

MANY FOR ANTI-IMMIGRATION BILL

Poll of Senators Gives 50 for, 12 Against, and 25 Are Neutral

FINAL U. S. CENSUS FIGURES

Final Count by Bureau of Fourteenth Census Gives United States Population of 105,708,771.

Washington.—Unanimity of belief that legislation to further restrict immigration is necessary, but marked division of opinion on immediate measures to check the influx of foreigners are disclosed by a poll of the members of the senate.

To each of the 75 senators in Washington was put this question: "Do you favor temporary suspension of immigration pending the enactment of restrictive legislation?"

Thirty senators responded in the affirmative, 12 in the negative, and 33 were non-committal. Those who were non-committal on the question said they desired to reserve judgment pending the inquiry of the senate committee on immigration, having under consideration the house bill suspending immigration for one year.

Will Not Accept British Bill. New York.—The British government's "Irish bill" may go through at Westminster, but it will not be acceptable to Ireland, Sir Horace Plunkett, Irish statesman and father of the "dominion solution bill," said on his arrival from Liverpool on the Baltic.

The trouble with the bill, Sir Horace declared, is that it represents the interests of only about one-fifth of the people of Ireland and is repugnant to the remaining four-fifths. "It is not the way to Irish peace," he added.

Sir Horace said he would not appear as a witness before the committee of one hundred investigating conditions in Ireland, and he explained his visit here as solely one of recreation.

FINAL U. S. CENSUS FIGURES.

Total Population is Given by Bureau as 105,708,771, as Enumerated in Final Count.

Washington.—Population of the United States on January 1 this year, as enumerated in the 14th census, was 105,708,771 as announced by the census bureau for certification to congress as the basis for reapportionment of the members of the house of representatives from the various states.

These are the final population figures of the country and states, the statistics announced early in October having been the preliminary compilations.

The population of the states is as follows:

Table listing population figures for various states including Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Pledge Protection of Funds. Oklahoma City.—The depositors' guaranty fund of the state bankers association has available assets of \$1,500,000, following decision of the association to pledge that amount immediately as a protection for all state bank depositors in Oklahoma. The entire resources of every state bank in Oklahoma are pledged to guarantee the solvency of the funds.

Irish Home Rule Bill Discussed. London.—The possibility of a conflict between the house of lords and the house of commons over the Irish home rule bill has been averted. The amendments of the measure made by the lower house were amicably discussed in the upper chamber and all were disposed of in a manner that will permit the measure becoming a law.

Government to Lease Hospital. Washington.—After hearing charges of ill-treatment and improper housing of disabled ex-soldiers, 10,000 of whom were reported to be suffering in state hospitals and poorhouses, the house committee on public buildings voted to report favorably the bill authorizing the government to lease a proposed \$3,000,000 hospital to be erected in New York city by the state government.

Lincoln, Neb.—Nebraska is richer by \$9,447.04 by having leased its mineral rights the last two years, according to the biennial report of Dan Swanson, commissioner of the State department of public lands and buildings. The money was paid the state for potash extracted from state-owned property, and is the first royalty for minerals of any kind ever received by Nebraska. A legislative act of 1918 provided for the prospecting and development of minerals, petroleum, gas, potash and other valuable substances from lands of the state.

WEEKLY MARKETGRAMS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

(U. S. Bureau of Markets.) Washington, D. C. For Week Ended Dec. 16, 1923.

Market very weak, especially on lower grades. Quotations lower in practically all markets. Demand generally slightly improved. Receipts and lack of adequate demand. Necessary to carry hay over from day to day in several Western markets. Quoted December 15th: No. 1 Timothy, Philadelphia, \$24.00; Chicago, \$24.00; Cincinnati, \$24.00; No. 1 Alfalfa, Kansas City, \$24.00; Omaha, \$24.00; No. 1 Prairie, Minneapolis, \$17.00; Chicago, \$17.00; Omaha, \$17.00; Kansas City, \$17.00.

