

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

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

Representative John McClellan of Hall county has written Nebraska senators suggesting a special session of the legislature, the members to volunteer their services and to pay their own expenses. He declared that his interviews with the farming population, especially, and with taxpayers generally, lead him to believe it is high time to retrench in state, county, city, school and all other public affairs.

An extensive report on farm conditions in Nebraska issued by the state and federal bureau of markets at Lincoln shows an improved condition of winter wheat, the husking of corn well advanced in most counties, about 60 per cent of the commercial potato crop marketed, sugar beet harvest practically completed and some improvement in the hog cholera situation.

With the preliminary survey of the Platte Valley irrigation project under way there is a rumor afloat that Gothenburg stands a good chance of securing a beet sugar factory. The project it is said will water an area of 100 miles in length and 15 miles wide or about 600,000 acres between North Platte and Kearney on both sides of the Platte river.

Lincoln residents are paying \$3,000 a month to thirty special American Legion police, according to Mayor Zehrung. Under this plan an ex-service man patrols a district of not more than fifty homes, from which he receives \$2 a month from each owner. Leaders of the movement are endeavoring to make the legion police state wide.

As indicative of the situation in some of the north and northwestern counties in which there is considerable stock feeding, it is reported, that out of 115 cases filed for the September term of court in Loup, Garfield and Wheeler counties, 75 are mortgage foreclosures, the total decrees already entered running over \$600,000.

Fremont, it is believed, holds the birth record in Nebraska for triplets born in a single week. During the week ending November 5 sets were born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carsh. Only one of the six babies, born to Mrs. Carsh, survived. The infants were all boys.

The closing of the Farmers State bank at Winside marked the twenty-eighth bank failure in Nebraska in the past year and a half. Extensive loans to tenants of land, the values of which were wiped away by big decreases in prices, were direct causes of failure, it is said.

On November 19 a public sale of poultry will be held at the fair grounds at Tecumseh. The sale, which will be conducted by the Johnson County Live Stock and Poultry Breeders' association, it is believed, will be the first of the kind ever held in Nebraska.

Governor McKelvie has issued a proclamation designating the period from Armistice day to Thanksgiving day to be observed for the annual Red Cross roll call, during which time membership campaign will be carried on.

Governor McKelvie announced that the federal reserve bank board will meet in Omaha November 22 with the committee of five of the Nebraska Bankers' association to discuss means of facilitating loans to farmers.

Early erection of an auditorium in Hastings was made certain when the city council sold, at par, \$100,000 worth of bonds for the building, and \$75,000 worth of bonds for the purchase of a site.

H. H. Anderson and Harry Hostetter, convicts who escaped from the new state reformatory at Lincoln, were captured at Atchison, Kansas, and returned to the prison.

No trace has been found of the body of Henry A. Elbe, parachute jumper, who was drowned in the Missouri river at Omaha during the Aero Congress.

Warrants drawn for state expenditures for the month of October total \$899,709, according to a report by State Auditor Marsh.

Big Spring's new community hall built by townspeople and farmers of the district was dedicated just the other day.

Excavation for the new \$100,000 Elks home to be built by the Scottsbluff lodge has been started.

A report issued by C. C. Baker, of federal and state employment bureau at Lincoln, there were more jobs than men who would work in Nebraska in October. His figures show that 713 jobs went begging for men to accept them during the month.

Gibbon has a community picture show, the Community club making a purchase of equipment and the show will be handled by a committee. The object is to exhibit a better class of films and on account of the fact that the town was without a picture show. It is planned to keep the admission fee down to the lowest possible figure.

State Superintendent Matzen has endorsed a proposal of State Compensation Commissioner Kennedy to get all schools in the state to teach pupils the A. B. C. of the compensation law. Kennedy says that the worst feature of the law is the lack of knowledge by workers of the law.

No material reductions in freight rates will be noted for nine months or a year as a result of the withdrawal of the orders calling off the threatened nation-wide tieup of railroads, in the opinion of members of the state railway commission. Their opinion is based upon the fact that the railroad labor board assured the brotherhoods that no further wage cuts, would be made until next July.

