

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

Lefty Ingham of Lyons took highest honors in the college and school of agriculture livestock judging contest at the university farm at Lincoln. He was rewarded with a cup. The ten high men judging all kinds of stock ranked as follows: Lefty Ingham, Lyons; K. A. Clark, Craig; Paul Atchison, Cozad; Royal Schoen, Wells; Minn; Paul Taggart, Chambers; Edward Scheidt, Friend; L. E. Finney, Lincoln; A. K. Hepperly, Norfolk; Alvin Merrick, Osceola; Harold Hedges, Indianola. They were awarded with ribbons.

The Missouri Pacific's demand for 3 cents a mile passenger fare in Nebraska, whereas other lines only secured 2 cents a mile, before government control, has been upheld by Special Master Gaines, appointed by the government to decide the issue. This case has been in court for years, and involved hundreds of thousands of dollars. Refund slips issued by the road pending the ruling in the case are now worthless, unless a reversal follows in an appeals court.

Secretary of State Amsberry announced that stickers cannot be legally used on ballots cast in Nebraska, after conferring with Attorney General Davis on the subject. Interest has been aroused in this matter by candidates expected to employ this method to place their names on the ballot since they had not made filings.

Pamphlets containing a list of 3,000 stolen automobiles on record January 1, 1920, have been distributed to all parts of the country by the state law enforcement division at Lincoln. Any sheriff, chief of police or town constable will be mailed one of the booklets upon application. Nebraska is the first state to undertake a move of this character.

When the time limit for submitting bids for the paving of twenty miles of Douglas county roads expired, not a single bid was received. A permanent injunction granted against part of the paving was given as a probable reason for the lack of bidding on this last project.

Charles W. Steinbaugh, Omaha architect, member of the Nebraska capital committee says that the new \$5,000,000 structure to be built at Lincoln will be more serviceable, durable and beautiful than any such structure heretofore built in the United States.

The Nebraska supreme court has ruled that an automobile used for illegal transportation of liquor in the state can be confiscated and sold by state authorities, even though the machine is the property of a person other than the driver.

Another record price for downtown property in Omaha was established when Julius Orkin purchased the property and building occupied by A. Hospe and company at 1513 Douglas street, for \$300,000. This was approximately \$7,500 a front foot.

Census figures released the past week give Columbus a population of 5,410, an increase of 7.9 per cent over 1910; Hastings, 11,647, an increase of 24.7 for the same period, and Grand Island 13,930, an increase of 35.2.

The Lincoln Automobile club has started a campaign against certain farmers who have been charging exorbitant sums for helping motorists who have become stuck in the mud near their farms.

Florence Beamblossom, 12 years old, struck on the head by a gate blown shut while helping with the chores on a farm near Shelton during the wind storm March 28, died from her injuries.

Sixty farmers from Cozad appeared before the state railway commission and gave their views on the proposition to give the Cozad Irrigating Ditch Co. the right to raise their water rates.

Mrs. Gallen Plant, of Geneva, sister of Raymond Hill, young farmer awaiting trial on the charge of the murder of his father, asked that a guardian be appointed for her accused brother, alleging that he is not of sound mind.

The district court of Lancaster county has issued a temporary order forbidding the Royal Highlanders, a Nebraska insurance fraternity, from putting into effect a new table of rates.

Bonds for \$20,000 for improvements to the county fair grounds at Sidney will be submitted to the people for approval at the April primaries.

Among the improvements planned at Albion this year are, 2,000 feet of additional sewerage, 8,000 feet of water mains, and 45 blocks of paving.

O. W. Langley, who shot and killed Judge C. H. Truffer of Cortland, was sentenced to the penitentiary for 21 years by Judge J. M. Pemberton in district court at Beatrice. A jury previously had returned a verdict of second degree murder.

Contract has been awarded for a new \$30,000 telephone exchange building at David City.

The Sidney Community association has appointed a committee to work with one appointed by the city council to establish a camping ground for tourists.

