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There is much to mystify the average American in the mixup that has developed between Japan and the developed between Japan and the United States concerning the state department's recent note to China; and the mystery is not lessened by the British foreign office's polite re-fusal to join the United States in its representations to the Chinese govern-ment. On its face, our government's note seemed innocent enough and alto-represent legitimate. It has players been note seemed innocent enough and alto-gether legitimate. It has always been America's policy to support the integ-rity of China and to deal with it as an independent state. But the Japanese conception of Japan's special position with reference to China has been de-veloping very rapidly. Obviously, a sit-uation exists that calls for the most careful handling. In the circumstances, nothing could be more welcome than the approaching visit to Washington of a Japanese diplomatic commission. The two governments should make an exgovernments should make an exceptional effort to reach a definite understanding.

Very drastic is the commandeering by the government of all the new ships under construction in American shipunder construction in American ship-yards. But happily the president was not forced to do this under his "war powers"; corgressional sanction for the act had bees granted in a federal statute. It was a vitally necessary inter-ference with ordinary business, as was shown by the British government's heavy cooperation in approving the transfer of its own contracts aggregathearty cooperation in approving the transfer of its own contracts, aggregat-ing 1,000,000 tons of new shipping, to the United States government. Of course, the two governments have a complete understanding as to the fu-ture use of these vessels. By command-eering them in the yards, the United States authorities that is to say Gen-States authorities, that is to say. Gen-eral Goethals, will be able to quicken construction and increase substantially the total amount of tonnage to be turned out in the next year and a half. A very important step in the defense against the German submarine has thus been taken.

If further evidence were neede? that a demand for indemnities is along Germany's undisclosed peace terns, it is given in the statement of the Saxon minister of finance, that in view of the minister of infance, that in view of the fact that war was forced upon Ger-many it "has a claim before God and on the ground of justice for indemni-ties; that should be the reparation which President Wilson had declared as the right of the victor." Germans, therefore, need not feel that in lending money to the government they were making sacrifices, because the costs of the war would have to be borne by the enemy. In this matter of war indemnities somebody is being very badly de-ceived; it is for the United States to make sure that the German govern-ment cannot carry out its threats of brigandage.

There are 40,000 dependents of Can-adian soldiers in England unable to re-turn to Canada owing to the lack of passenger accommodation on the few steamers running to Canada. They came soon after their men folk when the latter enlisted and, in some cases, the men already have returned to Can-ada wounded or discharged from the army. Others were relatives of sol-diers who have been killed there, are anxious to return to relatives.

British second hand vessels are not bringing the high prices of a year ago and buyers are holding off in view of the new conditions and increased tax-ation of profits proposed in the last budget. While Scandinavian and Jap-anese second hand steamers are selling up to £50 a ton, three British greamers agregating 20,000 tons recent-ly Ford at £12, 10 shillings a ton. per ton.

There would be no trouble in drafting the new army if all wives were like those whom the war department is be-ginning to hear from. They write con-



AIMS AT PRESIDENCY

RUMORED HITCHCOCK

Omaha, Neb., June 30.—The latest political story to stir the Nebraska de-mocracy is that Senator Hitchcock has definitely decided to run for the presi-dential momination in 1990 and bis definitely decided to run for the presi-dential nomination in 1920, and his licutenants have made overtures to Governor Neville to back him for suc-cession at that time. This is taken as a move to counteract the effort being made to induce the governor to believe that a surer way to the Senate is to become coloner of the Sixth Nebraska, and thus make a military record that will be valuable in after-the-war of-fice seeking.

INSURANCE MEN PLAN

TO REDUCE CASUALTIES Lincoln, Neb., June 30.—A group of Chicago insurance men are in Lincoln today for the purpose of forming a state organization of insurance agents to look after all places where foodstuffs are stored. Their spokesmen said that are stored. Their spokesmen said that elevators have been burnt, on the aver-age of one a day, for some, months, and it is not only a matter of self defense for the companies, but to conserve the tood supply of the nation, that system of state guarding and inspection be created. The state will be divided into districts with inspectors in each, who districts, with inspectors in each, who will make confidential reports to the state council of defense.

