

MUNICIPAL OIL STATION BUSY

Automobile Owners at Omaha Rush to Get Cheaper Fuel

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 27. (U. P.)—A constant stream of automobiles kept the municipal gasoline pumps going constantly Monday filling auto tanks with gasoline at a retail price of 17 cents.

The municipal station was started by city commissioner John Hopkins in an effort to force the "combine" to lower its price of 20 1/4 cents.

DENBY'S ACTION PLEASES HIRAM

Presidential Candidate Declares Secretary's Usefulness to Government Ended

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—When informed here Monday that Secretary of the Navy Denby had handed his resignation to President Coolidge, and that the resignation had been accepted, Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, candidate for the presidential nomination on the republican ticket, said:

"I think it was necessary for Mr. Denby to resign, entirely apart from any question of moral turpitude or corruption. His transfer of the naval oil reserves to Secretary Fall was the genesis of what subsequently occurred. His statements that if he had it to do over again he would do exactly the same as before, demonstrated quite clearly that his usefulness as a public servant was ended. The Senate was clearly right in asking the president to ask for his resignation. It is well that he has resigned."

Senator Johnson delivered two speeches here Monday, the first Monday morning before a body of University of Nebraska students, and the second at an open meeting here Monday afternoon.

ALSO KILL HORSE IN BIG WOLF HUNT

Orchard, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—One horse and one coyote was the result of the annual wolf hunt pulled off here Sunday. A territory of four square miles was covered by the hunters.

CROW KILLING CONTEST BRINGS DESIRED RESULTS

Tilden, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—The local crow killing contest has resulted in gathering together the feet of 3,724 crows. The biggest kill in one shooting was 450 crows from one roost on one night. Oscar Mills and L. McDonald were captains of the respective teams.

FIRST WHITE WOMAN IN THE TOWNSHIP

Shayton, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Mrs. Theodore Knutson died at her home near Hadley. She located on a homestead in what is now the town of Leeds, with her husband 55 years ago and was the first white woman to settle in that township. Her husband died four years ago.

The second fire was in the George Mielke home, near Ferney. The house and the greater part of the household effects were destroyed. The fire was first discovered through smoke flooding the upper part of the home. Some insurance was carried on the house but little was on the household effects.

PNEUMONIA CLAIMS SEVERAL VICTIMS

Ida Grove, Ia., Feb. 27. (Special)—An epidemic of pneumonia has been and a dozen or more patients are in the hands of physicians and nurses. W. J. Johansen died Thursday night, and Mrs. A. A. Moorehead the same night. Charles Ingram, who has been an invalid for more than 25 years, also died Friday morning. As the result of being thrown from a load of hay some 15 years ago, and crippled, West Fieldine, a farmer, died the past week, raging in this vicinity, and four deaths have occurred the past week.

INWOOD WOMAN IS 101 YEARS OLD

Inwood, Ia., Feb. 27. (Special)—To be 101 years old is in itself quite a distinction, but Mrs. Ellen Cecilia Stensland, who observed her birthday Sunday, is growing new hearing and new teeth and doesn't think her long life is such a wonder. Mrs. Stensland lives with her son at Inwood and is the mother of Lars Stensland of Sioux Falls.

An enterprising American is preparing to put a fleet of 500 yellow taxicabs on the streets of London, England. All the cars will be of the four-cylinder type and comfortable.

ARTIFICIAL LAKE IS GIVEN ODD NAME

Laurel, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—The stockholders of the artificial lake association have chosen the name of Lo-Val for the name of the lake and the association. There is a 17-foot dam construction and a club house and cottages will be erected this summer. Lo-Val is the abbreviation for Logan Valley.

Nearly all the plantation rubber in the world, which is now 12 times as much as that from the forests is grown in the Malayan Peninsula and Dutch East Indies.

ISSUE PASSES TO PREACHERS

Burlington Railroad Appeals Holding Nebraska Law Not Class Legislation

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—In a brief filed in supreme court in support of the law permitting railroads to give passes and reduced fares to ministers and charity workers the Burlington takes the position that it has the right to make such distribution of its assets and its facilities as its officers may determine and decide as long as it violates no law or section of the constitution. The company has quit issuing them since the late Judge Morning held that the law was class legislation, but proposes, it says, to do so again if the supreme court will permit.

