

## NEBRASKA NEWS IN CONCISE FORM

### State Occurrences of Importance Boiled to a Few Lines for Quick Perusal.

The employment bureau of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln found places for 106 men during November.

Coal shortage has caused the postponement of the ninth annual irrigation convention, scheduled to be held at Gering.

Empty coal bins have resulted in citizens at Hemingford hauling wood overland from Pine Ridge, a distance of thirty miles.

DeWitt felt the pinch of the fuel shortage severely last week, reports stating that the town was absolutely coalless for four days.

Ice cutting in many parts of the state is under way. Not for a good many years has the harvest started before Christmas in this state.

Joe Stecher of Dodge, threw Wladek Zybasko of Poland in a catch as catch can wrestling match at New York after a battle which lasted nearly two and a half hours.

Lieutenant Governor Barrows estimates that the coal strike caused a loss to business and industry in Nebraska of at least 25 per cent during the past two weeks.

A state organization intended to bring forward General Pershing as a candidate for the republican nomination for president, was created at Lincoln at a meeting of 200 admirers and former neighbors of the general.

The Masonic lodge of Beatrice has decided to purchase the Barnett block, adjoining the Masonic building in that city, and will at once begin remodeling the building. The improvement will cost approximately \$30,000.

Injunction proceedings brought in the Johnson county district court at Tecumseh by four farmers to prevent payment of outstanding county warrants, excessive of the 85 per cent of the legal levy, have been dismissed.

Articles of incorporation for the Wyoming-Northeastern Oil Co., of Alliance, with a capital of \$1,000,000, were filed with the secretary of state at Lincoln by Lloyd C. Thomas, secretary of the new corporation.

A report made public by the treasury department at Washington shows that the Omaha farm loan bank leads all like institutions in the country. The Omaha bank loans in the last fiscal year exceeded \$20,000,000, and since March 1, 1917, totaled \$35,390,200.

Representative Reavis, at the request of the Lincoln Commercial club, secured permission from the War department in Washington for the use of army trucks to transport wood from nearby country districts to the Nebraska capital during the fuel scarcity.

Charging that her husband and his companion, who were killed in an automobile accident in November, 1916, were intoxicated, Mrs. Saloma Jehu has filed suit for \$15,000 damages in district court at Columbus against three former Lindsay saloon men and their bondsmen.

State Fuel Administrator Taylor has expressed the belief that although the coal strike has been called off, the people of Nebraska are a long way from being out of the woods and the rules which have been in effect for the past week or so will have to be substantially continued for some time before the coal can be put upon the market again.

Following is a list of conventions booked for Omaha during the coming month: Midwest Implement Dealers, January 6-8. Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union, Jan. 13-15. Lumber Dealers' Association, Jan. 14-16. Polled Hereford Breeders' Association, Jan. 28-29. Nebraska State Association of County Treasurers, Jan. 28-29. Central Whist Tournament, Jan. 28 and 29.

Senator Bushie of Kimball county, in a statement explaining his reason for signing the furlough of Beryl Kirk for his release from the state prison at Lincoln, where he was serving a long term for alleged complicity in the Malshook jewelry robbery at Omaha, while acting governor, declared he approved the document upon the recommendation of Warden Fenton. Ray Abbott, former assistant county attorney of Douglas county; Sheriff Clark and W. L. Musgrave of the Omaha Street Railway Co.

Plans have been perfected for the construction of a new theater at Nebraska.

Protestant churches of David City have united and will hold union services in one church until the coal shortage is over, although they all have their winter's supply of coal stored.

The schools of the Missouri Valley conference will have no athletic relations with the University of Nebraska, so long as Nebraska remains out of the organization, the governing board of the conference decided at Kansas City.

The Commercial hotel at McCook, pioneer hostelry of the city, was totally destroyed by fire, causing a loss of about \$10,000.

The coal shortage has become so serious at Scottsbluff that many families have united and are living in one house.

Reports current in Beatrice are that the Kansas City and Northwestern railroad will ask the people along the line between Virginia, Neb., and Kansas City to buy \$500,000 worth of bonds in order that the road can pay off its debts and resume operations.

In an effort to secure a supply of print paper and high prices caused the Burchard Times to suspend publication.

R. H. Danley of Axtell has assumed the duties of secretary to Congressman Andrews.

Miss Edith Whitley of Milwaukee has been employed as community and school nurse at Columbus at a salary of \$135 a month.

