

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

The annual state corn show will be held by the Nebraska Crop Growers' Association in Lincoln during the week of Organized Agriculture, January 3 to 7. Twenty-four premiums are offered in each of the eastern section of the state, the western section, and state-wide class. In addition, trophies are offered for the best exhibits. The premium list may be obtained of the secretary, P. H. Stewart, University Farm, Lincoln.

Of the forty-six states co-operating with the United States department of agriculture in the "Better Sires—Better Stock" campaign, Nebraska stands second in point of progress made the first year. More than 300 farmers in this state replaced their scrub sires with pure-breds and officially enrolled as breeders of improved live stock.

Biring Norman, post of Beatrice American Legion, cleared \$300 on the production, "Ching Chong," presented last week at the Gilbert theater. The funds will be used in improving the clubrooms of the post.

Hogs sold for a lower price at the Omaha stock yards last week than at any time since January 15, 1917, when the average was \$9.80 per hundred pounds. The general yard average was given as \$9.80.

A subscription amounting to several hundred dollars has been raised for Henry Utesch of Columbus, whose home and contents was destroyed by fire last week. His loss was complete, with no insurance.

An agricultural inspection bureau, connected with the state agricultural department at Lincoln, probably will be started in Omaha January 1, according to Secretary of Agriculture Stahr.

St. Mary's hospital at Columbus is to have a fireproof addition, to cost \$200,000. When completed, it will have accommodations for 200 patients, and will be one of the largest in the state.

Milo Steenlik of Crete, was fatally injured when he attempted to drive his auto around another, running into a buggy and forcing the tongue entirely through his body.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carey, of Beatrice, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in the presence of their seven children, 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

It is estimated that there are still about 1,000 tons of sugar beets in the fields about Gibbon yet to be dug and hauled. Operations were halted by the recent cold spell.

Theo. M. Osterman, of Central City, state representative, is claiming a record yield of corn this year. Three large fields are averaging 80, 85 and 90 bushels, respectively.

The new Lutheran hospital in South Beatrice, was dedicated last week. The building cost about \$140,000, and is said to be one of the finest of the kind in the state.

The Scottsbluff Chamber of Commerce has asked the county commissioners to purchase bloodhounds to be used in emergency in tracking criminals.

Counterfeit \$10 bank notes of a crude sort are in circulation over the state and authorities have issued a warning to be on the lookout for them.

The quarries on the Platte river, near Louisville, operated by the Kiewit brothers of Omaha, have practically shut down for the winter.

Twelve young men and one young woman passed examination and were admitted to practice at the bar of Nebraska, at Lincoln last week.

At a special election to decide the location of the county seat in Thomas county, Theoford won over Seneca, 512 to 360.

A short course in poultry management will be given by the college of agriculture at Lincoln January 10 to 15 inclusive.

Nebraska ranks comparatively low in the milk producing states, but stands fourth in butter output.

A Ladies' Auxiliary to the American Legion Post has been organized at Columbus.

Dr. T. H. Line has been appointed pension surgeon at Central City.

Fremont has organized a Kiwanis club with over fifty members.

Olaf Olson, Lincoln's new fire chief, appointed to take the place of Chief Sommer, killed in an automobile accident while going to a fire a couple of months ago, arrived from the Panama zone, where he has been connected with the fire department at Cristobal.

Preparation of a complete state budget embracing all departments, institutions and enterprises of the state of Nebraska, as well as public and semi-public activities supported by it in whole or in part, has been commenced by Finance Secretary P. F. Bross, as provided for by the code law and the amended constitution.

Victor Stamm of Hoskins, lost his life when a horse he was riding ran away. Young Stamm was thrown, his foot caught in a stirrup, and he was dragged to death.

Hubbell is incorporating a community association to look after the recreation, amusement and anything pertaining to the public welfare of Hubbell and community.

Official Count On State Ballot.