The point is made that it is not class legislation so long as no discrimination is made between the persons in the classes exempted from the anti-pass law. The company also challenges the legal capacity of C. A. Sorenson to sue, claiming that only the attorney general can do it, and that a private citizen cannot unless affected by the law.

PLAN SEEING SIMMONS DIE

Spencer, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—A number of people in this county are planning to go to Lincoln to witness, if possible, the execution of Walter Simmons, who, according to the decision of the supreme court is to be electrocuted on May 23, for the murder of Frank Pahl, the Spencer automobile man.

JUNIORS DEFEAT SENIORS IN DEBATE

Emmerson, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Senior and junior debate teams of Sacred Heart school, at the school last Friday evening, debated the question, "Resolved that the bonus bill should be passed by congress." The junior team, composed of Veronica Ryan, Mary Heitzman, Gladys Heeney and Bridget McDunn, was declared the winner. The senior team was composed of Magdalene Elchermann, James Kerwin, Leighton Enright and Harold Kerwin. A box social followed the debate, the 50 boxes being auctioned by Daniel Sheenan.

NEWMAN GROVE TO DO MUCH PAVING

Newman Grove, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—With nearly a mile of pavement already constructed in this city, plans are being made for the paving of practically all alleys and business streets this spring. This project will be followed by considerable gravel work on the highways around Newman Grove.

COMMUNITY CLUB BOOSTS DAIRY BUSINESS

West Point, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—The West Point Community club in regular session went on record as favoring the dairy cow movement. The club looks upon the introduction of good dairy cows as an effective way to relieve stringent economic condition in the agricultural districts.

MANY INQUIRIES HAD ABOUT INDIAN LANDS

Winnebago, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Authorities of the Winnebago Indian reservation say that many inquiries are being made by prospective purchasers of Indian lands to be sold on February 28. Some of these are from men interested in dairy farming and it is believed that the sale will add

SEEK NEW EVIDENCE

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—A letter received in Norfolk by a newspaperman from Walter Simmons who is now in the state penitentiary, state that Simmons and his friends are making a desperate effort to locate a man named "Currier" and one named "Jack," who Simmons says were the men who killed Pahl. Simmons declares that he will take the matter before the circuit court of appeals and that new evidence will be laid before that court. This new evidence, Simmons says, is in his favor. He has issued a statement declaring again that he did not kill Pahl and that he was convicted on circumstantial evidence.

"All I ask of the public is: Do they think a man should be convicted and electrocuted on circumstantial evidence? My people are praying for me now just as all of the people prayed for me when I with others went to war when my country wanted me."

Simmons served in the navy during the world war. After being discharged he was a cowboy in Montana, and at one time a state prohibition officer. Later he became mixed up with bootleggers. He says two bootleggers who got him to bring Pahl into the country to buy their booze, killed the Spencer man.

ILL WITH CANCER, COMMITS SUICIDE

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Frank Mach, 50, well to do farmer, residing near Burwell, took his own life by shooting late Tuesday. He has been suffering for some time with cancer. Previous to his suicide he arranged all his business affairs. He leaves a wife and several grown children.

From April to November last, inclusive, the number of Canadian immigrants was 118,081, an increase of 6.1%, as compared with the corresponding period last year.

Let Lobbyists Do It

From the St. Paul Dispatch.

"We have too many doggone laws now," says Magnus Johnson, told an anti-blue law meeting in New York. Mr. Johnson, like a more celebrated politician of long ago, is saying a great many new and true things, but the true things are not new and the new things are not true. If Mr. Johnson only will live up to the article of faith which he has confessed, much good may be expected. The "doggone" laws which are too numerous, are largely the result of the ignorance and the cowardice of the law makers. Representatives of the people have not had the knowledge or the courage to resist the pressure of noisy minorities, demanding laws that will not work. The sanctity that ought to surround a law is inevitably withdrawn from a piece of legislation and enacted in a spirit of fear, inspired by folly or unworthy motives and loaded with mischief.

