

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

The board of control, in awarding a public contract, must accept the offer of the lowest responsible bidder, according to the decision of District Judge Stewart at Lincoln, who allowed a writ of mandamus asked for by the Nebraska Building and Investment Company. The court ordered the board to rescind its action in giving the contract for the new hospital building at the Milford Soldiers' Home to Ernest Rokahr at \$77,960, and to make a contract with the Nebraska company at its figure of \$77,353.

Clarence C. Lange of the government air mail service won the air race from Omaha to the Dawes county fair at Crawford, a distance of 470 miles. It was the first airplane race ever attempted in Nebraska. Lange covered the distance in three hours and fifty minutes, making one stop at Grand Island. Edward Gardner of the Nebraska Aircraft Co., of Lincoln finished second. Warren P. Kite of the Grand Island Aero Co., finished third. Only three contestants participated in the race.

Nebraska Presbyterians in the last two years have added to their pastors' salaries an average of \$400 each, according to a recent statement of Dr. William H. Kearns of Omaha, one of the district secretaries of the New Era movement. There are 179 Presbyterian ministers included in the synod of Nebraska overseeing a total of 213 churches.

A jury in the district court at Fremont found August Thompson of North Bend guilty of assaulting Miss Marie Kraef, 17, also of North Bend. The young lady was found unconscious on the doorstep of her home the morning after attending an American Legion dance, and for three weeks was delirious from injuries received when she leaped from Thompson's automobile.

All physicians in Nebraska are being supplied from the state health bureau with franked post cards for making reports to county superintendents on cases of contagious diseases in their communities, who report to the state headquarters at Lincoln, who, in turn, sends a weekly report to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith, former employees of the institute for feeble-minded at Beatrice, who were arrested last week for the alleged systematic theft of goods from the institution for the past few years, protest their innocence and have secured attorneys to defend them.

Secretary Stuir of the state department of agriculture has appointed seventeen men to inspect and grade potatoes to be shipped from western Nebraska. He estimates the Nebraska potato crop this year will total approximately 3,000 carloads.

Reports from Leavenworth, Kan., are that Leslie A. Tibbets, of Wyomere, serving a one year term in the federal prison there for deserting the army, made his escape with another prisoner.

It is estimated that more than \$3,000,000 in income tax was paid by Nebraskans in the third installment of the year. Time to get under the wire expired last Thursday.

Reports from 250 towns in north-eastern Nebraska, northwestern Iowa and South Dakota indicate that upland corn is almost all out of danger from frosts.

Voters of Seline county at a special election defeated a movement to remove the county seat from Wilber, where it has been for forty years, to Crete.

Mrs. Gus Hanika and her 2-year-old child of Stella were killed when a car in which the family was riding went over an embankment near Shubert.

Impressive ceremony marked the laying of the cornerstone for the new Valley county court house, being built at Ord.

A movement is under way for the organization of the fourth bank for McCook. The capital is to be \$100,000. Ak-Sar-Ben festivities at Omaha this week are drawing the largest crowds in the history of the organization.

Contract has been let for paving a number of blocks at Pawnee City.

Records for land in Saunders county were shattered the other day when W. J. Magher, living four miles southeast of Morse Bluff, sold his 240 acre farm for \$102,000 or \$425 an acre.

Saunders county hog raisers carried off high honors at the State Fair. Bert O. Lyman of Cedar Bluffs, breeder of Chester White hogs, won eighteen ribbons, including junior champion sow, and eight other first prizes. Harry Woodward of Wahoo, breeder of the same strain, won eleven ribbons, including second on senior yearling boar and second futurity litter.

Petitions are being circulated in Franklin county asking for the removal of the county seat from Bloomington to Franklin.

Good roads enthusiasts of the eastern end of the state declare Sarpy county highways are the best in Nebraska.

Cass county school exhibits were awarded the highest rank of any on collective work at the State Fair. Cass pupils also carried off twelve individual first prizes and numerous second and thirds. Plattsmouth schools led the state in penmanship.

Beryl Kirk, Omaha handit, who was furloughed by Senator Bushee, of Kimball, while acting governor in the absence of Governor McKeivie and Lieutenant-Governor Barrows, after he had served only eighteen months of a twenty-year sentence in connection with the Malstock jewelry robbery and the murder of Detective Rooney at Omaha, was arrested in Des Moines, Ia., last week. The release of Kirk caused much comment over the state and brought much criticism of the power of "furlough" invested in the governor.

