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Only four first-class passengers were on the Red Star liner, Viceroy, from Antwerp to New York recently and they had the whole ship and its band to themselves. There were 45 stowards at their beck and call, a full orchestra giving two concerts daily, a barber, a bartender and other servants to dance attendance on them. The barber said he didn't give a single shave during the trip and only three haircuts. The bar served only nine bottles of Seltzer water. Just now the American tourist tide is headed Europe-wards. There are comparatively few Europeans financially able to travel these times.

Wild animals in captivity live at night as imaginative life entirely different from their dull day hours when the curious file by in front of their cages, according to R. T. Pocock, superintendent of the Zoological Gardens of London, who is about to retire after many years of service. At night the inborn habits of the jungle show themselves in striking fashion, and the beasts throw off the sleepy veneer of indifference they seem to adopt when humans stand in front of their enclosures and speculate upon what might happen were the animals suddenly given their liberty.

A girl marathon dancer who sticks to it for a 24-hour day performs an amount of physical work about equal to that of lifting ton to twice the height of the Woolworth building or three times the altitude of the Washington monument in the same period of time. It is equivalent to lifting herself to a height 3,000 feet or more greater than that of the highest mountain in the earth. These results are obtained from the figures given in a study of "Energy Transformations During Horizontal Walking" by Dr. Francis G. Benedict, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

The treasures of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts are guarded each night by two giant police dogs who are trained to refuse to accompany anyone but the watchman who has charge of them. At intervals each night they are led through the darkened galleries. All employees have been cautioned against remaining in the building after hours because of the danger of attack by the powerful canines. But for the intervention of the watchman recently, an official of the museum, who stayed until late in the evening, would have been torn to pieces.

Without the camel the hot deserts of the Old World would be unpeopled and unknown. In the hot, dry desert regions the camel is the horse, the cow, and the sheep of the herders and traders. He carries all the burdens, he furnishes flesh and milk for food, and his hair or wool furnishes material for weaving cloth. At night in camp the little children of the chief get cups of the camel's thick, cheesy milk, mixed with water. On the chief's table is cooked camel flesh. The herders wear robes and turbans of brown camel's hair cloth. The master sleeps under a camel's hair tent.

Echlin Gayer, appearing with Cyril Maude in "If Winter Comes" and in his off-stage moments, is an expert genealogist, has been commissioned to prepare a history of the Coffin and Starbuck families in the United States, who are all descended from one William Gayer, who died at Nantucket in 1710. Mr. Gayer, who is of the English branch of the family, already has traced more than 1,300 descendants. The Coffin and Starbuck families, through Mr. Gayer's work, will be able to trace descent through William Gayer of Nantucket back to Edward I.

The first woman doctor of history on record in this country has just been called upon at the Sorbonne to come up for her degree. She is Mme. Madeleine Derives, 28, a native of St. Lo. Her father is an inspector of schools and himself a historian of some mark. Mme. Derives, who was educated at Caen university, was subsequently employed in the Army museum in Paris, and then entered the teaching profession, in which she is still engaged.

In the house of commons considerable discussion took place regarding the telephone service in rural England. Development is now confined practically to the towns and cities, the total number of rural stations being 5,200. The postmaster general expressed his willingness to do everything practicable to extend the service, though he refused to consider proposals that rural communities be permitted to provide in any way for their own telephone installations.

French women married to Americans during the war and now seeking divorcees and restoration of their French citizenship will be provided for under a special ruling of the minister of justice. Until now they have been classed as women without a country. Abandoned by their husbands or declining to go to the United States themselves, they have been unable to contract new marriage ties or obtain papers giving them legal status.

Several Danish trade organizations have requested the government to protest to the United States against the recent punishing ruling of the supreme court of the United States, which they hold is contrary to international law. They have also asked the government to approach other governments with a view to having them to protest in a similar manner.

Six hundred inventors have submitted models and drawings in the contest for prizes of \$10,000 and \$5,000 conducted by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the best device to accomplish humane slaughtering of animals for food, it was announced today. Electricity figures in many of the devices submitted.

It is expected that 100 architects and sculptors from America will attend the first term of Fontainbleau's new American high school of the fine arts. The term will open June 25. The French Ministry of Fine Arts has placed at the school's disposal the remodeled theater in the Fontainbleau palace, destroyed by fire 50 years ago, as a lecture room and studio.

