

# CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

Gilbert Rose, Joe Lindley and Bernard Parker, all of Central City, narrowly escaped death while enjoying a lark on the frozen surface of the Platte river in a Ford. They had been driving up and down the river, making quick turns and allowing their car to skid on the ice, when suddenly the car dropped into a hole. The young men jumped just as the back end of the car went down, and landed on a floating cake of ice. Skaters rushed to the rescue.

The woman's society of the Westminster Presbyterian church at Lincoln must pay Mrs. Stella Hensley, a cook, \$15 a week for thirty-seven weeks for the loss of an index finger from blood poisoning growing out of a cut on her finger while peeling potatoes at the society's fair grounds booth last fall. This is the first state compensation award against a church society, according to Secretary of Labor Frank Kennedy.

The Plattsmouth State bank has purchased the building owned by the defunct Bank of Cass County and soon as the receiver can give possession will begin extensive remodeling prior to moving into the new quarters. The Plattsmouth State bank took over the defunct bank's liabilities, assuming obligations to depositors and now has assets and liabilities totaling nearly a million dollars.

More than \$425 has been raised in Beatrice during the past few days by A. L. Green as contributions to the Friends' fund for the relief of starving Russians. This will be enough to buy eighty-five barrels of flour to be sent abroad. The local committee is endeavoring to make the contribution equal to 100 barrels of flour.

A purebred Holstein cow owned by Ross Miller of Franklin gave birth to a pair of twin calves. One of them died soon after birth. This is the third cow from the Florens farm herd of C. J. Furry which has brought twins in the past three months, all being heifers and five of the six living.

In order to assist Gage county unemployed the county has commenced the excavation and filling in of the Bear creek bridge project on the Gold road highway, east of Beatrice. The work will last several weeks. Only the heads of families are given employment.

Concerning the closing of the Lincoln office of the Nye-Schneldorfer-Jenks company and the addition of the six-fifty line elevators to the Fremont division, it is announced that the change is made for reasons of economy.

State expenditures during the last six months from July to December were \$924,000 in excess of receipts, according to a statement being prepared by Acting State Treasurer E. B. Cowles at the request of Governor McKelvie.

Acceptance of federal positions, removal from their districts and death have resulted in several vacancies in the Nebraska legislature, which will have to be filled when the session meets in their special session at Lincoln.

The fortieth annual convention of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association just closed a very successful meeting at Norfolk. North Platte has been selected as the next meeting place.

The board of county commissioners of Thurston county at the annual meeting made a reduction in expenses by eliminating several clerkships and reducing the pay of other jobs.

At a special election Elba voted \$18,000 bonds for the construction of a transmission line from Dannebrog to this place. The Central Power company will supply the current.

The Knights of Columbus of Greeley are negotiating with C. A. Lundberg for the purchase of his new store building which they will convert into club rooms.

More than \$40,000 loss was caused by fire which destroyed the J. L. Chasdek Musical Instrument store at Fairbury.

The city council of Tekamah has passed up paying plans for the year because of the already heavy tax burden.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Cottonwood corner schoolhouse, southeast of Big Springs.

In attempting to save two automobiles when his barn was destroyed by fire, William Miller of Litchfield was badly burned about the face and hands. His small daughter narrowly escaped death, when her clothing caught on fire. It was extinguished by her father.

George Hall, H. C. Lantz, Leo Reardon and Paul McIntosh of McCook were arrested for spearing fish in Blue river and arraigned before County Judge Hopkins and given a fine of \$5 each. Deputy Game Warden W. K. Geer made the arrests.

Headquarters of the newly formed progressive party of Nebraska were opened in Lincoln with State Chairman J. H. Edmiston in charge. A state wide campaign of organization, it was announced, will start January 21 with a number of speakers in the field.

Citizens of Humbolt are urging establishment of a tourist camping park and are already taking steps toward securing one of several tracts of land within three or four blocks of the public square. A committee has been appointed by the Civic Improvement society.

Abandonment of his proposal to recommend a reduction of 5 per cent in salaries of all state employees to the special session of the legislature was announced by Governor McKelvie, adding that he would not recommend any general lash in wages. He plans to make reductions elsewhere in the appropriation of a year ago, which will total a sum larger than his estimate of a saving of \$164,000 under the wage reduction plan, the governor said.

