

THE O'NEIL FRONTIER

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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

Maxim Gorky is fighting as a volunteer with the Russian army in Galicia. Revolutionary socialist and always "agin the government," Gorky might have been expected to be the last man to shoulder arms in the cause of the czar. But this war has changed many a revolutionary into an ardent patriot and Gorky is only one of hundreds of men of fame who have sunk all personal views and prejudices for patriotism.

There are 278 libraries in Massachusetts which have been gifts to the communities and the donor of 33 is Mr. Carnegie. In 48 towns of the state funds are being accumulated to erect library buildings, and in the free public libraries now in existence there are housed more than 6,000,000 books, of about two books for each inhabitant.

Mme. Callaux, the French ex-premier's wife, lately acquitted of the charge of murdering M. Calmette, is finding in the war an opportunity to escape from a position which must have been after all, very trying, even though the jury acquitted her. She is now in command of a nursing corps at the rear of the main French army.

There are still three survivors of the original Mormon band to find its way into the valley of the Great Salt Lake in 1847. One is Lorenzo Sobieski Young who belonged to the third "ten" of the original company, to which Brigham Young also belonged. His first home was a wagon box lifted from its truck and supported by posts.

Probably the longest and most luxuriant beard in the world is that of Zachary T. Wilcox, of Carson City, Nev., a veteran of the civil war. He has not shaved or had it cut for 21 years, and his hair is now a mass of now eight and one-half feet long. Ordinarily it is worn wrapped around a piece of cardboard and thrust under the owner's vest.

The exportation of orchids from the Philippine islands is increasing. In March, 1914, 10,000 plants were consigned to a San Francisco firm and arrived in excellent condition. During May 5,000 plants were shipped to the same firm. The consignments included four varieties: Solorinas, Amabilis Studianas and Sanederians.

Charles C. Hopkins, clerk of the supreme court at Lansing, Mich., is the oldest employe of the state in point of continuous service, having held his present position for 33 years. Clerk Hopkins is also the only clerk the supreme court has had since the court was given power to appoint its clerk.

A hood of tin which fits over a rooster's head and neck in such a way as to prevent chattering heralding the dawn has been invented. That's what the bird got for crowing near a police station, where men have time to think of such trifles.

Mrs. Harriet Caldwell, who moved recently from North Stamford, Conn., to Springfield, and who is 79, saw a trolley car for the first time on her moving day. She had not been 10 miles away from home in 25 years.

So it will not be darkened in event of damage below deck, a steamship recently built in England was provided with an auxiliary lighting plant mounted on the bridge deck and operated by a gasoline engine.

Following extensive research a French physician has decided that the use of tobacco is harmful only under certain conditions. That it is a valuable tonic and germicide when properly used.

Vice Consul Caspar L. Dreier, of Singapore, notes the coconut plantings is rapidly coming into prominence as a staple rather than a subsidiary industry throughout British North Borneo.

A Chicago man has been fined for keeping a scrubby old goat in the same room where he conducted his ice cream manufacturing business. He said it was his, but the authorities got it.

Investigation in Germany has shown that the partridge eats the seeds of many noxious weeds and insects destructive to plant life, therefore deserves protection.

Four cities in Germany, four in France, one in Italy and one in Russia have installed ozone plants for the purification of their drinking water.

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A table covered with an endless belt working through rollers has been invented to feed clothes to a wringer, with which it is connected by gears.

Exhaustive tests by European scientists showed that the purest water that it was possible to obtain by distillation still retained its blue color.

Kansas farmers are said to be growing long beards as a protection against mosquitoes. This, they say, is a sure defense against nibbling operations.

A German scientist has succeeded in curing cancer in lower animals by injecting into their blood solutions of the salts of tellurium and selenium.

The earliest artillery guns were made from wrought iron bars, bound together like staves of a cask by the shrinkage over them of iron hoops.

College men are expected to point the way, which may account for the fact that 218 Yale students earned money last year by ushering.