A movement is on foot in Omaha and Council Bluffs for a double-deck bridge to be constructed across the Missouri river that will be owned by both cities and operated free of cost to the public. The structure will cost about \$2,000,000.

It takes an editor of a country weekly to solve intricate problems such as the high cost of living, etc., the latest being a scheme originated by M. Wirt Blatt, publisher of the Chambers Sun. In order to beat building material profiteers, he is going to build for himself a sod house, cemented inside and out and install therein his printing plant. The building will be 40 by 60 feet and the walls four feet thick, will be of prairie sod. After the walls have settled the building will be cemented inside and out and the veneer lined in imitation of masonry.

It costs the state an average of \$300 a month or \$3,600 a year to pay the publication of a monthly bulletin issued by Governor McKelvie and State Engineer Johnson, who are at the head of the state department of public works. This money comes out of the state highway fund. State Engineer Johnson says that since law requires him to report each month showing the condition of this fund, he decided he would make this report in the form of a monthly bulletin.

Constitutional convention officials are now counting the cost of the convention. It is evident that the total appropriation, \$116,000, set aside by the legislature of 1919 will be insufficient to pay all expenses incurred and some of the expenses which it is desired to incur in the way of "publicity." Under the latter head the officers of the convention hope to print about 300,000 pamphlets to mail to voters.

The Fremont city council headed a petition signed by 2,063 citizens against permitting theatres to operate on Sunday, and now the forces favoring the Sunday shows are preparing to circulate petitions to submit the initiative and referendum to the people for adoption as a part of the city law. If adopted, they say they will secure a popular vote on the theater question.

Unregistered liberty bonds totalling \$1,000 make up the loss in the robbery of the First National bank of Greenwood March 22, according to officials of the institution. Robbers obtained \$42,000 in registered bonds, not negotiable, and \$6,000 in war savings stamps, which cannot be cashed because the government has warned post-offices against them.

Rev. T. J. Mackey, for over fifty years a member of the Episcopal ministry, 28 of which were spent as head of the All Saints' parish at Omaha, died at his home in the Nebraska metropolis at the age of 76. He was one of the most widely known pastors in this state.

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln will offer a twelve weeks' course next summer, two terms of six weeks each. Registration for the first term will begin May 29 and class work on May 31; the second dates being July 10 and July 12.

A hotel company with twenty-five incorporators has been organized at Ord to finance the building of a \$200,000 hotel. A local company will erect the building, and lease it to an operator who will furnish and operate the hotel.

Nebraska's quota of the \$100,000,000 Northern Baptists of America plan to raise in an eight-day campaign starting April 25, has been placed at \$1,500,000, one third of which is allotted to Omaha.

The management of the Omaha-Lincoln-Beatrice interurban line has been buying considerable material recently for the Lincoln end of the road and it is said the firm intends to press efforts toward the completion of the line.

Laurel Post No. 51, of the American Legion, at Laurel, adopted resolutions declaring the non-partisan league "un-American and a menace to the best interests of this government."

Requesting that congress "take such steps as it deems necessary to bring about justice and humanity in Korea," a petition signed by 1,000 Nebraska citizens was sent to Senator Norris by Governor McKelvie.

The Lincoln Commercial club will send 22 delegates to the eighth national convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce in Atlantic City this month.

Conrad Soli, 50, of Ashland, and Chas. Bullock, 55, bridge workers, were killed at Louisville when a Rock Island train ran into a motor carrying five men.

Wilson Tont, superintendent of North Platte schools for 13 consecutive years, has resigned to engage in a business venture.

The district conference of older boys of the northwest section held at Chadron, proved a pronounced success.

The Genoa-Albion road, which was built within four miles of Albion last fall, is now being completed.

All teachers in the Friend public schools have refused to sign contracts for next year without an increase in salaries. The school board has declared all positions vacant.

The state supreme court has ruled that the administrative code bill is still in force and operation and will remain until it has issued its full mandate.

