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NEBRASKA

A spectrum of Hubble's variable nebula N. G. C. 261, which has as its nucleus the variable star R. Monocerotis, shows the nucleus and the nebula to have the same peculiar spectrum consisting of bright lines or bands—not those typical of gaseous nebulae and a continuous spectrum. This observation suggests that the nebula shines by reflected light of the pulsating nucleus, and that the flow of the light pulses over the nebula causes its variation and could give its distance. From the material now available it is thought that the apparent displacement of the nebula is as great as 15 seconds of arc. Taking this value and the simplest case of displacement perpendicular to the line of sight, which would be given a maximum value for the distance and would generally overstate it, the parallax would be about 0.00027 or the distance some 12,000-light years.

During the year ending March 31 next \$5,500,000 will be added to the British debt of the British government, according to an estimate by the London Statist. If this estimate proves accurate, the gross debt will then stand at \$27,500,000,000. Of this sum, however, \$7,500,000,000 will represent loans to British allies and dominions leaving a net debt of \$20,000,000,000. At the close of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1914, the debt totaled \$22,500,000,000, so that the war will have added \$17,250,000,000 to the net debt if hostilities should continue until March 31, 1918.

The "Emilienne Moreau," one of the new roses that won a prize in the annual competition at the Bagatelle Rose Gardens, was named after the heroine of Loos, the girl who helped save British wounded under fire and even shouldered a rifle to help the soldiers drive the Germans from the town in the great battle which resulted in its capture. It is a magnificent white rose with very large petals and with a foliage of a very deep green. The Edith Cavell, one of last year's productions at the Bagatelle gardens, was shown alongside it.

The cockades of the French revolutionists were composed of the red of the Paris commune and the blue of the ancient monarchy. In the troubled times just before the deposition and execution of Louis XVI Lafayette, to signify the desire of the people for a reconciliation with their king, added the Bourbon white to the cockade. The tricolor as a national emblem was adopted by the convention in 1794.

Just before graduating last June as honor man at the Harrisburg (Pa.) Technical high school, modest John Watchman disappeared, leaving a note that he could not stand "all this raving about being at the head of any class." A few days ago his parents received a letter which said only: "I am with the British army in France."

It is not likely that the apples on the apple tree as we know them were the tree or fruit mentioned in the bible. Most modern writers maintain that it is either the quince or the citron, as being more in accord with passages in scripture (Canticles, ii, 3; viii, 1; Joel, i, 12; Proverbs, xv, 11; Canticles, ix, 11; vii, 6.)

The Mexican national commercial congress which convened in Mexico City about the middle of July recommended to the national congress that the exportation from Mexico of articles of prime necessity be prohibited. The list as outlined in the resolution would include corn, wheat, flour, beans and cotton.

Jenny was continually boasting of his "family mansion in the old country." Pat, who came from the same place in Ireland, was asked to read of it and with withering scorn exclaimed: "Your family mansion is it, Jenny? Bead, I could have ratched down the chimney an' put the four out wid me hand!"

Cheese today is not common among the Bedouin Arabs, butter being preferred. There is a substance closely corresponding to those mentioned in Samuel. This consists of congealed buttermilk which is dried until it becomes quite hard. It is then ground and the Arabs eat it mixed with butter.

Due to the scarcity of broom corn, State Senator J. R. Domeneaux, of Louisiana, has experimented successfully with palmetto leaves as a satisfactory substitute. Experiments will also be made with palmetto roots in the making of pulps and paper. The supply of palmetto is inexhaustible.

In Exodus the "embroiders" is contrasted with the "canning workman." The art of embroidery by the loom was extensively practiced by the nations of antiquity. The Egyptians and Babylonians were noted for it. Embroidery with the needle was a Phrygian invention of a later date.

The Jews learned the art of brick-making in Egypt. We find the use of the brick kiln in Deuteronomy (x, 1; Samuel, xii, 3). A complete trade in brick, instead of the people built a kiln out of brick, instead of unburnt stone as the law directed (Isaiah, lvi, 3; Exodus, xx, 25).

Cheese is mentioned only three times in the bible and on each occasion under a different name in the Hebrew (Job, x, 10; I Samuel, xlv, 18; II Samuel, xvi, 20). It is difficult to decide how far these terms correspond with our notion of cheese.