Instead of breaking, a new motorcycle pedal is thrown backward and upward, out of danger, when it strikes the ground or any other object.

A canvas top that can be made to cover it completely or only partially features an open air sleeping cot patented by a New York inventor.

Norwegian navigators have developed a new route for shipping into the interior of Siberia through rivers that empty into the Arctic ocean.

The American mountain sheep are the greatest leapers in the world.

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In an experimental way a cannery in New York is drying and crushing cherry pits to obtain a flavor that is added to the canned fruit.

An extensive deposit of remarkably pure asphalt has been discovered in Honduras in land controlled by a resident of the United States.

Cigars are regularly exported from the Philippines to 40 countries.

HALL WILL TAKE ALL MONEY OFFERED BUT FLAGS IT GOING OUT

Holds to Original Position on Fees of Food and Fire Departments.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 18.—State Treasurer Hall has consented to accept \$10,158 of fees that the state food commissioner offered him. This sum represents the state's share of the expenses in the collection of the state's food department, minus the expenses incurred in making them.

Mr. Hall had refused to pay any of these expenses because the legislature did not specifically appropriate the fees. The state treasurer says he will take all money offered, but that he will not pay any out unless the legislature orders it done.

The treasurer has filed his answer to the suit brought in supreme court by the state fire commissioner to settle the matter. He admits the receipt of the fees, but declares that he has no authority to pay any part out for salaries of the department. The decision in this case will govern all other departments similarly situated.

Governor Morehead is still very bitter towards the state treasurer, and says the latter forced the commissioner to violate the law by keeping back enough to pay running expenses.

SUNDAY PUT ON STAMPEDE AT UNIVERSITY MEETING

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 18.—Billy Sunday was the Omaha feeling mightily pleased with the meeting he held here for the state university students. Over 2,000 of them accepted his invitation to come forward and shake him by the hand as proof of their desire to do their best to serve God. At first but a few people, Mr. Heelan was away from home at the time of the tragedy, Mrs. Layport was a resident of Valentine. The feeling against the alleged murderer is so strong the sheriff has him in hiding.

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Valentine, Neb., Oct. 16.—Mrs. Nell Heelan, wife of a ranchman living several miles from Valentine, and Mrs. Anna Layport, a friend, who was visiting her, were murdered Wednesday night and the ranch home burned in an evident effort to conceal the crime. The charred bodies of both women found in the ruins of the home showed they had first been shot. Distant neighbors of the Heelans says he heard the party line telephone ringing violently last night and a woman's voice calling hysterically for help, but they were unable to locate the source of the call.

The evidence, as found in the ruins of the burned home, tends to show that defenseless women were foully murdered.

After leaving a note in a conspicuous place in the barn, the murderer went into the house and shot Mrs. Heelan through the head while she was in the kitchen. Having killed Mrs. Heelan, the slayer then went into the living room where Mrs. Layport was frantically calling over the phone for help, and shot her. The man then went to the kerosene barrel near the house, secured a quantity of oil, saturated the bodies of the victims and the interior of the house and set it on fire in an effort to cover up the crime.

Sheriff Rossiter arrested a farm hand, 18 years old, whose name is unknown, but who had worked on the Heelan ranch. The sheriff says the suspect has made a partial confession. The Heelans are well known ranch people. Mr. Heelan was away from home at the time of the tragedy, Mrs. Layport was a resident of Valentine. The feeling against the alleged murderer is so strong the sheriff has him in hiding.

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STATE CHARGES THAT USE OF WORD "CURE" MAKES FALSE LABEL

First Test Suit on Claim That Many Proprietary Medicines Are Misbranded.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 16.—H. R. Thompson, of Washington, D. C., general attorney of the National Association of Proprietary Medicine Manufacturers, is here defending a local drug company from the charge of selling misbranded bottles of "Hall's Catarrh Cure." The prosecution is being conducted by the state's attorney for the pure food department of Nebraska. The head of the state drug department insists that the word "cure" is misleading and results in many sales to persons in whose behalf they think it will cure them. He does not object to the word "remedy."