The Nebraska supreme court judicially determined that the civil commotion in Omaha on September 28, 1919, in which a negro was lynched, the court house partly burned and other damages done by a mob was a riot. By judicial designation Max Kirschenbaum, owner of a store at Omaha is barred from collecting from an insurance company for losses he sustained.

Fonda Belle Hengerveld, a cow owned by Donald Van Arsdale of Beatrice, in a week's test conducted by A. E. Anderson of the University of Nebraska extension department produced 30.11 pounds of butter, her production of milk for the seven days being 67.2 pounds. Van Arsdale is the owner of a herd of twenty head of valuable Holsteins.

Mrs. Margaret E. Lindley, 86, died at her home in Friend. Mrs. Lindley chose to live alone notwithstanding the fact she was one of Friend's wealthiest citizens. She had her grave dug and arranged with a huge marble slab to place over it, ten years ago at the time of the death of her husband. She had also selected her casket several years ago.

A mongrel tramp dog, which two months ago decided to accept the hospitality of a garage, saved the life of the proprietor of the place, R. J. Christopher, when the garage at Valentine was destroyed by fire. Thirty-six automobiles were burned.

Louis Berge, former president of the Farmers and Merchants bank of Walton, who is wanted on a charge of embezzling \$6,811.73 from funds of the bank, has disappeared, according to State Sheriff Gus Hyers.

The department of trade and commerce at Lincoln has received an application for the opening of a new bank at Winside, known as the American State bank of Winside. Capital stock indicated was \$25,000.

With railroads hustling to fill orders, grain cars in Nebraska are now in demand. The three eastern divisions of the Burlington lines west are now loading about 250 cars daily at country stations.

A special election was held at Moorefield to vote on the proposition of issuing \$5,000 worth of bonds to establish an electric light plant. The vote stood 64 in favor and 11 against.

A number of the local butchers who have been on strike at the packing plant at Nebraska City since December 5 were allowed to go through the plant to learn how the plant is operating.

According to R. B. Howell, head of the Omaha utilities, the wireless telephone will soon be in competition with the old system and will bring about a reduction in rates.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, Omaha dealers have been able to obtain a considerable quantity of natural ice. Employment has been given to 300 to 500 men.

Formal call for the convening of the special session of Nebraska legislature for January 24th has been issued by Governor S. R. McKelvie in the form of a proclamation.

During the first week in January this year, real estate sales exceeded \$200,000, this being in excess of the total for the corresponding week of last year.

The Nebraska Farmers' Union at its annual convention, held in Omaha, condemned the proposed levying of a tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline.

Grover C. Buck, 27, died, the result of injuries received November 14, when a tractor he was driving fell through a bridge northwest of Lincoln.

A special election has been called for February 16 at Peru to vote on bonds to buy the old ice plant or build a new municipal factory.

Thomas Gannon, for many years a resident of Greeley, died at his home at the age of 102 years. He was a native of Ireland.

A tabernacle with a seating capacity of 2,000 will be erected at Superior for the union revival meetings to start in a few weeks.

Following services at the Christian church at Peru, someone robbed the collection plate of \$17. There are no clues.

Mrs. Geo. Mooney of Wabash has a flock of 110 Buff Orpington hens which made her an income of \$348 in 1921. She has kept a careful record of feed and the cost of her feed was \$129 leaving her a profit of \$219 for the year.

George Cookman, of Fremont, was painfully hurt by an explosion of powder while blasting logs. The sight of one of Cookman's eyes is gone and the other optic is injured. Cookman had filled a log with powder and returned when he thought the fuse had gone out. As he stooped over the explosion occurred.

Dr. Perry Allerton a graduate of the University of Nebraska, college of medicine, last year, who has been an interne in the Walter Reed hospital, Washington, D. C., will sail for Panama January 20. He has taken a position in the Santo Tomas hospital, Ancon, Canal zone, for one year.

Word was received from Denver that John Williamson, Gage county farmer, had won the grand champion prize on his earload of Hampshire hogs at the Great Western Stock show held there. The hogs were eight months old and averaged 300 pounds.

## January's Two-Faced Child

By BARBARA KERR

When Net Black, Lorna Dean and Janice Briery were curled up on Janice's bed, pencils in hand, there was something doing and bound to come to light sooner or later. It was so since they were in pigtails.

"It's my turn, and I'll make it a birthday party, but January is so difficult. Why did mother name me Janice, after that two-faced old heathen god?"

"Gift of prophecy, I suppose," said Lorna.

