Mews of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

Fairbury is to have a municipal

skating rink.

Bloomfield business men have organized a retailers' credit association. A decline in bread prices throughout the state is predicted before the first of the year.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska will meet in Omaha,

Petty thieves are operating in Fremont, and many small thefts are

being reported. St. John's Catholic church at Waumeta was dedicated Sunday by Bishop

"C'Reilly of Lincoln. Nearly 50,000 people visited the display at the show of the Omaha poultry

association last week. Omaha women will urge the next legislature to pass laws that will act as preventatives of divorce.

McCook will stage a drive to raise \$100,000 for the purpose of establishing a hospital at that place.

Hog cholera has broken out in Gage county, and every effort is being made to prevent its further spread.

Births exceeded deaths more than five to one in Sherman county duringthe three months ending November A meeting of the Nebraska state

college athletic association will be held in Lincoln, Saturday, December The new municipal ice plant at

Grand Island has begun operations, with a capacity of twenty-five tons Albert Norgren, a farmer living

near Overton, fell off a windmill, breaking his neck. He died almost in-Fire in the printing plant of Scott

& Milburn at Beatrice caused a dam-

age of nearly \$40,000, covered by in-F. D. Millich of Iowa, who was recently elected superintendent of the

schools of Blue Springs, has assumed his duties: Nebraska's apple crop, this year, is

the lightest in the past decade, according to reports from towns in the applegrowing belt. New markings of the Lincoln Highway from Omaha to Los Angeles are

being put up by the Southern California Automobile club. Frank P. Lawrence, a pioneer of Fremont and a veteran of the civil

war, is dead. He was at one time a -captive in Libby prison. All recruiting records for the

Omaha army recruiting district were broken in the months just ended, when 281 were enlisted C. H. Gustafson, a farmer of Mead,

is being strongly endorsed by his friends over the state for secretary of agriculture under President Harding. There were 1,927 chickens, ducks,

pheasants, turkeys and other fowl in the exhibit at the Omaha poultry show last week. Their total valuation was

The state college of agriculture has issued a circular protesting against the modern abuse of the Christmas spirit in the promiscuous exchange of

Coyotes are becoming active in Chevenne county, and many losses of poultry have been reported. In some localities old-fashioned wolf bunts are

memory of Thomas L. Cuming, first sixteen grandchildren are living.

trap he had set for skunks.

Governor McKelvie has issued a years. proclamation requesting the people of the state to contribute freely to the suffering children of Europe.

show to inmates and officials and in at Cheyenne, Wyo. the evening repeated the performance to a crowded house from outside.

with no insurance.

A Ladies' Auxiliary to the American Columbus,

Edwin Crawford of Violet was braska, at Lincoln last week. seriously injured when a rock weighhe had underminded and planned to county was the object of an incendiary bury, fell on him. His leg was crushed so that amputation was necessary.

The supply of teachers in Thayer county promises to be more nearly J. W. Freeman, Omaha ex-police equal to the demand by next fall, as officer, shot by his wife last week, is an unusually large number passed the alive with a bullet in his heart. Not numbers were sold in the county, 26 of them in Hebron.

Olaf Olson, Lincoln's new fire chief, appointed to take the place of Chief crude sort are in circulation over the Sommer, killed in an automobile acci- state and authorities have issued a dent while going to a fire a couple of warning to be on the lookout for them, months ago, arrived from the Panama zone, where he has been connected Nebraska High School Debating league

budget embracing all departments, fourteenth year's work of the league, institutions and enterprises of the which opens in Jenuary and ends with state of Nebraska, as well as public the newly arranged two-day tosmaand semi-public activities supported ment at the University of Nebraska in by it in whole or in part, has been May by all the district championship F. Bross, as provided for by the code the literacy test restrictions on imiaw and the amended constitution. | migration.

Officers at South Omaha raided a Moonshine" plant, and amongst other paraphernalia, captured a still made from a gallon coffee pot.

Nebraska is the first of the states to raise its quota toward construction of a National Chamber of Commerce building at Washington, D. C.

The general store of Theo. Harmes at Manley, in Cass county, was broken into and robbed of \$1,000 worth of merchandise, one night last week.

Paul F. Wright was instantly killed when he grasped a live wire at the new Evans hospital at Columbus, where he was working as a carpenter,

The bond of Keith Collins, said to be the "brains" of the \$3,500,000 mail robbery, and who was arrested at Muskogee, Okla., has been set at

From Saturday, December 18, until Saturday, January 1, has been set for Christmas recess at the University of Nebraska, instead of the later period eginning Wednesday, December 22.