The state introduced several Lincoln doctors, who said that the principle drug ingredient was potassium iodide, and that while this was a powerful drug, they said that its value in the treatment of catarrh was uncertain and depended upon the condition of the patient. The state bacteriologist testified that the drug would not effect a cure.

The local druggists insisted they had a guarantee from the manufacturer that it was not misbranded.

CONSPIRACY ALLEGED IN LAYTON'S MURDER

Victim's Wife and Defendant's Wife Alleged by State to Figure in Case.

Gering, Neb., Oct. 16.—The trial of William Jordan, alias "Dan" Jordan, accused of the murder of Joseph E. Layton, has been taken up before Judge Evidon in district court. The state has urged the theory of a conspiracy in which Layton's wife, who is a daughter of the defendant, and the defendant's wife are alleged to figure.

Layton married his wife a year or more previous to the murder, as a result of a correspondence, her home being in California. Her father and stepmother joined Layton and his wife on the farm east of Scott's Bluff. Following supper on the night of the murder the two women, Jordan and Layton and a hired girl, according to evidence in the hired girl's inquest, were seated in the kitchen. The hired girl was fired through the window from outside. It killed Layton instantly. The first impression was that Layton might have been assassinated by a Russian as a result of a previous killing of which Layton was acquitted on grounds of self defense.

The suspicion soon diverted, however, to Jordan, and the outlined theory of the state is that all parties in the room at the time of the shooting, except the hired girl, were in a conspiracy to conduct the murder. The testimony of the hired girl will not be so positive on the point of Jordan's presence.

Following the shooting the gun from which the bullet had been fired was found secreted in a haymow, and a box of cartridges found in an outhouse. It is understood that this gun will be identified as belonging to the defendant, and having been brought by him from California.

COMMITTEE MEETING TO PUSH "DRY" PETITION

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 16.—An all-day meeting of the executive committee of the "dry" federation, formed for the purpose of conducting the campaign to secure signature to a prohibition referendum, will be held here Friday. The committee members from out of town who will be present are: E. O. Kretzinger and H. E. Sackett, Beatrice; C. C. Howell, Jr., Edwin; Ashland and J. Morrill, Omaha; A. C. Epperson, Clay Center; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Claffin, University Place. The work of forming local organizations to do the work of circulating petitions and to organize temperance sentiment is being rapidly pushed, and the meeting is expected to complete plans for the thorough canvass that is necessary to get the required number.

Committee members say that they have received offers of support from a number of men who have heretofore been on the "wet" side of local prohibition. This is particularly true in the cities, where men who favor state legislation have opposed local prohibition for the reason that every time their cities went "dry" they were made the target of a great deal of harmful and scornful comment. In the case of Lincoln an effort was made to take away the capital because the city went "dry." In several cases trade boycotts were organized.

EDITOR E. A. EAMES GETS LAND OFFICE POSITION

Maxwell, Neb., Oct. 16.—News dispatches from Washington recently contained the announcement that E. A. Eames, publisher of the Maxwell Times, had been appointed as register of the United States land office at North Platte, Neb. While Mr. Eames so far has received no official notice of the appointment he assumes that the announcement is accurate and expects to move to North Platte at an early date. Mr. Eames is well known in northeastern Nebraska, formerly having been located at Emerson and Homer.

COUNCIL OVERRIDES MAYOR ON NEW FRANCHISE

Hastings, Neb., Oct. 16.—Insisting that the new gas franchise should not be advanced until the purchase ordinance had been disposed of, Mayor Madget refused action urged and later refused to put a vote on appeal from the decision of the chair. President Zinn, of the council, then put the vote resulting six to two against the mayor.

The lowest point of dry land in the United States is in death valley, California, 276 feet below sea level.

