

NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS DURING THE PAST WEEK

Brief Outline of Important Events
Throughout the State of Interest
to the General Reader.

Food Administrator Hoover has issued an appeal to the people of Nebraska and the nation to join the army of food conservation. The week of October 21 to 28 has been set aside for a nation-wide campaign to complete the enrollment of forces in the saving of our food supply. A house-to-house campaign will be made in this state to secure members for that mighty army. State Food Administrator Wattlew has named S. R. McKelvie of Lincoln manager of the campaign in Nebraska.

Already 500 young men in several counties have enlisted in Nebraska's "Corn in the Crib by Christmas" campaign. It is planned to raise an army of 50,000 boys to help with the harvest this year in Nebraska. Leaders in the movement declare the help of those going to school will be asked only on Saturdays and during vacations. School teachers throughout the state are being enlisted to do recruiting work during their spare time.

Nebraskans who intend to send Christmas presents to the Sammys in Europe must mail them not later than November 15, according to advices from Washington. Every package must bear the words, "Christmas mail," and must be addressed intelligently and packed securely. The rate of postage is announced at 12 cents a pound.

From 6 a. m. to 12 o'clock midnight on October 1 a total of 1,970 vehicles of all kinds arrived in Fremont, while 1,937 went out. Boy Scouts under the direction of the Commercial club, kept count on the principal highways leading to Fremont. Of the total number 1,768 arriving were automobiles, while 1,720 leaving were automobiles.

Nebraska has more Red Cross members, population considered, than any state in the union. The total membership in the state is 170,000, fifteen per cent of the entire population. Nebraska was one of the last states to start a campaign for Red Cross members.

The week ending Saturday, September 28, was a record week at the South Omaha market. More than 60,000 cattle were received during the six days' run. The former record week was the one ending October 21, 1916, when 55,000 head of cattle were received.

The War department at Washington has included the University of Nebraska in a list of schools whose graduates and undergraduates may be admitted to the third series of military training camps to be established next spring for the purpose of obtaining more officers for the army.

The Beatrice board of education has ordered the purchase of flags for each of the school houses that do not have them, in compliance with the state law which requires flag poles and flags on each school building.

Seven printers and former printers of Auburn have answered the call of their country by enlisting in the service. Five are now in the army and two have signed the muster roll of the reserve guards.

Seward is to have a municipal band. This was decided on at the midweek luncheon at the Commercial club, and it will no longer be necessary to call in outside organizations to furnish music.

Because public sentiment was against it, German will be no longer taught in the schools at Kearney after the present year. By unanimous vote the school board decided to drop the study.

Ak-Sar-Ben officials estimate that over 150,000 people witnessed the electrical pageant in Omaha on October 3, and at least 100,000 viewed the daylight parade the next day.

Rev. A. C. Smith of Stamford, Tex., has been elected to the pastorate of the Congregational church at Avoca. He has accepted and is now in charge.

Lincoln city officials are investigating the advantages of a municipal coal yard, and it is possible one will be established in the capital city.

Nebraska's third quota of the new national army, about 3,300 men, went into training at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kans., last week.

The State Library Association will hold its annual meeting in Kearney from October 17 to 19.

A 3-week-old calf, donated to the Red Cross, sold forty-nine times, for a total price of \$475.50 at Phillips, Hamilton county. Prices ranged from \$1, the price paid by several small children, to \$10, the price paid by the last purchaser.

At a mass meeting of Alliance citizens called by the Commercial club, W. D. Fisher, who served as club secretary for two years, but who for two years has been located in Topeka, was elected secretary for a period of three years.

Nuckolls county chapter of the Red Cross has shipped the first consignment of garments for the boys at the front. The shipment consisted of pajamas, bed room slippers and other useful articles.

Two Lincoln schools are charged with compelling children to study German regardless of their wishes. The president of the school board says the practice is to be stopped at once.

Contract has been let for a sewer system by the city dads of Oakland. Work on the project, which will cost over \$30,000, will commence at once.

Students from the Agricultural college at Lincoln carried off first honors in the judging contest at the National Swine Show at Omaha. Following is the standing: Nebraska, 2,870 points, first prize, \$125; Missouri, 2,877 points, \$100; Iowa, 2,745 points, \$85; Kansas, 2,507 points, \$60; South Dakota, 2,306 points, \$50. Carl Hogue, Crete; J. L. Hepperly, Norfolk; W. F. Roberts, O'Neill; A. E. Anderson, Lincoln; Chester Grau, Elk City; "Shorty" Lewis, Superior; M. A. Townsend, Tecumseh; D. Molton, Wymore; R. A. Draper, Ansley; S. A. Biglow, Sandhill; Glenn Snap, Bellville, Kans., and Carl Daje, Greenwood, constituted the Nebraska team. The latter seven men were alternates.

