CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

A baby show, under the auspices of the county medical association, was the feature of the Johnson county fair at Tecumseh. There were twenty-five and thirteen boys were awarded pre-

Preparations are being made to entertain 3,500 teachers from over the state, who will be in attendance at the teachers' convention which meets at Omaha November 3 to 8.

Walter H. Johnson, a Holdrege boy, and student at the state university, was drowned in the Y. M. C. swimming pool at Lincoln. His body was taken to his home for interment.

The discovery of two fires at the yards of an Odell lumber company within the past few weeks leads resisients of that village to believe that fire bugs are at work there.

Harold Big Fire, Gordon, Neb., Inlough to go after some more braves in his home town. As a result of the death of Theodore | irrigated sections.

Nordlund from a broken neck, sustained in a game last week, foot ball has been discontinued in the Stromsburg high school.

Casper H. Shrader, one of the few remaining civil war veterans in the neighborhood of Ravenna, is dead. Mr. Shrader was a pioneer farmer near that place.

Sixteen head of horses, two barns, a several stacks of wheat were destroyed by a fire near Beaver City last week.

A barn belonging to Joe Fisher at Columbus was burned to the ground when his automobile caught fire in the

Lincoln was chosen as the place for Fellows' bodies at the session of the Grand lodge at Hastings last week.

Dorsey schools have been closed as a precautionary measure following the illness of Earl Anderson, reported to have spinal meningitis, Two inches of hall fell near Hamp-

ton and Benedict followed by a heavy rain. Damage was done to roofs of buildings and to trees. At a special election at Nebraska

City \$100,000 bonds were voted for the erection of a municipal community hall in that city.

Work on the Sherman county court house, which has been held up for over sixty days by lack of materials, has been resumed.

The Coulter farm southeast of Beatrice has been bought by Ben Kroos of Gage county for \$180 an acre, or \$27,360 cash.

A special excursion rate has been secured for the state teachers' association which meets in Omaha November 3 to 5.

Nearly 200 persons were confirmed church at Grand Island last week.

Genoa is excited over traces of oil found in shale at a depth of 250 feet while deepening the city well.

The Chappel high school foot ball team was defeated by the local eleven at Sidney last week, 123 to 0.

The state farmers and co-operative grain and live stock association will meet in Omaha Nov. 16 and 17.

Eight hundred men and women, practically all foreign laborers, attend night school at South Omaha. The fourth annual roll call of the

Nebraska Red Cross will be held at Lincoln November 11 to 25. Rev. J. M Leidy, former head of the

state outi-saloon league, died at his home in Octaba last week. been organized at Wahoo with a mem-

bership of fifty couples. The Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons will meet at Omaha

December 10. Over 300 blacksmiths attended the last week.

Leaby lake, near Peru, is being drained and the game fish removed by the state.

Six autos, valued at \$25,600, were stolen at Omaha in forty-eight hours. The next session of the grand lodge

I. O. O. F. will be held in October, The equal suffrage amendment to the state constitution has been de-

from after the 11th day of October.

In an effort to raise Nebraska's

a collection. Work on the new \$250,000 high school building at Bayard has been resumed after a delay of several weeks. building on the high school grounds. The structure will rank as one of the The building will cost about \$3,000, best in the state, being the last word and will be built by the boys of the

in modern school building. The meetings of organized agriculture, the largest gathering of farmers be largely used in the construction. and livestock raisers in Nebraska, will be held at Lincoln, January 3 to 7, intions will meet at that time, represent-

Delegates from all chapters of the American Red Cross in Nebraska were in attendance at the state regional conference at Lincoln last week. Dr. Livingstone Farrand, chairman of the executive committee of the American Red Cross, just returned from Europe, was present and gave a graphic description of conditions existing there and urged the people of America, for OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS their own sake, not to forget the pitiful plight of the European people, especially children, who needed the help of prosperous America. Other speakers included James L. Fleser, assistant general manager of the Red entries, and of this number eight girls Cross, Walter Davidson, acting manager of the Central Division, and M. S. McMullen, director of the Fourth Roll Call.

The State Farm Bureau has announced that it considers 6 or 7 cents a bushel a fair price for husking corn. This announcement came after a series of conferences with country farm bureaus to learn the sentiment of farmers in the different sections of the state. Six cents is the figure agreed on where an elevator is provided for unloading and seven certs where there is no ele-

vator. A field of potatoes from which the tubers average slightly over a pound in weight is the result of three years' experimenting by R. H. Murray, a dian, enlisted at the Omaha recruiting Holt county farmer. The yield is unstation recently. He was given a fur- usually heavy, even in a most productive potato country, and the spuds exceed in size the prize specimens of the

> Rev. Rolland Mackintosh and wife of North Platte were presented with a chest of silver by the Episcopal congregation at that place on the eve of their departure for Houston, Texas, where they go in search of health, Rev. Mackintosh having been gassed while in service over seas.