Market trend continues downward on principal crops. Demand very limited. Transactions small. Wheat mill feeds and linseed meal down 5c; cottonseed meal off 10c; \$2.50 per ton; cornfed steady. Quoted December 15th: spring bran, Philadelphia, \$45.00; Minneapolis, \$45.00; mill-canned meal, Philadelphia, \$45.00; Chicago, \$45.00; Cincinnati, \$45.00; No. 1 Alfalfa, Kansas City, \$24.00; Omaha, \$24.00; No. 1 Prairie, Minneapolis, \$17.00; Chicago, \$17.00; Omaha, \$17.00; Kansas City, \$17.00.

Growers in important millfeed producing sections receiving per 100 lbs. the clean seed: \$1.25-1.50 Golden millet; 75c-85c 11.25 southern; 75c-85c 11.40 Northwestern; extra Benetton not buying and not much mill feed has moved to date.

Potato values continued to decline slowly. Northern round white stock lost an additional 14c-25c per 100 lbs. at shipping points. Feeding rates in other middle western markets, \$1.00-1.10. Prices in east slightly lower. New York market, bulk \$1.10-1.20; Boston, sacked, \$1.10-1.20.

Headed Apples, slightly lower at Western New York, shipping points, moving slowly at \$4.00 per barrel. Apples, Oregon and Greening, slow; consuming markets weaker. Selling ranges in other middle western markets, \$2.50-3.00. New York, \$3.00-3.25. Boston and Baltimore, \$2.50-3.00. Selling ranges in other middle western markets, \$2.50-3.00.

California iceberg lettuce, slow and weak. Jobs, \$1.00-1.25. Eastern markets, \$2.50-3.00. Middle Western. Cabbage, slow. Carrot movement lettuce and Sweet Potato increasing. Apples, Cabbage, Onions, and Potatoes decreasing.

Live Stock and Meats. Compared with a week ago all classes of live stock at Chicago show decline. Demand is restricted in cattle country and good beef steers at drop of \$1.00-1.50. Hogs, heavy and medium, \$10.00-11.00. Fat lambs declined 25c; feeder steers, \$10.00-11.00. December 14th Chicago prices: Hogs, \$10.00-11.00; steers, \$10.00-11.00; good beef steers, \$12.00-13.00; veal calves, \$10.00-11.00; fat lambs, \$11.00-12.00; feeding lambs, \$10.00-11.00; fat ewes, \$10.00-11.00.

Markets during week have had very uncertain trend, first advancing and then declining, with sentiment changing as rapidly as prices. Outstanding features have been heavy export sales of wheat and great difficulty in securing cash wheat to fill all orders. On the 14th, Great Britain bought in the United States, 1,900,000 bushels of wheat, 1,250,000 bushels of corn, 250,000 bushels of barley. Partly as a result of buying market advanced, but later broke down. For the week Chicago March wheat advanced 1/2c to \$1.53 1/2; Minneapolis March wheat advanced 1/2c to \$1.53 1/2; Kansas City, 5/8c to \$1.53 1/2; Winnipeg, May 4c, at \$1.72; Chicago, December wheat closed \$1.54 1/2; May wheat \$1.53 1/2; December corn 67c.

Butter markets steady during week; tone firm on the 14th. Prices have recovered from weakness early in the month and average 1/2c higher than a week ago. Closing prices, 92 scores, New York, \$1.50; Chicago, \$1.50; Philadelphia, \$1.50; Boston, \$1.50. Scarcity of fancy butter seems to be lending support to general market. Danish butter has been active throughout the week. Some of recent Danish arrivals have developed mold with resultant lessened demand. Storage butter shows little improvement, recent low prices of fresh having prevented quick sales.

Cheese. Markets in general improved somewhat following severe declines of last week, but trading still inactive and country markets in Wisconsin not more than steady, with prices about where they were a week ago. Demand is moderate and offerings practically all styles and grades fairly liberal. Slow trade expected to last beyond holidays. Wisconsin primary prices average: Twins, 20c; Danes, 22c; Double Danes, 22c; Young American, 23c; Long Horns, 23c; Square Print, 23c.

Four Additions to League. Geneva.—Four more nations have been made members of the league of nations by the assembly of the league here. They were Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Finland and Luxembourg. France and Australia abstained from voting when the admission of Bulgaria was before the assembly for decision.

Many Germans Yet in Hospitals. Berlin.—Two years after the war 45,000 seriously wounded German soldiers are reported still in hospitals. Some of them have gone through from twenty to thirty operations, the German officers' association reports, and thousands who were less seriously wounded have been sent to their homes.