Miss Carolina Goehry, 23, of Lindsay, was found dead beside an overturned and badly wrecked automobile near Columbus. She was alone in the car when the accident occurred.

A Rotary club with twenty charter members was organized at Columbus the other day.

Census figures for Scottsbluff give the city a population of 6,912, an increase of 25.9 per cent over 1910. The record hung up by the beet sugar town is unequalled by any city in Nebraska, it is believed.

The Nebraska Hampshire Breeders' association is offering \$200 in prizes for Hampshire pigs exhibited at the state fair, and \$1 a head for every Hampshire pig exhibited to members of the Nebraska boys' and girls' clubs.

REACH WAGE AGREEMENT

Soft Coal Miners and Operators Ratify Proposition Submitted by President Wilson.

New York.—The negotiations for a new agreement for the bituminous coal miners were brought to a close on March 31 when the general committee of operators and coal miners of the central competitive field ratified a contract embodying the award of President Wilson's coal commission.

A feature of the new contract is a clause which provides that "all internal differences" in the districts of the bituminous coal field will be settled by the district officers of the mine workers and operators. There must be nothing done, however, in adjusting these matters that will increase the cost of production or decrease the earning capacity of the mine workers.

The new agreement also "contemplates" the bonus system used by operators in competing with each other for employees. The contract provides that all agreements should contain a "penalty" clause for any "stoppage of work" or unauthorized strikes. The international officers of the mine workers also agree to make the agreement binding in every detail. The eight-hour day as now in effect in the soft coal regions is continued.

Wage increases totalling approximately \$200,000,000 annually are granted the mine workers in the new agreement which affects about 400,000 soft coal diggers.

FAVORS EXPULSION.

Wilson Urges Allies to Banish Turks From Soil of Europe.

Washington, D. C.—Vigorous expression of President Wilson's opinion that the "often expressed intention of the allies that the anomaly of the Turks in Europe should cease" should be carried out in framing the Turkish treaty, characterized the American rejoinder to the recent allied note transmitting information as to the status of treaty negotiations.

While the strength of arguments for retention of the Turks in Constantinople was recognized, the note said, the American government believes that "the arguments against it are far stronger and contain certain imperative elements which it would not seem possible to ignore."

The American rejoinder, the first diplomatic paper to bear the signature of Secretary Coby, was handed to the French ambassador here, March 21, for transmission to Premier Millerand and made public by the State department on advice that it had been delivered.

GERMANS TO USE FORCE.

Determined to Send Troops Into Ruhr Region.—Reign of Terror Exists.

Berlin.—The German government has announced in a communication to the press that it has resolved to dispatch troops to the Ruhr region as soon as the entente consents to such a move. The decision was reached at a three hours' cabinet meeting. The statement declares that this action was inevitable in view of the unchecked lawlessness in the region about Essen, Dortmund, Duisburg and Muhlheim. The chancellor said he had received urgent reports from Essen, where terrorist bands were looting food trains for supplies. The looting brigades, the chancellor said, had been disavowed by all parties, even the communists and the independent socialists, in the Ruhr district.

Says Schools Full of Bolshevists.

Washington, D. C.—Bolshevik, socialist and anarchist are given teachers' certificates and they are teaching in every state in the union, Representative Campbell, republican, Kansas, declared in the house.

"College professors of high and low degree are socialists, anarchists, enemies of congress, enemies of the constitution, enemies of this government, and they teach it daily in the colleges," he said. Mr. Campbell said trustees should see to it that "the socialists are not employed to poison the youth of the country."

Iowa Republicans Active.

Des Moines, Ia.—State Chairman Rawson of the republican state central committee issued the call for the state convention to name twenty-six delegates to Chicago, for April 22, at Des Moines. Precedent caucuses will be held April 14 and county convention on April 17. Leonard Wood's campaign was launched in Iowa March 26 with Attorney J. L. Parrish and Attorney Dale Griswold, both of Des Moines, in charge.

Commerce Chamber Opposes Plan.

