

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

The 40th annual camp meeting of the Nebraska state holiness association will be held June 17-20 at Lincoln.

State geologists are carrying on an extensive investigation of surface conditions in the vicinity of Tekamah to determine oil possibilities.

Oskosh boosters are in the midst of a campaign for the establishment of a state fish hatchery in Garden county.

Barns, windmills, outbuildings and many miles of telephone line were destroyed in the vicinity of Glenview, Adams county, by a terrific wind storm.

Members of the consolidated school district of Murdock, in which the electors voted down a bond proposition for a new school building, are taking steps looking toward dissolution.

Anglers report that some mighty fine strings of black bass are being caught in lakes of Northern Nebraska.

The City Park, located on the Grandland highway at Emerson, is being equipped for tourists. Stoves, running water and plenty of light have been installed.

The work of laying the tile for Loup City's new sewerage system has been completed, but there yet remains some work such as building flush tanks.

Sidney Methodists have organized a tennis club, laid out a court and equipped it with electric lights so that those who care to do so may indulge in the sport at night.

Railroads in Nebraska were denied their petition to have their valuation reduced for taxation this year by the state board of equalization. The board assessed the roads on practically the same valuation as last year.

A campaign has been started for a better lighting system at North Platte, especially in the business section, where the electrolier system or something similar will be installed.

Six cases of sickness, all so far unsolved by the attending physicians excepting to show indications of typhoid fever, have suddenly appeared at Grand Island. All of the patients, it is declared, attended the same church banquet, April 26.

Farmers in York county maintain that the winter wheat crop is damaged at least 20 per cent owing to the lack of moisture during the winter months and cool weather during April and May.

The potato crop in northwestern Nebraska will be enhanced this year by a 10 per cent increase in acreage, according to a statement issued by the state department of agriculture.

North Platte's new city directory, just issued contains 4,368 names. Applying the usual basis of computation, this indicates a population of 10,920. The 1920 federal census gave North Platte a population of 10,466.

All of the farm buildings on the John Stark, Jr., farm, near Greeley, were destroyed by a small tornado.

June 3 and 4 have been set as the dates for the annual convention of the Northwestern Roundup association at Valentine. The membership includes practically every old-time cowpuncher in Nebraska and Wyoming.

The Polk county farm bureau has started publication of a monthly paper, of which the second number has just been issued. It is a three-column, four-page paper, filled with matter relative to the farm bureau work in the county and state. W. F. Crozier is the editor and C. B. Barber manager.

Twenty-four-hour light service for the village of Liberty has been assured by the action of a mass meeting at which \$5,000 of bonds was purchased from the Beatrice Power company, with current to be supplied from the Barnston dam. Citizens are to build their own transmission line which will cost approximately \$6,000.

Thousands of chickens were killed by a terrific hail storm which swept Ansley and vicinity. Much damage was done to small grain. Hundreds of window panes were smashed.

Hog cholera in Madison county is spreading over a considerable area, according to County Agent Stewart, who urges that immediate precautions be taken to prevent further infection. The Meadow Grove vicinity is infested with crows, which have been carrying off chickens, and some say this is one of the reasons for the spread of the hog cholera.

The Blue Springs Community club announced that May 28 they will inaugurate free moving pictures, which will be shown every Saturday night during the summer months and to which the entire community is welcome.

A truck line has been established between Ruskin and Superior, including the towns of Cadams, Oak and Nora. If the project continues profitable the firm in charge plan the establishing of a similar line between Ruskin and Beatrice, including Fairbury.

Machinery has arrived at Big Springs for the installation of a system of drainage ditches on the bottom land south of the Platte river. Many acres will be reclaimed by the project, according to plans.

A boat from St. Louis is anchored in the Missouri river at De Soto, laden with materials for riprapping, and an attempt will be made to change the course of the river at that point. For years the river has cut into the land and many acres have been carried away each spring during high water.

Work will start in a few days on the new \$30,000 Methodist church at Curtis.

Fire at the Yankee Hill brick yard at Burnham, near Lincoln, resulted in a \$100,000 loss.

The new city administration at Omaha, headed by James Dahlman, took office May 17.

At a mass meeting of the farmers at Stockville, plans were made to build a school that will be a real community center.