West Virginia and Georgetown universities have both asked for places on Nebraska University's 1920 football schedule.

The Commercial club of DeWitt has purchased about 30 acres of timber near town, to be cut for fuel for DeWitt citizens who are out of coal.

The First National bank of Wahoo, one of the pioneer banks of the middle west, is now located in its beautiful new building, one of the finest bank homes in Nebraska.

W. E. Sharp of Lincoln, president of the American Potash company, reports potash plants in western Nebraska have been forced to close because of the fuel shortage.

One northern Nebraska stock raiser brought three auto truck loads of hides into Long Pine, the other day, taken from cattle that had perished during the blizzard last week.

The Lincoln Women's club, with a membership of 1,700, has inaugurated a boycott against butter, eggs and a few other high price foodstuffs in an effort to reduce living costs.

A report reached the governor's office at Lincoln last week that people at Orleans were helping themselves to a car of coal consigned to a lumber company which the firm was unable to get released.

Dealers in Fremont have announced the price of eggs to be raised to 80 cents a dozen. Butter is selling now for 75 cents a pound. One dairyman has raised the price of milk to 20 cents a quart.

The Lincoln Woman's club has asked Lincoln merchants to display for one week each month "inexpensive and serviceable" clothing and shoes, to encourage a movement to reduce the high cost of living.

A shortage of brown sugar is said to have hit the "home brewers" in many places of Nebraska a severe blow. Brown sugar, it is claimed, is needed to get the best results out of hops, malt and yeast.

American Legion circles at Fremont are stirred over an alleged statement made by W. H. Kremsler, well known local socialist, to the effect that he preferred the soviet form of government to that of this country.

During Governor McKelvie's absence last week from Lincoln, Acting Governor Barrows appointed A. M. Post of Columbus to the district judgeship in the Sixth judicial district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Thomas of Fremont.

Judge F. W. Button of Fremont, who was accidentally shot while hunting rabbits in Boone county with Sheriff Frank Willott of that county, is undergoing treatment in an Omaha hospital in hopes to save one of his eyes, which was penetrated by a No. 6 shot.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Clemmons has ordered the 13,000 public, private and parochial schools of Nebraska to hold patriotic exercises on the second and last Friday of each month. He suggests a study of the federal constitution, of America's historic characters and the singing of patriotic songs.

W. E. Wideburg of Lincoln; DeLoss P. Moulton of Wymore; M. V. Kappus of West Point; Ira Hepperly, Norfolk; R. E. Fortna, Octavia; and Earl Yates, Geneva, composed the State Agricultural College stock judging team which won second honors at the International Live Stock Show at Chicago.

The fuel shortage has brought about a movement to reopen the long forgotten coal mine at Honey Creek, between Auburn and Peru. Several years ago twenty or thirty tons of rich lignite, it is said, were taken from a vein two feet thick. Then a shaft was sunk a half mile distant. It missed the vein and the mine was abandoned.

Several thousand handbills, denouncing the action of the University of Nebraska regents in not closing school during the coal shortage, distributed to students at Lincoln by members of the Omaha club, charged that J. E. Miller, member of the board of regents, and head of the Miller & Paine store, Lincoln's largest department store, was urging school to be continued so that he would not lose the students' Christmas trade.