New York.—Operation of American boats out of Germany to other than ports in the United States and a plan to put American boats in the service of the sixty lines formerly operated by the Hamburg-American Steamship Co. are opposed in a resolution adopted by the Chamber of Commerce of New York state.

Mother Slays Children.

Elk City, Okla.—That she killed her five children and then slashed her own throat was told in a hospital here by Mrs. Elmer Cowart shortly before she died. The tragedy took place at the home of the Cowarts near here. The bodies were found by the father, a mail hand, on his return from work. In a written statement the woman said sickness and loneliness had unbalanced her mind. She said she used an ax, knife and razor to end the children's lives.

DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

THE BOB WHITES

"Dear little Mr. Bob White," said his wife.

"Dear little Mrs. Bob White," he answered.

Mr. Bob White had met Mrs. Bob White early in the spring, just as the snow was going and soon now they were going to have their nest all ready on the ground, all lined with soft leaves and dry grasses. They were having a little side entrance to their home and it was near a small bush, very nice and cosy, and everything looked perfectly wonderful for a happy time ahead.

Mr. Bob White is such a dear little soul that no one could help but love him, least of all his mate.

As Mrs. Bob White was planning she decided she would lay a dozen eggs, lovely white eggs.

"Let's talk of the future, the happy, happy future," said Mrs. Bob White.

"The present is happy, too, but I can see such a happy future because I am to be with you and you're such a wonderful bird."

"And you are such a dear little bird treasure," said Mr. Bob White.

"When I am nesting what will you be doing?" she asked.

"I will sit on the branch of a nearby tree and I will tell you that I'm Bob White and that I love you and that I'm your own Bob White and no one else's Bob White."

"I shall be so proud and so happy."

"Then," said Mrs. Bob White, "we will wait a few weeks and then we'll take our downy darlings, some of them with ridiculous pieces of shell still attached to their adorable little backs, and we'll go off seeking goodies to eat. We'll eat berries and weeds and seeds and we'll help the farmer by eating destructive, bad insects for him and also we will help destroy the seeds of the weeds which are bad for his land."

"When it is cold we will go to the sunny borders of woods and dales and keep quite warm. Often there will



"I Will Sit on the Branch."

come a cool day in the summer when we will have to do this.

"When wicked people hunt us with guns let us hold our wings close to our sides, for we will be able to hide in smaller places then. But, oh, we were to talk of the happy future, and surely no one will kill the merry, happy Bob Whites this year, the good Bob Whites who are affectionate and kindly and happy."

"It would be wrong to shoot down happiness like that. It would be shooting down happiness, wouldn't it?"

"That is what it would be doing," said Mrs. Bob White, "but as you said, we will not talk of such things, for we must talk of the happiness and not of any dangers that may be ahead."

"Our children," she continued, "will stay with us until another spring has come and then they will go off to choose their own mates just as we did this year." She put her head cozily on one side and Mr. Bob White said:

"Bob White, Bob White, your Bob White, Bob White loves you."

"We may take a trip when the autumn comes, too—just for a change and then back home again, eh?" asked Mrs. Bob White. "I love thinking of all the pleasures ahead. A little trip will be so nice and then we will be happy to be back home again."

"That's what I think is nice—a holiday or a vacation and then back to the home grounds once more."

"That is what we will do," said Mr. Bob White. "My whole wish in life is to please you."

"And mine to please you," said Mrs. Bob White.

"And each to please the other," said Mr. Bob White, "and the children to please both of us and we to please them."