A legislator who would study thoroughly the business before congress or a state legislature and act according to the knowledge obtained, who would work hard and talk little, might do much good by impeding the progress of foolish legislation. He might be listened to, if he never would speak except with knowledge of his subject. There may be a few such persons in congress but they are scarce.

THE HIGHER LAW

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.—Ps. 19:7.

The true uplifting and emancipation of our life comes through the recognition of the higher ties and relationships which bind us.

The progress and elevation of the soul is a progress of discovering, not that it is independent and masterless, but that the lower laws and conditions under which it lives are subordinate to the higher laws, and that its bondage in a certain sphere becomes transformed into liberty when it is lifted up into a higher sphere, where both he that serveth and he that is served are subject unto a supreme sovereignty which is above all.

That is what I understand by the reign of law—not the domination of one rule alone upon all that is, but the reign of law over law, the higher above the lower, and the highest of all; so that those who rise to that last and topmost height, where God forever dwells and is what he commands, are sharers in his liberty and dominion.

They become the sons of God, not because they have cast off and renounced their obligations, but because they have recognized them step by step, sphere by sphere, until at last they come with glad submission into unity and harmony with that which is sovereign and ultimate.

And, that, if the Bible is true, is nothing else than Perfect Love.

From Boston.

From Commerce and Finance. A Columbia professor had an engagement to lecture in Mionian Hall, Boston. He took the train at 10:30. The train was a little late and the professor was nervous lest he be kept from the station. When the train rolled into Mionian Hall he rushed out, called a cab and said: "I want you to drive me to Mionian Hall as quickly as possible."

"All right sir, step right in." Thinking he had better take no chances he asked the driver, "Are you sure you know where Mionian Hall is?" "Know where it is? Why, my dear sir, it is a most celebrated hall. Distinguished men from all over the country come there to lecture. The name is from the Greek, signifying inner temple, and is located within Tremont Temple."

Said the professor, "Get in and ride, I'll drive."

America's Loud Boast.

By Ed Howe. In our innermost thoughts we Americans object to thrift, to saving. We argue, "Ours is the richest country in the world. Why should we be compelled to go to the trouble of saving, of being thrifty?" Why not invent a process whereby saving, industry and thrift are unnecessary? That "richest country in the world" talk, our proudest boast, is actually responsible for the distresses that fall most heavily upon the poorest country in the world.

French Profit in the Ruhr.

By Raymond Recouly in The World's Work. The French occupation of the Ruhr is bringing order and profit—out of the general chaos there. The railroads are one notable illustration. Franco-Belgian administration, with-out the help of German railway workers and officials, put them in working order. This was done under the most difficult conditions by a regular feat of strength. The Franco-Belgian administration worked the railway system with 15,000 French and Belgian railway workers. Now, since March, the number of trains running has increased ceaselessly. Receipts have constantly increased. The number of German travelers using them has increased tenfold. As the greater part of the German railway workmen have asked to return to their work, now all that has to be done is to intensify this exploitation, and then re-establish regular communication with the remainder of Germany. This can all be done in a few weeks. The profits from this exploitation may be rather important. For the time being, it is difficult to give exact figures. Previous to the war the annual profit on all German railroads amounted to 1,099,000,000 of gold marks. Now, the Westphalian-Rhineland railways alone represent nearly one-third of the traffic in goods and passengers.

Familiar Talk

"These reckless pedestrians," began Bobo. "Hold on. When did you buy a car?"

He Was Experienced

From London Answers. Daughter: "Oh, papa, what is your birthday?" Father of Seven: "My dear, I'm not sure, but I think it's a grindstone."

The Rumanian peasant bride must always cry during the marriage proceedings. It would be regarded as particularly unlucky if she weeps not particularly as she is having her head-dress prepared for the "coronation," which is so important a part of the ceremony.

THE WISE DID YESTERDAY

Benjamin Franklin.