TO EXTEND CAMPAIGN TO

ERADICATE HOG CHOLERA Aurora, Neb., June 30.—The fqedarel bureau of animal industry has instruc-ted the inspectors who have been con-ducting a five-year fight against hog cholera in southern and southeastern Nebraska to add four counties to the Cholera in southern and southeastern Nebraska to add four counties to the Fix they are now covering. This action has been made possible by the syste-matic cleaning up of the biggest hog-raising counties in the state, and the successful fight made against the dis-ease. When the campaign was begun, ense. When the campaign was begun, one county in each of 17 states was selected as the scene of operations.

TRANSPOSITIONS ANNOYING

TO STATE'S DIGNITARIES TO STATE'S DIGNITARIES Lincoln, Neb., June 30.—In order to cover up the ghastly work of the men who printed the new session laws for the state, Secretary of State Pool has ordered pasters for insertion therein. The errors that have caused Mr. Pool trouble and which have made two of his fellow state officers madder than the well known hornet, consisted of listing Assistant Attorney General Dexthe well known hornet, consisted of listing Assistant Attorney General Dex-ter T. Barrett as attorney general and the real attorney general as his assist-ant, and Deputy Treasurer Berge as state treasurer, with George E. Hall, the real treasurer, as deputy. The sec-retary of state blames it on the proof-reader who did not notice the transreader, who did i position of slugs. who did not notice the trans-

WOODMEN PLAN TO CARRY INSURANCE ON SOLDIERS

INSURANCE ON SOLDIERS Lincoln, Neb., June 30.—Head Consul Talbot, of the Modern Woodmen, just relected, says that the principal work of the head camp was to provide for a patriotic fund out of which the order will meet death losses incurred by members serving as soldiers. Each member will pay 20 cents a month on each \$1,000 of insurance he carries, or a total of \$300,000 a month to care for war risks. No rate discussions were permitted at the head camp, these be-ing referred to the next gathering. The order is facing the necessity of an in-crease in rates, but the officers, nearly all of whom nearly lost their jobs three years ago by advocating a raise, shied away from the proposition.

PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUE

INCREASED BY \$2,000,000 Madison, Neb., June 30.—An increase in actual value of personal property in Mavison county of over \$2,000,000 is Governor and Attorney General of Nebraska Both Have Senatorial Hopes.

ARE DRIFTING APART

REED AND NEVILLE

Lincoln, Neb., June 29.-Governor Ne-Tille and Attorney General Reed are drifting apart. The attorney general said, in Omaha the other day, that there was no quarrel between himself and the governor because he had enjoined from acting the state board of mediation that the chief executive had sent to Omaha to settle the industrial strike. He said that as a matter of fact the governor did not want the

board to inquire into the strike, Governor Neville says that he never said anything of the kind, and that he sent the board to Omaha with intsruc-tions to find out all about the strike necessary to evolve a set of recommen-dations. As proof of his interest in the matter he telephoned the board to em-ploy an attorney to defend it from the attorney's injunction suit. The labor men are much agitated over the activ-ity of the attorney general, and insist that all of his moves have been in the direction of helping the employers win the strike. Both Reed and Neville are understood to cherish senatorial ambitions.

STATE EXEMPTION BOARD

FOR NEBRASKA IS NAMED Lincoln, Neb., June 29.-Exemption board of Nebraska as given out by Governor Neville are composed of the county clerk and county sheriff of each county and one physician. This does not apply to Douglas and Lancaster counties, where a special board is named for the county and Omaha given five additional boards and Lincoln two.

The physicians appointed for the counties in northeast Nebraska are as follows:

Boyd-J. R. Beaty, Butte. Boyd-J. R. Beaty, Butte. Brown-G. O. Remy, Ainsworth. Burt-P. A. Johnson, Tekamah. Cedar-F. A. Paden, Hartington. Cherry-A. N. Compton, Valentine. Dakota-C. H. Maxwell, Dakota City. Dixon-G. A. Young, Ponca. Knox-I. Mettlin, Center. Rock-C. H. Rott, Bassett. Thurston-C. L. Davidson. Holt-L P. Gilligan, O'Neill Holt-J. P. Gilligan, O'Neill. Pierce-G. P. Desparios, Pierce, Stanton-O. C. Hopper, Stanton. Wayne-C. P. Ingram, Wayne. Antelope-R. W. Chamberlain, Ne-

Madison—F. A. Long, Madison. Cuming—P. S. Summers, West Point. Keyapaha—J. A. Furlong, Spring-

Washington—G. A. Langstaff, Blair. Dodge—F. E. Calkins, Fremont. Colfax—F. C. Painter, Schuyler. Platte—A. A. Bald, Platte Center. Boone—H. P. Walker, Albion.

