adding a provision for the return of unused guaranty funds to state banks that liquidate.

Will Be Chairman of Board

Eugene O. Mayfield, chosen to succeed Judge Howard Kennedy on the state board of control, will be chairman of the board when he takes office March 1.

A Fidelity Bond Measure

H. R. 167, by Cronin, has been favorably acted upon. It requires fidelity companies when cancelling a bond to give to the person bonded their reasons therefor.

A Saving to the State from \$20,000 to \$30,000 a Year

Would be effected by the Dafoe-Taylor bill in the house, creating a state printing commission, according to J. F. Webster of St. Paul, state printer.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- March 5 to 10—First Annual Auto Show at Lincoln.
March 6 to 10—Mid-West Cement Show and Convention at Omaha.
March 7-8-9-10—State Basketball Tournament at Lincoln.
March 12-17—Annual Merchants' Market Week at Omaha.
March 18—District Meeting of Odd Fellows at North Platte.
March 21-22-23—D. A. R. Annual State Convention at Fremont.
April 9-14—Annual State Bowling Tournament at Fremont.
April 21-22—Missouri Valley Chiropractor's Association Meeting at Omaha.

A lone bandit entered the First National bank of University Place, a Lincoln suburb, forced the bank president, B. H. Shaberg, to the vault, closed the door, turned the combination and escaped with \$1,981.

The Crete Commercial club adopted a resolution endorsing federal aid for good roads in Nebraska and called upon the state legislature to pass H. R. 723, which provides for the acceptance of the federal money.

Joe Stecher of Dodge, heavyweight champion wrestler of the world, defeated Ad Santel, Pacific coast champion, in two straight falls at San Francisco. Stecher won the first fall in 37:17 and the second in 17:54.

County agent work in Nebraska is bearing fruit in a new form—the cooperative sale of pure-bred live stock. County agents in this state have been called upon to supply Utah interests with ten carloads of pure-bred bulls and heifers and ten carloads of sows.

Farmers and ranchers in the vicinity of Ellsworth met recently and organized a new farm loan association for the purpose of taking advantage of the federal farm loan act.

Two buyers from Utah were in Lincoln a few days ago purchasing hogs, which will be sold to boys and girls who take part in the pig-raising project conducted by the agricultural extension service of Utah.

O. H. Liebers of Beatrice has bought in Ohio and Wisconsin 100 head of Holstein cattle for farmers of Gage, Pawnee, Seward and Madison counties. The price was about \$25,000.

Bishop James A. Duffy of the Grand Island diocese of the Catholic church, bought the home of Mrs. John Schwynn at Grand Island. He will make his home there.

Fire destroyed the Hartman Furniture company, the Berg Clothing company and several other small business houses in Omaha, causing a loss estimated at \$500,000.

Attacking John M. Baker's wife will cost Samuel A. Westings, wealthy Hastings farmer, just \$2,500, according to a jury's verdict. Baker sued for \$150,000.

Hogs sold for \$12.65 per hundredweight on the South Omaha market a few days ago, the highest price in the history of the market.

A number of traps set to catch prairie chickens were destroyed in Knox county by Game Warden Kesters during his recent visit to Niobrara.

Colonel C. G. Barnes, editor of the Argus, sustained a dislocated shoulder and severe bruises by falling down a flight of stairs at Albion.

A movement has been started in Crete, backed by the Commercial club, to pave a number of streets in the town during the coming summer.

A. F. Howell has sold the Gottenburg Independent and will again engage in ministerial work. The new owner is C. W. Bolkin.

A. B. Wood of the Gering Courier has been elected president of the newly organized Gering Community league.

Sioux county's land sales since January 1 total about 20,000 acres at about \$12 an acre.

Geneva's high school was closed for several days, just recently, as the result of an epidemic of diphtheria.

The Joseph Smullen ranch in Colfax county was sold recently for \$95,000, or \$150 per acre.

Karl Harms, well known stock farmer, was instantly killed when his car overturned near Howe.

What is said to be the highest price ever paid for a cow by a Dodge county breeder was recorded when Charles Hoffman of Scribner gave \$1,250 for a 2-year-old Hereford heifer at a sale in South Omaha.

The second annual "University Day in Omaha" will be held either April 20 or May 4, according to a suggestion of Dean Engberg of the university.

Carl Harms, farmer of Auburn, was instantly killed when his automobile was wrecked near Nebraska City. Harms' neck was broken. The car was being driven without lights when the accident occurred.

The appointment of General J. J. Pershing to succeed the late General Funston as commander of the Southern division United States army is a matter of special gratification throughout Nebraska because of his wide acquaintance in this state.

The United States Department of Agriculture makes the announcement for the benefit of all sportsmen that from February 1 to September 6 is a closed season throughout the entire United States on waterfowl and other migratory game birds.

There is a movement on foot to organize a state potato growers' association. This will be a very important thing to the potato growers of Nebraska and will have the effect of increasing the production and quality and of giving the Nebraska potatoes a national publicity and the market favor they deserve.

Walter G. Gwinn, the farmhand who was frozen during the blizzard when he took refuge in a haystack near Hooper, underwent a surgical operation in Fremont for the removal of his left leg above the knee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wollenhaupt of North Platte recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Wollenhaupt is 83 years old and has been a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge for 49 years.