Marvin Hoffman, son of J. C. Hoffman of Butte, who was bitten by a horse that had developed a violent case of rabies, was taken to Chicago and placed under Pasteur treatment. After wrecking the stall, biting everything in sight and showing other symptoms of the disease, the horse dropped dead. Before succumbing the animal bit several dogs and a cow, and to prevent an outbreak of the disease a number of dogs had to be killed.

Friends of R. W. Marshall of Panama were unsuccessful in trying to secure his release from service in the new national army. Young Marshall is running his father's bank at Panama while Marshall, sr., is serving on the Lancaster county exemption board. The father had certified his son for service, but friends carried the case to the appellate board, which ruled that the son would have to go to war as soon as the father was released.

A movement to bring about dress reform among the girls in the Seward high school was started the first week in September. At a recent meeting of all the high school girls a regulation uniform was adopted consisting of a blue sailor suit. To distinguish the high school classes, stripes are worn on the arm, cuff or collar, the freshmen, one stripe; sophomores, two; Juniors, three and Seniors, four.

Five autos loaded with 3,300 quarts of whiskey were captured by Sheriff Quinton of Cass county, Chief Barclay and Officer Jones of Plattsmouth, as a supply train, consisting of ten autos, was making its way across Nebraska at a point near Plattsmouth. Five cars are known to have gotten away. The men arrested said they lived in Omaha and were on the way to the metropolis when apprehended.

One of the greatest sacrifices made by a conscripted man in Nebraska is that of Frank L. Snide of Springfield, who left Papillion October 3 for Fort Riley. On October 1 he held a closing out sale of his stock and farm implements, which netted him \$13,000. Mr. Snide is 23 years old and was considered one of the most successful farmers in Sarpy county.

In demonstration of disapproval of the exemption of Lucius R. Brininger, by the district board at Lincoln, someone painted the front of the Grand Island National bank yellow. Brininger was recently appointed as cashier at the bank. Cashier Brininger, married, but without children, is the son-in-law of Chris Hansen, the president and main owner of the bank.

The Ladies' Red Cross association of Brining raised \$104 for the Red Cross fund at a basket social recently. The social was well attended and unusual enthusiasm and generosity were evidenced at the gathering.

W. L. Wixon, farmer near Stella lost six head of cattle from some unknown disease. The cattle were found dead in a pasture, and it is feared they may have died from some contagious disease.

During the week ending September 29 the Omaha market received 153,947 head of sheep or 46,947 more than were received at Chicago, and 105,947 more than were registered at Kansas City.

Lewis King of Mend was the first Nebraskan in the new national army to meet death while in the service. He was killed while assisting in unloading a train of conscripts at Fort Riley, Kan.

Dynamite, pikepoles and grappling hooks have failed to locate the body of Joe Sharp of Lincoln, who is supposed to have been drowned in the Missouri river when his car went into the river near Omaha.

When butter fat reached 50 cents in Hastings last week, the highest in history, local dairymen formed an agreement boosting the price of milk from 10 to 13 cents per quart.

Robbers lured Sam Dillon, Burlington agent at Wilber, to the depot last Friday night, cut his throat and from all indications, strangled him. He was found by a train crew in a dying condition. It is believed the thugs were frightened away as no money was taken.

Plattsmouth's new Farmers State bank, which opened for business just recently, is very much of a farmers' institution. Twenty-six of the forty-five stockholders are men engaged in the farming industry.

Railroad crop reports which touch nearly every part of the state estimate a total yield for Nebraska at 250,000,000 bushels of corn, 18,000,000 bushels more than government estimates.

The firm of Leavenworth and Dodge, near Wood River, plan to feed 6,000 head of sheep this winter on alfalfa hay which they raised during the past summer.

The Nebraska apple harvest began last week with picking the fruit on the Franklin Bros. 100-acre orchard at Barada. Jonathans are selling for from \$4.50 to \$6 a barrel.

DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

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NAUGHTY CAT.

"Jota, the cat," said Daddy, "was always complaining. First Jota would leave her milk as if she didn't like it at all and then she would upset her little dish filled with bacon.

"There was really nothing in the world the matter with Jota except that she had been spoiled. She had always been allowed to have her own way. She had been horrid to the dog and no one had ever told her she was naughty. She was pleasant if she wanted to be, and cross if she wanted to be. She ate her food if she felt like it, and if she didn't feel like it, she would snarl and raise her back as though it were the fault of the cook.