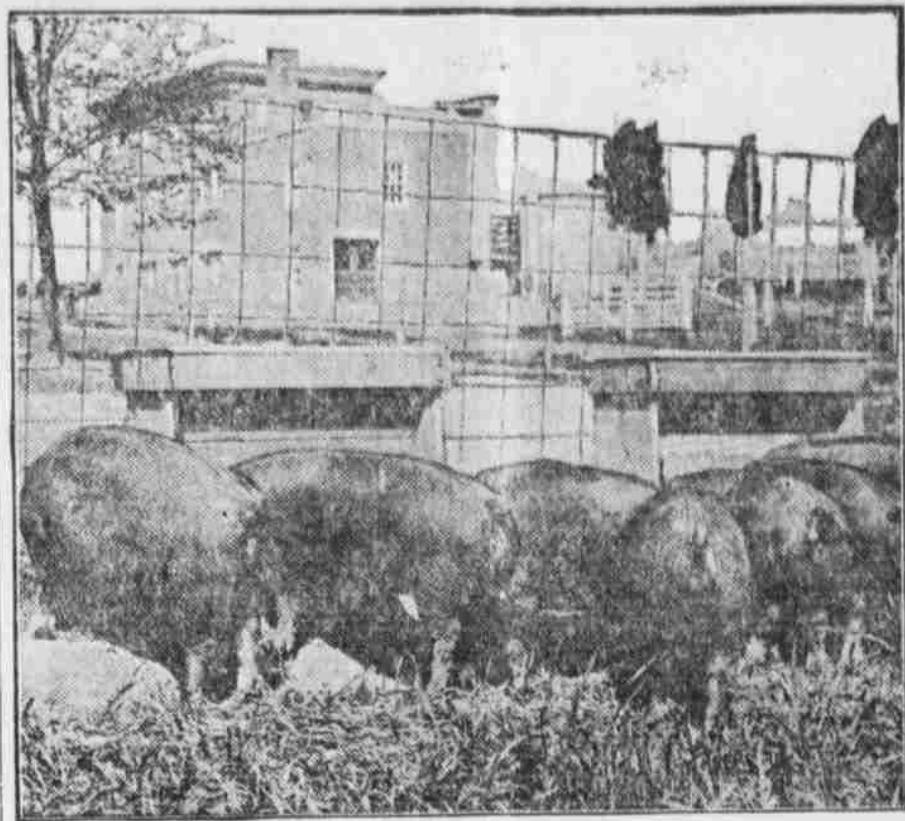
Temperatures in Nebraska descended the lowest for December since 1886, last Wednesday, a week. Fremont was the coldest spot in the state, with 30 below.

The Nebraska supreme court, on request of district court judges of Douglas county, ordered the state bar commission and the attorney general to start immediately a thorough investigation of the release of Beryl C. Kirk from the state penitentiary December 2 on furlough order signed last September by State Senator Bushie, as acting governor.

Sugar prices will soar to unheard of levels after January 1st, when the federal equalization board dissolves, say many Nebraska wholesale grocers.

Word has reached Omaha that General Pershing will spend a full day in that city January 8 on an inspection trip of Fort Omaha and Crook.

## BREEDERS' ASSOCIATIONS SAVE MUCH OF PROFIT FORMERLY MADE BY LOCAL BUYERS



Pleasing Profits Are Almost Sure to Attend Co-operative Marketing of Hogs.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Texas formerly was famous as the home of chaps, spurs, plintoes, and cowboys, but with the plentiful appearance of barbed wire fences and the influx of small livestock farmers these relics of the range in many cases are winning the discard and are being replaced by A-shaped houses, sloping troughs, self-feeders, and plentiful patches of forage crops—the landmarks of the hog.

County swine breeders' associations have been developed on some scale and for the most part have been of two kinds; one for the purpose of shipping market hogs, and the other with the end in view of promoting and selling registered breeding animals. It has been customary for either of these organizations to purchase feed co-operatively whenever the need of importing feed arose.

About eight months ago a co-operative shipping association was organized in Smith county, Texas, by the extension swine husbandmen of the United States department of agriculture. During the past winter and spring this club has marketed nearly \$300,000 worth of hogs at an approximate saving of \$80,000 to the producers. Previous to the formation of this marketing club it was customary for the local buyers to purchase the hogs, ordinarily paying about 5 or 6 cents below the market price for the fat stock. The get-together club has saved for its members much of the profit formerly made by local stock buyers. Its secretary reports that under co-operative shipments the average cost of freight, shrinkage, commission, and yardage for a hundred pounds of hog on the hoof has amounted to only \$1.

### How Shipments Are Made.

The secretary of this shipping organization is the local county agent, and whenever enough hogs are ready to ship from farms of the club members to make up half a carload he orders a car and advertises the fact that he will ship hogs from the county seat on a certain date. At the specified time the other farmers in the county that belong to the association assemble their hogs at the station, where the stock is loaded and shipped to the Fort Worth market, the county agent accompanying each shipment in order to see that it is sold to the best advantage and also to make sure that the different grades of hogs are weighed separately.

When the stock is loaded at the shipping point the animals are weighed and usually classified into three grades and thus tagged. A receipt is given to each member who is shipping hogs for the number of pounds that he delivers to the car and the grade that his hogs came under. After the hogs are sold and the county agent returns to the country, he divides the net receipts among the various shippers, after the entire costs have been deducted, according to the number of pounds of pork, on the hoof, each man shipped.