FARMERS WORKING FROM SUNUP TO SUNDOWN NOW

Lincoln, Neb., June 29.—Farmers in Nebraska this year are working longer hours than ever before and by the same token are in need of less assistance. "From daylight till dark," literally, corn cultivators are running. Hot weather on the heels of the cold, wet spell has made the need to plow corn urgent to rid it of weeds and grass. Farmers were unable to buy new cultivators which practically were taken off the market-and are using old machinery

overtime this season. The need for labor on the farms is The need for labor on the farms is not great. Farmers have been fore-warned and are now prepared to handle most of the work themselves. A few men are needed in the corn fields and they are being supplied locally in all cases. The failure of the wintr wheat crop this year eliminated the necessity to import laborers.

Married Her, Then Refused to Pay Note, Which, He Says

Was Only Guaranty.

TO BACK UP PROMISE

GAVE FIANCEE BOND

Lincoln, Neb., June 28 .- Mrs. Anna Kovar has appealed to the supreme court from the judgement of the Col-fax county district court, which directed a verdict for her husband in a suit for \$5,000. John J. Korva is a wealthy resident of Howells and being of a mar-rying mind courted Mrs. Anna Wise. In order to convince her of his sincer-ity and to make it certain that if he changed his mind she would not have to sue for damages for breach of prom-ise, he executed a note for \$5,000 to her. They were married. Now he refuses to pay the note, on the ground that it was given as security that he would keep his promise, and having kept it he owes nothing. resident of Howells and being of a mar nothing.

BEGIN WAR TO DEATH ON HIGH SCHOOL FRATERNITIES

HIGH SCHOOL FRATERNITIES Lincoln, Neb., June 28.—By a unan-imous vote of the Lincoln school board, it was ordered Monday that all secret societies in the school be abolished and all existing societies were ordered to surrender their charter and that their members deposit all pins and other in-signia of membership with the board before enrolling for another term. The board announces that this is to be a war to the death. The laws of the state specifically par such societies, and the investigation of the board has shown that they lower scholarship. In shown that they lower scholarship. In addition, the members say that the so-cieties directly teach duplicity in that they have a rule that automatically suspends a member when he is questioned by the school authorities and automatically reinstates him as soon as the questioning ends, thus allowing him to truthfully say that he is not a mem-ber when asked.

AUDITOR DISCHARGES GIRL

WHOSE FATHER "ROASTED" HIM Lincoln, Neb., June 28.-Miss Rena Waterman's place as a clerk in the office of State Auditor Smith is vacant. A few weeks ago the auditor said that A few weeks ago the auditor said that every member of the force ought to buy a Liberty bond. The other day Miss Waterman's father, a former newsra-er publisher and postmaster of Beaver Crossing, printed a letter in which he said, referring to the auditor's statement about the purchase of Lib-erty bonds by employes, that Mr. Smith was a cheap politician engaged in grandstanding. Monday Mr. Smith gave Miss Waterman a week off with pay, as that part of her annual vaca-tion due her, and told her she need not return at the end of that time.

BROODS OVER CONVICTION

OF HOG THEFT; ENDS LIFE Battle Creek, Neb., June 28.—William Clasey, age 24, killed himself here Fri-day, it is believed from brooding over the fact that he was bound over to the September term of district court for the theft of a hog from Preece & Bardels. He was recently married to a 14-year-old girl. His young wife was alone in the house with him when she heard the re-port of the gun. Knowing that it was a penitentiary offense with which he was charged and having pleaded guilty, he brooded over the fact and permitted it to unbanance his mind. Neighbors say, the young fellow never had a chance in life, coming from a poverty stricken family. OF HOG THEFT; ENDS LIFE family.