The Bayard sugar beet acreage is larger than ever before in its history granary, a threshing machine and and the yield is exceptionally large, with the quality fine. Some early reports of yields have exceeded twentytwo tons per acre, with the prevalling price at \$12 per ton.

Leon Martinez, alleged auto bandit, is dead from wounds sustained in a barn. He was unable to get the car gun fight with John Lingreen, water commissioner, and Chief of Police Webb at Bayard. Lingreen is also next year's state gathering of the Odd | dead, and the police chief is in a serious conditions.

Otoe, formerly called Berlin, suffered a disastrous wind storm last week, in which a number of buildings were badly damaged. On March 23, 1913, the town was practically demolished and seven persons were killed by a tornado.

When D. C. Hibbard, Potter farmer, could obtain no cars in which to ship his grain to the Omaha market he loaded 110 bushels of wheat on his two-ton truck and hauled the wheat 450 miles to Omaha over the Lincoln highway.

The Johnson county fair at Tecumseh is said to have been one of the best shows of the kind held in the state this year. There were over 1,300 entries in the several departments, the showing of live stock being especially

good. Florence Detmeiler, a cripple, was burned to death at her home near Osceola, when a gasoline can exploded. Her crippled condition prevented her by Bishop James Duffy at St. Patrick's from extinguishing the flames, which enveloped the upper part of her body.

A cottonwood tree, measuring seven feet in diameter and twenty-three feet in circumference, and claimed to be the largest in the state, is growing on the Ryan farm in Dodge county.

Mrs. Clayton Byam, whose husband has charge of an American packing plant at Montevideo, Uruguay, traveled 10,000 miles to her former home in Omaha in order that her baby might be born on American soil.

An enormous porcupine, weighing nearly 60 pounds, was shot and killed by Ben Price, a farmer near Hemingford. Old residents cannot recall seeing one of the animals in the neighborhood before.

If plans under way materialize, a special train will accompany the Uni-A marrier folks dancing club has versity of Nebraska football team on its tour east, where they play Rutgers and Penn State.

*One of the longest parades ever seen in Hastings was held by the Odd Fellows in the annual convention at that place. A number of cities sent floats fourteenth annual convention at York and there were many uniformed men in line.

> Bonds for improving the waterworks and fire stations at North Platte were voted on at a recent election and carried by a large majority.

> A new cholera outbreak amongst Saunders county hogs is reported, but prompt attention has saved nearly every case.

The following Nebraska physicians were made members of the American clared by Governor McKelvie effective College of Surgeons at a conference held at Montreal, at which 691 dele-At a special election held in Lewis- gates were in attendance: Henry A. ton to vote on the proposed issue of Johnson, Tekamah; Albert Lynch, \$4,200 in bonds for the purpose of con- Fairbury; Charles L. Mullins, Broken structing a light plant in the village, Bow; Charles O. Rich, Omaha; Donald the proposition carried by a vote of 42 | B. Steenburg, Aurora; Herbert C. Sumney, Omaha.

The free employment bureau at \$5,000 quota of a \$500,000 fund for Omaha is receiving many calls for a memorial to Dr. Anna Howard corn pickers. These calls are from Shaw, sentinels will be posted at many Nebruska and Iowa towns and the pay voting places November 2 to take up offered is from 6 to 10 cents per bushel.

The McCook public schools expect to shortly have a separate gymnasium manual training class under direction of Instructor Robb. Student funds will

E. H. Barbour of the state university has unearthed the skeleton of a preclusive, according to an announcement historic animal, which he believes to of the committee in charge. Between be more than 200,000 years old. The thirty and forty producers' associa- skeleton was found in the famous fossil beds of Cook's ranch, near Scottsbluff, ing every organization of farmers, It will be preserved and sent to the livestock raisers and related industries. University museum.

MEXICU WANTS TO UU RIGHT

Is Anxious to Fulfill All Her International Obligations, - Transport Men Are Supporting British Miners.

New York.-The coal strike in England will have no abnormal effect on the bituminous coal situation in the United States. While the British labor trouble may tend to increase export prices, the home consumer will not be affected.