A large part of the biggest corn crop Cheyenne county ever produced is still in the field. The weather has been ideal for shucking, but the price is so unsatisfactory that farmers are hiring but little help.

When the state legislature meets this fall, the teachers and school officials of the beet-growing districts will demand a law requiring attendance in the rural as well as city schools nine months of the year.

Nebraska will be the only state to furnish women electors when the time comes to cast the electoral vote for president, according to Col, J. H. Presson, recording clerk in the office of Governor McKelvie.

The state railway commission has granted an increase in telephone rates to the Nebraska Telephone company, totaling 10 per cent of the present exchange rate, effective December 1 until June 30, 1921.

The sleet storm that swept the eastern portion of the state last week caused a damage of over \$20,000 to the Nebraska Telephone company. Wires, arms and poles were torn down by the weight of ice and snow.

Miss Elizabeth Parsons, attorney, has the distinction of being the first woman in Omaha to receive a permit to practice in the federal court, permission having been granted by the Nebraska supreme court.

Twenty neighbors of Oscar Groth, south of Blair, met last week and gathered his corn crop. Groth's 8year-old son died a few weeks ago, and since then another son was badly injured when he was thrown from a

Lieutenant Governor Barrows, in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans, has accepted an invitation to be one of the speakers to address the big banquet of the order in Philadelphia on Lincoln's birthday.

The University of Nebraska wrestling team and the Omaha Y. M. C. A. wrestling team will meet in Omaha, January 12, and in Lincoln the foilowing week-end, according to announcement made by the university athletic department.

Floyd R. Wick of Malvern has been tentiary for the murder of R. R. Dickson, a rancher and a neighbor. Wick is only 18, and is the youngest person to be convicted of the crime within the state for many years.

More than a hundred overalled Hastings college students completed the excavation for Liberty Memorial Hall, the quarter million dollar structure which is to be the next addition to the college plant. The co-eds joined by cooking dinner for the laborers.

Not a death in the family for nearly fifty years is the remarkable record Daughters of the American Revolu- of Mr. and Mrs. George Shafto, who tion will erect a \$10,000 fountain on celebrated their golden wedding at the courthouse square at Omaha in Kearney recently. Ten children and

State university and agricultural A wild-cat measuring thirty-nine farm authorities are urging the necesinches from nose to tip of tail, and sity of asking the legislature to give weighing forty pounds, was caught the farm bureau extension department near Chadron by Joe Jansek, in a an increased appropriation amounting to about \$200,000 for the coming two

A bandit killed at Fremont last week, following the hold-up of the the fund being raised for the aid of College Book store and a gun battle with the police, has been identified as The shut-ins at the state peniten- Earnest A, Guest, a deserter from tiary gave their annual Thanksgiving Troop I, 15th Cavalry of Ft. Russell

According to word from the western part of the state, farmers in that A subscription amounting to several locality would gladly give large quanhundred dollars has been raised for tities of grain to help starving peoples Henry Utesh of Columbus, whose home overseas if the government will proand contents was destroyed by fire vide free transportation and send last week. His loss was complete, something in the nature of a Christ-

mas ship. Twelve young men and one young Legion Post has been organized at woman passed examination and were admitted to practice at the bar of Ne-

For the third time in a year, a rural ing between two and three tons which school house near Emerson in Dixon attempt last week. The building had been burned down twice before and was rebuilt this fall,

examinations. Sixty-five registration only that, but following the shooting at his home he walked unaided into

the police station for treatment. Counterfeit \$10 bank notes of a

With seventy-eight members, the with the fire department at Cristobal. will soon announce the schedule of Preparation of a complete state thirty-nine first series debates in the commenced by Finance Secretary P. schools on the question of repealing RIOT VICTIMS TOTAL 673.

Policemen, Soldiers and Civilians Included in List of Casualties Since the Opening of Hostilities in Ireland.

Tiflis,-Armenian forces have been driven eastward by the Turkish nationalists until the region they hold is entirely outside the traditional boundaries of Armenia. As a result, Armenia is reduced to a little Caucasus republic, such as was created by the Germans and Turks during the war. It comprises the districts of Erivan, Novobayazet and Etchmiadzin, the ecclesiastical capital of ancient Armenia, located about twenty-five miles north of Mount Ararat.

Turkish nationalists have occupied districts just to the west of this region, holding Kars, Alexandropol and Surmalou.

Hostilitles between the Armenlans and Turkish nationalists have been suspended through intervention by the bolshevik government at Moscow, and hopes are entertained that further bloodshed may be averted.