After two hours' deliberation a jury in the district court at Fremont found John Olson, Omaha contractor, guilty of an attempt to murder Harm B. Lueken at the latter's home at Fremont, May 12. The case has attracted wide attention over the state. Shortly after the verdict was rendered Mrs. Florence Olson, the defendant's wife, filed a suit for damages of \$25,000 against Mrs. Lueken, on the grounds of alienation of her husband's affections.

A lot contest for football honors is expected between teams comprising the Nebraska conference. Twelve colleges will compete this year, which is three schools larger than the preceding season. They are: Nebraska Wesleyan, York College, Doane College at Crete, Cotter University, Hastings College, Wayne Normal, Kearney Normal, Peru Normal, Midland College, Fremont; Grand Island College, University of Omaha and Central College.

Ronald R. Williams, six weeks' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rofla Williams of Ainslow, who has a great great-grandfather, two great-grandmothers, two great-grandfathers, two grandmothers and two grandfathers, has perhaps the longest list of ancestors of any person in the state. Besides he has scores of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Disbarment proceedings against Attorneys Frank and Stanley Barrios for alleged efforts to aid a client to evade the draft law and other irregularities, scheduled to be heard by the state supreme court last week, was postponed on account of the illness of Judge Pawcett.

Anton Hason, who found the body of Miss Carrie Boutelle, school teacher, drowned in the Missouri river near his home, at Omaha, has found twelve other bodies of drowned persons during the forty years he has lived in his little home on the river beach.

Cattle and hog raisers of Nebraska and other middle west states will be forced out of business unless bankers furnish them with \$100,000,000 in loans, ranchmen and hog raisers told representatives of Wall Street bankers at a meeting in Chicago.

Rev. W. E. J. Gratz, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church, Lincoln, has been appointed secretary of the institute and life work department of the Epworth league of the Methodist Episcopal church, with headquarters in Chicago.

The state railway commission issued an order authorizing express companies to increase intrastate rates 1 1/2 per cent and interstate rates sufficiently to conform to recommendations of the interstate commerce commission.

The Consolidated Electric company at Beatrice has decided to complete the construction of the electric line from Holmesville, through Rockford and Filley, as far east as Virginia. The line will cost about \$200,000.

Lloyd and Leon Harlan were arrested at Schuyler recently, charged with pulling the tongue from a mule belonging to Charles Sweet, Elkhorn township farmer. Spite work is said to have caused the act.

Figures furnished the State College of Agriculture at Lincoln by farmers of Dakota county, show that the labor of growing corn up to July 20 cost an average of more than \$10 an acre.

Citizens of Murrey have organized a community club. Various committees have been appointed and some excellent work will no doubt be the result.

Herman Upton was instantly killed by a Union Pacific passenger train at Elm Creek, when crowds attending a barbecue forced him onto the tracks.

The state agricultural college says that if favorable weather continues ten days, practically all Nebraska corn will be out of danger of frost.

Lancaster county has a population of \$5,902, census figures show. In 1910 the county had a population of 73,793.

Federal census figures show Dixon county has a population of 11,815; Garden, 4,572; and Hitchcock, 6,045.

Lincoln police are boasting that not a single automobile was reported stolen during the state fair.

Burlington crop experts estimate the potato yield in Nebraska this year at 9,996,000 bushels, as compared with 6,325,000 bushels in 1919.

Mrs. Nell Mumford of Beatrice has been appointed by the state board of control as house supervisor at the girls' reformatory at York.

A uniform course of study, the first of its kind ever compiled, has been printed by the state superintendent's office for the use of normal training in high schools that receive state aid. There are 213 such schools in Nebraska at the present time.

Nearly \$500,000 has been taken in benevolent collections by Nebraska Methodist churches during the last year. The treasurer reported to the state conference at Omaha.

Charles Erickson, Merrick county farmer, raised 817 bushels of oats on a tract of less than eight acres, or 102 bushels to the acre. He sowed less than ten bushels of seed.

The 1920 State Fair was the most successful in history in point of attendance and gate receipts. Attendance totaled 270,664, while receipts amounted to approximately \$100,000.

RED LITERATURE IS SEIZED

Evidence in Hands of Federal Agents Shows New York Outrage Work of Radical Element.

New York.—Receipt by department of justice agents of five radical circulars, signed "American Anarchistic Fighters," which were found in a mail box at Cedar street and Broadway, furnished the first tangible clew, they said, to the identity of the persons who were responsible for the explosion in Wall street.

In making public the circulars, which were printed on cheap paper, seven by eleven inches, Chief William J. Flynn of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice called attention to the fact the bombs sent in the nation-wide plot on June 1, 1919, were wrapped in circulars announcing the coming of the revolution and signed "American Anarchistic Fighters."

The text of the circulars read: "Remember. We will not tolerate any longer. Free the political prisoners or it will be sure death for all of you."

