

EASTERN STAR HOLDS SESSION

Meetings Held in Scottish Rite Temple at Lincoln —10 Delegates

Lincoln, Neb., May (I. N. S.)—The grand chapter convention of the Eastern Star of Nebraska opened here Monday evening with a reception for the grand officers. About 700 delegates were expected to attend the first formal session of the convention this morning at the Scottish rite temple.

GOVERNOR TO SPEAK AT HASTINGS, JULY 4

Hastings, Neb., May (I. N. S.)—Governor Bryan has accepted an invitation to speak here, July 4, at the celebration and race program to be held under the auspices of the American Legion officers of the local post.

BATES RESIGNS FROM BOARD OF REGENTS

Lincoln, Neb., May (I. N. S.)—The resignation of W. L. Bates of Lincoln, from the board of regents of the University of Nebraska was presented Monday to Governor Bryan to Chancellor Avery of the University. Bates' letter, dated April 22, assigns no reason for his resignation.

NEBRASKA MUSICIANS MEETING AT OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., May (Special)—Musicians of Nebraska and other states were here today attending a meeting of the Nebraska Federation of Music Clubs. Mrs. Cora Beels of Norfolk, president of the Nebraska Federation, was among those present.

CONCORD POSTOFFICE IS RATED HIGHER

Concord, Neb., May (Special)—The post office here has been raised from the fourth to the third class which puts it in the presidential class of appointment in which the postmaster receives a fixed salary instead of computing the salary by the amount of cancellation.

AGED FISHERMAN FOUND DEAD IN SMALL STREAM

Hubbell, Neb., May (I. N. S.)—Alfred Miller, 70 years old, was found dead in Rose creek near here Sunday afternoon with a fishing pole in his hand. Death was due to natural causes, it was said.

Legion News

Among the well known legionnaires selected to handle the big work of preparation for the national convention at St. Paul is Col. B. O. Johnson, who has been placed in charge of transportation. Col. Johnson is connected with one of the great railway systems entering the city and will make all arrangements for handling the scores of trains and parking of Pullmans during the convention. During the war Col. Johnson was in Siberia, where he was in charge of transportation for the allies, and he has received decorations at the hands of several allied governments.

Lawrence Treat, past commander of the Grand Island, Neb., post of the Legion, has been named to the chairmanship of the convention committee for 1924, and will supervise all arrangements for entertainment of the visitors to the convention this summer. Plans for the three days meeting are going forward rapidly.

The Omaha American Legion Auxiliary is not included in the "high five" in that state as regards membership. Despite the fact that the male branch of the organization is boasting of being the "world's largest," Norfolk, Fremont, Hastings, North Platte, Aurora and York are leading the state in membership.

Direction of the sale of the memorial poppies in Nebraska has been left to Mrs. C. E. Glason, chairman of the state rehabilitation committee, and one of the best known workers in the national auxiliary. For two years past she has successfully handled details of the big sale, and has been selected for this work again this year.

More than 4,000 people attended the services incidental to the dedication of the Virginia, Minn., Memorial Recreation building. All exercises and events were under direction of the J. Burt Pratt post of the Legion. The building cost in excess of half a million dollars and the plan is said to be one of the most ambitious ever attempted by a smaller city. The principal address was made by Justice Royal A. Stone, chairman of the national convention committee of the Legion.

Resolutions commending the acts of Kearney, Neb., Legionnaires for their kindness in handling funeral arrangements for interment of a departed Legionaire, have been sent by the Tank corps post of the Legion in Chicago.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH KINDLING FIRE

Grand Island, Neb., May (Special)—Returning to their home seven miles northeast of Scottia late Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Locker found their home afire and Mrs. Joseph Dayton, 76 years old, mother of Mrs. Locker, dead. It is thought Mrs. Dayton attempted to start a fire in the kitchen stove and that her clothing became ignited. The fire was extinguished in time to save the greater part of the house.