"Aha! An idea! We'll have a Janus party and prophesy in large chunks for the crowd. Make the list 22, Lorna, and we'll fix up their fortunes. They'll be grateful," and Janice laughed mischievously. "We'll have a regular Janus sitting on his throne—you two will be it—and the boys can pay their money to one face and get their fortunes from the other."

Enthusiastically they began to work it out. Lorna and Net would sit back on a throne, a huge wig covering their heads to make them seem one, while under the throne a small girl would pass out the written fortune to Net, who would hand them to the parties as names were called by Janice, in introducing them to her godfather. Buddy Dan would help outside the door, as the throne room was to be in the billiard hall.

"Do they have to be in rhyme?" groaned Lorna. "I've a flat tire already. That romantic meeting—Jan and Professor Pen that rainy day—it starts off blithely:

"When corn leaves rustle down the lane  
You'll meet your fate in a summer rain—"

"Pretty, ornate, Lorna," said Net.

"Let me fix it, adding:  
"She accepts the shelter of your umbrella  
You can't escape, you are her fellow."

Janice blushed. "No fair, girls, that's too personal," but they shrieked with laughter that it had to stand.

"What's Jan chuckling over?"  
"Reading your fortune from left to right  
You're a man of wisdom, worth and might."

But reading from right to left.

You surely seem of sense bereft—"

"That's Jimmie's; we'll seat him between me and Nell on his right. He's a simp or he'd have married her long ago; she's crazy about him."

"When any one goes dippy over me, I'll snap 'em up—believe me."

This is Peggy's, she says there is just one grand passion. "When fate knocks at your door, the package will contain a widower. Take it or leave it," read Net.

"Listen! How's this for the new minister?"

"Before you enter matrimony  
Be sure you've the price of alimony.  
A promise is made—like pie-crust broken;

You're a fickle lad, Janus has spoken."  
"But he won't come," argued Lorna and Net. "Surely! This'll be a pre-emptive offering, that'll fix it," replied Janice.

"What you mean offering," scorned Net. "Your doggerel?"

"The money the boys pay for their fortunes," smiled Janice. "Girls' fortunes aren't worth real money, so they needn't pay."

"I'm an enfranchised citizen and shall pay as my star-spangled American right," declared Lorna, grandiloquently. Hear this:

"Take a new deck of cards, shuffle, deal yourself 12, if you get either the queen of hearts or diamonds you will marry a red-headed girl. When shall I say? In a year?"

"Oh, no, say as soon as she overtakes you. You know Jeff is mad about Blondy," giggled Net.

Janice spoke a bit seriously. "They wouldn't get angry over this nonsense, would they?"

"Been thinking about that," admitted Net. "Let's do this: Draw up an oath of allegiance to James, oldest of potentates, as Longfellow says. Make them all sign and then they can't go back on his decree."

"My dear, you've got sense for one whose hair looks like yours," commended Janice, as Net's last hairpin went sailing through the air.

"How's this for Banker Brown?"  
"Won't he love it?"

"You are a poor lad,  
And your fortune is bad;  
If you ever do well, it's a wonder,  
But you shouldn't the nation plunder."

"But I've been thinking," continued Lorna, "that I'll not trust my fortune to this crowd. You're accurate and all that, but you're so cold-blooded and crass. I want mystery and dark-o-the-moon business in mine."

"Trust me for that. Love and dark-o-the-moon is Black's best feature work. I'll write Janice's, too."

"Never mind, Nettie. I'm hostess."

"Not on your life, shrieked two girls in unison. "You don't miss getting up in your place at table and reading your fortune off just like the rest of us."

So when at supper it became Janice's turn she tore open her envelope, stood up and began:

"Janice is January's child—  
Two-faced, like her heathen god-father—"

She stopped, blushed, hesitated.

"Aw, that's all right, sis," said Dan, taking it from her hand. "I can spell—"

"Janice is January's child,  
Two-faced like her heathen god-father;  
She pretends to like a chap that's wild,  
But is dead in love with the other."  
"Mu'm," mused Dan. "Is my buddy-in-law present?"

"I say, Jan," demanded Jimmie, "am I the wild man from Borneo?" amid peals of laughter from the girls over Janice's confusion.

Janice knew if she looked up that she would meet the serious eyes of Professor Penrose, who had already read his fortune.