The receiver for the failed Walsey bank in Thomas county has already collected \$1,200 in bills receivable which were rated as absolutely worthless when the bank's affairs were turned over to him. It is possible that the state guarantee fund will be fully reimbursed for the amount paid out of it to protect depositors.

D. M. Trimble, deputy state fire inspector, and Lee Carroll, cashier at the Liberty theater, Lincoln, were both bound over to the district court for the robbery alleged to have been staged by Trimble when he made away with \$1,500 after slugging Carroll in the box office of the theater.

The closing of the Farmers' State bank of Springfield last week was unexpected by state officials. Secretary Hart of the department of trade and commerce declared his department had had some difficulty with the institution but the situation was not expected to end in failure.

A movement to organize athletics in American legion circles throughout the state has been undertaken by Lincoln post No. 3 at Lincoln. A committee has been appointed to communicate with other posts and sound out the sentiment.

Attorney General Davis says his office will appeal to the supreme court from the decision of the Lancaster district court, granting a permanent injunction against the state expending \$75,000 on the Omaha-Port Crook road.

Plans are under way for construction of a community corn crib at Neligh to hold corn placed there by farmers in return for merchandise. The corn will be held until higher prices can be gotten for it.

A total of 32,543 or 26.2 per cent. of all the farms in Nebraska reported co-operative marketing of farm products in 1919, according to a report issued by the state department of agriculture at Lincoln.

The Beatrice Chamber of Commerce has launched a campaign to prevent the removal of the county fair to Wyoming. The county agricultural society will decide the issue the last of this month.

Under the direction of the Masonic order, with Grand Master Smith of Long Pine in charge, the cornerstone was laid for the E. G. Taylor \$100,000 dormitory of Hastings college, at Hastings.

Incendiary fires in Nebraska since last January total 100, with a loss estimated at \$1,000,000, according to State Fire Marshal Hartford. Only seventeen such fires occurred in 1920.

Five people, including four women, were injured, two seriously, when a five passenger airplane fell from a height of 100 feet and was demolished at the air congress held at Omaha.

Charles McCarty, a rancher of Wheeler county, saved more than \$800 in freight by driving 500 head of cattle to his ranch in Merrick county. The drive required five days.

Fire completely destroyed the N. F. Allard & Son general merchandise and furniture store at Primrose, causing a loss of \$30,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Reduced rates to Lincoln from all points in Nebraska for the week of organized agriculture meetings, January 2 to 6, have been granted by the western passenger association.

Robert Carsch, charged with slaying Henry Johnson during a quarrel at Humboldt last June was found not guilty by a jury at Falls City.

The bureau of animal industry of the state department of agriculture reports that hog cholera is well under control in Nebraska.

Wynmore has purchased one of the best road drags on the market, and will keep it constantly employed on the streets of the city.

Loss of about \$40,000 was sustained when fire practically destroyed the Bullard lumber yards at McCook.

A private census just completed of McCook develops the city has a population in excess of 5,000.

Citizens of York celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of the city November 6.

Excavation has been started for the foundation of North Platte's new \$200,000 court house.

After a shut down of eleven months, the plant of the Western Land Roller company at Hastings has resumed operations. The company manufactures land rollers and haying tools. Business depression caused the shutdown.

Walter, 4, and Lawrence, 5, sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Huffman of Scottsbluff, were burned to death in a chicken house adjoining the Huffman home. It is said that the children had matches, and were playing near a can of gasoline. Both bodies were burned beyond recognition before they could be rescued.

The Omaha Woman's Press club has launched a prize contest open to all women of Nebraska for the best short story, maximum length 4000 words, poetry, short poems not exceeding 24 lines, essay, including such manuscripts as nature, travel and character sketches, editorials and informal essays, limited to 1000 word. The contest closes December 10, and all who wish to take part must mail their manuscript to Mrs. Laura Ennis, 4324 Farnam street, Omaha. Handsome prizes will be awarded the winners. For further information write Mrs. Ennis at Omaha.

## FAT MAN STICKS IN "HELL'S CRACK"

Park Superintendent Takes Measurements of Visitors to Crystal Cave.