A good mushroom, properly cooked, is a delicious morsel and as such is a wholesome addition to the dietary. If you are absolutely sure that the variety that grows on your lawn or in the neighboring fields is of the edible kind, by all means cook and eat it.

Some of the neighbors said "Quack!" when George Rubey, of South Norwalk, Conn., reported that two double yolk and three soft shelled eggs were laid in one day by his anti-high cost of living duck.

An Englishman has invented a grass trimmer, operated with both hands, which greatly resembles horse clippers.

New Zealand's hemp industry has been prosperous in the last year.

Tokio is planning to inaugurate a public auto bus service.

The trade in dried shark meat and fins at Aden, Arabia, has decreased since the beginning of the war.

Alabama is the fifth state to enfranchise women since 1917 began, making 18 suffrage states.

STOCK SALESMEN ARE HELD BY NEBRASKANS

Three Arrested at Grand Island for Operating Without Permit From State.

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 27.—Alleged "blue sky" sellers have been arrested at Grand Island on the complaint of the Nebraska state railway commission. The men taken into custody gave the names of Chris Ross, Jacob Kabsnel and Charles Ora. They claimed to be agents of the Farmers Oil & Gas company, which recently established headquarters at the Faxon building at Omaha. The defendants are charged with selling shares of oil stock without a permit from the state railway commission. It is understood that 14 agents of the company are now selling the stock in Nebraska. Hugh Lemaster, attorney for the commission, and E. P. Ripley, employed by the commission to enforce the blue sky law, are in Grand Island as agents of the state. The agents of the oil company operating in Nebraska claim to be selling real estate and not oil. The shares of stock are sold at \$10 a share.

RESERVE GUARD REGIMENT TO BE MUSTERED IN ALSO

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 27.—Before the three Nebraska regiments now in the United States service leave the state the job of mustering in the seventh regiment will be under way. Adjutant General Steele has already started to muster in the reserve national guard as the regiment will be commonly known. Companies at Omaha and Seward have already been mustered into the service. The men from Grand Island will soon be part of the new regiment. The letter companies of the regiment designated by the adjutant general follow: Company A, Seward; Company B, Broken Bow; Company C, Nebraska City; Company D, Beatrice; Company E, Omaha; Company F, Grand Omaha; Company G, probably Omaha; Company H, Lincoln. Adjutant General Steele is jubilant over the reserve guard prospects. The band of the Sixth regiment is now quartered at Omaha.

RUSH FOR MINERAL RIGHTS ON STATE SCHOOL LANDS

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 27.—The office of state land commissioner is being swamped with applications for mineral rights growing out of the potash industry. Recently the board of education has decided to lease the mineral rights of the state school lands. The potash lakes in northwestern Nebraska, mostly located in Sheridan county are being plastered with mineral filings. Lakes in some other counties are also the object of eager wealth chasers and the state promises to be one of the biggest in the state. If the war continues the industry is expected to produce immense financial returns. Incidentally the state will get a big royalty out of it.

NORFOLK GIRL WANTS TO JOIN "LEGION OF DEATH"

Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 27.—Lily Saries, pretty 16-year-old Norfolk girl, is ambitious to go to Russia to join the woman's "legion of death." Falling in this she wants to become a Red Cross nurses' assistant. She and her mother both make their living out of three small brothers and sisters by candling eggs in a wholesale poultry house, each earning \$1.50 a day. Lily is also ambitious to write a poem. She has a young married brother who desired to enlist, although he escaped the draft, but his wife refused to sign the necessary papers releasing him.

1,500 NEBRASKA YOUTHS ARE TRAINING FOR NAVY

Great Lakes, Ill., Aug. 27.—Fully 12 per cent of the 12,000 blue jackets in the making at the Great Lakes Training station are Nebraskans. Although the state is far from salty seas and paddling a canoe was the only nautical experience most of the boys had, the 1,500 lads from the western state are proving capable and efficient in mastering the intricacies of naval service.