A contract for the erection of a new school building at Oxford was awarded to H. V. Bender, local contractor, for \$59,735.

Adams county will be represented by fifteen members of boys' and girls' clubs at Lincoln boys' and girls' club week, beginning May 30.

People of Rockville recently celebrated the completion of the transmission line from the power plant of the Central Power company at Boelus. The current has been turned on and Rockville now has street lights for the first time in its history.

Assurance of another bumper crop of sugar beets are held in Scotts Bluff county as the result of heavy rains. In all parts of the sugar country the tops of the beets are beginning to appear above ground, and the necessity of irrigating the seeds, which has a bad effect on later crops, has passed over.

The Sidney General hospital, recently established, closed last week for lack of patronage and has been converted into a rooming house. Cheyenne county climate is too healthful to make hospitals a paying proposition.

A movement is under way to hold an international aerial tournament at Omaha this fall. Aviators from all parts of the world will participate.

Drilling for oil is to be resumed soon in the vicinity of Bassett. Operations were suspended last December. The well is down over 2,500 feet.

John Stockwaller, a farmer living near Pawnee City, has a Jersey cow that he declares produces her weight in milk every 11 days. The cow is 18 months old and weighs only 350 pounds.

At a special election at Ogallala bonds for the erection of a new school building were defeated by two votes.

The American Legion at Coleridge is organizing. Preparations are also being made for a Memorial day program.

Many miles of country road in both Holt and Boyd county are to be hard surfaced by the county highway departments this year.

A special election will be held at Chadron June 15 for the purpose of voting additional bonds for improvement of the sewerage system.

Drilling for oil on the Cook ranch lease near Harrison, is progressing in a satisfactory manner. The well is now down about 3,000 feet.

More than \$1,000,000 must be taken from the state bank guarantee fund to meet losses resulting from failure of state banks in Nebraska recently.

Cathedral High school (Lincoln) won the debating championship of Nebraska by defeating Wayne High school at Lincoln.

A large commercial radio plant, equal in size to the plant from which messages to Mars were attempted recently, is being erected at Nehawka.

A special election at Valentine resulted in a landslide for the proposed bonds for a new high school which is to be a \$90,000 modern structure.

Railroad employees at a meeting in Wynore discussed the use of auto trucks for freight transportation by the merchants of Wynore. Among the points brought out was the fact that about 213 of the population of Wynore were dependent on the Burlington railroad for a livelihood, and it was decided employees should patronize the merchants who patronize their employer.

The city of Superior will send two or more delegates to Lincoln, May 31, to present claims for the location of the men's reformatory at Superior.

Headquarters of the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads in Omaha have announced proposed reductions of wage scales, effective July 1, which will affect nearly 51,000 employees.

The village of Wallace will soon begin the construction of a \$25,000 community building, the funds for which were provided for in the will of J. R. Johnson, Pittsburgh millionaire, who made annual visits to Wallace to shoot prairie chickens.

One thousand workers from the eastern end of the state arrived at Scottsbluff aboard a special train to work in the beet sugar fields.

The entire list of salary increases voted by the last session of the legislature may be revoked by the referendum power of the people of the state if a movement started by people of Custer county is successful. People of other counties, it is said, are planning to lend a hand. An organization formed recently at Broken Bow plans to immediately start into circulation petitions for the referendum.

One woman was severely injured and a man and child were slightly injured and damages of about \$45,000 was done to farm buildings by a tornado which struck near Harmony, about eight miles north of Valentine.

Charles W. Wentz, Aurora banker, recently convicted in the York county district court of failing to include in his report to the state banking department certificates of deposit that were a liability against the bank, has appealed his case to the supreme court. Wentz was sentenced to the penitentiary for one to ten years.

HOW TO GROW AN ACRE OF TUBERS

Department of Agriculture Issues Bulletin to Aid Boy and Girl Club Members.