Recently the hog farmers of Smith county have organized a pure-bred swine breeders' association that is under the same auspices and has the same officers as their market association. These stockmen intend to purchase, in the North, one or two carloads of good, registered breeding stock of the highest type and quality. The local banks have agreed to furnish the money, giving the members one year's time in which to pay the debt and requesting each of the members to purchase at least one pure-bred animal. Animals of only one breed of hogs will be purchased in order that the county may specialize in quality hogs of special market uniformity, in addition to selling breeding animals to the surrounding communities.

In Nacogdoches county a swine breeders' association has recently been formed in order to improve marketing conditions. The local buyers have been paying 13 to 14 cents for good, fat hogs, delivered at the railroad during the period when market prices at Fort Worth and at Houston, for animals of similar quality, ranged in the neighborhood of 23 cents a pound. Pleasing profits are almost certain to attend this co-operative marketing project as there has not been a single

failure among the co-operative farmers' organizations in Texas.

### Pure-Bred Swine Favored.

The value of pure-bred hogs is being widely preached and enthusiastically practiced throughout Texas. Where farmers go into the pure-bred business rather than specializing in pork production alone, they generally remain in it longer, take more interest in it, and accumulate more profit out of it than where they specialize exclusively in pork production. The present demand of the South for good pure-bred hogs is very keen, so that there is little danger of overstocking. Some of the hogmen hold annual co-operative pure-bred sales twice a year, and offer nothing but the highest quality of animals, which are extensively advertised and usually sold at a profit to the owner, while they almost invariably promise attractive returns to the buyer when properly handled. Considerable hog trade with Mexico is being developed by Texas stockmen. Mexico provides an ideal hog country, but on account of disturbed conditions during the last eight years the domestic hog industry has been almost obliterated.

Texas swine raisers have organized a state association, which is used to co-ordinate all the county activities, whether they are marketing or on a pure-bred basis, and up to the present this organization has worked out very successfully. The state society is of great benefit in developing and improving a county organization, as well as being of special value to its individual members, both in an educational and an economic way.

## ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BOYS IN PUREBREDS

### Many Live Stock Associations Are Offering Prizes.

Those Interested Are Likely to Grow  
Into Men Who Develop Best Types  
of Animals—Two Prize Win-  
ners in Delaware.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Boys who own purebred animals are likely to grow into men who are interested in keeping the best types of stock on their farm, live stock associations are realizing. Many associations are offering encouragement and prizes to the boys in the purebred animal club, supervised by the state colleges of agriculture and United States department of agriculture. The prizes are usually for the best records in the feeding or growing of purebred animals. At the Delaware state fair Thomas E. Jeffries, Jr., of Stanton won the state sweepstakes on his purebred Chester White sow and litter. In recognition of this achievement the Chester White Swine Record association presented him with a \$10 membership. At the same fair Franklin V. Maul of Cedar Grove won the sweepstakes on his Duroc Jersey. The Duroc Jersey Breeders' association sent him an engraved gold pencil holder. His picture and that of his pig, the feed record and his club story for the year will be printed in the association's achievement book, which is sent all over the United States.

## LIVE STOCK NOTES

A self-feeder is particularly desirable for fall pigs.

A most excellent way of harvesting a large part of the corn crop is to "hog it down."

Big nails, when used for hanging up harness are pretty sure to scratch the leather. Get some big hooks, or put up some wooden pins firmly.

One of the biggest mistakes a live stock man can make is to assume that the hog is naturally a filthy animal. You give him a chance to keep clean and he will pay for it.

## DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

WAITING FOR CHRISTMAS.

"You're not the only creature," said the plush cat.

"I didn't say I was," said the plush dog.

"What wonderful material we're made of," said the plush cat. "I wonder where Santa Claus found it?"

"Oh, he can find anything," said the plush dog. "That's what all the toys say. Dear me, isn't this exciting?"

"It is the most exciting thing I've ever seen," said the plush cat.

Now all the animals and toys were talking in Santa's work shop.

"Listen," said the plush cat. "I have a voice, and I can make most beautiful sounds."

"So can I," said the plush dog. "I can't make any sounds," said another plush dog, "but I have a little trick I can do."

"What is it?" the other toys asked. "Ah, Santa Claus gave me a trick to do," said the other plush dog.

"But tell us what it is?" they asked. "I am on wheels," said the other plush dog, "and I can be pulled along."

"Look at us," said some plush bears, "for we're made out of the same lovely material you are all made of. We can have our arms moved and our legs moved and our heads will move, too. We're very fine, we are!"

"We're like the little plush dog on wheels," said the bears who, too, were made of plush and who were on wheels.