TURNS AGAINST PAL IN CRIME

Federal Prisoner Tells Court Of Robbery of Mail In 1920

Lincoln, Neb., May (I. N. S.)—John Blair, serving a 25 year term in Leavenworth federal penitentiary for a mail robbery, at Jefferson City, Mo., was the principal witness Tuesday in the federal trial of E. P. Butler, accused by Blair of being his accomplice in a robbery of registered mail at Nebraska City, October 18, 1920.

Blair testified that in 1920 while he was in St. Louis, Butler wrote him telling him that the payroll for the Nebraska City branch of the Wilson Packing company came from Kansas City on the 5:05 a. m. train a day or two before the 15th of each month. Blair said he went to Nebraska City shortly thereafter but found it too light at 5:05 a. m. at that time and waited until October, when he and Butler effected the robbery.

Blair testified that their loot consisted of one \$500. bond and 13 \$100 bonds from the Kansas City federal reserve bank. These bonds Blair declared were taken to Shenandoah, Iowa, to be converted into money.

Unable to secure an adequate price for the bonds Blair testified he traded his share of the loot to a Shenandoah grocer for a Ford touring car, and turned over \$900 worth of the bonds to Butler.

Butler's trial here is the result of an alleged confession made by Blair to postal authorities that he and Butler are responsible for the Nebraska City robbery.

RAILROAD CHAFES UNDER THE RESTRAINT.

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special)—The Northwestern railroad and the state railway commission went to the legal mat before seven supreme court judges most of Tuesday over the proposition of whether the railroads of the state must ask permission of the commission before they can change schedules and annual passenger trains or whether the power of the commission is limited to hearing and passing on complaints of persons who feel aggrieved, after it has been done.

Mr. Dressler, for the railroad company, said it was no use to train men for years in the management of a railroad and in the ways and means of efficient and economical service if their judgment was to be supervised and possibly overridden by three men picked from the body of the people and knowing but little about the business of railroading.

He insisted that the commission had no power to issue the order which for 16 years the railroads have been obeying, which is that they secure commission approval.

BATTLE CREEK MAN HEADS WALTON LEAGUE

Norfolk, Neb., May (Special)—A great gathering of hunters and fishermen from all parts of Nebraska closed the first annual state convention of the Nebraska Leack Walton league here at a big banquet. Before the convention closed the following officers were elected: President, Howard Miller, of Battle Creek; first vice president, Frank Brady, of Atkinson; second vice president, R. R. Brocius, of Valentine; third vice president, F. A. Gordon, of South Sioux City; secretary-treasurer, Dudley Scott, of Beatrice; executive committee, Ed Morris, of Omaha; M. A. Hereford, of Fremont; Dudley Scott, of Beatrice; M. H. Davis, of Cowles; Frank Brady, of Atkinson and Charles Versaw, of Gordon.

FORMER MAYOR OF KEARNEY, NEB., DIED

Kearney, Neb., May (Special)—Frank Grammer, 67 years old, who resigned as mayor of Kearney, recently, because of ill health, died Monday night at Excelsior Springs, Mo. He was a retired banker. His widow, one sister, and three brothers survive, before changing train service. In answer Attorney General Spillman and Hugh Lamaster, counsel for the commission, said that the Northwestern had only a few months ago recognized this order by asking approval of changes in some of the very trains included in the changes it proposed to make without asking anybody's consent.

WYNOT WANTS BETTER FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Wynot, Neb., May (Special)—The men of the fire department here, with the co-operation of the business men of the town, are putting on a number of entertainments and programs of various kinds to raise money with which to purchase and equip a modern fire truck with chemical attachment. There is nearly enough money in the treasury now.

ONE DEAD IN AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR CHADRON

Chadron, Neb., May 14.—Joe Murnen is dead and three other men are injured as the result of an automobile, which Murnen was driving turning over several times near here. Charles Binkley, O. P. Nelson and John Tautkus were seriously hurt but not fatally.

NEW BISHOP OF LINCOLN DIOCESE ARRIVES.