EVERY STEP CLEARLY GIVEN

Gravelly or Sandy Loam Soils, Well Drained, Are Generally Considered Well Adapted to Production of Potatoes.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

When a boy or girl in a potato-growing club succeeds in raising tubers at the rate of 300 to 600 bushels per acre, as many of them have done, it is a source of inspiration to other members of the club who are less fortunate, and, what is perhaps of greater importance, an object-lesson to their elders as to what can be accomplished when the crop is given proper attention. To guide boy and girl club members, as well as their elders, in pro-



Garden Club Boy in His Patch of Potatoes.

ducing bigger potato yields, the United States Department of Agriculture has recently published Farmers' Bulletin 1190, "How to Grow an Acre of Potatoes." It is prepared especially for use in boys' and girls' club work, and every step from the selection of the potato soil to the harvesting, grading, and storing of the crop is discussed.

Best Potato Soils.
Gravelly or sandy loam soils are generally considered especially well adapted to the production of large crops of potatoes, provided they are well drained and well supplied with plant food, says the bulletin. A very light sandy soil or a stiff clay soil should be avoided. The ideal soil is one that does not run together with rains, that works easily, is well supplied with humus, and, while well drained, is naturally supplied with moisture. Clover and alfalfa are regarded as the best preparatory crops for potatoes.

Prepare the Land Thoroughly.
Potato soils should be plowed as deeply as possible, but always remember not to turn up more than an inch of the subsoil. The fall is the best season to plow. When the land is plowed at this time it should be disked and harrowed as early in the spring as possible to conserve the moisture and to prevent weed growth. Spring-plowed land should be disked immediately in order to prevent the possible packing of the newly turned soil. In preparing the seed bed spare no pains to put it in good condition. If the crop is planted on land that is poorly prepared, no amount of subsequent cultivation will entirely remedy the defect.

Select the variety that is known to be adapted to the section. Use the best seed obtainable, and, if possible, make sure that it has been produced from strong, healthy plants that have developed a goodly number of tubers of even, marketable size and uniform shape. Before planting, the seed should be disinfected with formalin solution to prevent potato scab. Better yields are obtained by the use of from 15 to 18 bushels of seed per acre, though the average for the United States is 8.6 bushels. Cut blocky seed pieces, weighing from one to two ounces each.

After planting, keep the surface of the ground loose until the plants appear, then deep cultivation should begin, but as the crop develops shallow tillage is recommended. Insects and diseases should never be allowed to get established, but should be controlled by suitable fungicides and insecticides such as are described in the bulletin. When the crop is being harvested, a systematic effort should be made to select desirable tubers for next year's seed.

ROAD MARKERS ARE COSTLY
Disappointed Hunters Should Not Vent Their Spit on Signs Placed on Highways.

Hunters who cannot find anything to shoot at should not let out their spit on road markers. These markers have cost, as in the case of the Lincoln highway signs, \$7 each. According to the Iowa highway commission, the destruction of such signs is punishable by law, as they are public property. Also next summer some wild hunter might feel the need of an extra sign when touring, which some other enthusiast has shot up.

FREEZING FRUIT TO HELP PRESERVATION

Method Has Passed Experimental Stage in West.

Practice Is to Be Recommended in Sections Where There is Surplus and Sufficient Cold-Storage Space Available.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Preserving fresh fruit by freezing has passed the experimental stage in the Middle Western and Pacific states. The office of preservation of fruits and vegetables, bureau of markets, has been investigating the new method for several years and the investigators report that such fruits as strawberries, raspberries, logan berries, blueberries, currants and cherries are now being frozen and held in commercial lots.

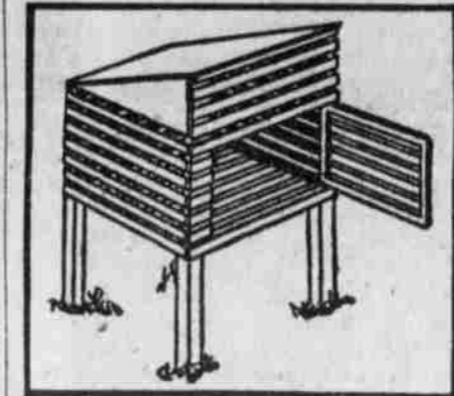
So far as the process is concerned, this method of preservation has all the merits of simplicity. The fruit is frozen in the same crates in which it is marketed. The temperature required is about 10 degrees F., though soft fruit is usually subjected to a lower temperature than that of better quality. So long as the temperature is maintained the fruit can be kept in storage. The frozen product must be used as soon as it is thawed, however, as thawing breaks down the tissues and allows the fruit to decay rapidly.

