

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

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

F. L. Hurd, Omaha, has written Governor McKelvie to urge the next legislature to pass a law demanding that all restaurants serving horse or mule meat advertise the fact in big placards on front windows. "I would advise a penalty of five years and one day, no pardons or paroles, for violation of same," Hurd said. The governor is anxious for information as to where such meat is sold in Omaha. Hurd fails to specify in his letter.

Some drunken pigs near Chadron went on a roaring, don't-care-a-whoop rampage, and unwittingly tipped off the story of how corn mash had been poured into their feed trough. These pigs and never before fractured Mr. Volstead's act, nor the peace and dignity of the community. The owner of the pigs was arrested.

At a meeting of taxpayers a protest cost of the public school system at Auburn it developed that farm land near town is paying taxes amounting to \$11 per acre, and that the cost of the public schools in this district has increased from \$8,700 to \$40,000 in six years with little increased attendance.

Two seventy-foot pile bridges have recently been completed in Dundy county, one of the Goldenrod highway and one on the state line. The county is constructing a gravel loader to be used in loading gravel from the natural supply near this place for surfacing the county highways.

A campaign by the state highway department and the law enforcement bureau to halt the practice in western Nebraska of Nevadans crossing into Colorado and buying cheaper automobile licenses has been started with the arrest and fining of \$5 and cost of four auto owners.

While Kappa Alpha Theta girls were dining on the first floor of their chapter house, at Lincoln, a burglar slipped up a porch post and took two diamond rings, each worth \$250, from an upstairs room. The girls declined to discuss the ownership of the rings.

While shelling corn at his place near Wolbach, Anson Kinney got his left hand on the sheller, losing the first and fourth fingers of the hand, which had to be amputated, and he may yet lose the other two fingers.

Loote is rallying around Mayor Havens in his efforts to secure a municipal swimming pool and skating park. The commercial club and the schools, as well as many farmers, are back of the movement.

By a vote of two to one Scottsbluff approved the issuance of bonds of \$300,000 for the construction of a new high school building. The poll showed 980 for and 483 against the proposed issue.

Fire which destroyed the main building of Kennard, and burned the printing office of the Enterprise, was of such a serious nature that it was necessary to call the Blair fire department.

Mrs. Sarah A. Bond, 80, sister of Ella Wheeler Wilcox, died at her home in Ord from injuries received when she fell on an ice-coated sidewalk a week ago. Her hip was broken in the fall.

The entire family of A. C. Farwell, five in number, of Dubois were stricken with ptomaine poisoning following dinner and for a time were in a serious condition. They will recover.

Omaha Rotarians got behind the drive inaugurated by the Boy Scouts to raise \$20,000 necessary for carrying on their work during the next year.

Four towns are served by the recently installed electric generator at Pawnee City—Steinauer, Burchard and Dubois, Neb., Summerfield, Kas.

The annual harvest of natural ice has been completed in the vicinity of Omaha. The pack is said to have been the largest in years.

The Exeter school board has hired the present superintendent, Charles A. Bowers, for next year with an increase in salary.

Police Judge Foster, Omaha, has announced jail sentences for bootleggers brought before him on second offense.

Nebraska Press Association will hold their annual winter meeting in Lincoln, February 23, 24 and 25.

Trains Nos. 39 and 40 between Broken Bow and Seneca have been discontinued.

During the five years ending with 1920, fire losses in Nebraska caused the destruction of property valued at \$15,484,641, according to figures made public by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Mrs. Agnes Scott, widowed mother of Policeman J. E. Scott, killed in Omaha, is entitled to compensation of \$15 a week for 350 weeks and \$150 burial expenses, according to an informal opinion given by Frank Kennedy, secretary of state department of labor and ex-officio state compensation commissioner.

Supervisor Orin Kellison was made county highway commissioner at the regular meeting of the county board at Ord. The board expects to take care of the road this year for \$6,000, or half of last year's amount, which was \$12,000.

Efforts are being made to install a sewage system in Benkelman, estimates of cost being placed at \$50 per lot. The commercial club has taken the matter up. The advantages of the improvement and cost of construction will be discussed at a meeting to be held soon.

Prospects of exchanging the state soldiers' home in Grand Island for a federal hospital for disabled ex-service men, are about as good as could be expected at the present time, the next event in the matter being the passage of the bill making the appropriation. Dr. Bert Bahr, delegate to the Washington conference of national representatives of the disabled American veterans, stated upon his return. Doctor Bahr also was commissioned by the local chamber of commerce to negotiate in the promotion of the proposition and serve as the spokesman for the city. The state legislature adopted a resolution favoring the transfer.

Ernest Kriesel, residing west of Fairbury, holds the county record for catching coyotes. One evening he trapped five full-grown ones for which he received \$15 bounty from the county. He set steel traps around the carcass of a horse, covering them with fine dirt. The animals were caught while feeding on the meat.

The largest irrigation project in the Republican valley is about to be carried out a few miles west of McCook by G. H. Watkins on the Watkins farm near Perry. The nest of wells and pump plant will cost about \$6,000 and the plant will supply water for 300 acres.