YOUNG GERMAN ORDERED INTERNED DURING WAR

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 27.—The federal department of justice has ordered Federal District Attorney Allen to intern Kurt G. Wilkens, a German, as "an alien enemy." He will be sent to Fort Douglas to remain at the camp until after the world war is over. Wilkens is a member of the L. V. W. organization. He was arrested at Lincoln two weeks ago by a railroad watchman after the latter claimed the young German had made treasonable remarks about the United States. This is the first case of its kind handled at Lincoln.

DAMAGE TO CORN BY FROST NOW THOUGHT IMPROBABLE

Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 27.—Experts say that conditions for a wonderful corn crop are unusually favorable and that damage in the Norfolk territory by early frost is improbable, the greater part of the corn in this section to be cut in from two to four weeks. The slower maturing corn is in the valleys and lowlands. Oats now being threshed are exceptionally heavy in yield and reports of from 90 to 100 bushels per acre are not uncommon. The lowest is about 50 bushels and the average 75. Several 50-bushel wagon boxes weighed out 70 bushels, showing that the grain is very heavy.

MADISON COUNTY AGENT ARTHUR G. GEORGE, WHO FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS HAS SERVED MADISON COUNTY, HAS RESIGNED AND GONE TO THE STATE FARM AT LINCOLN TO BECOME ASSISTANT LEADER IN BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB WORK, IN WHICH HE ALWAYS MANIFESTED INTEREST. HE IS BEING SUCCEEDED TEMPORARILY BY N. N. RHODES, OF GAGE COUNTY.

WAKEFIELD—Wakefield's only paper, the Wakefield Republic, has been sold by S. E. Hill to E. F. Fawcett, who has been employed in the paper in the capacity of printer for the past year. Mr. Mills is a former school man and has been elected principal of the Alexandria, Neb., schools for the coming year.

NORFOLK—Norfolk melons are late this year and exceedingly small, according to the growers, who promise their product will be on the market within a week. They say, however, that the melons will be sweeter than ever before.

ENOLA—The Enola day celebration held this week was very successful. T. J. Malone, of Kearney, founder of the town of Enola, motored from his home to be present. A parade called "Watch Enola Grow" was a feature of the day. Ten members of the Norfolk Firemen's band challenged to husky young farmers of the Enola neighborhood to a tug of war and the city men were victorious, much to the surprise and chagrin of the tillers of the soil.

SPENCER—James Fernan, 59, was killed by lightning in a pasture and the body was not found until the next day. He leaves a wife and family.

ALL LOCAL OFFICERS NOW SPECIAL AGENTS

Empowered by Governor to Make Arrests in Treason and Espionage Cases.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 25.—That acts of treason may be quickly suppressed by Nebraska Governor Neville declares that sheriff, deputy sheriffs, policemen and all peace officers of the state are ex-officio members of the secret service department of the state council of defense.

The governor calls upon these officers to become active in investigating and suppressing treasonable conduct and disloyal utterances. They are asked to report facts to the state council. The governor has issued an order under authority of a section of the law creating the state council for defense by the Nebraska act of last winter. In addition he says that every citizen knowing of any anti-American activities should report the facts to the sheriff or the chief of police of the county or city in which the offender lives.

DRINKING AMONG TROOPS ROUSES NORFOLK CITIZENS

Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 25.—Considerable excitement has been occasioned in Norfolk by the evidence of drinking among the soldiers of Company I, Sixth Nebraska. The presence of strangers on the street soliciting Norfolkers to drink has aroused indignation among those who are solicitous of the soldiers' welfare. The city today was declared the counterpart of a government reservation because of the presence of soldiers, and the penalties for breaking the liquor laws will be two or three times as heavy on offenders as ordinary offenders receive. Kegs from which 50 gallons of liquor had been emptied were found by police.

MILITARY CARNIVAL WILL BE GIVEN AT WALTHILL

Walthill, Neb., Aug. 25.—A military carnival will be held here next Sunday afternoon by members of Company F, of the "Dandy Sixth" regiment, the new unit of Nebraska national guards. The program will consist of military horse races, rifle races, etc., and a bar game between Omaha and Walthill Indians picked from the company. Various drills will be staged and the "company horse" will be sold at auction. Music will be furnished by several bands. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged and all the proceeds will go to the company's mess fund.