Lincoln, Neb., May (I. N. S.)—Bishop Francis J. Beckman, new head of Lincoln Catholic diocese arrived here today from the east and was met at the station by a large delegation of parish priests and laity.

LACK OF FUNDS CAUSES POLICE FORCE TO BE CUT

Omaha, Neb., May (Special)—The city council has dropped 21 men from the payroll of the police department because of insufficient funds.

MAKE SURVEY OF 'OIL' FIELD

Wayne and Dixon Counties To Employ Geologist For Purpose

Wayne, Neb., May (Special)—A fund of \$2,000 has been subscribed by business men and farmers in the community, to have a geologist or national geologist make an oil survey of the "oil" field in Wayne and Dixon counties. Work will start immediately and upon this report, if favorable, drilling operations will commence. A representative of the Sinclair Oil Company, was looking over the field the past week.

SENATOR NORRIS DOES SOME CLEVER EXPLAINING.

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special)—Senator Norris, who has been the center of a very vigorous fire from many old supporters over a recent letter to his campaign manager here, has sent the newspapers an explanation. He says that he was speaking entirely in general terms, and that his statements were nothing more than repetitions of previous declarations on the question of straight party voting. He now says that when he said he did not intend to ask friends to support the straight ticket he did not have any candidate in mind that he intended to fight, and that he was simply saying he did not propose yielding to pressure to endorse everybody.

The original letter was taken by republicans to mean that he intended to fight President Coolidge, as he had written to others that Coolidge was not a progressive and had consistently opposed his policies in congress. Action was threatened to force Norris off the ticket if he committed any overt act along the line indicated.

WAYNE NORMAL TO GRADUATE CLASS OF 1924.

Wayne, Neb., May (Special)—The annual commencement of the Wayne State Normal will begin Sunday, May 18, and continue until Thursday. There are 154 graduates. Sunday afternoon a sacred concert will be given in the auditorium by the college orchestra. Sunday evening the baccalaureate services will be given by L. F. Beery and W. C. Hunt-City, Ia., will deliver the sermon. Monday evening the students of the department of music will present a program, consisting of piano, voice and violin numbers, under the direction of L. F. Beery and W. C. Hunt-City, heads of the music department. Tuesday afternoon the college band, under the direction of Prof. W. C. Hunter will give an open air concert on the college campus. Tuesday evening the seniors will give their class play. Wednesday will be the May festival. Thursday morning the graduation exercises will be held. Dr. G. E. Condra of the University of Nebraska will deliver the commencement address.

SUES BROTHERS FOR DAMAGES

Girl Says They Circulated Defamatory Stories About Her Character

Lincoln, Neb., May (Special)—Testimony is being taken in supreme court in a case where Miss Edith Zakem, member of a family prominent in the Syrian colony, is suing her two brothers and sister for defamation of character. She says that they untruthfully circulated stories to the effect that she had been intimate with her sister's husband, Dr. Joseph Risk, and that it was a conspiracy to ruin her reputation. The defendants insist that what they said was true, but that it was not circulated generally but said to the girl in counsel and for her good. Risk was recently released on a charge of having violated the Mann act in bringing the girl into the country. His wife secured a separate maintenance from him in a suit in which she named her sister as the disturbing factor in their domestic relations.

BEGIN WORK ON NEWCASTLE PARSONAGE

Newcastle, Neb., May (Special)—Concrete has been poured for a modern six-room parsonage for the Community congregational church. Bankers and other business men donated overalls to assist in the work. The building, costing from \$4,000 to \$5,000, probably will be ready for occupancy by the end of the summer.

NEBRASKA "DRY" AGENT KEEPING UP ACTIVITY.