Los Angeles, Cal. — Thaddeus Brown of Lemoore is a man of considerable weight in the community, and John R. White, superintendent of the Sequoia National park, is an official of considerable literary ability. These facts are evidenced, perhaps for the first time publicly, by the following bulletin received here:

"Sequoia National Park, Office of Superintendent, Giant Forest, Cal.

"Since the lamentable accident that happened to Thaddeus Brown of Lemoore, Cal., on August 28, it has been necessary to take additional precautions for the safety of those visiting the Crystal Cave in the Sequoia National park.

"Brown, it will be recollected, is a stout gentleman, who was stuck for three days in Hell's Crack, about half



One Final Pull Brought Him Through

a mile from the cave entrance, deep in the bowels of the earth. An attempt was made by park rangers to pull him through the hole, but his cries were so terrifying as the sharp stalactites scarified the skin of his lower waist that his would-be rescuers were forced to desist.

"The superintendent was notified of Brown's condition, and personally visited the cave. After thorough examination it was determined that it would either be necessary to blast him out with T. N. T., or starve him until his waist measurement was reduced sufficiently to enable his passage through Hell's Crack.

"Despite the indignation of other visitors, who were barred from the beauties of Organ Loft, the Frozen Cascade, the Marble Chamber, etc., by the rear portion of Brown, it was thought better not to blast him out, as undoubtedly some injury would result to the delicate formation of the cave.

"By the end of the third day his waist measurement was reduced 14 1/2 inches, and one final pull by two park rangers brought him through the hole minus his pants and some skin.

"All prospective visitors to the Crystal Cave are now measured at the Administration building at Giant Forest, and those whose waist measurements are over 32 1/2 inches are debarred from the crystalline marvels of America's most beautiful cavern."

## CATCHES DOG MILKING COW

Farmer Finds Pail Short, and a Little Detective Work Discloses the Culprit.

Huntington, L. I. — When your cow suddenly falls in giving you the usual pail of milk in the morning, it is time to look around for the cause. This is just what happened with a Huntington man recently.

His cow was a good producer, but one morning when he went out he found that for some reason the supply was not as good as usual. The evening's milking showed the usual returns, but the following morning he was again short.

Not being satisfied that "all was well in Denmark," he appeared on the scene considerably earlier the following morning, and found his own dog, standing under the cow, enjoying a feast. Needless to say, the dog was fastened at night thereafter.

## Neighbor Signalled Word of Tragedy to Engineer.

Edith Pemberton, fourteen years old, of Middletown, N. Y., was struck by a railroad express train, thrown on the pilot and carried a quarter of a mile before the engineer learned of the accident. A neighbor of the girl saw her on the pilot of the engine and signalled to the engineer with his raincoat, causing him to stop the train. The girl died from her injuries.

Thief Takes Money From Orphanage. Adrian, Mich. — A thief entered the Eastern Star orphanage here and stole \$81 belonging to the orphans' fund and \$17, the individual property of the orphans.

## DAIRY

LEGUMINOUS HAYS FOR COWS

Corn Silage is Excellent Feed, but Not a Balanced One—Legumes Furnish Protein.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The best kinds of dry roughage for feeding dairy cows in connection with corn silage or roots are leguminous hays, such as alfalfa, red, crimson, or alsike clover, and soy bean or cowpea hay, in the opinion of experts of the United States Department of Agriculture. While corn silage is an excellent feed, it is not a balanced one, as it does not contain sufficient protein and mineral matter to meet fully the requirements of the cow. The leguminous hays, in addition to being very palatable, tend to correct this deficiency. They are also among the best and cheapest sources of protein.

One or more of these hays can be grown on practically any farm. In addition to their value for feeding purposes, they improve the soil in which they grow. Hay from Canada field peas, sown with oats to prevent the peas from lodging, also makes an excellent roughage.

Corn stover, sorghum, etc., also find a good market through the dairy cow. This class of roughage is low in protein, however, and when it is used the grain ration must be richer in this element.

No positive rule can be laid down as to the quantity of dry roughage that should be fed, but from 6 to 12 pounds a day for each cow, in addition to silage, will be found satisfactory in most cases.