To test the flexibility of the drive of a new light motor car, a novel demonstration was made recently at Seattle, Wash. An ordinary hunting case watch with the lid open was placed on the kick plate of a level street and the motor car slowly driven forward. Barely moving, the lid was driven forward until the left front tire touched the lid of the watch. Then, even more slowly, the car advanced until the lid was forced down and snapped shut. Upon backing away and the linepiece, the driver picked it up and offered it for examination, and it proved to be undamaged.

Sugar is the leading "quick fuel" to keep muscular energy going, according to George Mallory, one of the party which climbed Mt. Everest to an altitude of 27,000 feet and who came to this country on a lecture tour to raise funds for a new attempt to scale the peak next year. He related how lemon drops, peppermint candies and chocolate were the principal articles of diet of the party that climbed within 200 feet of the summit of the world's highest mountain.

United American lines will place six steamship services between the Pacific coast and North European ports. The service will be a continuation of that formerly managed for the American-Hawaiian company which withdrew its vessels a few weeks ago.

PROFITEERING BY DOCTORS DENIED

President of Nebraska Medical Society Resents Charge Made by University Professor.

Lincoln, Neb., May 1 (Special).—Denying that the doctors are profiteering and saying that due notice would be taken in resolutions later of a criticism of Professor C. J. Shirk before Wesleyan students, President Bailey, of the state medical association, at the opening meeting took due recognition of the charge.

Dr. Bailey declared that the physician does much free work, that he is interested more in helping humanity than collecting dollars, and that it is unjust to single him out when it is a fact that few doctors ever get rich.

GOVERNOR HAS TROUBLE MAKING APPOINTMENTS

Lincoln, Neb., May 1 (Special).—Governor Bryan has not yet put together, to his satisfaction, the puzzle pieces of the code that he has taken apart. One of the rumors is that in spite of the fact that W. M. Maupin, editor of the Gering Midwest, and a former Bryan employee, is a candidate for labor commissioner, the plum will go to F. M. Coffey, an official of the State Labor Federation and a former labor commissioner.

STATE'S EXPENSES ACTUALLY NO LESS

Nebraska Accountant Compiles Appropriations Made at Recent Session of Legislature.

Lincoln, Neb., May 1 (Special).—State Accountant Sommers has prepared for Auditor Marsh a compilation of the appropriations made by the last legislature, which total \$2,500,000 less than for the previous biennium. He points out, however, that this does not represent any actual saving in the expenses of government for the reason that \$2,000,000 of the difference is represented by an appropriation for soldiers' relief two years ago and most of the remainder is federal money the state won't get because it did not vote to match as many dollars on road building as two years ago.

The state will have to raise by taxation, \$18,570,000. From cash, federal aid and special funds it will require a sufficient sum to make the total \$21,191,000. Two years ago the total was \$23,377,000. The increases total nearly \$1,000,000 on various items, while the reductions, including the \$2,000,000 soldiers' relief and \$400,000 less for roads, total \$8,458,000, making the net reductions \$2,473,000.

CONTRACTORS DEMANDING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS

Lincoln, Neb., May 1 (Special).—The Allied Contractors, of Omaha, in an effort to secure a reduction of \$75,000 in their taxation assessment in 1922, have launched an attack in supreme court on the intangible tax law. That statute provides that in determining the actual value of stock of corporations for the purpose of taxation as intangibles the assessor should deduct all property otherwise taxed. The law also says that bonds and warrants of municipalities shall be taxed.

A few months ago, however, the supreme court decided that all evidences of indebtedness issued by the political subdivisions of the state were exempt under the constitution and thereby held void that part of the law which listed them for taxation. The Allied Contractors claim that if it is not allowed to deduct the \$75,000 worth of Nebraska city bonds and warrants it holds it will be paying tax on them, contrary to the court decision. It insists that the part of the law declared void was the inducement for the passage of the entire law, and being void the whole law is bad. The state maintains that as the statute says deductions can be made only upon property that has been taxed, and that as these bonds and warrants have not been taxed and are not taxable they cannot be deducted.

APPOINTMENT OF MEARS IS BUT TEMPORARY

Wayne, Neb., May 1 (Special).—Owing to the death of F. L. Neely, who recently had been appointed postmaster here, but had never taken over the active duties of the office, the civil service examining board has called another examination to fill the vacancy on the eligible list. Grant Mears, member of the house of representatives, of Nebraska, has been appointed acting postmaster, until the result of the new examination is known. Mr. Mears will take the office over at once relieving Albert Berry who has been postmaster for the last eight years.