Conditions, however, are frightful in the district held by the Armenian forces. One hundred thousand refugees, in the last stages of destitution are traveling through the snow in all directions and the Armenian government is unable to provide housing or food, pending the arrival of grains promised by the Russian bolsheviki.

Many Killed or Wounded.

London.-Persons to the number of 673 have been killed or wounded in Ireland up to November 27 of the present year, by anti-government elements. according to a statement issued by the home office. The deaths do not include 20 persons killed in Londonderry, 62 in Belfast during the summer rioting, nor 15 cadets killed in the Kilmichale ambuscade:

The statement says that 151 policemen have been killed and 230 wounded; that 47 soldiers have met death and 103 wounded. Civilians to the number of 41 have been killed and 101 wounded.

Sixty-seven court houses have been destroyed and 528 police barracks have been destroyed and 161 damaged. There have been 830 raids on mails and 45 raids on coast guard station and light houses.

To Argue Rail Rates December 13.

Washington, D. C .- Argument in intrastate rate cases affecting Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska and Florida will be heard by the interstate commerce commission. December 13. The question involved, as in previous cases, is the authority of the federal commission under the transportation act to control intrastate rates under certain conditions.

Inter-Allies Adopt Memorial Day.

Paris,-Recommendation that the veteran organizations of all the allied countries observe May 30 as "interallied memorial day," was one of the first acts of the international council associations of the allied nations, which has been organized by delegations representing the allied countries.

Ask Credit Extension for Farmers. Norfolk, Neb .- Declaring that farmers in Madison county, Nebraska, are facing bankruptcy if forced to sell their products at present prices, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, after consultation with leading bankers and farmers, has sent a telegram to the governor of the federal reserve board at Washington,

Cutting Retail Meat Prices.

Cleveland, O .- A general cutting of retail prices ranging from 3 to 11 cents a pound, bringing prices nearer normal than at any time in months, is in evidence throughout this city. Bacon has been cut from 46 to 35

Guatemala City, Guatemala.-Francisco Cardenas, former general in the Mexican army, accused of the assas sination of President Francisco Madero of Mexico in February, 1913, inflicted fatal injuries upon himself near here, using a revolver.

Washington.-Exports during October, increased by nearly \$150,000,000, while imports decreased approximately \$1,000,000, foreign trade figures just made public by the department of commerce show. Exports were valued at \$752,000,000 against \$605,000,000 in September, while imports were valued at \$362,000,000.

Permanent Mandates Commission. Geneva.-The council of the league

of nations approved the final draft of the project for the permanent mandates commission, definitely accepting the tentative proposal to have the commission comprise five nonmandatory and four mandatory powers. It was decided that all the members be chosen by the council,

The permanent commission, it is forecast, will probably meet once a year at Geneva and review the administration of the mandate holding coun-

Want Importation Stopped.

New York.—Counsel for the Wright Aeronautical Corp., applied to Federal Judge Hand for an injunction restraining Handley-Page Ltd., of England, from bringing into this country 10,000 airplanes and 34,000 engines made abroad for war purposes. The attorney for the American corporation declared the influx of British government surplus "war junk" would ruin the business of his clients and other airplane manufacturers of the United States. Decision was reserved.

Quite Up to Date, Is Old Santa

Of Course He Will Use the Reindeer if There Is Snow Enough; but He Is Busy Practicing With an Airplane



Mrs. Santa Claus was busy packing up dolls, and wonderful teddy bears, and trains of brightly painted cars, and bags of candy,

and skates, and little carts, and sleds, and picture books, and all the hundreds of other things that every youngster in the world is walt-

She paused in her work for a moment and looked over her glasses, "So you want to see him. Humm, humm. He doesn't like much to talk or be interviewed, just about this time, you know. What do you want to see him about?"

The Man From the Newspaper cleared his throat. "Oh," said be, "I just merely wanted to ask him how he is going to get around, in case there is not enough snow on the roofs for

Not Behind the Times.

"Well, I never; that's just what he has been fussing about himself for the past two weeks. But the thing is all settled now. Everything straightened out. Why, he is out there in the back | yard now practicing with his airplane,"

"Airplane!" cried the startled Man From the Newspaper.

"Yes, airplane. That's what I said. He is going to try out an airplane this year." Mrs. Santa reached over and picked up a beautiful, dark-baired, rosy-cheeked doll nearly two feet high, "I wonder what I shall do to get that fn." she mused aloud.

"But he has always used reindeer, always, always," ventured the Man From the Newspaper, when he had recovered from the shock.