207 TIRES OF PLOWING;

RUNS OFF TO HERD SHEEP they are being supplied locally in all cases. The failure of the wintr wheat crop this year eliminated the necessity to import laborers. SECRETARY OF STATE IS IN BAD WITH SUFFRAGETS Lincoln, Neb., June 28.—George, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lews, of Laurel, who disappeared from home three weeks ago, has been heard from, his parents just receiving a card from him at Pine Ridge Agency in the Black Hills, where he has been herding sheep. The boy had helped his father on the farm all the spring and had plowed 120 acres, remarking on the day he completed the work, "That's enough of that!" This was his only intimation to his parents of his intention to leave. Chadron Sensation to Be Taken to Alliance for a Further Airing.

IN BLACKMAIL CASE

GRANT CONTINUANCE

Chadron, Neb., June 27.—Defendants In the conspiracy to blackmail case were granted a change of venue to Alliance, Box Butte county, and the date of trial set for October 15. Judge Grimes of North Platte occu-pied the district court bench in place of Judge Westover, presiding judge. The court fixed the bonds at \$500 each for the nine defendants and agreed to

for the nine defendants and agreed to fix a date for hearing a demurrer filed against the information by attorneys for the defense.

Attorneys Ben S. Baker, M. F. Har-Attorneys Ben S. Baker, M. F. Har-rington and F. S. Howell filed affi-davits in support of their motion for a change of venue. The defense offered as the main reason for a change of venue the general statement that a fair and impartial trial could not be had in Chadron on account of peculiar local conditions

conditions.

WAHOO TAKES NO CHANCES ON BOOZE LAW VIOLATIONS

Lincoln, Neb., June 27.—Governor Neville had better stay clear of Wahoo. The town has endeavored, in one of its new ordinances to place a limitation upon the governor's powers. The Wa-hoo city council has sought by the pas-sage of ordinance number 327 to aid the government in enforcing the pro-bilition large Web hibition law. Wahoo is a town which does not believe in doing things by halves, consequently the city council determined to present an ordinance

which would cover the entire territory. In this effort it was successful. The masterpiece as printed in the Wahoo masterpiece as printed in the Wahoo Wasp, the local paper, filled four col-umns and contained approximately 6,500 words. It defined who should drink, what they should drink and where they should drink it. It set limits on the powers of the city offi-cials, instructed the officials of Saun-ders county in their during discusders county in their duties and finally capped the climax by placing certain limitations on the power of the governor

After defining the powers of all the officials of Saunders county it launches forth on a detailed account of the powers of the governor. It declares in re-gard to the filing of petitions:

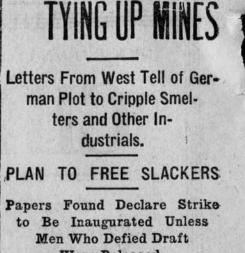
"From the judgment of the county judge either party may appeal as in other cases. It shall be unlawful for the governor to issue a permit to any person, the right of which is denied by the county judge, until said judgment is reversed."

CHARGES THAT HER SISTER STOLE LOVE OF HUSBAND

Fremont, Neb., June 27.—Letters by which the plaintiff in the divorce suit of Emma Hibler vs. Samuel D. Hibler, wealthy Hooper stockman, attempted to prove that too close relations existed between her husband and his sisterinbetween her husband and his sisterin-law, Mrs. Frances Hibler, were intro-duced Saturday. Attorneys for Hibler made an effort to keep them out, but Judge Button held that the jury should see their contents. They were read in open court. Nothing sensational de-veloped. There were eight letters. Mrs. Frances Hibler on the stand denied all of the charges relative to too intimate Frances Hibler on the stand denied all of the charges relative to too intimate association with Hibler. She said that in view of Hibler's supplying money for the education of her daughter, she was naturally friendly toward him. This devotion, she said, did not extend be-yond the proper bounds of a sisterinlaw. Miss Lou Hibler, daughter of Mrs. Frances Hibler, declared on the stand that she had never observed anything improper in the conduct of her mother improper in the conduct of her mother and uncle.

FAMOUS NEBRASKA RANCH IS SOLD TO WOODS BROS.