Net generously rescued her, calling for Lorna's fortune. Lorna picked it up gingerly, looking threateningly at Net:

"You're a sweet young thing, your middle name's Doonee,  
You'll meet your fate in the dark o'-the-moon;

If you meet your fate in broad daylight  
One or the other would die of fright."

The minister took the edge off for a minute. "I guess I'm about the last one, and I beg to say that I do appreciate immensely meeting so intimately so many of my flock." He was tearing open his envelope while he talked, then he sensed the lines and laughed. "And dark-o-the-moon or not, I'm not easily frightened," and he read it through with such evident enjoyment and witty comment that he was voted a good sport.

When they adjourned from the table to the billiard room for a little dance before breaking up, Professor Pen, as Net said afterward, "brazenly" sought out Janice and claimed the first dance.

"Now if I could only qualify as 'the other' I'd not care who the 'wild chap' was," he whispered as he looked down into Janice's blushing face.

"Faint heart," laughed Janice. "But we'll talk of that another time," she pleaded. He agreed, but declared that he would see her father next day and ask him if the Penrose umbrella would hereafter be welcome in the Briery umbrella stand.

ORIGIN OF COATS OF ARMS

Were Necessary as a Symbol When Reading Was Practically an Unknown Accomplishment.

The idea of coats of arms, by which old families are distinguished, originated in the time when each section of a country was controlled by a chief or lord, who was in a sense responsible for all the people in the territory. They fought for him in battle, and he protected them and assumed responsibility of providing them with food and shelter. During attacks by the enemy the people gathered within the walls of the castle with him and defended it.

Sometimes the fight was in the open, and a number of chiefs and their people made common warfare on others. The lords led their people in battle in those days. As the common soldier could not read, each leader carried a banner on which various designs and figures were painted. People could understand pictures before they could read. These designs included figures of the lion, lily, dragon or any other design picked out by the lord. Often the design for the banner was selected because of some incident in the history of the family. The banner enabled the common soldier to keep near his chief. For the same reasons the design was put on the outside garments so that the soldier would know when he met someone of a superior rank, and in that way the leader became the representative of the particular sign or crest.

The practice of displaying the family coat of arms or crest today is preserved by some families as a mark of their descent from one of the lords or chiefs who were the little kings of their day.

Before Matches Were Common.

In medieval days a watch was a king's proudest possession. Each watch was then a masterpiece, and its maker put his name on it just as Rembrandt signed a painting, or Michel Angelo marked a statue. Watches were gifts which were sure to obtain royal favor.

Watchmaking was a mystery, and the secrets of the trade were jealously guarded. No ordinary person could gain admittance to the hall in which the men worked; none could enter without the distinguished livery of a master workman. Because of the pride of the workers in their craft the work was very slow, but it resulted in the production of perfect timepieces. If a watch came below the standard of the guild a penalty was imposed on its maker.

The Top Was Wise.

One of the marines had been detailed for some police work by the first sergeant of a company at League Island, Philadelphia.

"Why do you pick on me, sergeant?" he protested. "I haven't done anything."

"That's all right," replied the sergeant. "I'm not giving you police work for what you've done, but for what you're going to do some time when I don't catch you."—The Leatherneck.

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"You are not like other girls."  
"You are deceiving yourself, Mr. Flubdub. I don't want to sail under false colors."

"No, you are not like other girls," he continued firmly. "You don't seem to think I'm an utter nutt."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

# WASHINGTON SIDELIGHTS

## Westward the Star of Senate Control



WASHINGTON.—The passing of Boies Penrose marks the end of an era characterized by the domination of the senate by eastern senators who were themselves great political bosses and directs attention to the rise of the West to commanding influence in congress.

Penrose was the last of the eastern bosses who dominated the Republican party for a generation and shaped legislation in the senate. The group included such men as Aldrich of Rhode Island, Quay of Pennsylvania, Hale of Maine and Platt of New York.

With Penrose gone there is not a man left in the senate who holds his state politically in the hollow of his hand. The only one of the eastern

leaders left is Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and he is not boss of his state and never has been. He is the Republican leader of the senate, but while he reigns he does not rule.

The outstanding leaders of the senate today are such men of the West as Cummins and Kenyon of Iowa, McCumber of North Dakota, who succeeds Penrose as chairman of the finance committee; Lenroot of Wisconsin, Smoot of Utah, Watson of Indiana, Borah of Idaho, Johnson of California, and Warren of Wyoming.