Tomorrow you'll reform, you always cry. In what country does this morrow lie. That 'tis so heavy long ere it arrive? Beyond the Indies does this morrow live? 'Tis so far-fetched this morrow that I fear, 'Twill be both very old and very dear. Tomorrow I'll reform, the fool does say; Today itself's too late—the wise did yesterday.

Keep the Army on Its Beat.

From the American Legion Weekly. With crime waves running an erratic race with the cold waves of the weatherman in the newspaper headlines, we don't hear of any movement in any large American city to cut down the police force.

But despite the fact that hunger, avarice and envy rule Europe, despite the fact that the majority of nations of the world find little cause for friendliness with us at this moment, the police force of your Uncle Samuel, the United States Army, is having a hard time to get from Congress the money it needs to prevent it from becoming numerically a has-been.

That Army walks a beat which is one vast jewelry window, chock full of the greatest assortment of riches ever assembled at one time in the history of the world. It guards a composite bank vault which contains more gold than there is in the rest of the world. It is the defense we have against all our national wealth, aggregating the stupendous sum of four hundred billion dollars.

It is almost inconceivable that proposals to cut the size of the Regular Army should be made now, with world affairs as they are. Yet Secretary of War Weeks, in his annual report to President Coolidge, declares that he endorses a sentiment that present Army expenditures, small as they are relatively, are unnecessary.

The present Army and Navy expenditures rated as defense insurance, amount to less than \$1.50 per head on our national wealth of \$400,000,000,000. The country at present maintains only one soldier to each \$2,500,000 of national wealth, the lowest proportion in 70 years. Every argument supports Mr. Weeks' plea that Congress increase the number of enlisted men in the Regular Army to 500,000. No cost is too great, when, as he truly says, "the cost of national defense is the price of freedom."

Flowers of Arizona Desert.

From the Columbus Dispatch. Arizona flowers have their own flowers, in places the supply is abundant, the growth large, the flowers when in bloom of marked beauty, the big yucca and the sotol, both members of the lily family, showing beautiful bloom on tall and stately stalks.

One of the interesting desert growths is the water cactus, so named because of its great stupa, from five to ten feet high and as large in circumference as a barrel. It has a heavy pulpy covering from which it is possible to squeeze a goodly amount of water, and Indians and travelers are quick to turn to the cactus when water supplies are short.

A Tribute To Mr. Wilson.

By Theodore Koolhaas. President Wilson has passed away. His body has been laid away to rest through eternity. The world mourns; civilization pauses on her course toward a higher level, awed at the death of our war president.

Under the stars in the years to come, his name will be respected with that high degree of honor that has fallen distinguished men and women in the generations of the past. As time presses onward with unflinching steps, Wilson's name will be linked with those of the great American patriots, not only as an American patriot and citizen, but in a still finer sense, as a friend of humanity and a factor in the civilization of the future.

Mr. Wilson sacrificed his body that America might still lead the nations in the triumph of modern civilization. Through the dark years of the war he struggled with undying devotion, and self sacrifice, that humanity might be protected. With his great help American ideals did not flatter in their steps toward a higher plane.

Mr. Wilson's object and purpose in life was to create a world peace, and how well he kindled that spark of fire, that has been man's project since creation. Now, how well he fanned that little flame, until now, it is burning with all the fervor that can be evolved from a roaring mass of world affairs.

Mr. Wilson did not realize his ambition, and as one pauses to reflect it is evident that his motives and ideals were too large for us to grasp—too great for us to visualize. Life is strange. Already the world is beginning to realize the massive ideals to which his life was consecrated. It will take generations, though, for man to appreciate him. When he lived his motives did not receive the consideration that should have been theirs. And in the end Mr. Wilson died; his very life taken in the attempt to try to better humanity. For four years his strength ebbed away. At last the tiny spark of life fluttered and went out. That flame which had burned for four years became extinguished in the nightly paths of the tread of civilization.

When we think of Mr. Wilson, let us think of the better and finer things in life. No more fitting tribute could be paid to any man.

More Hats?