Because the rent on store buildings which are used for school purposes is said to exceed the interest if bonds for a new building were issued, steps have been taken by the Marquette consolidated district to call an election to vote on a new building.

Unless further complaint is made against Mrs. Loretta Schreiner, who fasted eight days in the Dodge county jail rather than send her children, La Ross and La Visa, 8, to the public school, she will be allowed to retain custody of them.

The citizens of Wood Lake are to vote on a bond issue of \$29,700, to provide a water system and electric light plant. The town has been burning gasoline and kerosene lamps since the electric light plant was destroyed by fire about three weeks ago.

As commander-in-chief of the Nebraska national guard, Governor McKelvie will review the heavier jail sentences imposed by the provost court in the martial law area of Nebraska City. Twelve cases are appealed.

When Pierce Oxley, farmer of Cambridge, awakened in the morning he found his large barn, two head of horses, three cows and much grain and hay destroyed by fire. The origin has not been determined.

A petition by 506 taxpayers of Fillmore county was filed with the county commissioners asking that the services of the county agent be continued and the annual appropriation was made for that purpose.

"Frozen assets"—loans that could not be liquidated, were blamed by J. E. Hart, secretary of the state department of commerce and labor, in announcing the closing of the Homer State Bank at Homer.

A wolf hunt near Kenesaw in which 2,000 men took part, resulted in the bagging of nine wolves, eight being shot and one lassoed. Broncho busting also featured the day's program.

When a fire broke out on the roof of the public school building at Hubbard, the fire drill in which the children had been trained was ordered and they all marched orderly to safety.

Contracts have been let for forty-seven blocks of paving at Oakland. The project is divided into two districts one brick and the other asphalt. Work will begin as soon as possible.

Frank Sampson, 13, of Western, caught a full grown wolf in a trap and succeeded in killing it with a short handled ax after a desperate fight.

Players from different sections of the state are participating in the 24th annual tournament of the Nebraska Checker association which is being held at Lincoln.

A permanent summer camp for the Boy Scouts of Scottsbluff is proposed to be built at Laramie park. In Wyoming, by the Scottsbluffs Boy Scout council.

The Omaha Automobile show will be held March 13-18. It is promised that the number of exhibits will be greater than during former years.

While Ages Arneke, 14, of Norfolk, was asleep in her room, an unknown person entered and cut off her hair.

The city council of Fairbury has purchased a second fire truck to use in case of emergencies.

Otto Long, living near Creston, has sold his farm for \$253 per acre.

Merchants' Week in Omaha, March 6-11 promises to be unusually attractive this year.

Ten wolves were slain in an American Legion wolf hunt put on by the posts of Oxford, Beqver City, Edison and Sanford. About 2,500 people attended the hunt. The lines were strung on all sides and only a few wolves slipped out of the ring. Pilot J. H. Smith, in an Oriole airplane, circled the lines many times and gave signals to the captains so that all sides advanced evenly. The wolves were sold at auction for \$57.

Stamped by the Sargent postmaster, after having been addressed, the small son of Harold Perrin was sent by parcel near Callaway.

The Nemaha County Fair association will have a new auditorium in time for the fall festivities. This was determined at a meeting of the Auburn commercial club. The funds will be raised by collecting, in advance, fees for space in the building. Many of the exhibitors will pay for the space they expect to use for 10 years in advance. The building will be 70 feet square and have a basement and balcony.

REPAIR DAMAGE TO LARGE TREES

First Thing to Be Done Is to Remove Broken Branches That Are Menace to Life.

GOOD WORKING SUGGESTIONS

If Limbs Have Been Split, Wood Around Wound Should Be Cut or Sawed Away and Scar Smoothed—Leave Cavities Open.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The extensive injury and destruction of trees of all kinds in New England during the November ice storm has brought many inquiries to the United States Department of Agriculture regarding the proper methods to be followed in repairing the damage done. The following suggestions are made by the department.

Remove Broken Branches.

The first thing that should be done is to remove large broken branches that are now, or may become, a menace to life and property; this is usually best done by cutting at the point where broken. Attention should then be given to injuries on the main trunk. If limbs have been split, or partially split, from the main trunk, all splintered wood about the wound should be removed with a sharp gouge and mallet, if not so situated that it can be sawed off.

Attention should next be given to repairing the injuries on the larger branches in a similar manner, and later to the smaller branches. Sometimes when a limb is broken away, the tree is so weakened at the point of breakage that it may again break in a severe wind, and to obviate this the top must be pruned back more or less severely. In case of split crotches, the advice in Farmers' Bulletin 1178 should be followed regarding the general treatment, including bolting through and above the crack.

It is fortunate that the ice storm came when it did, rather than in March or April, for decay-producing germs grow but slowly during cold weather, consequently there is a longer period in which repair work can be done before warm weather arrives. In cases of estates where a great amount of injury has occurred, and only a comparatively small force is available for repairing the damage, the final cutting of long stubs can be conveniently left until early spring, but wounds or breaks on the main trunk, or close to it, should be attended to promptly, in any case before warm weather arrives.

Leave Cavities Open.

It is not necessary to fill cavities. It is better in most cases to leave them open. All final cuts should be immediately covered with some good antiseptic.