Following is the official canvass of the vote cast in Nebraska at the recent election:

President	382,653
Governor	372,242
Lieutenant governor	364,898
Secretary of state	249,746
Auditor	251,460
Land commissioner	242,969
Treasurer	251,787
Attorney general	257,618
Railway commissioner (long term)	247,247
Railway commissioner (short term)	241,712
Chief justice supreme court	283,158
Associate justice	268,318
State superintendent	269,220
The vote as canvassed shows:	
Referendum:	
For	49,410
Against	139,115
President:	
Harding and Coolidge	217,498
Cox and Roosevelt	119,608
Watkins and Colvin	5,947
Debs and Stedman	9,600
Governor:	
McKelvie	152,863
Morehead	130,433
Graves	6,741
Wray	88,905
Lieutenant governor:	
Barrows	181,967
Harris	104,037
Gilbert	10,262
Moulton	68,772
Secretary of state:	
Amsberry	226,526
Auditor of public accounts:	
Marah	220,201
McKissick	104,602
Porter	26,867
Commissioner:	
Swanson	227,388
Lehler	116,611
Treasurer:	
Crosby	217,177
Canaday	116,674
Miles	17,935
Attorney general:	
Davis	200,231
Hunter	105,851
Bollen	24,476
Railway commissioner (Long Term):	
Brown	219,035
Harrop	113,747
Albertson	15,064
Railway commissioner (Short Term):	
Cook	217,755
Kent	123,987
Congress—First District:	
Reynolds	35,293
Peterson	16,580
Congress—Second District:	
Jeffers	35,196
O'Hara	18,346
Congress—Third District:	
Evans	38,370
Rice	17,171
Weekes	15,516
Congress—Fourth District:	
McLaughlin	34,384
Sprague	20,662
Congress—Fifth District:	
Andrews	31,695
Dungas	23,663
Congress—Sixth District:	
Stinkaid	42,123
Grimes	20,770
Stebbins	6,223
NON-PARTISAN.	
Chief Justice:	
Morrissey	152,036
Martin	135,122
Judge Supreme Court:	
Day	151,672
Dorsey	117,346
Regents:	
Layford	85,738
Seymour	126,124
Gerhart	111,240
Hales	131,694
State Superintendent:	
Matzen	159,700
Stewart	109,519

ENTER PLEAS OF NOT GUILTY.

Chicago Market Reaches Low Figures of December, 1916—Tariff of 25 Cents Per Bushel On Imported Wheat.

Council Bluffs, Ia.—Not guilty was the plea entered by Attorney J. J. Hess, representing the seven men and one woman held by federal authorities in connection with the robbery of the Burlington mail train in Council Bluffs, November 13, at the formal arraignment here of the octet Wednesday morning before United States Commissioner W. A. Byers.

All eight of the prisoners waived preliminary hearing and were ordered held under heavy bonds to the federal grand jury.

Merle and Orville Phillips and Fred E. Poffenbarger are charged with robbing the United States mails.

Mrs. T. A. Daly, Hugh A. Reed, Clyde R. Poffenbarger and Fred A. Poffenbarger are charged with concealing money they knew was stolen from the United States government.

The bonds fixed by the United States commissioner follow:

Fred E. Poffenbarger, \$35,000.
Orville Phillips, \$25,000.
Merle Phillips, \$20,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Daly Reed, and the other two Poffenbargers, \$10,000 each.

The bonds total \$130,000. No effort was made to secure bondsmen. Commissioner Byers states these bonds might be reduced if all the stolen money should be recovered, intimating the heavy bonds named were to forestall any possible effort to use portions of the stolen money to secure the release of the prisoners.

HOGS BACK TO PRE-WAR PRICE.

Chicago Market Down to Figures of December, 1916.

Chicago, Ill.—Pre-war prices for live hogs have become general throughout the United States. Big receipts from the farms appeared to be the immediate cause, the total supply of hogs on sale in one day at the ten principal markets of the country being estimated at 182,000 head, as against 124,000 a week before. In Chicago, the market closed at the bottom figures of the day, the lowest since December 16, 1916, and at an average drop of \$1 a hundred weight as compared with the day before. The practical top at the finish was \$10.00 a hundred weight, whereas on July 31, 1916, hogs commanded \$23.00, the pinnacle point on record. Five years before the current price was \$8.15.

Propose Tariff on Wheat Crop.

Washington.—A tariff of 25 cents a bushel on imported wheat is proposed in a bill that will be introduced in congress by Representative M. O. McLaughlin of the Third Nebraska district.