In ice cream, or when made into pies and preserves, the frozen fruit is in every way comparable to the fresh product. In preparing their report the representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture state that the practice is to be recommended in sections where there is a surplus of production and sufficient cold-storage space available to accommodate the fruit. Only fresh, sound fruit should be frozen. Freezing does not do away with mold, though mold will not develop as long as the fruit remains at the temperatures employed.

TREATMENT OF BROODY HEN

Large and Unnecessary Loss in Summer Production of Farm Flock Can Be Prevented.

There often is a large and altogether unnecessary loss in the summer production of the farm flock, due to the



Coop for Broody Hens.

idleness of numbers of broody hens which are permitted to remain on the nests indefinitely and so are unproductive for many weeks. If such hens are removed from the nest as soon as broodiness develops, are placed in a comfortable coop, and well fed and watered, they usually can be broken up promptly.

There is nothing better than the coop shown here. It is made of pine boards. The floor should be about a foot from the ground. The sides and floor are made of slats spaced one-half to three-quarters of an inch apart.

CULTIVATION IS IMPORTANT

Work Neglected in Garden Often Means Poor Vegetables and Then Very Few of Them.

The mistake of waiting till one has time to spare to cultivate the garden has too often meant poor garden vegetables, and few of them. The garden should be cultivated when the soil is in the proper condition and when the vegetables need it. It should not wait; it is as important as any other farm work and more important than most of it.

HARMFUL TO PASTURE WOODS

Practice Has Been One of Chief Causes of Deterioration—Young Growth Destroyed.

Pasturing of woods has been one of the chief causes of their deterioration. The severity of the damage depends largely on the number of stock and the size of the woods. One characteristic of a heavily pastured woods is the almost complete absence of young growth, or its existence only in small ragged patches as broken or scrubby stuff.

GIVE BREEDING FLOCK CARE

Watch Fowls Carefully and See That They Are in Good Condition, Advise Specialists.

Watch the breeding flock carefully and see that the fowls keep in good breeding condition, the United States Department of Agriculture advises, in Farmers' Bulletin 1116, on the selection and care of poultry breeding stock. The birds and houses should be examined to see that they are not infested with lice or mites.

"Run Down" People Easy Prey To Serious Disease

When you get "run down" it merely means your system is disordered,—working poorly. If the disorder stays small, you may remain just "run down." But if it gets worse, you are downright sick. Don't wait until your "run down" condition develops into real illness. Start today toning your system with an A-1 blood remedy to drive out the impurities, a vegetable medicine like S.S.S., which has served thousands thus in the last half century. Get S.S.S. from your druggist right now. Then write us about your condition, addressing Chief Medical Advisor, 848 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Georgia. We'll send you medical counsel free.



A Solvent.
"Liquor always loosened up our patrons," said a waiter reminiscently. Meaning, we suppose, that it released the "tip" from the tippers.—Boston Transcript.

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SYSTEM DID NOT WORK WELL
Englishwoman Found Some Disadvantages in Giving Instructions in the Sign Language.

An English lady was talking about her cleverness in getting a Russian servant. "She can't speak a word of English, and I can't speak Russian," she finished. "But how do you manage, then?" asked her friend. "Oh, it's quite simple. I just wave my hands about and make faces, and if she doesn't quite understand, she goes off and does something else, so all the work gets done in time." Later on the friend called, hoping to catch a glimpse of the Russian treasure, and found the mistress in tears. "That dreadful Bolshevik," she wailed. "She came up to ask what she was to do next, and I made scrubbing motions, meaning the kitchen floor, of course, and she did it on my lovely polished dining table instead, and it is absolutely ruined! And now she's snifing in the kitchen, smoking my cigarettes, and I can't make her understand that she's not to take them!"

Greening the World.
Two children were talking. "What is it that makes day and night, anyway?" asked one. "Well, you see, the earth turns around on an axis," answered the other.

"Do you mean to say that the earth turns around and around?"
"Yes. What are you laughing at?"
"I was just thinking how funny it would be if the axle got rusty and the earth stopped."
"Why, the axle doesn't get rusty; they keep it oiled all the time."
"Where do they oil it, in China?"
"No, in Greece."