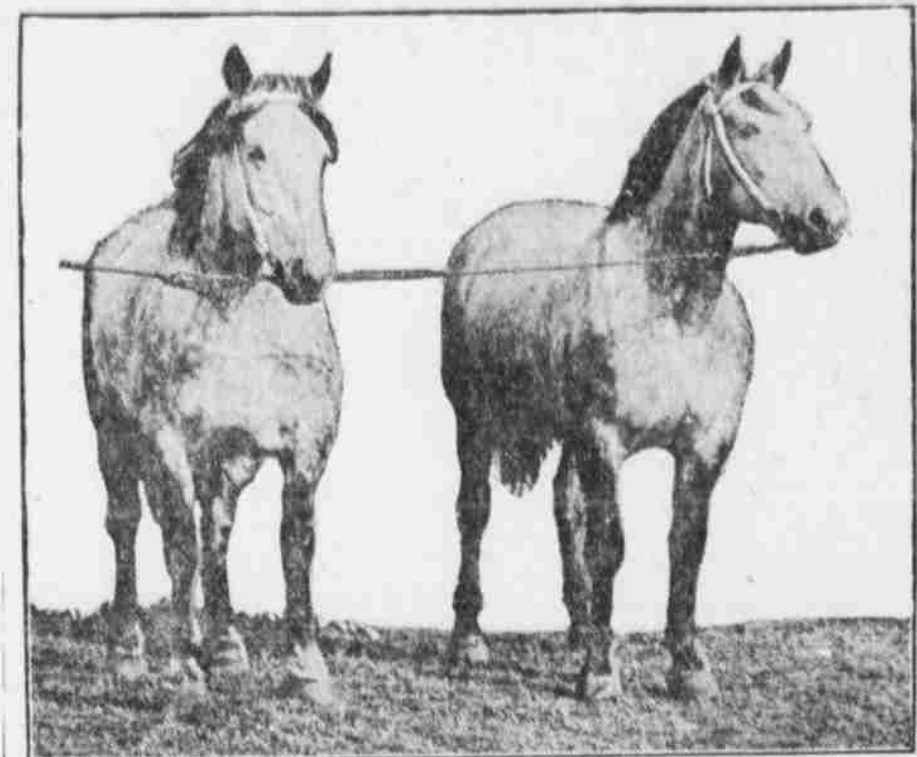
"Oh, the future is just full, crammed full of joy and happiness," said Mrs. Bob White, "and we know it is because we know our own ways and how we love each other and care for our own mate."

"Sometimes it seems as though we had so much joy and happiness it's a wonder it doesn't get spilled over."

"Perhaps," said Mr. Bob White, "some of it will and I think it will be a good thing, for into the hearts of hunters or boys who think they would like to hunt when they grow up will come the joy of taking the pictures of birds, studying our ways, but leaving the guns at home."

"We have enough happiness to let some drop over, eh?" chuckled Mrs. Bob White, delightedly.

GRADUAL DECREASE IN SUPPLY OF HORSES ON FARMS AND RANCHES IN RECENT YEARS



Keep Only the Best Mares and Breed Them to Sound, Purebred Stallions of the Same Breed.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Horses in this country reached their maximum in 1918 and since then have been gradually decreasing, according to data compiled by the bureau of crop estimates, United States department of agriculture. While this statement applies to the United States as a whole, the information secured by the bureau relates primarily to the supply of horses on farms and ranches, the gradual decrease of which is attributed to motor vehicles. That the decline of the horse on farms is not due merely to the use of passenger automobiles is indicated by a survey recently undertaken by approximately 30,000 crop reporters representing the bureau in all sections of the country. They have reported the names of more than 49,000 farmers who use motor trucks on their farms. But the extent to which these trucks displace horses is problematical. In many cases the introduction of a truck on a farm indicates provision for increased hauling rather than an actual reduction in the number of horses used.

Estimated Value of Horses.

The estimated number of horses on farms and ranches January 1 of this year was 21,109,000, a decrease of 373,000 head, or 1.7 per cent, compared with a year ago. The total value of these animals this year is estimated at \$1,992,542,000 as against \$2,114,897,000 last year. This means an average value per head for horses of all ages of \$94.39, compared with \$98.45 a year ago. The average value per head ten years ago was \$108.03. From these figures it is not difficult to understand why the horse market is regarded as unsettled and the future equally uncertain. The best demand during the past year has been in the South, while decreases have occurred on the western ranges. During the past two years the increased demand for feed for high-priced meat animals has made it

relatively more costly to keep a horse on the farm.