"The amount of the duty suggested," says Mr. McLaughlin, "is not a guess, but was carefully arrived at after conferences with a large number of farmers. The big break in the market was not due to pit gamblers, but to a flood of Canadian wheat and the false report that India had a record crop. This was planned by the foreign buyers, evidenced by the fact that shortly afterwards over 2,000,000 bushels of wheat were shipped out of Galveston in a single day."

Immigrants Headed for California.

Chicago, Ill.—Large numbers of immigrants from Europe are going to California, according to W. J. Black, passenger traffic manager of the Santa Fe system. He said they are mostly aliens who returned to Europe to fight for their native countries.

"The California-bound immigrants are chiefly French, Italians and Greeks, who are very good agriculturists and find in the vineyards and orchards of California, the best opportunity for their abilities," Mr. Black said.

Will Aid Cuban Sugar Planters.

Havana, Cuba.—The National City bank of New York has notified its Havana branch to place \$10,000,000 at the disposal of Cuban sugar planters, to enable them to prepare for the coming crop.

Big Reward in Bomb Case.

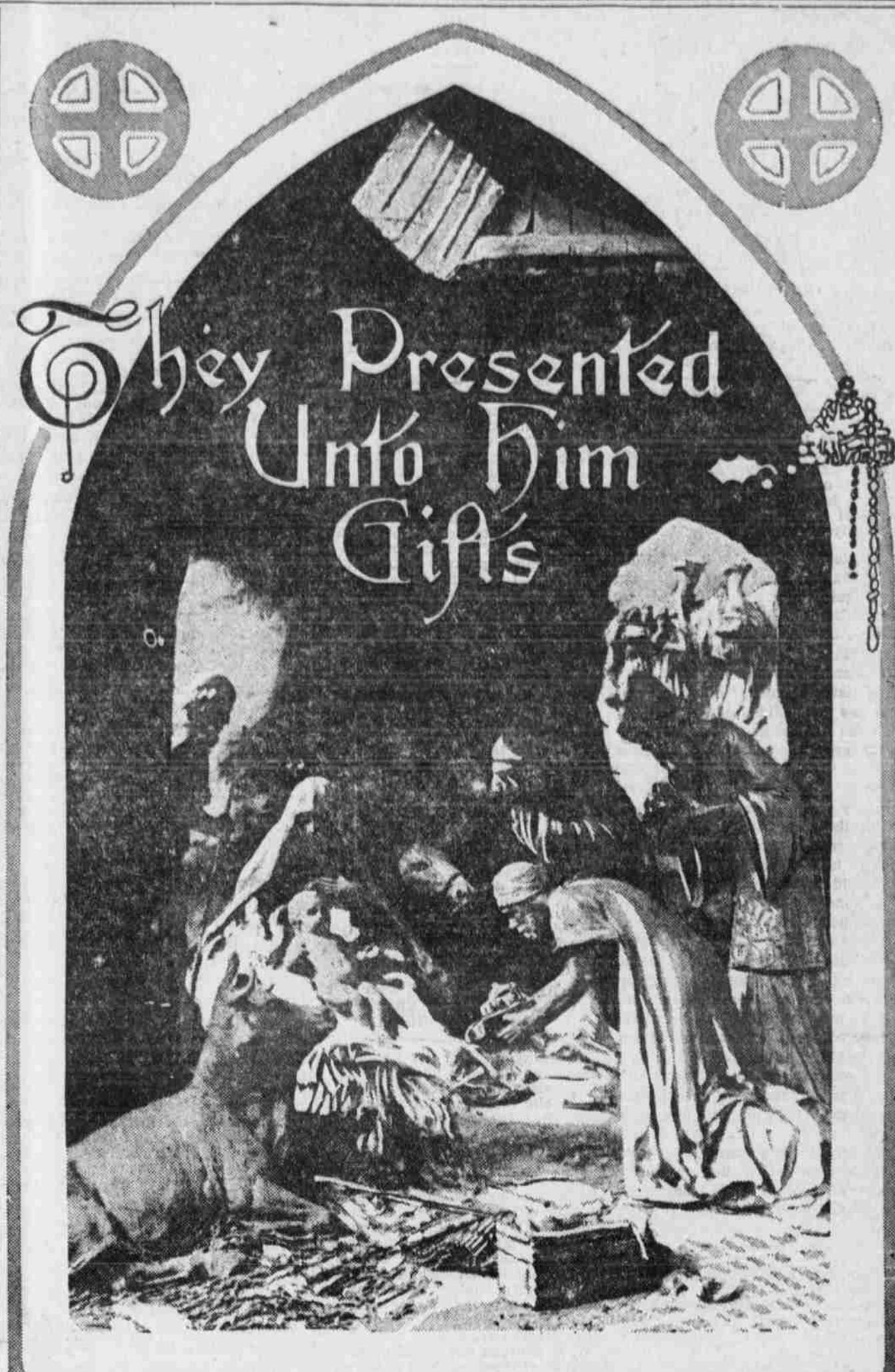
New York.—A reward of \$50,000 has been offered here by a private detective agency for exclusive information leading to the identity of persons responsible for the Wall street bomb explosion, September 16.