This is the consensus of opinion here of representatives of coal export agencies and wholesale dealers who declared that all coal that could possibly be shipped abroad had been going out of the country regularly for several months.

Fully Supporting the Miners.

London-One feature of the strike situation which bears possibilities of a widening of the strike is the prospect of the 25,000 London commercial road transport men ceasing work. The men passed a resolution declaring themselves as fully supporting the miners. Meantime orders have been issued to branches of the union throughout the country to have their strike organizations prepared. Should the transport workers in all parts of the country walk out, it is estimated that 180,000 men would be involved.

King George has set an example for householders throughout the country in the saving of coal, by ordering that fires in the royal palace shall be lighted only when absolutely necessary. Even then they are to be kept as small as possible.

MEXICO WANTS TO DO RIGHT.

Anxious to Fulfill Her International Obligations.

Mexico City.-Mexico-is anxious to comply with her international obligations and exends a hearty welcome to all foreigners, Provisional President de la Huerta declared the Mexican government had not received from Washington any intimation as to conditions upon which possible recognition of the new Mexican regime would be based by the United States. "Our one desire," he said, "is to form part of the concert of civilized nations by respecting all established principles for the development of a free people. Mexican laws are not confiscatory and I formally declare it has never been our intention to give them such an effect. Nothing is more untrue than the assertion that the Mexican government has forcibly deprived foreigners of their property.

"Mexico will pay all it justly owes in conformity with all recognized principles of international law. The ouside world should be satisfied with this solemn promise."

Drive to Extend Membership. Hastings, Neb.-The holding of

wheat for \$3 a bushel and a drive to extend the membership of the National Wheat Growers association broughout the state, are urged in calls issued by the officers of the association here. The membership drive is to start on October 20 and continue until the day of the county meetings ten days later. Nearly 30 countles in the south Platte section have been or-

To Solve Cuba's Financial Difficulties, Washington.-The State Department has forwarded a communication to the Cuban government informing it that American bankers will be glad to work out with It a solution of Cuba's financial difficulties resulting from the accumulation in Cuba of 300,000 tons

Demand Cattle of Germany.

Berlin.-The allied reparations commission has presented to the German government a demand for the immediate delivery of 10,000 bulls and 500,-000 cows to France, 11,150 head of cattle to Italy, 210,000 cows to Belgium and 157,000 head of cattle to Serbia

Boy Killed by Playmates.

Council Bluffs, Ia.-Theodore Welsh, seven, is dead, the victim of the "gang" rule of his playmates. The assault was prompted, according to the boy's associates, by his refusal to steal popcorn from his mother to feed the

New York .- Gold from the bank of England valued at \$11,900,000 and consigned to the Federal Reserve bank has arrived here on the steamship Adriatic.

Are Ordering "Cowboy Clethes." Galveston, Texas.-South America is getting acquainted with the middlewest and the gauchos of the pampas have begun to order "cowboy clothes" from Chleago mail order houses, according to the "business scout" for a Chicago implement concern.

Many Register in Chicago. Chicago, Ill.-Nearly 1,000,000 men and women have registered for the November election. Of the 900,765 persons who signed the poll books,

339,361 are women.

Lincoln, Neb .- P. A. Barrows, lieutenant governor, recently elected commander-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans, announces the appointment of his national staff. His personal aide will be F. P. Corrick of Lincoln. Other members of his staff are: C. A. Bryson of Iowa Falls, Ia., counsellor: Dr. William B. Hartzog, East Lansing, Mich., chaplain; William H. Hyden, Los Angeles, Cal., patriotic instructor; H. P. Spellman, Washington, D. C., press correspondent, and Charles K. Farling of Boston, Mass., member of the military committee.

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MUSICAL COWS.

"I am going to tell you a story this evening," said Daddy, "of some mu-Blen! cows." "Musical cows!" exclaimed Nancy.

"Did they sing, 'Moo, moo, moo?" "I never heard of musical cows before," said Nick. "This sounds like something quite new in the way of a

"Let's have it quickly, Daddy," said Nancy.

"Well," said Daddy, "there is a farm which I have heard of where they do some rather interesting things and I asked the Fairy Queen to send one of her messengers out to the farm to have a talk with these musical cows. This is the talk which took place which I will now tell you."

"Musical cows," said Nancy again; "it does sound funny." "You mean they sound funny," cor-

rected Nick. "No matter what I said." Nancy remarked, "for I would like to hear the story about them.'

"So would I," said Nick. "'What is this I bear about you? asked the fairy of one of the cows on this farm.