"There are more of us, too," said the little plush dog on wheels. "Look at all my companions at that end of the shop."

"And look at the plush dogs with voices," said the plush dog who could speak.

"See all the plush cats with voices," said the plush cat with a voice.

"And see all of us, we're always around," said the mechanical toys. "We can be wound up and we will go. We will perform tricks and we will make the children laugh."

"And I'm a faithful old toy," said a Noah's ark.

"You wouldn't amount to much if it weren't for us," said all the animals, as they fell out of the ark, for Santa Claus was looking them over and counting them to make sure that there were two of every kind.

"We're going in the Christmas pack, too," said some toy make-believe King Charles spaniels.

"Ah, we're going, too," said the toy poodle dogs.

"Santa hasn't forgotten to make us," said the toy St. Bernard dogs, "and we're big enough to ride. Someone can ride along on us, yes, indeed."

### All My Companions.

We're strong, too, and our backs are just made for animal riders.

"Quack, quack, look at us," said the ducks.

"Squeal, squeal, look at us," said the pigs.

"Well, we're here, too," said the foxes. "Santa hasn't forgotten about us."

"And we're here, the great and terrible lions," said the lions. "When the children sit on us we will roar, not because we are angry. We will roar because we are sat upon and because when we are sat upon it makes us roar. That's a good reason for a make-believe lion to roar."

"But the children will love us, for they always have."

"I've been pretty much of a favorite, too," said the toy elephant.

"And don't forget about me," said one of the monkeys.

"I've always been loved," said a Teddy bear, "and I am glad of it, too, for I am very fond of children."

"Santa made my snout just right," said one of the pigs. "I am so glad, for a pig's snout is most important."

"It's important, perhaps," said a monkey, "but it's not beautiful like a monkey's tail."

"Oh, well, you may say that because you are a monkey," said the pig.

"I'm going to someone for a present," said the toy chicken.

"So are we all," said the rest of the toys in Santa's shop.

"Good-bye, merry Christmas to all," they said as they were put in turns in Santa's big pack.

Without Trying.

A mother said exclaimingly of her daughter, "I don't think Bertha means to be selfish." Few people do. They simply think of themselves and of what they want, regardless of other people, and that is selfishness. You cannot make people happy unless you try, but you can make them miserable without trying.—Girls' Companion.

## SCRAPS OF HUMOR

More Shape.

A boy was presented with some young guinea pigs by his father's friend. Meeting the boy soon after, the friend inquired about the pigs.

"Well, Robbie, how are the guinea pigs getting on; are they in good shape?"

"They are just the same shape, only bigger."—Osteopathic Magazine.

Disappointed.

Bride—Sometimes I think that you don't love me any more.

Groom—Why, I love you just the same as ever.

Bride—Then I was right; you don't love me any more than you did and I thought your love would grow—boo hoo!

Remember this, when duty calls it never pays to shirk; You're dodging opportunity When you are dodging work.

What a Dreadful Mistake!

Jack Potts—Sorry I couldn't get home earlier, my dear. Poor old Pete Faraway is dangerously sick in bed and he sent for me to come and see him. Anyone here while I was out?

His Wife—Only poor old Pete Faraway. He dropped in to see you.

Not Even Started.

"What remedy do you suggest for our economic ills?"

"None. I haven't even been able to discover an absolutely reliable remedy for a cold."

A Painful Operation.

"Did you hear that our old friend had been superseded?"

"You don't say so? Did they give him an anesthetic?"

The Help There.

"I suppose they make up the oyster beds with sheets of water, but who does it?"

"The mermaids, of course, booby."

The Reason.

"Nervous exhaustion seems so prevalent just now."

"Yes, since the automobile came in people are a lot more run down."

It Never Fails.

Mrs. Pester—I wish you'd wake me in time for me to catch the 7 o'clock train in the morning. But don't rouse the whole household while you're doing it.

Her Husband—Very well, my dear. I'll take off my shoes and sneak upstairs on tiptoe, same as I always do when I get in late at night.

Couldn't Afford It.

Hewitt—Do you believe in physical culture?

Jewett—No; I joined a class once and I outgrew my clothes like a blamed kid.

An Indication.

"Do they take children in this apartment house?"

"They must. Some of the rooms aren't large enough to accommodate anybody but a child."

How He Got the Last Word.

"Well, I had the last word in an argument with my wife last night."

"That so? How did you get it?"

"I admitted I was entirely to blame."