Decayed Stump of Gum Tree Prepared for Filling, Fumigated and Painted.

tic and waterproof paint. It will not be necessary to specially treat the ends of long stubs that are to be removed close to the trunk later in the season.

In no part of repair work should climbing spurs be used on a tree. Spur marks cause injuries through which it is possible for disease and decay germs to enter and cause damage, in some cases more severe than would have developed from the original simple break.

Remember that prevention is better than cure. The open wound of today becomes the decayed spot of next year and the deep rotten cavity of ten years from now. It is better to spend a few days or dollars in careful repair work now than hundreds of dollars for extensive tree surgery in 1930.

SOIL SHOULD BE PULVERIZED

Where Coarse and Lumpy, Plants Will Not Thrive on Account of Air Spaces.

Few gardeners realize the importance of pulverizing the soil as deeply as it is plowed. No matter how perfectly the surface is prepared, if the soil is coarse and lumpy below, the plants will not thrive. Large air spaces in the soil are a detriment, but a large number of very small air spaces in the soil are a benefit.

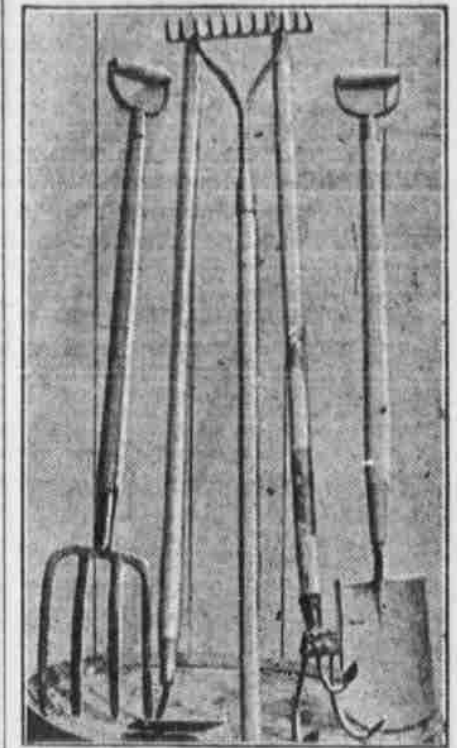
PRACTICE REQUIRED IN HANDLING TOOLS

Gardener Knows How to Manipulate Spade or Fork.

Soil is Carefully Cut in Thin Slices and Clods Broken Up as Work Goes On—English and French Are Ahead of Us.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

There is an art in handling a spade or spading fork and it is only the gardener who knows this art who gets his garden soil in the best possible condition. A great many gardeners have an idea that the only thing necessary is to work the surface up into huge chunks and then pound these into pieces with the back of a hoe, but, says the United States Department of Agriculture, the gardener who really knows how, spades his soil very carefully, cutting it in thin slices to



Simple Tools Essential in the Cultivation of Bumper Crops.

the full depth of the spade, then breaking up each spadeful as he goes, using the edge of the spade or spading fork for breaking the clods.

No matter how much work is done on the surface a poor job of spading can never be remedied and, while the surface may be loose and mellow the underlying soil will be rough and cloddy so that vegetables planted upon it will not do well. A good plowman turns over the furrows evenly and of uniform depth. The same principle holds in spading, and the spadefuls should be of uniform thickness and depth and every one be turned evenly.

The gardeners of England and France are far ahead of our American gardeners in the matter of soil preparation, and we could well learn a lesson from them. In preparing their land for planting they fork it over very carefully and mix with the soil considerable quantities of manure. This mixing, however, is so well done that the manure disappears in the soil and becomes an intimate part of it. There are no slipshod methods in the work of these English and French gardeners and they are enabled to grow more on an acre than some American gardeners grow on five acres. A little land well prepared, the Department of Agriculture believes, is better than a large area improperly fitted. Get the habit of doing things well, it pays in the long run.

GET EARLY CABBAGE PLANTS

They Can Be Grown Indoors or Shipped In From Points in Warm Climates.

Early cabbage plants for setting in the garden can be procured in two ways, suggests the United States Department of Agriculture. They can either be locally grown indoors by some plant grower or they can be shipped in from a southern point where the climatic conditions are such that the plants can be grown in the open ground. Plants grown out-of-doors are often advertised as "frost-proof" plants. While this term is rather misleading, the plants are really very hardy and will withstand considerable cold. The great difficulty with cabbage grown in greenhouses, hotbeds or in the home is that they are soft and easily injured either by wind or cold when set in the garden. This difficulty, however, can be to a considerable degree overcome by properly hardening the plant to outside conditions before setting them in the garden.

PLANT EARLY IRISH POTATOES

Put Them in Ground Just Before Time for Last Spring Frost to Get Good Start.

Early Irish potatoes may be planted a little before or about the time the last spring frosts occur. This will give them an opportunity to make a start and reach the surface of the ground by warm weather. Irish potatoes require frequent cultivation and should be gradually hilled up to form a bed. Large quantities of manure should not be used. Great care should be taken to avoid seed affected by scab, as this disease develops rapidly and greatly injures the quality.—United States Department of Agriculture.

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