Kearney, Neb., June 27.—The Woods Bros. interests of Lincoln have pur-chased and took possession Saturday of the 4,208-acre ranch adjoining the west



CHARGES I. W. W.

AIDS SPIES BY

Were Released.

Washington, D. C., June 29 .- Industrial Workers of the World leaders were charged with working with German agents in mines and fields of the west to stir up strikes among Germans and Austrians in correspondence laid before the Senate today by Senator Thomas, of Colorado. Particular reference was made to strikes in Arizona, and Senator Thomas charged there was a German conspiracy to cripple smeiters and industries in the west.

Virginia, Minn., June 29.—Minnesota range Industrial Workers of the World members are prepared to strike. This was revealed in minutes of a meeting of the metal mine workers' branch of the I. W. W., found in a pocket of Secretary Dominic Silver, who late yesterday was held for action of the fed-eral grand jury. The minutes were in-troduced as evidence. They call for a general strike " if our fellow workers are not released from the Biwabik jail." Fifty I. W. W.s are held there as al-leged slackers.

Trinidad, Colo., June 29.—Members of the county sheriff's force are investi-gating reports that a German spy is in operation at the coal mines here organizing Austrians and other pro-Ger-mans who resist conscription.

There are many Austrians here work-ing and a strong undercurrent of anti-draft feeling has been present among them since registration day.

Duluth, Minn., June 29.—With the sentencing Arthur Thorne, secretary of the Duluth local of the Inrustrial Workers of the World, to 85 deys at the work farm, Municipal Judge Smallwood last evening placed the court on record as holding the I. W. W to be an organization. "which by word of mouth teaches or advocates the duty, necessity or propriety of violence or in-dustrial strife."

Butte, Mont., June 29 .- One hundred Butte, Mont., June 29.—One hundred fewer men appeared for work at the mines in Butte today despite the fact that no new strikes were called in sym-pathy with the electricians' strike against the Montana Power company for higher wages and a demand that the mining compny for recognition of the Metal Mine Workers' union.

COCCHI ASKS PENALTY ITALIAN LAW PROVIDES

Dread of Electric Chair in New York Causes Prisoner and

fidentially that there is no good reason why their husbands should not go to war, in spite of their disinclination to to so, and that the war department would make no mistake to draft them into the service.

The national board of underwriters calls attention to the numerous fires caused by leaving small electric devices in circuit whe not in use. The actuar-ial bureau of the national board reports that in one day 100 fires out of a total of 2,000 were traced to this cause, and it is estimated that fully 30,000 fires a year have such an origin.

For the purpose of facilitating army recruiting, "he people of New Zealand have adopted distinguishing names for the two lots of men who are serving. Those who volunter are called "The Wents" and those called up by ballot or conscription "The Sents." On ar-rival at camp there is little or no fric-tion between the two.

A substitute for fire clay, patented in France, employs blue pottery clay, 1 part; common salt, ½ part; coal ashes, ½ part; fine sald, ½ part, and glass, ½ part. These ingredients are well ground together and are then mixed with water to the required consistency.

Maine has just had its smallest Grand Army encampment of about 100 erans. This does not mean any ening of interest in the order on the part of those who fought in the union army, but represents the increas-ing toll that time has been taking.

Germany's secret service need not overstrain itself in getting word to Berlin that the Liberty loan has been oversubscribed. All the censors in the world could not keep that news from the kaiser and his minister of finance.

A special session of the diet has been summoned for June 21. The session which will extend about three weeks, is made necessary by the dissolution of the house of representatives last win-ter. A new house was elected in April.

The Philippine hat industry, which boasts hand-made products akin to those of Panama, in 1916 more than doubled the value of its 1915 exports and established a new high record with a trade exceeding \$600,000 in value.

An electrically ignited pipe which lights the tobacco at the bottom of the bowl instead of at the top, thus avoid-ing the collection of moisture in the stem, is the newest in smokers' inven-tions.

The maximum draft age in this country is 31 and Canada is considering the drafting of men as old as 45, but there is still the consideration that Germany is using every available man between 16 and 60.