Bulgarian Minister Recalled. Washington.—Stephen Panaretoff, Bulgarian minister to the United States has been recalled by his government and will leave for home within a short time. Until his successor arrives Dr. P. Lessinoff, secretary of the legation, will act as charge.

Chicago's Colored Population. Chicago.—The negro population of Chicago increased 65,401 in the last decade and now is 109,504, the census bureau announced. The percentage of increase was 148.5.

Buenos Aires.—The Argentine government will not give any notification of withdrawal from the league of nations, in accordance with Article 1 of the pact, because it does not consider that Argentine ever has been a member of the league.

Lincoln, Neb.—Following a conference here between Assistant General Manager Thiehoff and superintendents of the Burlington railroad west of the Missouri river, it was announced that an order had been issued reducing working forces from 5 to 7 per cent.

TO RUSH TARIFF FOR FARM AID

Measure to Act as Embargo for One Year Has Been Agreed Upon.

Negotiations for Harmony Have Been Resumed But Line of Action Has Not Yet Been Revealed.

Washington.—Congressional leaders have decided that the way out of the maze of farmer relief bills is enactment of an emergency tariff to run for one year and to act as an embargo against importations. It would apply to wheat, cotton, wool, beans, potatoes, live stock and meats.

Agreement of the legislative leaders was reached at a joint conference of members of the senate finance and house ways and means committees at which the determination also was reached to press the proposed measure to speedy passage. Actual drafting of the bill was started later by members of the ways and means committee.

A tentative bill by Representative Green, republican, Iowa, has been practically accepted as the basis for the measure for which early passage will be sought.

Unemployment Situation in England. London.—Unemployment in Great Britain has presented a serious problem, which government, municipal and labor organization heads are seeking to solve. The advent of winter has made the situation more urgent and nearly every trade is affected. Official statistics, admittedly incomplete, show 500,000 out of work, with clerks and middle class people affected equally with laborers. Labor circles declared 1,000,000 are unemployed and that counting dependents from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 persons are affected, a large proportion being former soldiers.

NEW PEACE MOVE IN IRELAND. Negotiations Resumed, But Line of Action Not Disclosed.

Dublin.—Peace negotiations have been resumed in Ireland, it is learned on good authority. It is difficult to ascertain the lines on which the intermediaries are operating, owing to the reticence of all engaged, but it is understood that high church dignitaries, including Archbishop Clune of Perth, western Australia, and the bishop of Killalee, Monsignor Fogarty, are prominent among those continuing their efforts to bring about a settlement. In official circles interest centers in the expected meeting of the dai eirraun, to consider Premier Lloyd George's proposals in reply to Father O'Flanagan's messages.

Democrats Confer with Harding. Marlon, O.—With his plan for an association of nations assuming more definite form, President-elect Harding has taken into his confidence three conspicuous democrats, William Jennings Bryan, James W. Gerard and James A. Reed and asked their advice and their aid in fashioning a program behind which the nations can unite. All three came as invited guests of the president-elect and their consultations with him were surrounded with an air of warm cordiality.

Approve Opening of Federal Lands. Washington, D. C.—The federal power commission has approved the opening for location, entry and settlement of federal power reserve lands along the Coquille and Rogue rivers in Oregon. The decision of the commission has been forwarded to Secretary of Interior Payne for approval. Secretary Merrill of the commission said the lands were ideal for farming.

Holding Corn for Higher Prices. Marlon, S. D.—It has been learned that a farmer living in this territory, whose name has not been made public, is holding on his farm corn raised during the past three years. He states he was too busy to market the crops when prices were high.

Much Canned Salmon Destroyed. Salt Lake City.—Near 50,000 pounds of Columbia river salmon, declared to have been improperly canned, were ordered destroyed by Judge Tillman D. Johnson of the federal district court. The freight was libeled at Ogden. It was destined for points in the east.

Send Christmas Bags to Europe. Washington.—American children have prepared 78,000 Christmas bags for distribution among suffering children of Vienna and Budapest. It is announced by the American Red Cross.

Potash Plants Close Down. Alliance, Neb.—All the potash plants at Antloch, the Alliance, American Nebraska, Union and Western are closed down, following the throwing of the American Potash company into the hands of a receiver at Lincoln.