ITINERANT FAKERS ARE BARRED FROM LINCOLN

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 25.—The city will sit down hard on fakers and beggars under the guise of peddlers and itinerant musicians during the Nebraska State fair. They will not be allowed to enter the city and state fair visitors and get money by false pretenses. Mayor Miller has issued an ukase declaring that there will be no special dispensations to the itinerants during the big exposition. In other years the bars have been let down and the city has been flooded with them.

DODGE COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDING SEED WHEAT

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 25.—In order that Dodge county farmers may be fully supplied with seed wheat, the Dodge county council has just perfected an arrangement for handling quantities of it through the elevators at a very small cost over the market figure. The seed wheat stock in Dodge county has been running very slow on account of the small production this season. The wheat froze out last winter.

MADISON COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE IN SESSION

Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 25.—Madison county institute is being conducted this week by County Superintendent Housel, of Madison; Miss Gladys Rape, of Evanston, Ill.; Mr. Ziemer, of Peru and Superintendent Showalter, of Norfolk, are the instructors. One hundred and thirty-one teachers are registered, 119 being registered last year when institute was held at Madison, sessions being alternated between the two cities. "Food Conservation" talks and lectures are a popular part of the program.

HOME GUARD COMPANY IS FORMED BY FREMONT MEN

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 25.—Responding to the governor's call, 35 Fremont young men met at the Commercial club rooms last night for the purpose of organizing a home guard company. N. H. Mapes, who formerly was a prominent figure in military affairs at Schuyler, and who is a Spanish-American war veteran, was chosen captain. Glen Winterstein, late of the Fremont signal corps, was made first lieutenant, and Bert Turner, Spanish-American war veteran, was made second lieutenant.

WELL KNOWN NEBRASKAN AND WIFE ARE KILLED

Tecumseh, Neb., Aug. 25.—Word has been received here of the death of Earnest H. Houghton and wife, Julia Houghton, near Laramie Lake, N. Y. Both were killed in an automobile accident. Mr. Houghton was born and reared at Tecumseh and graduated at the state university in the early '90s. He was one of the best known electrical engineers in the country. Mr. and Mrs. Houghton are survived by two small children.

BEATRICE—Mary A. Sisco was granted a divorce from Herman Sisco by Judge Pemberton on Wednesday afternoon. The plaintiff charged extreme cruelty and alleged various cruel acts occurring during their married life. The defendant has been fined \$100 and costs and put under bonds of \$1,000. The couple are old residents of Gage county, living near Odell, and were married in Illinois on June 30, 1870.

NORFOLK—Eight notified boys stationed in Norfolk have written to a Norfolk paper asking that Nebraska officials write to them to help their loneliness. They are members of Company B, Second United States Infantry.

FAIRBURY—Granted exemption because he has a wife and child dependent on him. Perry W. Brigbee, a Jefferson county farmer, has asked to be allowed to withdraw his claim and go to war along with "the rest of the boys." Brigbee is 25 years old and the only man in Jefferson county who has volunteered after being exempted.

FREMONT—Miss Honora Kelly, a Fremont young woman, who planted 100 acres of alfalfa at Bushnell, Neb., in beans, received word that the entire crop has been ruined by hail. Miss Kelly has ordered the land plowed up in preparation for winter wheat.

RICH YOUNG FREMONT CITIZEN WILL FIGHT

Says Family Is Not Dependent and His Duty Is at the Front.

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 25.—J. T. Smith Jr., who inherited a large portion of the J. Towner Smith estate, will go to the front. Mr. Smith has one of the finest homes in Fremont. He is married and the father of one child.

"I can't be a slacker," said Mr. Smith, "because my conscience won't let me. My means are ample to provide for my family while I am away. I must go." Mr. Smith successfully passed the physical examination and is now awaiting the call to Fort Riley. He has been serving as secretary of the Fort Dodge county defense council. This office he resigned today in order to be ready to answer Uncle Sam's call.

WESTERN NEBRASKA IS COMING TO THE FRONT

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 25.—After reviewing appraisement of state lands subject to sale, State Land Commissioner Shumway and Secretary of State Pool have returned from the western part of the state. The state officers declare that western Nebraska is booming and land is increasing rapidly in value. Dirt which brought comparatively nothing 10 or even five years ago now readily sells for from \$25 to \$50 an acre. In parts of Cheyenne and Garden counties the officers found thousands of acres of wheat for sale. Shortage of harvest hands was declared by the farmers to be responsible for the standing grain.