Henry Cohagen, aged 25, a lineman, died at North Platte as the result of a fall from a pole. A rope broke which caused Cohagen to fall to the ground, fracturing his skull.

Statistics published by the United States Geological Survey show that during the year 1916 there were 10,000 tons of potash produced in this country, valued at \$3,500,000.

Five or six Nebraska members of the lower house of congress voted in favor of the Reed amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill which forbids the interstate shipment of liquor into dry territory.

At a good roads booster meeting at Blair, business men of the town pledged the sum of \$500 to maintain the new George Washington National highway, which is to pass through Blair.

Housewives over Nebraska are paying 75 to 85 cents a peck for potatoes, while dispatches tell us that the British cabinet is regulating prices there and permitting growers to charge dealers not over nine pounds sterling per ton.

With six deaths from meningitis since January 1, and that many more cases reported to the health office, Omaha is again facing an epidemic of the infant disease, which on several previous occasions brought terror to the hearts of hundreds of parents.

G. W. Huston, Kearney, has the distinction of having sold the first lambs at \$14.75 per hundredweight on the South Omaha market. The sale was made last Tuesday.

The Eden Baptist church of Stromsburg has just closed a series of revival meetings, with seventy-five new converts, mostly adults.

Fremont won the state volleyball championship at the state tournament in York. Omaha got second place and York third.

Work is expected to begin on the new Union Pacific passenger stations at North Platte and Grand Island just as soon as weather will permit.

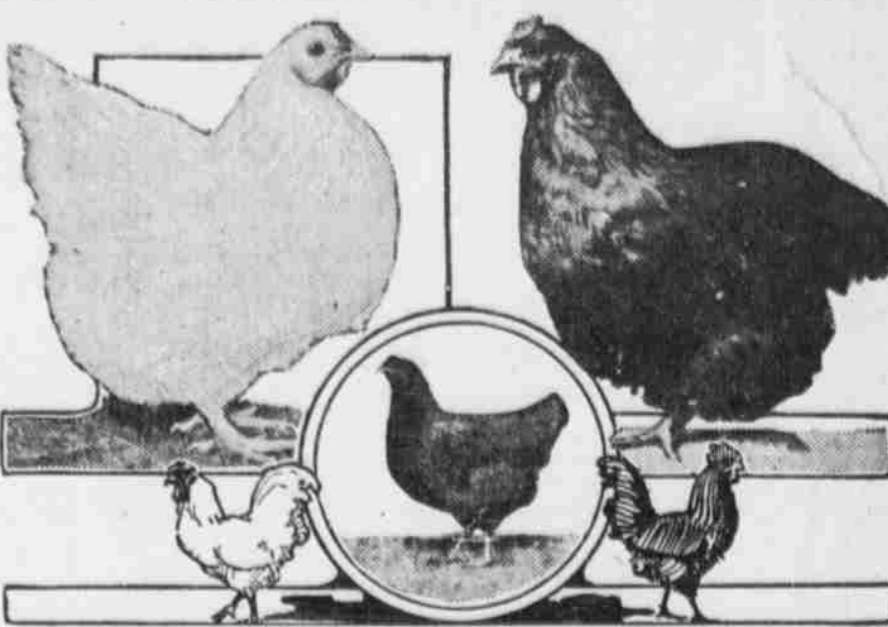
Rate of electricity for residence lighting in Beatrice has been cut from 12 to 9 cents a kilowatt hour.

Fremont's new hotel, the "Pathfinder," will be ready for the opening about the middle of the summer, according to the contractors. The building is being erected at a cost of \$200,000.

Teumseh citizens celebrated the opening of their new \$20,000 Burlington passenger station with a banquet attended by several hundred townspeople and a number of railroad officials.

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PROFITABLE GAINS IN FATTENING PENS



WYANDOTTE, RHODE ISLAND RED AND ORPINGTON.

In order to make the most economical gains it is necessary to have the utility or heavy breeds of fowl. The lighter breeds, as Leghorns, Minorcas, Anconas, etc., do not, as a rule, make profitable gains in the fattening pen.

We have known birds left in the crate for four or five weeks to be thinner after being fed that length of time than they were at the end of the second week, says a writer in an exchange.

METHODS OF PICKING

Suggestions Given as to Successful Poultry Practices.

FROZEN COMBS AND WATTLES

Troubles Largely Due to Poor Condition of Fowl and Dampness—Closed Houses Are Bad.

Much Depends on Whether Fowls Are for Future Consumption or for Immediate Use—Fowls Keep Better if Not Drawn.

Dry picking and wet picking are the two general methods used in dressing poultry, depending upon whether the birds are for future consumption or immediate use.

GATHER SPRING EGGS OFTEN

Those Intended for Hatching Should Be Kept as Near Temperature of 50 Degrees as Possible.

TROUGHS USED FOR FEEDING

Domineering Fowls Keep Timid Ones Back—Best to Scatter Grains in Deep, Clean Litter.

SELLING EGGS FOR HATCHING

Test Fertility Before Offering Eggs of Purebreds for Sale—Get Reasonable Returns.

REMEDY FOR SICK CHICKENS

Epsom Salts is Most Effective for Allowing Fowls—Half a Teaspoonful is Standard Dose.

HEN MANURE VERY VALUABLE

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It is claimed that 100 pounds of fresh hen manure contains 50 pounds water, 16 pounds organic matter, 52 pounds ash.