The circulars were not enclosed in envelopes, nor did they bear addresses. Some contained misspelled words.

"In my opinion this was not an attack on J. P. Morgan & Co.," Chief Flynn declared. "I believe that those responsible, picked out the financial center to create a demonstration."

Examination of shrapnel found imbedded in the bodies of some of the dead and of fragments removed in surgical operations on the injured has added weight to the belief that the explosion came from an infernal machine and was not accidental.

The brokerage firm of Daniels & Co. sent to Mayor Hylan a check for \$250, requesting him to use it as a nucleus for a fund to be raised for the relief of sufferers in the disaster. The letter points out most of those injured were clerks and stenographers in moderate circumstances.

Total losses in securities resulting from the explosion were approximately \$212,000, most of which has been recovered, according to information collected by The National Security Co. It is estimated the ultimate loss would not exceed \$21,000.

FOOD PRICES LOWER.

Drop Noted Throughout Nation by Labor Department.

Washington, D. C.—Twenty-five of the 43 standard articles going into the American family market basket decreased in price between July 15 and August 15, it was announced by the Department of Labor's bureau of labor statistics, which made public figures showing that during the 30-day period ending with the middle of August, the retail price of potatoes fell 44 per cent and the price of cabbage went down 41 per cent. The drop in sugar price was placed at 14 per cent. Most kinds of meat also decreased.

Indications that the decline in food price levels was general, is seen in statistics showing that each of the 51 cities covered by the bureau's survey reported decreases.

Official Count Necessary.

Chicago, Ill.—Official returns in the Illinois primary will not be made known for a few days, James F. Sullivan, chief clerk of the Cook county board of election commissioners, said. Adherents of Len Small, Thompson candidate, claimed that the missing Chicago precincts from which no returns have been received, due to the fact that the ballot boxes were sealed before an official count could be made, would easily give their candidate the republican nomination for governor. Supporters of Lieutenant Governor John G. Oglesby, backed by Governor Lowden, however, maintained that he would keep his present lead.

Mine Operator and Deputies Killed.

Jasper, Ala.—L. M. Adler, general manager of the Corona Coal Co., was shot and killed and Deputy Sheriff Edgel and Brown, traveling with him in an automobile, were wounded so seriously that both died later. The shooting is considered the outgrowth of the coal mine strike which has been in progress in Alabama ten days and after the killings Sheriff Clark Guthrie of Walker county called upon Governor Kilby for troops. Adler and his party were shot from ambush, authorities say.

No Barnstorming for Harding.

New York.—There will be no "barnstorming" in connection with projected speaking trips of Senator Harding. Will Hays, national chairman, said here in commenting on a report from Marion that the republican presidential candidate would travel from coast to coast. "There has been absolutely no change in our plans as announced a month ago," Mr. Hays said. He expressed doubt that Senator Harding would go farther west than Omaha.

Harding Comments on Maine Vote.

Marion, O.—Senator Harding issued the following statement in reference to the sweeping victory won by republicans in the Maine election:

"The result in Maine is re-assurance that the American people mean to return to representative government under the constitution through the agency of the republican party, and that Maine takes the lead in declaring for America unremortgaged to the old world, but still ready to serve humbly as American conscience impels."

CHILDREN HELP IMPROVE STOCK

Parents Learn That Good Care and Good Feeding as Well as Breeding Are Requisite.

STORY OF BILLY AND BETTY

Girl Makes Wonderful Success With Runtly Pig and Boy Does Almost Equally Well With Ewe-Necked, Frouzled-Looking Calf.

Zeb Powers thought he knew all he wanted to know about purebreds. He had seen reckless fellows in his section put all their money into purebreds, and had later attended the sheriff's sale and seen the "neglected animals sold at farm-cattle prices. That was enough for him; and when the college professor, the county agent, the live-stock-association man, or anybody else began talking about the advantages of better stock, Zeb gave him a cold shoulder.

But when Billy and Betty got to reading up on what other boys and girls were doing in the community with corn, pigs, or calves, pop just had to listen. He argued with them and told about cases he had known in which "tricksters had put purebred stock through the ring on fake bids to get free advertising and catch suckers." He had even heard old SI Slocum and Uncle Peter Tumbledown make the charge that the university fellows were hired by slick sellers of purebreds to help them bunce the farmers.

Mother Strikes a Bargain.

Then Billy and Betty would make further inquiries and talk it over with mother, who perhaps was grieving over the fact that Molly and Bob, long dissatisfied with slovenly farm work, had gone to town, she having a \$15-a-week factory job and the other driving a team for a contractor. She had a real heart-to-heart talk with father, and finally got him to let Billy have old Brindle's calf and Betty the runt pig out of old Spot's puny litter; and if they "were silly enough to think there was anything in all this club stuff, maybe this would help to get the foolishness out of their heads."