Exports of Philippines leaf tobacco in 1916 soared over previous high record by several million pounds, reaching a total of nearly 40,000,000 pounds for the

The obnoxious potato bug having made his appearance, there's nothing to do but rig up the poison machine and give him a taste of Gent-any warfary.

shown from records in the county as-sessor's office during the past two, years. This is explained by the 15 per years. This is explained by the 15 per cent increase in assessed valuation of all merchandise and manufactured goods on hand and by the increased high prices on grain and live stock. The Trapp family, farmers in Fairview pre-cinct, pay the highest tax in the rural section, \$53,965 being set as the value of their personal property. The Hune-Robertson-Wyckoff firm pays the most taxes in the town of Madison, \$50,355 being the value of their property as shown by the assessor.

YOUNG NEBRASKA FARMER BADLY HURT IN RUNAWAY

Vermilion, S. D., June 30.—John Eben, a young farmer residing in Nebraska, just across the river, had his right leg badly mangled and received a number of other severe wounds about his body when his team with which he was mowing hay became frightened at a passing auto and ran away. Young Eben attempted to control the team in its mad flight, but the horses turned In its mad hight, but the horses turned a sharp corner and one of the mower wheels struck the corner post with such force as to break it, and in some man-ner in the melee Eben was hurled in front of the machine, dragged a num-ber of yards, and when help came he was unconscious was unconscious

OSMOND-The Red Cross campaign closed here with almost \$300, the work of nine teams. The largest individual con-tributions were \$25 from B. Fuelberth and P. J. Shay. The ladies of the town will meet on Friday afternoon to make ban-dages, comfort bags, etc., for the sol-diers.

LINCOLN-George A. Gary, aged 70, stepped in front of a fast moving car at a downtown corner Wednesday and was so seriously hurt that he may die at any time. He had stopped at the crossing and the motorman, believing he had noticed the approach of his car, had no oppor-tunity of halting it. the approach of his tunity of halting it.

COPS PREVENT LYNCHING.

COPS PREVENT LYNCHING. Solt Lake City, Utah, June 30.—Amid cries of "he's all right" and "take him away from them," a squad of police seized George Rose, 42 years old, as he was addressing an excited mob as-sembled in front of the postoffice for the avowed purpose of organizing a lynching party to hang Pete Turpoults, alleged slayer of 16-year-old Bruce Dempsey, who was arrested early this morning and who now is in the county jall

MERCIER'S PRIESTS ARRESTED BY GERMANS

Amsterdam, June 28.—According to he Telegraaf, several priests of the intourage of Cardinal Mercier, primate entourage of Cardinal Alercier, primate of Belgium, were arrested recently and imprisoned in Germany. One of them is Bishop Legraive, of Malines. Twenty others, the newspaper says, tave been imprisoned in Belgium. Among this number is Cardinal Mer-cier's private secretary. who was sen-

cier's private secretary, who was sen-tenced to a year in prison for preach-ing a sermon on Whit Sunday on "Christian Charity,"

by opponents of suffrage and if filed by opponents of suffrage and if filed before July 24th will suspend, until the people can vote on it in 1918, the law people can vote on the right to vote for president and vice president and for city, town and county officers. Mr. Pool says that he in the legal custodian of the list, that he does not care to have of the list, that he does not care to have any one retain possession long enough to copy the 30,000 names that must be attached thereto, and anyway he looks upon the threat of the suffragists to publish in their home town paper the names of those who sign the petition as being a piece of bulldizing. He says anybody can look at the petition, but they can't copy the names. If he does they can't copy the names. If he does not recede from this position the suf-fragists will ask for a writ of mandamus.

HUBBELL GERMAN ORDERED INTERNED BY GOVERNMENT

Lincoln, Neb., June 29.-Nebraska in terned her first allen enemy Tuesday when United States Marshal Carrol when United States Marshal Carroll brought Martin Bowman from Hebron and placed him in the Lancaster county jail. Bowman lives at Hubbell, and is 60 years of age. His son was recently arrested for refusing to register, but we released when he consented to enwe released when he consented to en-roll. The father has been outspoken in criticism of the government, in praise of the kaiser and in advising young men to neither enlist nor register. His case was reported to Washington, and direct was reported to Washington, and direct orders came from there to intern him. Under the federal law the United States can deprive an alien enemy of his property or liberty without any trial in court. In two cases Germans who have lived in Nebraska for years without becoming citizens and who have amassed property have been per-sonally warned by the government men that they must cease sedititous talk or lose both property and liberty. Both quit immediately. Bowman's case is said to be of aggravated and defiant character. character.