GENERAL HARRIES LEAVES FOR HIS POST AT DEMING

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 25.—Brig. Gen. George H. Harries and his staff have moved to Camp Cody at Deming, N. M. This is the second detachment to leave Nebraska for the front. In the party of the brigadier general, besides himself, were his two aides, Warren Harries and Ernest G. Mayor, of Grand Island, Captain Harris and 15 first class privates. The approaching state emergency necessitates for the troops quartered here to vacate the grounds and take up their headquarters in the city auditorium. The Sixth regiment band is somewhat "shot to pieces" because of lack of instruments. They have been ordered, but Uncle Sam is slow in filling orders.

WOULD KEEP PRO-GERMAN BOOKS OUT OF LIBRARIES

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 25.—The state council for defense wants to know if there are any pro-German books printed in the German language being circulated at public expense by the law and libraries. If this council is satisfied that a way out of the difficulty would be to make the warehouse men agents of Uncle Sam.

TOWN OF ALLEN WILL ERECT MODERN SCHOOL

Allen, Neb., Aug. 25.—A special election will be called here for September 10, to vote on the question of bonding the town and two adjacent districts, Nos. 28 and 56, which recently were united with the town district, for \$30,000 to erect a new modern school house to replace the old structure which has become very unhealthful. The bonds are to run 30 years and will draw 5 per cent interest. The excavating will be done this fall and the balance of the work will be done in the spring.

FAMOUS OMAHA PEONY FARM BRINGS \$40,000

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 25.—J. F. Rosenfield has sold his famous peony farm three miles west of Omaha to Richard Caplin, a Detroit realty man for about \$40,000. Buying the bulk of the farm in 1909 of Claus Sievers, Mr. Rosenfield added to it until it now contains about 24 1/2 acres. He has erected several buildings and is to construct another for the new owner, who will conduct it next season. Mr. Rosenfield reserves 15,000 plants to remove this fall, selling some of them and keeping others "for my own amusement," he says.

THOUSANDS OF CLAIMS FOR EXEMPTIONS ARE ON FILE

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 25.—Of the 24 industrial and agricultural claims considered by the district appellate board at its last session only six exemption claims were allowed. Claims on industrial and agricultural grounds are being filed with the district appellate board by the hundreds. Over 3,000 claims have been filed up to Wednesday. It was estimated by the clerk of the board that between 4,000 and 5,000 claims are now on file.

MAN WHO SURVEYED UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD DEAD

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 25.—Jerome H. Collins, former Fremont, who built the G. E. W. Reynolds and Jake Rogers, residences at Tenth and Main, is dead at Canton, N. Y., according to word received by his brother, E. M. Collins. Jerome Collins was 74 years of age. He had devoted his life to railroad surveying. He was one of the men who surveyed the Union Pacific from Omaha to Ogden. He resided in Omaha for a time, erecting a fine home in Kountze addition.

NORTH BEND—Luke Goughen bought the James Hall farm, comprising 320 acres, at the price of \$125.00 an acre. The land lies on Maple creek. Until drainage operations were undertaken it possessed little value. Mr. Hall bought it for \$40 an acre in 1909.

HOOPER—Max Malsen received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of his half brother, Fred Skipper, at the national soldiers' home in Milwaukee. Mr. Skipper was a Spanish-American war veteran. He resided in Hooper for nearly 25 years.

CROFTON—Miss Clara Balsler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Balsler, prominent farmers residing seven miles south-west of here, was recently married at St. Joseph, Mo., to Harrison Nelson, of Red Oak, Ia. They will reside in Omaha.

NORTH BEND—Solly Kern, a well known North Bend farmer, has just closed a deal whereby he purchases the farm of Mrs. McWhorter, 18 miles this side of Omaha, in Douglas county. Mr. Kern paid \$300 an acre for the place.

MARTINSBURG—The annual plowmen's and old settlers' picnic of Dixon county will be held here August 28 and a splendid program has been prepared for the occasion.