From the Atlanta Constitution. The ring is never so crowded with hats but that there's room for one more.

Experienced.

From the Christian Evangelist. A victim of chronic bronchitis called on a doctor to be examined. The doctor, after careful questioning, assured the patient that the ailment would respond readily to treatment. "I suppose you must have had a great deal of suffering with this disease?" said the sufferer.

"I suffer smilingly, and I've had bronchitis myself for over 15 years."

From the New York Sun and Globe. Guy—They say that every time a girl is kissed she feels ten minutes younger. Girl—My! At that rate I haven't been born yet.

SEEKS DAUGHTER LONG MISSING

Omaha Woman Visits Columbus in Search—Disappeared Last October

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Seeking information that might help her to locate her daughter, Mable M. Young, 33 years old, who disappeared here October 11 and has not since been heard from by relatives, Mrs. Ellen Young, of Omaha, came to Columbus to obtain aid of local authorities in her search.

Mable Young, formerly a rural school teacher and later chief stenographer in the offices of a life insurance company in Lincoln, came to Columbus September 6 from Schuyler, where she and her mother had been living temporarily with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sutherland. She came here seeking employment, registered at the Meridian hotel where she stayed until October 11. She left on that date. Landlord Hasselbach says, ostensibly to take a job which had been found for her here or in some neighboring town. He doesn't know why. She had been unable to pay her hotel bill and her grip, containing her personal effects, is still being held here.

Mrs. Hasselbach says that during the time she was at the hotel her conduct was exemplary. It is known that she spent much time during that period in the reading rooms at the public library and evidenced preference for literature of the better kind.

HAVE FURTHER TRACE OF MISSING GIRL.

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Information establishing the whereabouts of Mabel M. Young, 33 years old, up to October 31, has been received by Chief of Police Jack I. Lehman. Today Chief Lehman received from Mrs. Henry Knight, of Humphrey, a letter to the effect that Mabel Young obtained employment in the Knight home as a domestic on October 13. After working here for three weeks, Mrs. Knight writes, Miss Young boarded a Union Pacific train to Columbus saying she was going to Schuyler but would like to go on to California. Examination of the records of the American Express office in the Union Pacific station here, shows that a trunk left there in storage last fall from the exact day that the young school teacher dropped out of sight, was checked out as baggage to Omaha the night of October 31. This, in the eyes of the police, establishes the fact that the trunk belonged to Miss Young, the missing school teacher, for whom the mother is conducting a nationwide search.

PLAYING SOLITAIRE, DIES WITH APOPLEXY.

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Stricken with apoplexy while sitting at a table playing solitaire, Anton Zack, for 49 years a resident of this community died suddenly at his home. Through a period of nine years Mr. Zack has had a series of strokes that had seriously impaired his health, but each time he had apparently recovered. Born in Muglitz, Moravia, May 27, 1848, Mr. Zack came to America in 1874, direct to Columbus, and acquired homestead land 14 miles southwest of here. Later he sold that place and bought another 10 miles south of Columbus, where he made his home until he retired from farm life in December, 1911, and established his home in the city.

FEDERATED RETAILERS TO MEET AT LINCOLN.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—The eighteenth annual convention of the Federated Retailers of Nebraska will be held here February 26 and will continue for three days. Legislation, burglary prevention, merchandising advertising business ethics will be the subject of addresses. The local committee will see that the delegates and their ladies are properly entertained. National officers will be present and take part in the program. A thousand Nebraska merchants and their ladies are expected to attend the convention.

CHILD KILLED WHILE RETURNING FROM SCHOOL

Grove, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—While her father was taking her and some other children home from school, Edith Homan, 13 years old, was killed as the car skidded and overturned into a ditch. The girl was pinned under the automobile.

FAIR OFFICIALS FORM AN ORGANIZATION

Oakland, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—At a special meeting here of county fair officials a circuit of county fairs was decided upon, Thursday. Burt Cuming, Stanton, Washington and Dodge counties comprise the new association.

WIDOW FOLLOWS HER HUSBAND IN DEATH

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Mrs. H. D. Watson, 86, of Omaha, widow of Nebraska's "alfalfa king," is dead at her home, just a week after the death of her husband. She had been an invalid for many years.