"The cow turned her head and looked at the fairy out of her big eyes. What is it you have heard about

me?' she asked. "T've heard that all of the cows on this farm have music played to them while they are being milked. Is this

" 'Quite true,' said the cow, 'Quite true. The horses like the marching

a true story?'



"What Is This?"

songs best, and the pigs quite enjoy the concerts, but it is for us that they are given.'

"'Well,' said the fairy, 'I never beard of anything like that before." "You're glad to hear something new and something different, aren't you?" asked the cow.

"'Of course, I am,' said the fairy. 'And I would like to hear just how you cows like the music and just what sort of music you have and why you have it and everything else you can think of utiling me about your concerts and yourselves. Will you do that for me?'

"'Certainly,' said the cow, 'if you will grant me one favor.'

"'What is that?' asked the fairy. "'If you will let me chew my cud all the time."

"'Certainly,' said the fairy. 'Does chewing your cud soothe you?" "'Oh, most certainly, just like music does."

"The fairy laughed to herself, for she didn't think cud chewing and concerts sounded much alike, but they evidently had the same results!

"'You see,' said the cow, 'our farmer thought it might be a good scheme. I don't know where he got the idea first. But, at any rate, he thought it would be a fine idea to see if we would give more milk if we were soothed while we were being milked or if we had something nice to listen to. So be tried it.

"'At first we were a little nervous at hearing the strange sounds but only for a while. You see the farmer uses one of those talking machines which plays songs and dances.'

"'You never dance, do you?' asked the fairy. She couldn't quite imagine a cow dancing!

"'No.' said the cow, 'we weren't strong for dancing. But we do like to hear the dance music. Well, after a little while, we saw that the music came from those queer machines and now it is always facing us so we can look at the thirg which makes muste for us.

"'Sometimes our farmer has had other sort of music for us, too, people have played the violins and hanjos and we have greatly enjoyed that.

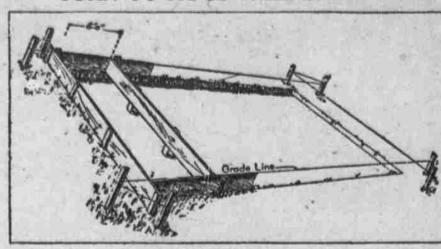
"'As I told you before the horses Ifke the marching songs and the pigs like the funny songs, but we, the musical cows, love the sweet music, the sweet and soft music which makes us give more milk than ever before.

" 'Ah, yes,' ended the cow, 'you 'can go back and say that it is true about us and our milk and our music, but please be sure to say that we like to listen, but would never want to perform ourselves."

Grandma Was Smart. Marjorie was explaining to her play-

mates how she had taken hold of a loose tooth, wiggled it and then pulled it out. The small audience was not impressed, for one spoke up, "That's nothin'. My grandma can take all of hers out with one hand."

CONCRETE FLOORS FOR FEEDING CORN TO HOGS WILL SAVE MONEY



Forms for a Concrete Feeding Floor.

The high prices of foodstuffs have | whereby the cost of feeding corn to hogs may be decreased. It has been found that there is a saving in corn when it is fed on a properly constructed feeding floor. Old plank or wood floors are not desirable, as they furalsh harborage for rats and mice, Concrete feeding floors do not have this objection. They also are an ald in the conservation of fertilizer and in the sanitation of the feed lot. The fall days, before harmful frosts set in, offer an excellent time for the construction of such a floor,

The site of the feeding floor should be well drained and situated conveniently with respect to the feed supply. water, barns and lots. Where the ground never freezes, drainage foundations are unnecessary. If the location selected is poorly drained, provision should be made for good underdrainage. The floor must be graded or sloped so that water will not collect and freeze on it in winter and so that manure washings may be caught and carried, by means of gutters, to

a watertight concrete manure plt. The methods of constructing the several kinds of concrete feeding floors for cattle, hogs and sheep are quite similar. The structure should be made five inches thick. In constructing feeding floors for hogs the concrete apron around the edge should extend deep enough into the ground so that hog wallows will not undermine the floor and cause it to break off.

Use Clean Sand and Gravel.

Sand for concrete should be clean and should have grains grading in size from fine to coarse. With dirty sand no amount of cement will make strong concrete. Bank-run gravel, just dug from the pit or taken from the stream bed, seldom runs even and rarely has the right proportions of sand and pebbles for making the best concrete. The nixture most suitable has one part sand and two parts gravel, measured oy volume, in which all sizes passing through a quarter-inch screen are considered sand. As there is generally too much sand for the gravel, it is advisable to separate the sand the gravel and later remix them in proper proportion.