FREMONT—Sixty Fremont women have enrolled so far for relief work during the war. Registration is to be inaugurated soon as a means of enlisting every woman in Fremont.

START FINISH FIGHT OVER WATER RIGHTS

Suit Filed at North Platte by Government to End Ancient Dispute.

North Platte, Neb., Aug. 24.—A fight to a finish over water rights growing out of the big irrigation projects in the western part of the state is on between the United States and Nebraska, by the filing of a suit by Federal District Attorney T. S. Allen, in the federal court at North Platte. The government asks that the defendant be enjoined from interfering in any way with its projects and that it be permitted to use and develop its seep, drainage and waste waters within the North Platte project.

The state of Nebraska contends that once after the water gets into Nebraska it becomes the property of the state, and that the state board of irrigation can convert and use the seepage water. The national government has already spent 60,000,000 in bringing waters into the state to reclaim arid land. Mr. Allen says that the suit is brought to ultimately help the state. He points out that if the contention of the state is sustained by the federal court it will result in Nebraska getting no water because other states will appropriate, which will mean ruin to the people of the irrigated section of western Nebraska.

The title of the suit is the United States vs. Nebraska, filed under authority of the attorney general of the United States, against the Ramshorn Ditch company, a corporation, George E. Johnson, as state engineer, C. A. Lilljantepe, as water commissioner of District No. 1, the state board of irrigation, highways and drainage and Keith Neville, Willis E. Reed and Grant L. Shumway, members of the state board of irrigation, highways and drainage.

STATE WAREHOUSE LAW TO BE DECLARED NULL

Aurora, Neb., Aug. 24.—A circular letter from Food Director Hoover has caused some elevator men operating under the state warehouse law to reach a conclusion that they will not be allowed to keep grain in storage longer than 30 days and must at the end of that time turn the grain on hand and turn the proceeds over to the owner of the stored grain. Some elevator men have written to the state railway commission asking for light. The commission is not in a position to give a definite reply because the food control act regulating the grain government have not yet been interpreted by the federal officials. Naturally, the grain elevator men are anxious to know as soon as possible if the state warehouse law is to be set aside by the national law and regulations. It has been suggested that a way out of the difficulty would be to make the warehouse men agents of Uncle Sam.

HOME GUARDS AID IN SEARCH FOR LOST BOY

Elgin, Neb., Aug. 24.—Word reached Elgin that the 5-year-old son of Earle Gourse, who lives on a ranch in Wheeler county, had wandered away and was lost. The Elgin home guards and citizens immediately gathered up a crowd and prepared to go in search. In less than 15 minutes 10 or 12 cars with about 50 men were ready to start out. The boy had been found, arrived a little later. It seems that the Bourne family had stopped in at Scranton's to get out of the rain about 4 o'clock p. m. When they got ready to start home the boy disappeared. They immediately began to search for him, but did not find him until after 10 o'clock. He had traveled several miles and seemed to be on his way home.

EXEMPTION CLAIMS PILE UP; HOME GUARD GROWING

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 24.—Exemption claims are piling up fast in the office of the district appellate board of the South Platte district, which will keep the members of the board busy for several weeks before action can be taken in the cases of the claimants. The reservation is growing rapidly. Two more companies have been formed, one at Nebraska City and the other at Beatrice. State Adjutant Steels is much elated over the success of the movement. "It speaks well for the patriotism of Nebraska young men," he said.

99 YEARS OLD, BUT STILL IN THE GAME

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 24.—"I do more work than any two men in the county," declared "Uncle Pete" Starr, of Dunning, Blaine county, Nebraska's one centenarian, in a recent interview. Born in Genesee county, New York, April 1, 1815, Mr. Starr has just been appointed assessor for Dunning precinct for 1918, a position whose duties he has performed for eight years. He was assessor of Blaine county the preceding four years.

In his early life, Mr. Starr taught school in New York and Indiana. He never has worn spectacles and makes the statement that he has used tobacco and whisky all his life.

LUTHERANS WILL UNITE IN SERVICE AT WISNER

Howells, Neb., Aug. 24.—The 40th anniversary of the formation of the Lutheran church in Howells will be celebrated by eight Missouri Lutheran congregations in the city park at Wisner, on Sunday August 26. Three impressive services will be held during the day. Prof. August Schuelke of the teachers' seminary at Seward and Rev. O. W. Volter of Arlington, will speak in German. In the afternoon the services are to be conducted in the German and English language. A special choir of Lutheran school children and also one of young Lutherans will be busy during the services by singing songs appropriate to the occasion.