WOMAN BADLY HURT BY

BOTTLE HURLED BY MAN Aldion, Neb., June 29.—Mrs. Johr Hunt, of Leigh, was struck in the face by a whisky bottle at the commencement exercises here the other evening and narrowly escaped having her spec-tacles driven into her eye thereby. The bottle was empty but its odor was strongly suggestive of its erstwhile contents. Albion people strongly regret the occurrence occurrence

GREAT POTATO CROP FOR PLATTE VALLEY ASSURED

PLATTE VALLEY ASSURED North Bend, Neb., June 27.—A great crop in the Platte valley is assured by yesterday's downpour. Conditions have been ideal for the growth of potatoes. This part of the state will have a rec-ord crop. Every lot in town, not util-ized for some otherwise valuable pur pose, has been planted to potatoes Hundreds of farmers around North Bend have large patches of potatoes.

WAUSA-Bennie Johnson, employed in garage here, had an eye badly hurt by being struck by a tire iron while remov-ing a tire from an auto-

said to desire to own a ranch with plenty of stock.

TWO NEBRASKANS DROWN IN LAKE NEAR DODGE

Dodge, Neb., June 28.—The bodies of Otto Brazda and Joseph Uhler, young farmers who were drowned in a lake, were brought to Dodge last night and funeral services will be held this after-noon. Uhler lost his life while attempting to save Brazda, who was seized with cramps while swimming across the lake. Both went under and their bodies were recovered two hours later. Brazda leaves a young wife and baby, and Uhler his parents and brothers. He was to have been married next month.

KICK OF HORSE IS FATAL TO FARMER NEAR MADISON

Madison, Neb., June 28.—Herman Bahn, aged 54, died here from the ef-fects of a kick from a horse while en-deavoring to catch the animal in the pasture. He came of a family that was among the earliest settlers in the counimmigrating here from Germany in ty, in 1872.

ONE MAN KILLED AND BROTHER BADLY HURT

West Point, Neb., June 28.-A fatal automobile accident occurred Sunday, a few miles north of town, whereby Leo Nilges, a young man of 27 years was almost instantly killed, and his brother, Peter Nilges, seriously hurt, with prospects of a fatal termination. The two brothers were riding in a Ford car in the vicinity of their farm home and traveling at a very high rate of speed on a down grade, when the car turned turtle.

OSMOND-A trainload of hogs and cattle passed through here last week consist-ing of 22 cars, destined for the Sloux City and Omaha markets. It is about the largest stock train that has been through here and the stock's value was estimated at \$50,000. Shippers from Brunswick, Copenhagen, Plainview and Osmond were represented

FOSTER-The drug store of H. M. Willmann was broken into and robbed when burglars entered through the tran-som of the front door. Thirty dollars in noin and a punchboard worth \$150 is miss-ing. Willmann is also postmaster and rome of the coin in the postoffice drawers also was taken some of the coin is also was taken.

PIERCE-An oil motor truck belonging to the W. W. Wasson company, of Nor-tolk, was destroyed here when unloading gasoline at the local station. The truck is damaged beyond repair and \$60 in cur-rency, which was in the seat, also was destroyed.

WINSIDE-The Winside Woman's club which has been organized for 18 years, held its annual hanquet, to which the husbands of the members were invited.

HOOPER-Nearly 100 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Casper. Moeiler surprised (the bli couple by helping them celebrate their goldan wedding anniversary.

limits of Kearney, reputed to be one of the finest properties of the kind in the country. The transaction involved a country. The transaction involved a little less than \$500,000. The property is best known as the

1733 ranch, being situated 1,733 miles from San Francisco and 1,733 miles from Boston. The post marking the half way spot is exactly in front of the big manor house. The ranch was started back in the boom days by H. D. Watson, who came from the east with a group of millionaires in his train, who invested heavily in that section. Mr. Watson aimed to make it the show place of the state in the matter of country places, but the collapse of the boom forced him to dispose of it.