Comments in the reports of field agents to the bureau of crop estimates throw interesting light on the decrease in the number of horses. The agent in South Dakota writes: "With the competition of the gas tractor there has been a diminishing demand for the horses of the class largely grown in this state." The agent in Tennessee states: "The raising of horses and mules has declined to some extent in the past few years. The auto is taking the place of the horse in many instances. With the mule the decline is not so marked, as he is the main stay of the farm, though a few mules are being replaced by the tractor."

According to the field agent in New Mexico there are no longer any wild horses on the range in his state and the number of small Mexican cow ponies is rapidly diminishing. The field agent in Utah states that horses are liabilities rather than assets in his section. Speaking of the decrease in certain sections of Washington, the local representative in that state says: "Where a notable reduction has occurred in any county it seems due to replacement of horsepower by motor power."

Increase of Mules.

While the number and value of horses has declined, there has been a slight increase in the number of mules in this country, compared with a year ago. Most of these animals are in the Southern states, and the prosperity of that section is reflected in the increased demand and high prices paid for mules. The average value per head is \$147.10 (all ages included), compared with \$135.83 a year ago and \$120.20 ten years ago. The total number of mules on farms and ranches the first of this year was 4,995,000, an increase of 41,000 head, or 0.8 per cent.

MODERN WAREHOUSES IN NORTHERN STATES

Give Onions as Little Artificial Heat as Possible.

Provision Should Be Made for Ample Ventilation to Throw Off Moisture—Dry Cellar Will Give Satisfactory Results.

In the northern states onion warehouses should be built with the purpose in mind of keeping the temperature just above 32 degrees Fahrenheit during severe winter weather with as little artificial heating as possible. This necessitates walls consisting of a number of thicknesses of lumber and one to several air spaces, says the United States department of agriculture. Provision is necessary for ample ventilation, since the bulbs are continually giving off moisture which must be removed. This can be increased materially on clear days by opening doors and windows for a few hours. In very cold weather it is necessary to heat the house during this process, in order to prevent the freezing of bulbs. A steam or hot-water heating system or stoves placed at intervals is satisfactory. Large bulbs are stored in slatted bushel boxes or folding crates, while bottom sets should be placed two to four inches deep in shallow crates.

Where a modern warehouse is not available a dry cellar which can be held at 32 to 35 degrees Fahrenheit can be used with good results.

HOW TO PLANT POTATO SEED

Like All Other Garden Crops Success Depends Largely on Manner of Planting.

Irish potato seed should not be cut until everything is ready for planting. Cut the potatoes, open the furrows, drop the seed and cover it—all quickly, so that neither the seed nor the soil will become dry during the operation. The success of any garden crop depends largely upon how it is planted. It pays to make a good start.

HOME CLOVER SEED BEST

Home-grown seed is more likely to make a good stand than Italian. American clover is less liable to disease than Italian. Insist on knowing what you buy.

MAKE SUCCESS WITH GARDEN

Failure is Inevitable if Proper Cultivation and Care is Neglected in Summer.

A good start for a garden is often lost about the time that the weeds appear. No matter how carefully the garden may be planned or how rich the soil or costly the seeds, failure will surely follow if the proper cultivation and care is not given during the growing season.

VALUE OF BEET-TOP SILAGE

One Ton is Equal to Half a Ton of Alfalfa Hay When Fed to Stock as Mixed Feed.

It is safe to conclude that one ton of good beet-top silage is equal to half a ton of alfalfa hay when fed as a mixed feed. Many feeders think that the silage has a value almost equal to good hay, ton for ton.

LIVE STOCK NOTES

A thin sow hasn't the vitality to raise strong litters.

Livestock reproduce very rapidly if given a fair chance.

The self-feeder is especially desirable in the feeding of young growing pigs.

Livestock have helped many farmers to farm more intelligently and profitably.

Sows that eat their pigs as a usual thing have not received enough bone building material during pregnancy.