Omaha, Neb., May (Special)—Robert Semardick federal prohibition agent, shot at by a number of men but not injured, while arresting an alleged liquor law violator Thursday night, with his assistants, continued activities last night making 20 raids and 53 arrests.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES IN CROFTON SCHOOLS

Crofton, Neb., May (Special)—Commencement exercises were held Thursday evening for the largest class that has ever left the Crofton high school. Prof. I. N. Clark, of Lincoln, was the speaker of the evening. Those graduating were Edmond McEwing, Catherine Kuehn, Beattie McEwing, Romae Meier, Esther McCabe, Mildred Kinney, Bruce Watkins, Mildred Malone, Maurine Fegebusch, Earl Nicholas and Barbara Schumacher.

PLANS FLIGHT TO OLD HOME

Former Columbus, Neb., Boy Expects to Establish New Record

Columbus, Neb., May (Special)—Major William N. Hensley Jr. commander of Mitchell Field, N. Y. air service station, former Columbus boy, will fly from Mitchell Field to Columbus, as soon as weather conditions permit. He will breakfast in New York and expects to be at home to visit his father, Judge W. J. Hensley, pioneer Columbus attorney in time for dinner on the day he takes the trip. A little more than 1,500 miles is involved in the flight which will be a record for speed. He has written his parents that he expects to make the trip the latter part of the month or as soon as the weather conditions become settled.

COLERIDGE SCHOOLS TO GRADUATE CLASS OF 19

Coleridge, Neb., May (Special)—A class of 16, six boys and 10 girls will be graduated from the Coleridge high school at the annual commencement exercises to be held Friday evening, May 23. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. E. T. Antrim, of South Sioux City, Neb., at the Methodist church, Sunday evening, May 18. The personnel of the class is as follows: Leo Peck, Stella Darland, Alda Shutt, Etta Darland, Clara Andrews, Clara Fleener, Margaret Holcomb, Marion Hintz, Mabel Barger, Marie Dirks, Frank Rose, Bernard Hassman, Frederick Rathgeber, Robert Collins, Floyd Tideman and Earnest Rathgeber.

IS TO MAKE WAR ON VETERANS' BUREAU

Norfolk, Neb., May (Special)—Frank A. Warner member of the National Executive Committee American Legion which meets in Indianapolis, next Monday, made announcement here Thursday that he will lead an attack on the administration of Director Hines of the Veterans' bureau on grounds that Hines' program of economy is being made at the expense of disabled veterans whose compensations are being cut. Col. Warner says the executive commit-

LINCOLN ATTORNEY IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Lincoln, Neb., May (I. N. S.)—John Okey, former state house employe and local attorney, was recovering today from an attempt to commit suicide Thursday afternoon. Okey said to be depressed and moody for some time stashed his throat and wrists with a razor. He was found soon afterwards, however, and given first aid treatment.

PONCA SCHOOLS TO GRADUATE CLASS OF 23

Ponca, Neb., May (Special)—The Commencement exercises of the High school will begin Sunday evening with the baccalaureate services in the High school auditorium. Monday and Tuesday nights the class play, will be given and, Thursday night, the graduation exercises will be held. Twenty three seniors will be given diplomas at that time.

CRAP SHOOTERS PAY FINES AT PONCA

Ponca, Neb., May (Special)—Sheriff A. H. Maskell and Mayor H. H. Mills raided the Lee Barber shop, Tuesday night, and arrested the proprietor and two others for shooting craps. In county court the next day the three were convicted by a jury and fined for "rolling the bones."

DIPHTHERIA APPEARS AT NELIGH, NEB.

Neligh, Neb., May (Special)—Three cases of diphtheria are reported here, with a large number of people exposed before it was discovered. Fears are entertained for the final winding up of school commencement.

VICTIM OF MANY ROBBERIES KILLED

Omaha, Neb., May (Special)—Omaha police are searching for the bandit who last night fought a pistol duel with J. S. Spellman, 66 years old, who had had eight previous hold up attempts, and killed Spellman with three shots.

HARTINGTON POSTOFFICE BUSINESS INCREASED

Hartington, Neb., May (Special)—According to a checking up of the business done in the Hartington postoffice from January to May this year, much more business is being done than was done in 1923, when the total receipts amounted to nearly \$10,000.