Needless to say, Billy was the first one up the morning after the announcement. He and Betty attended to their new treasures long before any of the regular chores were done. Betty gave the old sow some nice extra feed and got on such good terms with her that the sow was satisfied to let Betty see to it that the stronger pigs in the litter didn't lick the platter clean before Runtly got his turn. After that square meal, the first the luckless chap had been able to get, his tail began to get kinky, and in a few days had developed a genuine curl. This was a case of a fellow needing a friend, and he responded to his better treatment.



It Was Not Long Before Betty's Pig Showed the Effects of Good Treatment.

The bull calf that had fallen to the lot of Billy hadn't been playing in much better luck than Runt. Old Brindle was supposed to be the family milk cow, but except during a short period after freshening the children hadn't had all the milk they wanted and mother had always had to keep on hand a supply of condensed goods to mix with it for the cereals and sometimes to keep from drinking black coffee. The hay that couldn't be sold and the straw stack were about all Old Brindle had to make milk on during the winter and a skimpy bit of so-called pasture that was too hilly, rocky and stumpy to plow came as near as she had a chance to be "knee deep" even in June. The calf's daddy was a 3,000-pound 6-year-old that a farmer kept for freshening his own cows and letting to his neighbors at "six bits" a service.

The County Agent Calls.

Mother knew that pop was "dead agin" the county agent because he knew that it was just one more scheme of the politicians to make a job for some feller that ought to be doing honest work, and that it was another plan to increase taxes. She contrived, however, to have him stop long enough one day to talk things over with the children. At first pop was anything but cordial, but began to get interested when the agent told him he knew a farmer who would be glad to pay him \$50 more than the local buyer had offered for a little bunch of shorthorns and another man who was looking for just such a pair of yearling mules as he had, to put with a bunch he was feeding for market.

The agent saw at a glance 40 things that were keeping father a poor, down-trodden, shiftless farmer, but he was wise enough to go slow on suggesting a rotation of crops, alfalfa, a dressing of lime or tile draining, and a lot of

other things in addition to improving his live stock. He refrained from saying anything about a silo on that visit, but he did say he could let him in on a car of middlings that some neighbors were getting at a price much below Tom Feedsby's figures.

The county agent ventured a few other suggestions that would not involve much outlay, and father afterward told mother the fellow actually seemed to know something about farming. Some side talks with Billy and Betty resulted in Runtly, the pig, catching up and then passing his brothers and sisters, and the calf getting to look a lot better than any other that had been on the place.

The agent hadn't the heart to tell Billy that the calf would stand no chance at the county calf-club show and felt that better results would come from helping him to do the very best he could with what he had to work with, so he arranged for him to make the entry. His feeding and care had given quite a gloss to the calf's coat, and after he had used the clippers on his tail and sandpapered his little upstanding horns he thought the calf surely looked like a winner. Rube Mossby's children came over and declared that Brindy and Runtly were the best-looking calf and pig they



Billy and His Brindle Bull Calf.

ever saw, and Minnie Crookfurrow and Tommy Sourgrass wanted to know all about what Billy and Betty had done and were keen to know how it would come out.

A Lesson for Billy.

When the county-fair time came around the calves were lined up, and Billy was surprised, and, of course, disappointed, to find that his calf had to stand next to the last one, and indeed it was a frouzled-looking calf that stood with its little ewe-neck and its funny-shaped head hung low. Billy saw that the judge was perfectly right and not only told him so, but asked him if he wouldn't tell him what was the matter with his calf. The judge was glad to have him show such interest and pointed out that in his judgment Billy as a feeder and caretaker had really done very well, but he could not hope, with a calf bred as it was, to compete with those that not only had as good care and feed as his calf, but something besides—good breeding. He showed him that Brindy, while having an exaggerated punch, was sharp-shouldered, had very little meat on his ribs or loins, and was too long legged. He carefully went over the black, the white and the roan calves above him, showing their good points as well as their weak ones. This was a real lesson to Billy, and it is needless to say that it was a much more valuable lesson to father, who the next year bought him a high-grade calf and was as proud as he could be when his son won the blue ribbon and a trip to the international live stock exposition at Chicago. Betty's runtly pig also opened father's eyes, for the youngster "got in the money" with him and he said, "Next year you can have the best instead of the poorest pig, and if you come out all right I may buy a bred sow of one of the good breeds and let you raise her pigs on shares."