"Of course he has, silly," replied Mrs. Santa Claus. "But, my dear young man, do you suppose that just because we are up at the North Pole here we are behind the times? Not a bit of

OODNESS sakes alive, what | it. Of course he may use the reindeer | haired, fur-coated old Saint, "You a - time good old Santa as usua and the sleigh, if the snow-Claus is having these days!" storm that he has ordered from the North Wind turns up on time. But we've decided that if the storm doesn't arrive, it will be the airplane,"

One Question Barred.

"You see its * * * " She suddenly stood up. "Why don't you go out into the back yard and talk to him yourself? I think I hear the motor now. I guess that he will tell you about the troubles that come when there is not enough snow on the roofs. Mind you don't ask him any curious questions though. He hates curious questions, you know, questions such as we have been listening to this past week, like; What am I going to get for Christmas? People don't know, Heavens on earth, what a chorus of that kind of questions there is now! Folks ought to know that they must just wait. Run along now, I'm busy."

The Man From the Newspaper went

out into the back yard. "Brerrer rerrer rerre * * *" he heard above his head. He looked up. There sure enough was an airpiane. It was tearing around in a mad circle, with Santa Claus sitting on the top of one wing and holding on for dear life.

There was a row of chimneys set up on the ground, and, as the flying machine roured over them, Santa Claus would lean forward and kick a lever and down would drop a doll, ker-plop, in a parachute, or a boy's book, or a pair of furlined gloves, or something else. And every single one of the paracliutes would go right straight down a chimney.

Parachute Mistakes.

After a few minutes the machine came down to the ground and Santa Claus climbed out. "Wheuuu. That was terrible," said he, blowing on his hands.

"Do they always go right straight down the chimneys?" asked the Man

From the Newspaper, "NOW they do," replied the white-

should have been around when I tried It first, though. THEN they NEVER would go right. It has taken me a whole week to get them to go where I want them to.

"You see, it was rather hard at first, and rather bad, too. If I sent a sled to Willie Jefferson, and it went flop right down the chimney of the elder Miss Jones, now, well * * * haha-ha * * * what on earth would the elder Miss Jones do with a new. shiny, steel-framed flyer?

"But I got them to go right after a while. I shall use the parachutes in some cases, but mostly I believe that I shall go right down the chimney as usual, with the pack. It only takes a minute. And if something SHOULD go wrong with the parachute, you know * * * well. I'd rather not think what might happen,"

"Doesn't look as if a storm was coming, either," suggested the Man From the Newspaper, to get the discuasion back to the reindeer and sleigh question.

No Room Except on Top. "No, it doesn't," admitted Santa Claus. "That's just what started me practicing. You've no idea what a terrible job it is for those poor reindeer to haul a heavy load of toys across a roof when there is no snow. It simply tires them to death, So, if the North Wind gets up to any pranks

with me, I'll just use the plane." "Is it much faster?" asked the Man From the Newspaper.

"Faster? I should say it is," said St. Nicholas. "It's a pretty big old world, you know, even if some of these scientists do deny it. Maybe they wouldn't be quite, so sure if they had to make a trip all over it every Christmas, as I do. I have to be in France and America and England all at the same time almost, you know, Only about five hours difference,"*

plane?" demanded the Man. "No room inside, that's why. Just take a look at that plane, young man," said Santa Claus. The Man walked The plane was just jammed,

"Why do you ride on the top of the

crammed, packed with boxes and bundles and packages. "It's only the first load, all that," explained St. Nicholas, "I have to make 24 loads in all. Bells? Surely. There they are, hung up over there on the wall of the house. My old sleigh bells, of course. One has to be economical, though, these days of high prices and everything."

Joke on the Children.

"I am simply going to tie the bells over the plane and let the wind ring them. Of course you understand about the reindeer. If it feally DOES snow . . they're trim as ever, There's Prancer and Dancer there now, over by the fence eating moss.

"Won't it be a joke on the children, though! No one will dream, when they hear the drone of an airplane motor above the house, that it's me, will they? I can see them all waiting, tucked in their beds, listening for the sound of the reindeer on the roof. And there won't be any reindeer at all, if it doesn't snow. Ha, ha, a good joke."

"But tell me, what am I going to get for * * *" The Man From the Newspaper got no further. Santa Claus, and the house and the airplane and the reindeer vanished like smoke. It doesn't pay to be too curious,

after all! Mr. Santa was right.-By James H. Powers, in the Boston Globe.

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Hand Kissing Observed. The young Armenians, on Christmas day, pay "hand-kissing" visits to their