OMAHA MAN HEADS MEDICS OF NEBRASKA

Omaha, Neb., May (Special)—Dr. Palmer Findley, of Omaha, was elected president of the Nebraska State Medical association at its annual convention here.

CONCERT SEASON IS OPENED AT BLOOMFIELD

Bloomfield, Neb., May (Special)—The Bloomfield concert band gave its first open air concert of the season this week. There was a big crowd out. This evening the band and choral society, 75 strong, will go to Norfolk to broadcast a program. On Sunday the band will play at the opening of the Bazile Valley amusement park, southwest of here.

HOLD POLITICAL POW WOW TODAY

Coolidge to Confer With Party Leaders Regarding Campaign

BY PHILIP A. ORME, Universal Service Correspondent. Washington, May 18.—President Coolidge's political advisers, headed by William M. Butler, slated for the chairmanship of the incoming republican national committee, will take counsel with their chief Monday. Only three weeks remain before the opening of the national convention at Cleveland and there are many matters to be discussed. Butler was ready to go to Cleveland either Sunday or Monday, but as a conference with the president is a necessary preliminary to his departure and as Mr. Coolidge has been confined with a cold, his trip to the convention scene probably will be delayed until Monday night or Tuesday.

Just what is in Coolidge's mind as to completion of the presidential ticket is one thing his campaign manager would like to know before he journeys from Washington. The long roll of possibilities for the vice presidential nomination on the G. O. P. ticket has been read off time and again and now a decision impends. Albert J. Beveridge, Charles G. Dawes and former Senator Kenyon, in the order named, are held foremost in the running.

Consideration of special platform plans is another thing Butler wants to go over with Coolidge. Representative Theodore E. Burton, "key-note" for the convention, and other republican leaders have been working out a ground plan and Burton several times has conferred with the slated G. O. P. nominee. Butler would like to take something succinct with him to the middlewest. Cleveland soon will become the focal center of republican party activities and Chicago is recognized as the strategic center of the ensuing campaign.

President Coolidge's retirement to the privacy of his suite in the White House over the week end is called a wise move by those close to him. He hasn't been sick in the generally accepted meaning of the term, but avoiding possible sickness. It has been his first true relaxation since he took up the reins of office, and one which should stand him in good stead during the impending trials of politics and combats with congress.

Passenger Rescued From Sinking Balloon

Picked Up From Water After Jumping From Leaking Craft

London, May 18.—A dramatic rescue of a passenger who jumped from a sinking balloon into the sea occurred Sunday in the Solent, off the Isle of Wight. M. Boitard started from St. Cloud Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, with a pilot in a balloon. They lost their bearings and found themselves over the Solent with their gas leaking. They threw out ballast, but as the balloon continued to sink Boitard jumped into the sea. A man on shore saw him swimming and went to his rescue, only to find that the boat was leaking and could merely support Boitard in the water. Meanwhile a motorist saw them in the water and motored to the coast guard station which effected a rescue. The balloon with its pilot landed safely in the New forest.

City of Chicago Has Peppy Art Scandal

Imitations Sold for Big Prices, Charge—One Man Arrested

Chicago, May 18.—Chicago has an art scandal. The authorities are investigating charges that works of art sold here at fabulous prices are mere imitations. One arrest has been made and prosecutions may extend to New York, Boston and other eastern cities, it was said Sunday.

The charge that opened the investigation was preferred by H. M. Kitchell an artist of Providence, R. I. He caused the arrest of Bernard Devine, art critic and salesman, charging him with forgery. Devine was arrested at the Embassy hotel. He denied the charge and said he was being prosecuted and persecuted as a result of a plot to discredit him because of a suit he started last fall against Prof. Alfred Chatain. This suit, which brought in the sum of \$50,000, charged a group of swindlers had sold forged paintings in New York City, Chicago and other cities, reaping hundreds of thousands of dollars. Devine named Chatain as one of this group.