The seniority rule still holds in congress and the West has risen to power because it has been re-electing its senators and representatives more generally than has the East in recent years. Rising to the top of the list through the operation of this rule, western senators now dominate such major committees of the senate as agriculture, appropriations, commerce, education and labor, finance, interstate commerce, judiciary and post offices.

Eastern control remains, but in diminishing degree. In the committees on banking and currency, foreign relations, immigration, military affairs and naval affairs.

## Marines Are Still Needed in Haiti

CONTINUED maintenance of American armed forces in Haiti, appointment of an American high commissioner and approval of a suggested new loan are among important recommendations of the special senate committee investigating conditions in Haiti. The formal report will not be made at once, but a summary was given out by Senator McCormick after conferences with Secretaries Denby and Hughes. The report says, in part:

"The members of the committee are unanimous in the belief that the continued presence of the small American force in Haiti is as necessary to the peace and development of the country as are the services to the Haitian government of the American officials appointed under the treaty of 1915. There can be no abrogation of the treaty, and, at this time, no diminution of the total force of marines.

"It is important that steps should be taken forthwith to co-ordinate the labors of the representatives of the United States in the government of Haiti and of the so-called American treaty officials.

"There should be appointed a special representative of the President, a high commissioner in whom should be

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vested the usual diplomatic powers of an envoy extraordinary, and to whom, furthermore, all the American officials appointed under the treaty, as well as the commandant of the marine brigade, should look for direction and guidance.

"They believe there ought to be no further delay in the matter of the new loan, in order that the debt held in Europe may be discharged on advantageous terms, and the just claims of Haitian citizens against their own government may be promptly paid.

"The interests of Haiti, and more particularly of the common people of the conditions of the charter of the National bank and the early issuance of subsidiary coinage."

## Big Fund to Aid Uncle Sam's Shipping



DIRECT remuneration of American ship operators out of a fund amounting to probably \$34,000,000 for the fiscal year 1922-'23, and establishment of a \$100,000,000 merchant marine loan fund, are among the features of the comprehensive plan for the aid of the American merchant marine submitted to the shipping board by the committees of experts recently appointed to work out a program for presentation to congress by President Harding.

The program, as submitted by the experts, embodies both direct aid and indirect aid for the American merchant marine. The aim, as stated in the recommendations of the experts, is to put American shipping on an even

competitive basis with British shipping. The remuneration would apply to all American steamships plying in and out of United States ports regardless of their service.

Indirect aid for the American merchant marine as proposed, includes the following:

Sale of the government owned ships as rapidly as possible.

Establishment of a \$100,000,000 merchant marine loan fund under the administration of the shipping board.

Granting of a deduction from federal income taxes on the basis of a small percentage of the freight paid by exporters and importers on American flag vessels and also a greater allowance for depreciation on ships for income tax purposes.

Creation by the government of a marine insurance corporation to insure its own ships and to offer hull insurance at cost to privately owned American vessels.

Regulations to insure American ships at least 50 per cent of immigration coming to this country.

Regulation of foreign ships entering American ports through a licensing system.

## Choice of Bonus Plans for Veterans

FIVE optional features are embodied in the veteran's adjusted compensation bill which congress is to take up. The measure gives the ex-service man his pick of cash payment, or paid up twenty-year endowment insurance, or vocational training, or land settlement assistance, or aid in acquiring a home or a farm.

One popular but erroneous impression seems to be that the measure is a flat cash soldiers' bonus. And to remove this and acquaint the country at large with all phases of the proposed legislation the American Legion is launching an educational campaign.

The Legion, by the way, at the request of congress drew up the tentative bill which was introduced as expressing the composite views of the service men.

At the outset emphasis is laid on the fact that the purpose of the bill is not to hand a "gratuity" or a "money gift" to the fighting forces. Its intent is to adjust to some extent the economic disadvantage which fell upon the soldiers and sailors. All the stress is laid on the discharging of an "economic debt," not a "sentimental debt."



ate estimates. At most it was compensation equivalent to \$3 a day, which was far below the amount the commonest sort of unskilled ordinary labor was dragging down at home.

The soldier or sailor was out of the "velvet" when wages were running high; he got back to find himself out of touch with the economic fabric; often his job gone or conditions changed at the office or in the shop or his business or practice shot to pieces.

Estimates are that the bill would apply to some 4,505,700 men who served in the army and navy. Its benefits are limited to those below the rank of captain in the army or marine corps and lieutenant in the navy. Men who were given commissions while doing clerical work in the departments also are excluded.