FORMER MAYOR SUES WIFE FOR DIVORCE.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Dr. J. C. Verges, former mayor of Norfolk is suing his wife for divorce on grounds of cruelty. Mrs. Verges has filed a counter-petition charging cruelty and a statutory offense. Judge Anson A. Welch held a hearing in district court here in this case and it attracted unusual attention. Both parties are members of pioneer families.

TOWN IS NOT ON MAIN LINE

Norfolk Business Men Given Shock When They Study Freight Rates

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Norfolk business men are up in arms over the discovery that Norfolk is not on the main line of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. The discovery was made when certain business men were working out freight rate problems and found the tariff books of the Chicago and Northwestern placed Norfolk as "the first stop on the Bonesteel branch" and that "South Norfolk" which does not exist in city records is the closest point to Norfolk on the railroad's main line.

Because Norfolk is not on the main line of the railroad it cannot be considered an intermediate point on the freight department. It costs 6 cents extra passenger fare to come to Norfolk from the south part of town. People at distant points asking for tickets to Norfolk are told that "Norfolk is not on the main line of the road and that South Norfolk is the closest point the railroad can haul them."

That portion of the city noted on the railroad records as "South Norfolk" was made part of the city many years ago. Business men went to the Chamber of Commerce for relief and now many conferences are being held between the railroad officials and the Chamber of Commerce directors with hopes that Norfolk will be put on the main line of the railroad as advertised by the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce for years past.

MORE CATTLE ARE BEING FED

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Farmers of the Platte and Loup river valleys are said to be feeding anywhere from five to eight per cent more cattle this winter than they did last winter although the opening of the winter season coupled with the low corn prices and musty corn yield had made it apparent that there would be a decided slump in feeding.

Cattle from this section, it is predicted, will be marketed earlier this year. It is expected that the month of April will see a large percentage of cattle now in the feed lots of central Nebraska on their way to market.

NEBRASKAN OFFERS MEASURE TO CURB OFFICIALS OF U. S.

Washington, Feb. 27. (Special)—A bill offered in the House by Representative Howard, democrat of Nebraska, would prohibit officers or employees of the United States from acting as attorneys or agents in the prosecution of claims against the government during their official service or within five years thereafter.

WOUNDED BY DIVORCED WIFE AND MAN

Franklin, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Roy Dedrick was severely wounded while in Bloomington, Neb., visiting his parents, when according to police, Dedrick's divorced wife and Roy Scott came to Bloomington and attacked him. Scott shot at him twice, one bullet entering his hip, and Mrs. Dedrick slashed him on the wrist with a razor.

Mrs. Dedrick, who was granted a divorce from her husband in January on the grounds of cruelty and non-support, and Scott are being held by police at Franklin.

KILLING OF JUDGE TO RESULT IN LEGISLATION

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—As a result of the cold-blooded murder of Judge W. M. Morning of the Lancaster county district court Monday by a crazed litigant in a divorce proceeding, state, county and city officers have begun an agitation to prevent the indiscriminate use of guns, slug shots and other deadly weapons. State Sheriff Tom Carroll will seek to have a state law enacted that will require an investigation and a permit before persons are permitted to buy and carry firearms.

NEWCASTLE PEOPLE ARE RECOVERING FROM HURTS

Newcastle, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Leo Cryan has been released from St. Vincent's hospital where he has been confined with a broken vertebrae since December 24, when he was one of the victims of a street car accident in Sioux City. Mrs. Cryan, who also was in the wreck and who had little hopes of recovery at the time, is improving slowly.

OMAHA BUSINESS MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 27. (Special)—Some hours after he had left his office, telling his stenographer he was going to collect some bills, Henry Nigaard, 35 years old, tire man, was found dead in his car, shot through the temple near the Ak-sar-ben field. Police pronounced the case suicide. A revolver was found in the car.

The Inhabitants of the Fidivi Islands in the Pacific South sea believe that trees and coconuts have souls.