Harvey to Direct Policy Of Washington Newspaper

Washington, May 18.—Edward B. McLean, editor and publisher of the Washington Post Sunday night issued the following announcement: "I have much pleasure in announcing that I have arranged with George Harvey, former United States ambassador to Great Britain, to become editorial director of the Washington Post on June 1."

MACK OUTLINES MAIN QUESTIONS BEFORE DEMOS

List Points Likely to Be Included in National Platform

BY FRANCIS J. TIETSORT, Universal Service Correspondent. New York, May 18.—Following the selection Saturday of a temporary chairman for the democratic national convention, Norman E. Mack, veteran national committeeman, announced Sunday, his views on the cardinal issues of the democratic national campaign. It was his first general pronouncement on the keynote points likely to be made by the platform makers and is a sequel to his canvassing of the situation with other national leaders. The substance of these points follows:

1—A general cleanup in national house keeping, with the country rallying to a slogan of "common honesty in government."

2—Strict conservation of all national resources and prevention of a repetition of their theft.

3—Revision downward of a "robbery tariff" now benefitting only certain privileged manufacturing interests with legitimate scientific tariffs shown to be fully justified.

4—Liberalization of the Volstead act by means of enabling legislation permitting state's rights in the interpretation of what constitutes an alcoholic intoxicant.

The Buffalo newspaper publisher spoke with emphasis on national housecleaning: "As a result of what the people of the country have gazed upon with amazement at Washington and elsewhere in the last four months, there will unquestionably be a revision of feeling from coast to coast that will once more sweep the democratic party into power."

"Ours is the party of high ideals and we have the greatest opportunity in the party's history now to put those ideals for wholesome, constructive government and statesmanship in force."

Mr. Mack said that the whole country was now agreed, no matter what the individual political creeds of voters might be, on the need of a strong conservation policy as the result of the oil scandals and similar upheavals.

He declared there must be a sharp change in the tariff schedules because of "highbinder." No one, he asserted, objected to a proper amount of protection from foreign dumping of goods, but a line had to be drawn to prevent profiteering and excessive living costs.

Calvin Bags Oregon Primary With Ease

M'Adoo Unopposed on Democratic Ticket—McNary 2 to 1 Winner

Portland, Ore., May 17.—Calvin Coolidge was endorsed for the republican nomination for president in Friday's Oregon state primary, 597 of the state's 1,743 precincts having reported 31,360 votes for him early today, against 8,881 votes for delegate, pledged to the candidacy of Hiram Johnson, senator from California.

United States Senator Charles L. McNary co-sponsor of the McNary-Hauser bill in congress, scored a 2 to 1 victory in the race for the republican nomination for senator, available returns showed. The count in 624 precincts was 25,031 to 12,062 with the other candidates trailing.

On the democratic ticket, W. H. Strayer, of Baker, was leading for the nomination for United States senator with 2,378 votes in 2,626 precincts against 2,234 for his nearest opponent, M. A. Miller of Portland. McAdoo is unopposed on the democratic ballot.

Pneumonia Proves Fatal to Mother of Governor Smith

Universal Service New York, May 18.—Mrs. Catherine Smith, mother of Governor Smith of New York, died at 6:20 o'clock Sunday evening. The governor was not with Mrs. Smith when she died. He was reached by telephone at Absecon, N. J., and left immediately for this city. Mrs. Smith has been ill for two weeks with bronchial pneumonia, and earlier in the day a statement by her physician said that she was "improving every minute."

SETS ALTITUDE RECORD

Paris, May 18.—Aviator Bossoutrot established an altitude record here Sunday when he ascended 2,000 meters with a 3,000 kilogram load.

Thirty-Yard Hole Blown in Cone of Mount Vesuvius

Universal Service Naples, May 8.—The eruptive cone of Mount Vesuvius, which has grown a hundred yards higher during the last three months, suddenly erupted Sunday, tearing a new 30 yard hole, blowing up a shower of gas and incandescent stones for 3,000 feet in the air. The eruption, which is not regarded as dangerous, will probably last three days and is in the meantime giving off very beautiful skylights.