TEACHER SCALDED WHEN PAN OF WATER TIPS OVER

Osmond, Neb., May 1 (Special).—Miss Lucy Edward, of Butte, Neb., principal of the high school here, will be unable to walk for months, the result of being burned with hot water. In some way a roommate knocked the pan of water from an oil stove, the water going on Miss Edward's legs and feet. Although under the doctor's care, she stills fills her position, being carried back and forth from the school building.

MILEAGE CLAIMS BEING HELD UP

Nebraska State Auditor Believes Some Officials Making Unnecessary Expense.

Lincoln, Neb., May 1 (Special).—Secretary of State Pool has refused to approve the claims of a number of state appointive officers who want pay at the rate of 8 or 10 cents a mile for the use of their privately owned automobiles. Governor Bryan has asked the auditor to suspend further action until he can determine upon what policy to adopt with regard to these expenses.

The auditor is inclined to question the validity of some of the claims. He wonders why two officers from the same state institution ask mileage for two trips when one, in one car, would have taken care of the business. He also notes that when an officer visits the statehouse and the postoffice on the same day he marks up two separate trips from the institution. Most of these are from officers of the institutions around Lincoln. Previous administrations have discussed this question, but nothing was ever done to change it.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL IS PROBLEM AT FREMONT

Lincoln, Neb., May 1 (Special).—Major Green and eight other city officials and employees of Fremont have appealed to the supreme court from an order of Judge Post fining them for contempt of court. The city has been dumping its sewage in Rawhide creek for years. Farmers across the line in Douglas county secured an injunction against this use, and won in the supreme court.

The city had two other alternatives, but decided each was too costly. One was to use a closed sewer eight miles to the Elkhorn river or a closed sewer, that would have to be elevated, to the Platte, three miles away. Instead it secured expert advice and put in septic tanks. The farmers said this was not in obedience to the court decree, and had them arrested for contempt. The city officers insist that it was a reasonable compliance and have come to the supreme court to get its opinion about it.

MEARS TO BECOME WAYNE POSTMASTER

Wayne, Neb., May 1 (Special).—The postoffice here has just received word from Washington, D. C., that Grant S. Mears, representative in the legislature from Wayne county, has been appointed postmaster to succeed C. A. Berry, whose term has expired. F. L. Neely, who had been appointed postmaster, died before his commission arrived.

Mr. Mears was sheriff of Wayne county for many years and has served several years in the state legislature, having been one of the house leaders during the late session.

SHERIFF HAS TESTS MADE OF BOOZE

Lincoln, Neb., May 1 (Special).—Sheriff John Kellow, of Knox county, was in Lincoln, Monday, consulting the chemist of the department of agriculture in regard to chemical tests of liquor and mash which he is having made for use in six different liquor cases in which he caused arrests to be made. Four of the arrests were made at Bloomfield.

BLOOMFIELD FIREMEN SAVE FARM HOME

Bloomfield, Neb., May 1 (Special).—The Albert Gerda farm home, near here, was saved from destruction by fire when members of the Bloomfield fire department hastened to the scene with the chemical wagon. The fire started between the walls and its origin is unknown.

LEGISLATORS TO GET EXPENSE MONEY JULY 1

Pierre, S. D., May 1 (Special).—Members of the South Dakota legislature will not be able to draw their \$200 expense allowance, which is provided to cover the expense of living in the state capital for the two months of the session and is for all members of the legislature with the exception of those who permanently reside in Pierre, will not be available until July 1, 1924, according to another opinion handed down by the attorney general's office.

Senate Bill 316, the general appropriation bill, includes the \$200 expense appropriation and is carried in the column of figures of funds made available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, according to the opinion, but the journals of the legislature do not disclose that there was any amendment to make such fund available during the second year of the biennium, the opinion recites.

"The bill filed with the office of the secretary of state and authenticated" the funds are made available for the second year of the biennium and will not be available to the legislators until after July 1, 1924, the attorney general stating that the decisions of the supreme court are all in favor of the enrolled and engrossed bill unless there is something in the journals to contradict it. It is another case of error in enrolling and engrossing. The inquiry was made by State Auditor E. A. Jones.

PLEADS GUILTY TO CRIME, RECEIVES 5-YEAR SENTENCE

Cedar Rapids, Ia., May 1 (U. P.).—Nelson Abodeely, charged with a murderous assault on Samuel Kacere last January, pleaded guilty in district court at Marion today and received a sentence of five years in the penitentiary at Fort Madison.

This sentence is in addition to the one to five year sentence given Abodeely a few weeks ago when he was tried and found guilty of assaulting his wife with a hatchet, the same weapon he used on Kacere.

TWO MOTHERS IN FIGHT FOR CHILD

Real Parents Would Prevent Girl Going on Stage—Case on Trial in Omaha Courts.