Alleged Slayer Attempts Suicide.

Broken Bow, Neb.—Dennis Chester, alleged slayer of Florence Barton, Kansas city society girl, who was captured six miles south of Oconto after escaping from three detectives by jumping through the window of a train here, attempted to kill himself in the county jail by strangulation. He tore a blanket into strips, tied one end around a bar of his cell and the other around his neck. He then allowed himself to fall backward with his feet still on the floor.

Packing Officials Get Stiff Terms.

Chicago.—Sentences ranging from seven years' imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth to six months in the county jail, and fines of from \$1,000 to \$10,000 have been imposed on eight officials and agents of the Consumers' Packing company by Federal Judge Evans A. Evans. The defendants were recently convicted of conspiracy to use the mills in a scheme to defraud. Former Rabbi A. J. Messing, a director, was sentenced to three and a half years and fined \$1,500.



And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

MATTHEW II : 11.

The Heart of Christmas

Christmas is not a day, it is a mood. It is independent of days. We celebrate it on Friday, Saturday, Sunday—any day of the week. Christmas is indifferent to days. It has nothing to do with the almanac. It has nothing to do with place. It is as independent of geography as it is of chronology. It has no relation to human government, or even to race or blood. It is an institution which can be set up on any soil and under the folds of any flag. Christmas is a spiritual creation, and belongs to the kingdom of the heart. It is constructed by angels of the heart of a child. If it then be a mood, it can be extended over a week, a month, a year, a lifetime. It can be built upon time, upon eternity. If you confine it to a day, you miss the meaning of it. If you try to cram it into twenty-four hours, you crush it and lose the essence of it.

See What Santa Brought



Where Christmas Comes From

By T. C. HARBAUGH

From the land of song and story,
Angel-kept and old as Time,
Where the lily in her glory
Reigns the Queen of Judah's clime—
From the village of the stranger
Where the infant Saviour lay,
Cradled in an humble manger,
Christmas comes to us today.

From the fields where grew the flow'rs
Where His childhood flitted by,
Where He spent the fated hours
'Neath the burning Orient sky,
And from where the roses scrambled
Over hedge and mossy wall,
Carpeting the paths He rambled,
Christmas comes to greet us all.

Kedron still its song is singing
To the far off Orient sea,
And the tuneful bells are ringing
In the old year's jubilee;
Children pluck the lily blowing
On her ever graceful stem,
And the lazy herds are lowing
On the plains of Bethlehem.

Where He trod the paths of sorrow,
Where He felt the wound of thorn,
Where He longed the brighter morrow
Dawns the holy Christmas morn;
Where the gentle day discloses
Happiness on land and sea,
Once He blessed the gentle roses
On the shores of Galilee.

Aye, from humble hut and steeple
In that land that lies afar,
Rise the anthems of the people
To the glowing Christmas Star;
There is told the olden story
How amid the scented hay,
Christ, the Saviour, came from glory
Upon earth's first Christmas day.

Set the bells of Christmas ringing
It is time's best jubilee,
For to us again they're bringing
Messages from overseas;
Let the hearts of all be lifted,
Hope the fiercest tide can stem;
Let the darkest clouds be rifted,
Christmas comes from Bethlehem!