"One day she heard some strange sounds in the cellar. 'It sounds like mice,' said Jota to herself. 'And the more she heard the sounds, the more decided she was that it must be a family of mice who had just moved to the cellar.

"She knew that there had been no mice there the week before, as she had been down in the cellar and had had a good look.

"But now there was no mistake about it—she heard the sound of mice.

"Just then the cook came in. 'Hello Jota,' said the cook.

"Now Jota did not purr as a nice polite cat should have done. She looked at the cook as much as to say,

"What right have you in my kitchen?"

"I have some nice milk for you today," said the cook. "It has just come and it is good and warm."

"Now Jota was thinking of the mice. She didn't want the milk. She would



"Oh, Jota, How Could You Have Scratched Me?"

much rather have mice. And when the cook lifted her up and carried her to the corner of the kitchen where she had put the bowl of milk, Jota scratched as well as snarled.

"Oh, how badly the cook did feel! Not because the scratch was such a bad one. No, that amounted to very little, but she felt so hurt that Jota could have scratched her. She had always been so good to Jota.

"She let Jota down, and with only a very soft—'Oh, Jota, how could you have scratched me?'—she did not scold the cat.

"Jota didn't care in the least. She didn't mind if she hurt people's feelings or not. She was so spoiled. She liked to pretend there was no creature so fine, and yet she did not want to act like a fine creature. Fine creatures are always brave and kind and gentle.

"Jota was off for the cellar. The door had been closed since Jota had heard the sound. She cried to have the door open and the forgoing cook opened it right away.

"Jota hurried down the stairs that led to the cellar. Yes, now she smelt the mice! Ah, what a scamper she would have. She did not want milk. No, she would have mice. She did not need to be waited on—at least only when she wanted attention.

"This was a day when she wanted some fun herself. She sprang for a mouse.

"What! It had vanished. Then she tried for another as it was hurrying across the floor. She missed the second one. She tried to catch three others and each time she missed them.

"Then she waited to see if they were coming out again. But the mice had learned a lesson. They had gone to a place where they thought they would be safer, for they never cared for a house where there was a cat.

"Jota was so ashamed. Yes, for once in her life, she was thoroughly and absolutely ashamed of herself. She had not been able to catch the mice and she had once been famous for her powers as a mouse catcher.

"Yes, she had grown lazy and useless. She had been stupid too. That was all because she had not been unselfish and nice, but had been horrid to everyone. And it had spoiled her. She could not catch mice!

"Jota was a very sad cat as she slowly climbed the cellar stairs. She went back into the kitchen and there she drank the milk she had been so rude and horrid about before.

"Oh, you were thirsty after all," said the kind cook. Jota purred and jumped into the cook's lap, trying to say:

"I know I have been horrid but please forgive me now."

Value of Pleasing Manner.
Don't underrate the value of a pleasing manner. The boy whose face is always bright, and who exerts himself to please others, gets many of life's titbits.



1—Drafted men of Washington leaving for Camp Meade wearing the slogan "I'll Be the First Man Over the Rhine." 2—Elizabeth Flynn, I. W. W. organizer, anarchist and strike inciter, held in heavy ball for alleged sedition. 3—French troops in a first line trench ready to go over the top when the signal is given.

NEW ARRIVALS AT SPARTANBURG INOCULATED AGAINST DISEASE



Men of the National Army in the cantonment camp at Spartanburg, S. C., baring their arms to let iodine dry after being inoculated with serum. After injection the arm is scrubbed with iodine to prevent infection.

GOVERNOR M'CALL LEADS THE LEXINGTON MINUTE MEN



Governor McCall of Massachusetts (second from left) leading Lexington Minute men of 1917 to the Lexington battle ground, where he bade them Godspeed as they left for the National Army camp. The send-off was a memorable one for everyone present. All the townfolk turned out to bid farewell to their departing sons and brothers.

GEN. PETAIN DECORATES BRAVE NURSE



General Petain decorating with the Cross of War one of the nurses who by her individual bravery saved the lives of many wounded soldiers in the French hospital at Dugny when it was bombarded by the Germans, and who was herself wounded.

FOR FOOD PLEDGE SIGNERS



Millions of the new Hoover pledge cards have been received by the women's committee of the council of national defense and are being distributed throughout the country at the request of the national food administration. Those who sign the pledge may obtain handsome cards bearing the words, "member of the national food administration," and a colored shield on a wheat-decorated disk.