Omaha, Neb., May 1 (Special).—Two women, one a real mother and the other the foster mother are fighting in court here for the custody of a beautiful and talented 11 year old girl. Charging that the foster mother, Mrs. Mary Kerrigan, is planning a movie career for her daughter, Mrs. Iva Gannaway, 28 years old, real mother of Doris Clooney Kerrigan, filed suit in district court, asking custody of her daughter. She also claimed that the child was beaten by the Kerrigan family.

Little Doris, who is playing the leading role in an amateur production, is said by Miss Grace Abbott, director of the play to be a child prodigy.

"I wouldn't let my girl go to Hollywood for anything in the world," Mrs. Gannaway declared. "When I saw her all painted and powdered on the stage I had to cry. I am afraid for her. The Kerrigan's don't love her or they wouldn't put her on the stage."

Doris has been in the Kerrigan family for 10 years but she was not legally adopted until 1921. She declared hotly that she would never return to her real mother. "Mrs. Kerrigan has been the only mother I have ever known and I want to stay with her."

PYTHIANS OF NEBRASKA ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Hastings, Neb., May 1 (Special).—The grand lodge session of the Knights of Pythias of Nebraska elected W. L. Elwick, of Crawford, as grand chancellor. Other officers named were: Vice grand chancellor, Hugh Fletcher, Schuyler; grand keeper of the records and seals, W. H. Love, Lincoln; C. H. Kollig, of York, and H. E. Hyman, of Winslow, were among delegates chosen to the supreme lodge. C. J. Scherman, of Hastings, was elected treasurer.

The Pythian Sisters elected Rose Barnes of McCook, as grand chief. The past chief elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Dudley, Lincoln; vice president, Mrs. Anderson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Wilcox, Lincoln.

PROFESSOR CROSS TO BE SPEAKER AT DIXON

Dixon, Neb., May 1 (Special).—Commencement of the Dixon public schools begins with the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night, May 13. Address and conferring of diplomas on May 17, is by Prof. S. X. Cross, of the normal school at Wayne.

WHO OWNS CROP VOLUNTEER WHEAT

Nebraska Supreme Court Asked to Decide Question Case Involves \$14,000.

Lincoln, Neb., May 1 (Special).—The supreme court had put up to it Thursday the job of deciding who owns a crop of volunteer wheat, which is wheat that grows without any conscious seeding on anybody's part.

Thomas Johnson owns 240 acres of land in Deuel county that he leased in 1918 to Warren Wright. After the latter had harvested his crop for 1918 he secured an oral lease for another year. When he went to plow the land that fall, he discovered a lot of volunteer wheat in the process of growth, and he did not disturb it.

Wright went to California for the winter and Johnson, hearing nothing from him, leased the land for 1920 to Harvey Lindley. When the latter went on the land in April he found a vigorous wheat crop growing, and Johnson told him to let it stand and they would divide it 50-50. Just about the time the wheat was ready to harvest, Wright came back from the coast, and had it all cut when the other men discovered the fact. They replevined it, and the lower court decided that Wright had no claim on it.

The latter appealed to the supreme court, and insists that he had not abandoned the land because it was necessary, in view of the vigorous crop growing, to do anything more than he did. Wheat at that time was worth \$2.30 a bushel, and the volunteer wheat ran 20 bushels to the acre, making the stake in the lawsuit \$14,000.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEET AT HARTINGTON

Hartington, Neb., May 1 (Special).—E. P. Gales, general secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, of Boston, was the principal speaker at the one day "convention," held here Thursday. This will take the place of the regular spring convention and is a forerunner of the international convention to be held in Des Moines, July 4 to 9.

QUESTIONS LEGALITY OF GOVERNOR'S VETO

Lincoln, Neb., May 1 (Special).—Political circles were interested in the claim being made by republican leaders that Governor Bryan waited too long to veto H. R. 537, the republican code revision bill, and that for that reason it became a law without his action.

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The Nomad Cow



National Crop Improvement Service] A RUBBER-NECKED, wandering cow becomes Grade A prime beef every time one of them is killed by a train, judging by the price the railroad company is compelled to pay for it.

Grandfather did not have to do it, but now the cow has to be fenced in and fenced out. Every year there is tremendous damage done to cultivated fields and orchards by roving bands of non-descripts cattle, particularly in the South, where free-range stock constantly invade the groves and gardens, and cause almost incalculable damage.

ROCK-a-BYE BOSSY. That cows give more milk if they listen to music at milking-time, is the positive statement of Dr. C. B. McN