Berlin Papers Assail Award. Berlin.—News that the Nobel peace prize had been awarded to President Wilson was received with scorn and ridicule by Berlin newspapers. The liberal organs bitterly assail the president and the Nobel judges.

Farmers Urged to Liquidate. Chicago.—Farmers and country banks of the seventh federal reserve district are urged by the Chicago federal reserve bank to liquidate their loans. The appeal, directed mainly to Iowa farmers, urged that the farmers sell their crops to meet their debts. The bank officials took the stand that farmers should bear their share of declining prices and that other industries are feeling the effects of the readjustment just as keenly as farmers.

BANKERS TENDER SUGGESTIONS.

Tender New Banking Legislation That Would Give Code Department Power to Refuse or Grant Charters.

Lincoln, Neb.—Three suggestions for new banking legislation were made to Governor McKelvie at his conference with the bankers of the state. These recommendations are:

To give the department of trade and commerce free discretion in refusing or granting the charters of new banks. Requiring a minimum of \$25,000 capital stock for every bank organized.

If co-operative banks are legalized that they be allowed the same exemptions from taxation as commercial banks.

Building and loan men asked that their capital stock be exempt from taxation because they are limited in loaning money on land that is taxed.

More rigorous blue sky laws and criticism of bankers who encouraged the sale of questionable securities were approved by both bankers and building and loan men.

To Penalize Strikers. Washington, D. C.—Another controversy in congress over anti-strike legislation has been launched through passage by the senate of the Poinddexter bill to penalize interference with interstate commerce.

Less than a dozen senators were present when the bill went through without a word of discussion or a roll call, but opponents, rushing in late, announced a contest.

The bill as introduced by Senator Poinddexter, republican, Washington, would not prevent individuals from quitting their employment, but fixes severe penalties for persons who, with intent to obstruct interstate commerce, advise, persuade or use force toward inducing common carriers' operatives to cease work. The measure, which has been criticized vigorously by labor leaders, was presented at the last session after the house had refused to accept the anti-strike clauses in the transportation act proposed by the senate.

To Change Inaugural Day. Washington, D. C.—A constitutional amendment to make terms of senators and representatives begin the first Monday in December following November elections, instead of March 4, has been offered by Representative McArthur, republican, of Oregon. It automatically abolishes the short session of congress and legislation by defeated members.

Section 2 fixes the second Monday in December as the date when the new president assumes office.

Democrats Confer with Harding. Marlon, O.—With his plan for an association of nations assuming more definite form, President-elect Harding has taken into his confidence three conspicuous democrats, William Jennings Bryan, James W. Gerard and James A. Reed and asked their advice and their aid in fashioning a program behind which the nations can unite. All three came as invited guests of the president-elect and their consultations with him were surrounded with an air of warm cordiality.

Approve Opening of Federal Lands. Washington, D. C.—The federal power commission has approved the opening for location, entry and settlement of federal power reserve lands along the Coquille and Rogue rivers in Oregon. The decision of the commission has been forwarded to Secretary of Interior Payne for approval. Secretary Merrill of the commission said the lands were ideal for farming.

Holding Corn for Higher Prices. Marlon, S. D.—It has been learned that a farmer living in this territory, whose name has not been made public, is holding on his farm corn raised during the past three years. He states he was too busy to market the crops when prices were high.

Much Canned Salmon Destroyed. Salt Lake City.—Near 50,000 pounds of Columbia river salmon, declared to have been improperly canned, were ordered destroyed by Judge Tillman D. Johnson of the federal district court. The freight was libeled at Ogden. It was destined for points in the east.

Send Christmas Bags to Europe. Washington.—American children have prepared 78,000 Christmas bags for distribution among suffering children of Vienna and Budapest. It is announced by the American Red Cross.

Potash Plants Close Down. Alliance, Neb.—All the potash plants at Antloch, the Alliance, American Nebraska, Union and Western are closed down, following the throwing of the American Potash company into the hands of a receiver at Lincoln.

Berlin Papers Assail Award. Berlin.—News that the Nobel peace prize had been awarded to President Wilson was received with scorn and ridicule by Berlin newspapers. The liberal organs bitterly assail the president and the Nobel judges.