UNDER ENGINE WHEN IT MOVES; BADLY INJURED

Weeping Water, Neb., Oct. 14.—William Ash, an engineer on the narrow gauge railway who used to haul stone to the crushers at the stone quarry east of town, was down under the engine putting in some packing when the brakes loosened and let the engine forward. The clearance under the engine was small and Ash was caught by the moving engine and his body doubled over in a way that only narrowly missed breaking his neck. It is thought that he suffered severe internal injuries.

CEDAR COUNTY ISSUED \$45,500 IN WARRANTS ABOVE LEGAL LIMITS

Court Annuls Portion of Issue Which Violates Law—Orders Others to Be Paid.

Hartington, Ia., Oct. 15.—The mandamus proceedings against F. W. Barnhart to compel him to pay warrants issued against the several funds of Cedar county were heard before Judge Graves at Pender, Neb. The court held that all warrants issued in excess of the 85 per cent of the levy for 1914 were void, and commanded that the treasurer pay all warrants issued within the legal amount according to the order in which they were registered and as soon as the funds were available. The amount of the warrants issued in excess of the 85 per cent of the levy approximate \$45,000.

P. F. O'Gara, county attorney, appeared for the relators, and B. Ready appeared for the county treasurer. This suit was ordered by the county board to test the legality of the position taken by the county treasurer in refusing to pay warrants.

FOOD COMMISSIONER TO "GRAB" ALL OFFICE FEES

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 15.—Acting under instructions from Governor Morehead, the fees collected by the state food and oil department will be used to pay the expenses and none go to the state treasury. This is because the state treasurer will not let them go out again for any purpose, because the legislature did not appropriate them. Commissioner Harman announced some time ago that he would close the offices, but now sees another method of getting the money for himself and his office force. Treasurer Hall thinks it was an effort to bluff him. He suggested to the governor that he (Hall) would not take any responsibility, but the governor might do so. The governor says he is willing to accept any responsibility. The point in dispute is now before the supreme court, and the fees will be used to pay expenses until the court settles the matter.

BANKING BOARD LOOKING INTO OMAHA MERGER

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 15.—The state banking board has been in consultation several times in the last few days trying to figure out whether it has any authority to further investigate the transaction at Omaha whereby the State bank, of that city, took over the City National. When the matter was first put up to the board, an examiner was sent to Omaha to investigate the condition of the State bank and the merger, but before he had got well started the deal was completed, the national bank officers were out and the state bank was in possession. As the state is a guarantor of the deposits in the consolidated bank, the board is anxious to find out more about the deal.

GEORGE H. WILTSE DIES SUDDENLY AT RANDOLPH

Randolph, Neb., Oct. 15.—George H. Wiltse died suddenly yesterday afternoon of hemorrhage induced by cancer of the tongue, which reached an artery. Mr. Wiltse was a widely known attorney in northeastern Nebraska and his name is well known in political circles over the state. He was state senator in the famous reform legislatures of 1907 and 1909, was a member of the judicial committee and passed upon the measure that gave Nebraska a 2-cent fare, the antipass law, the 8 o'clock closing law and other measures of a reform character. He was about 53 years of age and is survived by a widow and one daughter.

LITERAL WORDING OF LAW MAKES UNWIELDY BALLOT

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 15.—A mistake in the wording of the act passed last winter defining the form of the ballot to be used at elections has caused the attorney general's office to issue an opinion that as the intent of the legislature was made plain elsewhere, the error will not vitiate the law. In defining the space that shall be left between the names of candidates for different offices the word "parties" was used instead of "offices," which would make the ballot about four times the intended length.

NEBRASKA ODD FELLOWS AT OMAHA, OCTOBER 18 TO 21

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 15.—Delegates to three divisions of the I. O. O. F. will gather in Omaha for their annual meetings October 18 to 21. The grand lodge of Nebraska will have its 58th annual session, which is commanded by more than 600 delegates. Delegates to the grand council encampment include about 250, the event being the 44th encampment. The Rebekahs will hold their 32nd annual meeting with 500 delegates present.