When the dry roughage is of poor quality, such as coarse, woody hay or a poor grade of cornstalks, a large portion can often be given to advantage, allowing the cow to pick out the best and using the rejected part for bedding. With this quantity of dry roughage the cow will take, according to



One of Most Economical Feeds for Dairy Cows is Pasture.

her size, from 25 to 50 pounds of silage. This may be considered as a guide for feeding, to apply when the roughage is grown on the farm. When everything has to be purchased, it is often more economical to limit the quantity of roughage fed and increase the grain ration.

## RUNTY ANIMAL UNPROFITABLE

Undersized and Undeveloped Animals Usually Caused by Improper Care and Poor Feed.

Niggardly methods of feeding and caring for farm live stock are unprofitable. This is one conclusion resulting from an inquiry conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture into the causes and prevention of runtness among farm animals. Seventy-five per cent of undersized and undeveloped animals, according to a summary of more than 700 opinions advanced by live-stock owners, are due to inferior breeding, inadequate or unsuitable feed, and pests, such as parasites and insects.

The remedy is the better care of better stock, and the cost of this remedy, in the opinion of practical farmers, is much cheaper than the expense of continuing to raise undersized and slow-maturing domestic animals. "Better raise one good cow than two poor ones—a runt is nothing but expense all its life." This opinion, which is typical of many others, is from a Michigan dairyman. A thrifty New Englander sums up sentiment on this topic with the remark, "I find I cannot cheat the animal without cheating myself."

## HIGH-PRODUCING DAIRY COWS

To Increase Productiveness of Herd It Is Necessary to Begin With Individuals.

Increasing the productiveness of a dairy herd through selection must begin with the individual as a unit. Cows with the best performance records are mated to a bull backed by a line of high-producing ancestors. Even this will not guarantee offspring equal to their parents in productiveness, since the law of chance operates to make results uncertain. However, the average will be as good as their parents' and some will exceed their dam's record. The best producers are further bred for further improvement.

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## Tough on the Babies.

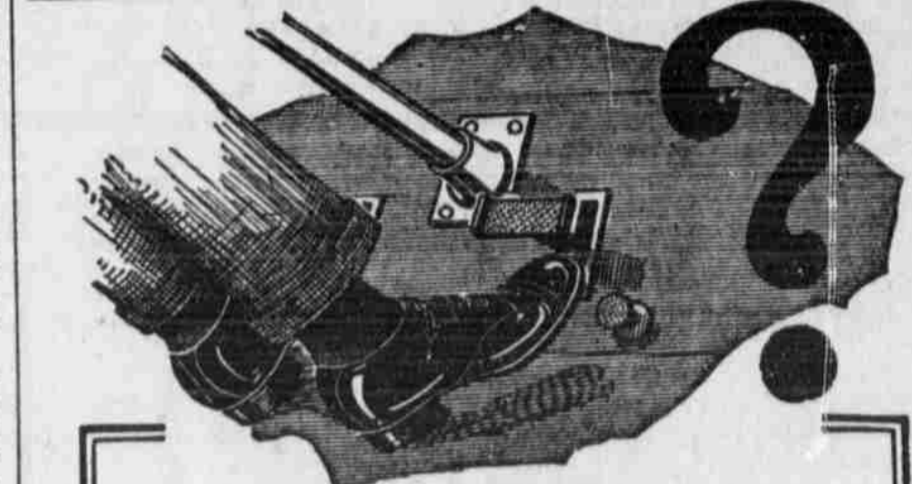
A paragraph worthy of publication in "Whizz Bug" appeared recently in the Genesee (Idaho) News. It was in the nature of a "paid local" inserted by the members of the Genesee medical fraternity. Under the caption, "Eight Months Warning," appeared the following: "After October 1 all babies C. O. D. Signed, W. H. Ehlen, M. D., H. Rouse, M. D.—Pullman (Wash.) Herald.

## The New Typist.

Flubb—That new stenographer of Simpson's is rather of the clinging type, isn't she?

Dubb—Yes, she's a regular cling peach.

The avarice of the miser may be termed the grand sepulchre of all his other passions.



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