Farmers Urged to Liquidate. Chicago.—Farmers and country banks of the seventh federal reserve district are urged by the Chicago federal reserve bank to liquidate their loans. The appeal, directed mainly to Iowa farmers, urged that the farmers sell their crops to meet their debts. The bank officials took the stand that farmers should bear their share of declining prices and that other industries are feeling the effects of the readjustment just as keenly as farmers.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

A woman's auxiliary of the American Legion has been organized at Ord. One hundred employes at the Burlington shops at Havelock have been laid off.

Albert Biehn of Hebron has been appointed to lead the naval examination for Annapolis.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Pickett of Auburn accidentally swallowed a safety pin.

Three hundred and fifty-seven names were added to the Geneva farm bureau during one week.

As a result of a membership drive in Madison county, the farm bureau now has a total of 561 members.

A 320-acre farm near Harbine has been sold for \$51,200. A store at Seward, Neb., was included in the deal.

Nels Nelsen of Norfolk was killed at Battle Creek when he fell from a car from which he was unloading tombstones.

Owing to the near-epidemic of several diseases in the vicinity of Chadron, the public schools there have been closed until after the holidays.

The practice of serving hot lunches for the pupils at noon, especially in cold weather, has been adopted in fifteen rural public schools in Platte county.

Members of the former Plattsmouth Home guard company voted \$350 remaining funds in their treasury to the American Legion for use in outfitting club rooms.

A wide spread epidemic of chicken pox has resulted in closing several of the schools of Sarpy county, the mainly attacking not alone children but adults as well.

The state of Nebraska has started legal proceedings to obtain the inheritance tax on the \$1,000,000 estate left by the late John Lee of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Dr. Harold Gifford of Omaha sailed for South America, where he will make a study of the eyes of tropical animals and reptiles. He will be away for about two months.

Kearney dealers are paying a premium on corn, and as a consequence corn is being marketed there from distances of twenty miles and more, the majority coming from south of the Platte river.

A number of rural route carriers at Niobrara have resigned because they say "spooks" along the river persist in hanging on to the hood and running board of their "flivvers."

Bill Rourke, who for the last 21 years has been sole owner of the Omaha base ball club of the Western league, has sold his franchise to Fagan Burch of Houston, Texas.

Automobile bandits operating in Omaha stole ten automobiles between 8 and 9 o'clock one night last week. This is a record number for one hour, according to official reports.

University of Nebraska sororities have agreed to dispense with all formal parties this year. This was agreed upon following a discussion of the general need of economy.

A stone weighing probably one thousand pounds fell from its place in the state house walls at Lincoln and imbedded itself in the sod near the north entrance of the building.

Mike Curtain, alleged slayer of his father on June 2d last, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree, and was sentenced at Grand Island last week to imprisonment for life.

J. M. Larson a farmer living near Holdrege, was gored and trampled to death by a pet bull. Friends of the aged man shot the animal after making several attempts to rescue him.

The Gothenburg Community club has decided to bring some of the big musical attractions to Gothenburg this winter and the first number will be the Polish pianist, Leopold Godowsky.

The "Blue Triangle," an organization of the Fremont high school, realized nearly \$500 in a penny drive last week and will use it to furnish Christmas cheer for the needy of that place.

W. F. Thiehoff has been appointed general manager of the Burlington west of the Missouri river, to succeed George W. Holdrege who resigned after fifty-one years' service with the Burlington. Mr. Thiehoff assumes his new post January 1. He has been assistant general manager.

Congressman Andrews has named Charles H. Blivens and Daniel Stubbs as principals to take the examination for midshipmen at the naval academy, and Theodore F. Barnes of McCook as a candidate for a cadetship at West Point.

Students of the university at Lincoln have been asked to contribute to a relief fund for students in France, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and Czecho-Slovakia. The matter was presented to the representatives of various organizations and the movement endorsed, but action has been postponed till after the holidays.

Because recent surveys have revealed considerable numbers of under-nourished children in small towns and on farms, the college of agriculture is joining in a campaign to encourage greater use of milk and butter and the serving of hot lunches at school.

Hogs weighing from 200 to 250 pounds are preferable for farm butchering, says a Nebraska College of Agriculture extension bulletin called "Pork and Beef." Animals this size handle more easily and yield hams, shoulders and sides of better weights for curing. The chops and steaks will also be of handier size for table use.