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HISTORIC DEBATE TOOK PLACE 57 YEARS AGO

Quincy, Ill., Oct. 13.—Quincy today observed the 57th anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas debate here. The program includes a prayer at the boulder in Washington park, marking the spot where the debate was held, and an address by Senator James Hamilton Lewis.

WILSON LAYS CORNERSTONE.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Laying of the cornerstone of the new national amphitheater, in Arlington cemetery by President Wilson today, drew hundreds of spectators. The affair was to have been a feature of the recent Grand Army encampment, but was postponed Secretary Daniels was the principal speaker.

BIG AMERICAN LOAN APPROVED BY HOUSE

London, Oct. 13.—A bill to confirm the action of the government in raising a loan of \$500,000,000 in the United States in conjunction with France passed through all stages of the house of commons yesterday. It is expected to receive the royal assent as soon as the house of lords has formally passed it.

Oporto, Portugal, now has 200,000 inhabitants.

DRYVA PREPARING BITTER FIGHT ON DEFENSE PROGRAM

Former Secretary of State Is in Washington Laying Lines for the Coming Struggle Over Preparedness.

AMBITIOUS PLANS READY

Half Billion Dollar Addition to Navy, and Army of 140,000, With 1,200,000 Reserve, Are Favored.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—Speculation is rife over the action by congress on the administrations national defense program. The fact that William J. Bryan is in Washington preparing to wage war on it and beat the administration's plans if possible has added to the interest.

Friends of the administration are confident the program in substance will go through. They believe enough republicans will support it to more than offset any defections which Bryan may be able to cause.

President Wilson has given his official approval to the army and naval plans for a greater national defense. Congress will be asked for an immediate outlay of \$400,000,000 for the coming year.

Details of the administration program for national defense became known officially today. They include a six-year program, which in that time will bring the American army with reserves up to 1,200,000 trained men and have a building program to add 16 capital ships, 10 destroyers, 100 ocean going submarines, 10 destroyers, three scout ships, an increase of 8,000 enlisted men and legislation for the appointment of 250 more midshipmen to the naval academy.

For the army \$72,000,000 more than last year will be asked and for the navy a \$68,000,000 increase, making the total increase for defense over last year \$140,000,000.

The combined estimates of appropriations for national defense will be between \$338,000,000 and \$400,000,000, the latter figure being the estimate that has been kept in mind from the beginning as the limit for expenditures.

Secretary Garrison's plan to increase the regular army from 87,000 to 140,000 men under a six-year enlistment, retaining two years and five and four years in reserve, will give about 1,200,000 reserves in six years, according to war department calculations. The continental army, which is to be created by means of a six-year enlistment of two months each year for three years, with the officers and four years of reserve subject to call at will at the end of six years, gives a total of 800,000 men. This trained citizen army, together with the regulars, will give, with the 125,000 national guardsmen, a mobile army of more than 1,200,000 men in six years.

The plan is erected on the theory that the nation must depend upon a citizen army, largely of a volunteer character, in time of war. There are many hundreds of thousands of young men, it is said, who have both the time and inclination to serve at least two months a year to rigid and active military training, and the continental army would be composed of these, leaving the national guard those citizens whose responsibilities prevent their devoting more than one night a week or so to military service. With six months' actual field training army officers are confident that the continental army would be as thoroughly organized as is possible with any system short of compulsory service and a regular enlistment of 500,000 men. Officers for the new army would be obtained from civil life almost entirely, as the West Point military academy would be overtaxed even to supply officers for the increased regular army. Even at the present not more than half of the officers of the army are West Point graduates, and an extension of the work at West Point would be required to care for new regiments to be created.

Would Provide Guns.

For the continental army the plan contemplates drafting from the national guard and from additional institutions where military training is compulsory at least 1,000 officers a year for each of the first two years. Eventually, it is hoped that all military schools in the country can be standardized as to their course in engineering and other military sciences.