LAWYERS TO AID THOSE

WHO JOIN RANKS OF ARMY Scottsbluff, Neb., June 27.—The fifth annual meeting of the Western Nebraska Bar association closed Sat-urday at Scottsbluff and Gering, About 65 lawyers from the 13th and 17th judi-

A motion was adopted offering the services of the members of the asso-ciation by which any member agrees to take and finish the legal work and court cases of any member of the bar in his district who leaves for the front, and give all fees earned to the absent attorney. The following officers were elected

for the coming year: President, Wes-ley T. Wilcox, North Platte; secretary, Niles E. Olsen, Lexington; treasurer, Capt. P. R. Halligan, North Platte; vice president 13th judicial district, Mr. O'Toole, Sidney; vice president 17th judicial district, Wm. Ritchie, jr.,

Bridgeport. The meeting next year will be held at North Platte on the fourth Monday of June.

SINN FEINERS ACTIVE.

Cork, Ireland, June 27.—The Sinn Feiners were active here early this morning when they smashed windows in a number of recruiting offices and hoisted the republican flag on the court house flagstaff and committed many other acts of violence.

The Sinn Feiners at a big meeting this afternoon adopted resolutions de-nouncing the national convention as a diplomatic attempt on the part of the government to place Ireland in a false position and prevent the fulfillment of Ireland's claim to sovereign independ-ence. The resolutions demanded that the executive convene the council to express the opinions of the people and elect rep-resentatives to a peace conference.

COMPANION WANTS PAY.

Mineola, N. Y., June 25.—Permission to begin suit for \$500,000 against the estate of Mrs. Lizzle M. Palmer, widow estate of Mrs. Lizzie M. Palmer, widow of Thomas W. Palmer, former United States senator from Michigan, was granted to John Neger, of Brooklyn, Saturday by the surrogate of Nassau county. Mrs. Palmer died at Great Neck, L. I., July 28, 1916, leaving an estate valued at more than \$5,000,000. Nager's netition alleged that Mrs. Neger's petition alleged that Mrs. Palmer promised to leave him the Great Neck property, valued at \$250,000, and \$250,000 additional if he would con-sent to live in her home as her son and companion.

Friends to Act.

Bologna, Italy, June 29 .- "I feel my-Eologna, Italy, June 29.—"I feel my-self acquitted morally, but I am ready to undergo the legal penalty of my country," Alfredo Cocchi, slayer of Ruth Cruger is quoted as saying to the interrogating judge at the last ques-tioning of the prisoner. Yesterday, however, Cocchi, according to reliable authority, sent out this message to a friend:

"I am guilty and I want to pay the penalty. Why spend your money on a lawyer, I won't see him." There is no doubt in the mind of any-

There is no doubt in the mind of any-body who is watching, the case that Cocchi has a horror of a sentence to death by the American electric chair. This abhorrence is shared by all his friends, and they, with the prisoner's relations, are starting a fund to fight proceedings for his extradition. Meanwhile new efforts are being made to raise the question as to wheth-er Cocchi's mental condition is normal.

SENATE TO RESCUE IN PAPER MUDDLE

Passes Reed Resolution Asking Why Trade Has Not Stopped "Exorbitant Charges."

Washington, June 29 .- The resolution of Senator Reed of Missouri, calling upon the federal trade commission to inform the Senate it has not ordered news print paper manufacturers to de-sist from "illegal practice and exorbitant charges" was adopted today by the Senate without objection.

RUSS PEASANTS TORTURE CAPTURED CRIMINALS

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Petrograd, June 28.—A dispatch from Nikolayck, northeast of Odessa, relates that the peasants of Norvia Odessa, enraged by the crimes of murderous burglars and horse thieves, started an organized movement against them, torturing or killing captured offenders. The authorities of Nikolayev, who went who went to the scene to protest, were threatened with violence. Twelve charred corpses marked the scene of the peasants' vengeance.

FORMER SOUTH DAKOTAN **REPORTED SHOT AS SPY**

Milwaukee, Wis., June 29.—According to reports reaching here G. H. Schoff, former major in the British army and formerly a resident of Doland, S. has been executed as a German spy. Schoff was about 48 years old. He was born in Germany. Efforts to confirm the report of his execution have been unavailing.