Women Proving More Politic.
It is not an uncommon sight now to see a young girl get up and offer her seat in the subway to an elderly woman, whose entrance has been ignored by the male passengers. Such usually brings some blushing humble man to his feet with a stammering offer of "have my seat," but the climax was reached the other evening in an uptown restaurant when a middle-aged woman took a seat at the same table with one of her own sex, a stranger to her, and on finishing dinner politely inquired:
"Do you mind if I smoke?"—New York Sun.

Accident Averted.
J. B. Frix of Richmond, Va., who is organizing the National Teachers' Training association, says that a little negro whom the other called "Young Bird" on account of the size of his mouth, was standing on the railroad track, and another one called out: "Hey dere, boy, git off dat track. Ef de engineer would come along and see dat monf of yone, he'd think it was a car shed and run his train right in."

Preserving Mine Timbers.
A coating of magnesia cement on the timbers of mines is stated to be an economical and efficient assurance against fire, especially in the arid regions where the timber becomes highly inflammable and is difficult to replace.

It is the toy mustache of today that is always spreading beyond its boundaries.

Would Fix That.
Eloping Girl—"Papa will be all the wrong." Resourceful Groom—"That's all right; we'll wire him."

Snowy linens are the pride of every housewife. Keep them in that condition by using Red Cross Ball Blue in your laundry. 5 cents at grocers.

SARAH HAD GENTLY HINTED
Remark Might Have Led Beau to Imagine She Disapproved of His White Clothes.

Mrs. Morgan had a colored maid named Sarah. One Sunday afternoon the mistress saw Sarah's lover leaving the house clad in a suit of white flannel. A little later, when the maid appeared her mistress said:
"Sarah, that beau of yours should never wear white. He is so black that white clothes makes him appear all the blacker. Why don't you give him a hint?"

"Why, Mis' Morgan," said Sarah, with animation, "I done give him lots ob hints, but he jes' battenly ain't got no sense an' didn't take 'em."
"Probably you didn't make the hints strong enough," said the mistress.
"Well, no'm, dat's jes' what I think myself," agreed Sarah, reflectively; "I don't believe I did. I jest looks at him right hard, an' I says, 'Niggah, yo' sho' do look like a black snake crawlin' out ob cream, you do!' Ther's jes' all I says to him, Mis' Morgan. Dat's all."

Reasonable Supposition.
"A hant, or something, is raising thunder at Gabe Hornboggle's house," related a neighbor. "I was there tuther night, and after we'd set for a spell it commenced. The table was flopped over by unseen hands, three drawers of the bureau slid out by their selves and dumped all the stuff on the floor, a flock of spoons came floating in from the kitchen, a gun in the corner fell down and shot one of the dogs, and all such as that. I never seed such goin's-on in my life!"
"Then you hain't never drunk none of Gabe's bone-dry licker before?" inquired a resident of Mount Piggy, Ark.—Kansas City Star.

As Funny as Ever.
He had one of those long mustaches—one of the kind that, if you had been buying him a birthday present a few years ago, you would have thought of a mustache cup the first thing.
Everybody had been making fun of it, so one Sunday morning he shaved it off. The first person to get a look at his upper lip in 20 years was a neighbor girl about the age of four. As she came into the house she said: "Oh! Mr. Bowin, you look just as funny as ever."

Girl He Was Looking For.
"Why are you so pensive?" he asked.
"I'm not pensive," she replied.
"But you haven't said a word for 20 minutes."
"Well, I didn't have anything to say."

"Don't you ever say anything when you have nothing to say?"
"No," she said.
"Will you be my wife?" he asked.

Must See It and Go One Better.
"What a beautiful ring!"
"Yes," said the girl. "It was an engagement ring, but the engagement is broken."
"Aren't you going to send it back?"
"Of course. But I want to keep it long enough to let the next gentleman see what he is expected to live up to."
—Boston Transcript.

Better Way.
"The romantic wooer promises to die for a girl!" "Well?" "The prosaic husband gets his life insured."

Most men find it easier to get in debt than to get out, but some are unable to get in at all.

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