The English Lutheran church also celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary last week with an all-day meeting.

A rat on the switch board at the electric light plant at Grand Island caused a "short circuit" that put the city lights out of commission for a time.

The report of State Land Commissioner Dan Swanson shows a total increase of \$103,467.63 in receipts from lands leased and lands sold by the state for the two years ending November 30.

In the opinion of George E. Condra, director of the state conservation and soil survey department, the chances for discovery of oil in northern and especially northeastern Nebraska are not very good.

Students of the city school at Stanton put on the play "It Pays to Advertise" at the opera house as a benefit to the athletic fund, whereby the basketball team can attend the state meet at Lincoln next spring.

Omaha contractors assert that with the decline in the prices of building material, everything points to considerable activity in the building line in most Nebraska cities and towns within the next few months.

The car barns of the Omaha and Lincoln Railway and Light company at Ralston were destroyed by fire with a loss estimated at \$75,000. The barn, a part of the offices and three inter-urban cars were destroyed.

By using 158,000 pounds of arsenic during the past season, County Farm Agent Sheldon of Scottsbluff reports practically no damage from grasshoppers. Indications are that the pest will not be numerous next season.

The housing problem at Lincoln is becoming serious, according to an estimate just presented of the shortage. It is said that five hundred houses are needed at present to adequately accommodate the people who are hunting homes.

Robbers who drove up to a garage at Atlanta, near Holdrege, took a large safe containing unestimated amount, loaded it into their truck and drove away. They also filled their car with oil and gas at the garage before leaving.

A bad check artist worked several Plattsmouth business men for small sums aggregating \$50 and made his getaway without being apprehended. In every instance a small purchase was made and the remainder received in cash.

Since the death of Thomas Morris, who was the oldest man in this state, if not in the United States, it is believed that Peter Starr of Dunning, who is nearing 103, may now justly claim the distinction of being the oldest man in Nebraska.

Robert T. Meyer was placed on trial in the district court at Aurora on the charge of violating the language law passed at the 1919 session of the legislature. It is charged in the complaint that he taught German to his pupils in a parochial school during the school hours.

Everything relating to the farm will be discussed and argued by delegates and speakers attending meetings of organized agriculture at Lincoln Jan. 3 to 7. From the number of organizations participating, it is evident that all phases of farm life will be represented.

Hard times is filling Nebraska churches, according to Rev. John H. Garretson, of the Nebraska welfare association who has just completed a visit to churches in the state. He attributes a 20 per cent increase in attendance to lack of employment and the financial depression.

Farmers of the Canadian settlement in the Stanton neighborhood have cut all farm laborers' salaries to \$50 a month. Many farmers have been paying their men, who had families, \$100 a month, furnishing free house, giving them milk, potatoes and fuel as well as allowing them to keep a flock of chickens.

Mrs. Clifford Tipton is in a hospital at Walthill, perhaps fatally buried and the certainty that parts of both hands must be amputated if she lives, the result of an unsuccessful attempt to rescue her 3-year-old son, Harrison, from fire in their home. The child secured a cup of kerosene and threw it onto the kitchen stove.

In addition to hundreds of letters to the College of Agriculture from farmers regarding the keeping of cost accounts, communities are organizing to do the work in a co-operative way. Farmers of Cheyenne county recently voted to keep accounts in every school district. Three communities in Platte county have also organized to know the cost of producing next year's crops.

Fire which started in the basement of the Greenwood block at Wymore caused a loss of about \$5,000 to the postoffice and the building in which it is located. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been spontaneous combustion.

The home of Dr. Edwin Maxey, former well-known professor of law at the state university, at Collegeview, was set on fire, a damage estimated at \$1,000 resulting. Kindling in a basket and rags in closets and bureau drawers, saturated with kerosene indicated that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Dr. Fred Brother, aged 89, said to be the oldest free mason in the state, died last week at his home in Beatrice.

The Nebraska college of agriculture again won a notable victory when its live-stock judging team triumphed over college teams from several other big cornbelt states at the International live-stock exposition at Chicago. Nebraska ranked ahead of such states as Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio, the Dakotas and Texas. It was defeated only by Purdue university of Indiana, and that by a narrow margin.