MADISON—Harlowe Longacre, of Boone county, has brought action in the district court against Madison county to recover \$5,000 damages for alleged injuries sustained by him by being thrown from his automobile in attempting to cross a defective bridge in the vicinity of Newman Grove.

O'NEILL—Two large cement block garages are in course of construction in O'Neill. One is the property of Walter Kline and is in the western part of town just east of the old Mullen barn. The other is east of the business section and is owned by Jess Mellor.

FAIRBURY—Owing to a partial failure of the corn crop many fields will be cut to fill silos this year. The shortage of the alfalfa crop makes it necessary to use corn fodder and silage instead of hay. Prairie hay brings \$18 now and alfalfa \$20. Many farmers are selling off surplus stock rather than pay the price of feed.

HASTINGS—Prompt action of Burlington-Engineer Grubb in bringing his engine to a sudden stop probably saved the life of Hiram Van Deest when his car, water sprinkler was struck at a street crossing. One of "fan" Deest's horses was badly crippled, but the driver escaped unharmed.

ITALIAN THROUST BREAKS THROUGH AUSTRIAN LINE

Retreating Austro-Hungarians Fight Bitterly for Every Yard of Ground After Fall of Monte Santo.

NEW CHAMPAIGN BATTLE?

Resumption of Fighting Forecast by French Report After Telling of Victory at Verdun.

By the Associated Press. The French front, Aug. 27.—Men from the German emperor's favorite units from Brandenburg were captured in the latest French attack at Verdun. The prisoners taken in the preceding days comprise 1,145 men and 30 officers of the Twentieth regiment.

Berlin, (via London), Aug. 27.—The German line on the northern front of Herenthag wood, in the region of the Ypres-Menin road, has been pushed back somewhat by the British, the war office announces. The Germans are reported to have captured Gillemont farm, south of Vendhuille.

Berlin, Aug. 27.—Germany's answer to the pope's peace proposal will be drafted by a reichstag subcommittee representing all political parties. The different factions will be represented according to their strength. The announcement said that the subcommittee will be composed of two socialists, two centrists, and one delegate each from the conservative, liberal and progressive parties.

The Austrian line on the Isonzo front has been broken at several points by the Italians, it is announced officially at Rome. The Italians, continuing their furious assaults between Tolmino and the Adriatic are now pursuing the retreating Austrians who are defending the difficult ground yard by yard. One of the most brilliant features of the Italians was the capture of Monte Santo 2,245 feet high. This peak, seven miles north of Gorizia dominates the broad plain beyond that city and occupancy of it has enabled the Austrians to hold the Italians to the east since their capture of that city.

Having gained their principal objectives on the Verdun front the French are completing their victory by local attacks to round out and secure their new lines. Profiting by the capture of Hill 304 yesterday they advanced last night to the north of it.

Renewal of fighting in the Champagne may be forecast by the statement in the official French report that violent artillery engagements are in progress there. In Belgium also, in the vicinity of Bexchoote, the big guns are heavily engaged.

Rome, Aug. 27.—The tricolor of Italy has been flying since yesterday on the summit of Monte Santo, which was an Austrian stronghold on the Isonzo front, according to the official statement issued today.

The Italian second army, General Cadorna reports, has broken through at several points and is closely pursuing the Austro-Hungarians, who are retreating and defending the difficult ground yard by yard.

FRENCH GAIN AT VERDUN.

Paris, Aug. 27.—The French scored a new victory on the Verdun front last night north of Hill 304. Three fortified works near Bethincourt were captured. The number of prisoners taken has been increased to 6,101.

TAKE GERMAN TRENCHES.

London, Aug. 27.—The capture of a German position near Lenois was announced today by the war office. The statement follows: "By successful attacks carried out with slight casualties last night west of Lens we captured a short length of German trench of some 100 yards. We also captured an enemy outpost during the night in the neighborhood of Lombaertzyde and secured a few prisoners and a machine gun.