A fairly rich mixture makes the turned the farmer's attention to means | best concrete floors. A good mixture consists of one part Portland cement, two and one-half parts sand and five parts screened gravel or crushed rock One bag of cement may be considered as holding one cubic foot of loose cement. This is a convenience in measuring the proper proportions, as the cubic foot may be used as a unit in measuring the aggregate.

In mixing the concrete, the cement, sand and gravel should be thoroughly mixed in a dry state until the mass is of uniform color. Just enough water then should be added so that a small amount of water will appear at the top when the concrete is well tamped in place.

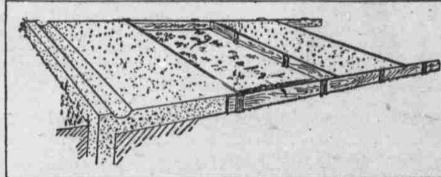
Proper Curing Important.

Proper curing of the floor is as Imcortant as thorough mixing of the concrete. In hot weather each newly laid section should be shaded from the sun for three days. In any season, as soon as the concrete has set up so that water will not wash out the cement the new concrete should be sprinkled and kept wet for 48 hours. Thereafter it should be flooded with water morning and noon for a week. At the end of that time the floor may be used for feeding, but heavily loaded wagons should not be allowed upon it for at least one month nor should loose animals be permitted on its surface,

The construction of feeding floors is similar to that used in building concrete sidewalks, only on a larger scale as shown in the Illustration.

The cost of a concrete floor is dependent upon so many conditions that no reliable estimate can be given. Prices of materials and labor vary considerably in different sections. On many farms sand and gravel can be ensily obtained from a creek or gravel bank, while in other instances they must be hauled some distance.

Full details and instructions for building concrete feeding floors are found in Farmers' Bulletin No. 481-"Concrete on the Livestock Farm." This bulletin also contains other suggestions of interest to the live-stock farmer. It may be obtained by adthe Division of Publicat United States department of agriculture at Washington.



Feeding Floor Partially Complete, Showing Trough to Manure Pit.

PREPARED LAND BEST FOR EASY IRRIGATION

Best Returns From Crops Where Soil Has Been Leveled.

Spots Too High to Receive Water Should Be Cut Down and Used to Fill Up "Potholes"-Fall is Best Time for Work.

The best returns from cereals grown under irrigation can be obtained only when the land has been well leveled. Properly leveled lands permit easy, thorough and complete irrigation. Poorly leveled lands are expensive to irrigate, require more water and more labor than land well leveled, and return a less yield per acre. Spots too high to receive water should be cut down and used to fill up "potholes," where water naturally collects. Some objection to removing the high spots is made, because the subsoil is thereby exposed and unproductive spots result. However, a spot too high for watering is just as unproductive, and remains permanently so, whereas the southern Idaho subsoil, if exposed through leveling, can soon be made productive by the use of manures and alfalfa. Before the leveling operation is begun, the general contour of the land should be well noted. Natural drainage should be left open so far as possible. The leveling should conform so far as possible to the natural contour of the land,

The best time to do leveling is in the fall before the land is plowed, as the leveled and plowed land can settle during the winter and be in ideal condition for seeding in the spring. It is not advisable to plow the entire field before leveling is begun. More horsepower is required to pull the mer,

scraper over plowed land than over firm land. Furthermore, it is much more difficult to be sure when the land is level, because fresh plowing is easlly tramped down in scraping and looks lower than adjacent untramped plowing. Plow or double disk only the high spots and haul the dirt from these to adjacent unplowed lower ground.

gated Grain in Southern Idaho." HOPS ARE IN GREAT DEMAND

Write United States department of

agriculture, Washington, D. C., for

Farmers' Bulletin 1103, "Growing Irri-

Exports From This Country During Year Beginning July, 1919, Were

31,000,000 Pounds. Those who are wondering why this country keeps on producing hops, should know that they have been in great and active demand on the eastern side of the Atlantic since the termination of the war made this possible. The exports of domestic hops from this country during the year, beginning with July, 1919, amounted to nearly 31,000,000 pounds, while the estimated production of that year was only 29,346,000 pounds.

LIVE STOCK

The sign of a progressive farmer-a purebred sire.

The purebred sire will make your stock better stock.

In hogs !! Is necessary to look out mostly for tuberculosis and hog chol-

Dusty quarters are bad for pigs. Move swine to pasture in late sum-