AID FOR FARMERS' MUTUALS

Fire Insurance Companies Given Help by Department of Agriculture in Timely Hints.

Assistance has been given a large number of farmers' mutual fire insurance companies by the United States department of agriculture by suggesting to these organizations suitable articles of incorporation, by-laws, and application and policy forms. In connection with the by-laws recommended by the department's specialists a classification of risks has been prepared which has received the indorsement of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies. Already several companies have adopted this classification. A set of by-laws prepared by the department for one of the more progressive farmers' mutual windstorm insurance companies is now recognized as a model among leading men in this particular field of agricultural insurance. A simple system of records for farmers' mutual insurance companies prepared by the department within recent months is already being used by seven concerns and more than a score of other companies indicate by correspondence that they are contemplating adopting this system of records.

LIVE STOCK NOTES

Green herbage is essential to the economical production of pork.

If the sheep have ticks, dip them; you can't afford to feed ticks, summer or winter.

Better bulls, hogs and bucks beget better bank balances.—Slogan used by bankers of Bend, Oregon.



DUCKS' WEATHER.

"Quack, quack," said Mrs. Duck. "Quack," said Sir David Duck. "Grunt, grunt," said Sir Benjamin Bacon and Sir Percival Pork said, "Grunt, grunt," as they both looked at the ducks who were walking past the Pig Pen Palace or Mud Yard, as it was also sometimes called.

"Cackle, cackle," said Miss Fidgety Fashionable Hen in a very proud voice.

"Cackle, cackle," said Miss Gray Hen in a very proud voice.

"Hello, cock-a-doodle-do," said Mr. Red Crown Rooster, and his cousin Red Top, said,

"Cock-a-doodle-do, how are you?" "We're pretty well, quack, quack," said Mrs. Duck.

"So are we," the other barnyard animals said.

"Do you know that we are very proud, quack, quack," said Sir David Duck, "for we have something of which to be very proud."

"Yes, quack, quack, we have, indeed," said Mrs. Duck.

"Quack, quack, quack," said the little ducklings. "We have something of which we cannot help but be proud. It seems that it has been something of which the family have been proud for years and years, and that still we can be proud of it. In fact, we heard it only today which made us know that still it is our pride."

"What in the world are you talking about, grunt, grunt," said Sir Benjamin Bacon from his pen. He was a cousin of Brother Bacon, but he was a good deal more snobbish, and belonged to a nobler family of pigs than Brother Bacon did.

"Yes, what in the world are you talking of?" asked Sir Percival Pork, who, too, was a cousin of Grandfather



"What in the World?"

Pork Pig. They called their home the Pig Pen Palace or Mud Yard and put on more airs than their cousin pigs you see. "Grunt, grunt, squeal, squeal, I would like to know," he said.

"Cock-a-doodle-do, so would I," said Red Top.

"Cackle, cackle, I would like to know what you mean," said Miss Gray Hen.

"Pray, tell us what you are so proud about, cackle, cackle," said Miss Fidgety Fashionable Hen.

"I will tell you," said Sir David Duck, "unless Mrs. Duck or the ducklings would prefer to tell the story."

"We're willing to let you tell it," said Mrs. Duck.

"Quite willing," said the ducklings. "Well," said Sir David Duck, "years and years ago whenever it rained hard, folks used to say, 'Fine weather for ducks!' That was such a compliment to us, for it showed us that there was weather just for us and that folks were willing to have the rain so that it could be fine for us. Of course, we like the rain and so the rain is fine weather for us. We adore the water, and rain is water."

"Well, the family has always been proud to think that there was such a thing as special weather for ducks, and that when people went out on such days they knew perfectly well that the weather was our weather and not theirs. We've been a little bit afraid that perhaps things might have changed. One never can tell. But today we heard a great many people who are visiting the farm (because there is a tea party being given there), and they all said the same thing.

"Well, now we know that we're still the creatures who have the rainy days made especially for them. Yes, we're very proud."

"You don't suppose," said Red Top, "that folks say that because they can't stand the rainy weather, and they think that it is only fit for ducks?"

"I don't suppose that," said Sir David, "for I feel they mean that such weather is our special weather, owned by us."

Hopefulness is Not Blindness.

Hopefulness is not necessarily opposed to common sense. The girl who insists that she will pass her examination without difficulty, while she goes on day after day neglecting her studies, is not hopeful so much as foolhardy.

Hopefulness should be cultivated but it is not necessary to shut one's eyes to the facts. Hopefulness is an advantage while blindness is a misfortune. Learn to see things as they are, and to take the optimistic view. Do not deliberately blind yourself to the real estate of affairs and call it being hopeful.—Girls' Companion.