

DEATH BETTER THAN ILLNESS

Former Officer of McPherson County Commits Suicide by Shooting

North Platte, Neb., June — Charles H. Daly, former clerk of McPherson county, a ranchman, committed suicide at his ranch home near Sutherland, Wednesday by shooting. He died instantly. He has been in very poor health and upon finding that he was suffering from a cancer expressed a desire to die.

Nebraska Demo Delegates To Convention Friday

Lincoln, Neb., June — (Special) Two coach loads of delegates from Nebraska to the democratic national convention will leave here Friday afternoon. A number of visitors will accompany the delegation. State Chairman Allen, who is one of the delegates at large, said the Nebraska vote will go to Governor Bryan for the presidential nomination. The Nebraskans, it was announced, will oppose the abrogation of the two thirds rule.

CONVICTED MAN DENIES KILLING HIS PAL

Lincoln, Neb., June — (Special) The appeal of Andrew Johnson, aged citizen of North Bend, Dodge county, from a conviction for manslaughter, was argued and submitted to the supreme court this week. Johnson was accused of killing William Jurgling. The two were old cronies and frequently engaged in drinking bouts. After one held in November, 1927, Jurgling was found in a nearby street dying from wounds. Johnson said he had no idea how Jurgling came to his death, but denied that he did it. The state based its case on the surrounding circumstances which pointed to the two men as having quarreled. Johnson, after he had partly recovered, found the body and reported it to a neighbor.

BACK TO PRISON FOR 'BORROWING' CAR

Lincoln, Neb., June — (Special) — Claire S. Anderson, who hired a flyover from a local auto company and after driving it to Sioux City, left it in storage, is back in the state reformatory. He was originally sent up in the latter part of 1921 for stealing in Dawson county. He was paroled in May, 1923, and six weeks later eloped with the Lincoln machine. He was captured in Mt. Camel, Ill. where he was in trouble with the officers. The machine found in Sioux City was returned to its owners months ago.

NICKERSON BANKERS ARE OUT ON BONDS

Fremont, Neb., June — (I. N. S.) — Caleb Negus and William Anderson, former officers of the First State bank of Nickerson, Neb., are out on bond, following their preliminary hearings on charges of embezzlement of the funds of the bank. Negus' bonds were \$15,000 and Anderson's \$10,000.

GOLF FINGER GETS FINGER IN GOPHER TRAP

Hartington, Neb., June — (Special) — Charley Hertert got the fingers of his right hand caught in a gopher trap while playing golf on the golf course here. The traps were placed on the course to prevent the gophers from damaging the grounds. Mr. Hertert is the pitching ace of the All-Stars, a baseball club of Hartington business men, and his injured fingers will prevent him from being effective for some time.

CONGRESSMAN HOWARD BACK AT HOME

Columbus, Neb., June — (I. N. S.) — Congressman and Mrs. Edgar Howard arrived Wednesday by automobile from Washington. The Third district Nebraska congressman expects to open campaign headquarters here next week, in anticipation of the coming elections.

FREMONT NOT OPPOSED TO TRAIN CHANGES.

Fremont, Neb., June — (Special) — With assurance that losses suffered by Fremont by Northwestern curtailment in the new train schedules will be offset by additional crews with the inauguration of through trains from Chicago over the bridge at Blair, the Fremont chamber of commerce will not oppose the new schedule. According to Superintendent Davidson, the changes are necessary because of the loss of short-haul business to automobile truck and bus competitors.

JACKSON ELEVATOR DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Jackson, Neb., June — An elevator here belonging to the John Westrand string of elevators, was burned with about 4,000 bushels of grain. It is believed that the flames started in the engine room. The loss is estimated at nearly \$5,000, partly covered by insurance.

NEGROES ADMIT TRYING TO WRECK TRAIN

Hastings, Neb., June — (I. N. S.) — Cecil Fleming, 18 years old, and Vernon Cole, 19, negroes, pleaded guilty to attempting, June 8, to wreck a Burlington passenger train near Minden and were sentenced by Judge Dilworth to from three to 10 years in the penitentiary. The boys were put off an earlier train near Axtell, and, angered, they attempted to wreck the next train following. They put a 30 foot rail across the tracks.

FLOOD WATERS NOW THREATEN

Main Line of U. P. Railroad Endangered at Schuyler, Neb.

Schuyler, Neb., June — (I. N. S.) — Flood waters of Shell Creek are threatening to wash out the main line of the Union Pacific railroad between here and Rogers, Neb. The waters of the creek are sweeping across the right of way despite trainloads of rip-rap material and ballast rushed here from Columbus and Fremont.

RAILROADS PAY TAXES

Lincoln, Neb., June — Nebraska railroads will pay taxes, if the courts do not interfere, on \$314,000,000 of property, instead of \$315,000,000 as fixed by the state board of equalization. The difference represents the cut in valuation made by order of the supreme court in the Rock Island case. The Burlington has a reduction of a small amount, as has also the Minneapolis & Omaha. The Northwestern has an increase of \$100,000, due to its taking over in its own name the bridge at Blair previously operated as a privately-owned corporation. The figures for the roads are as follows:

Burlington	\$137,538,000.
Union Pacific	\$98,259,000.
Northwestern	\$38,767,000.
Minneapolis & Omaha	\$12,392,000.
Rock Island	\$9,573,000.
Missouri Pacific	\$11,608,000.
K. C. & Northwestern	\$247,800.
S. T. Joseph & Grand Island	\$4,052,000.
Mason City & Fort Dodge	\$540,000.
Omaha-Lincoln Railway & Light Co.	\$99,460.
Omaha Bridge & Terminal	\$648,000.
Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice	\$91,800.
Omaha & Southern Interurban	\$90,000.
Illinois Central	\$54,000.
C. M. & St. P.	\$108,000.
Santa Fe	\$15,000.

CHILD'S LIFE IS ENDANGERED TWICE

Winnebago, Neb., June — Little Dorothy Campbell, daughter of Charles C. Campbell, lease clerk at the Indian agency, bears a charmed life. Several days ago, while playing on the street, she was run down by an automobile but fortunately fell between the wheels and the car passed over her without inflicting any injuries except some slight bruises.

A day or two later she was playing with a rope swing and in some manner it became looped around her neck so as to form a deadly noose, perfect except for the hangman's knot. Fortunately she was seen dangling in the air and rescued in time to prevent injury.

Fullerton, Neb., June — (I. N. S.) — The Cedar river is overflowing its banks, inundating lowlands. Another terrific rain here Tuesday morning flooded the streets, which are filled with branches, shingles and other debris.

Columbus, Neb., June — (I. N. S.) — A rain and windstorm here early Tuesday flooded basements and filled the streets with water and rubbish. Farmers in this section report their potatoes rotting in the ground, rust attacking wheat and a heavy loss of small stock in flooded lowlands as the result of a 10 inch precipitation since the first of the month.

CLAIMS DONATION GIVEN UNDER THREAT

Omaha, Neb., June — C. Lawrence Stull, Cass county farmer, who is wealthy, testifying in district court where he is seeking \$2,800 which he says he gave to a committee during the World war as a Red Cross donation, said he gave two checks for the amounts after he had been threatened with a rope.

UNIVERSITY WANTS GOOD CLASS OF BUILDINGS

Lincoln, Neb., June — (Special) — The state board of regents has asked the city of Lincoln to zone it. The council has been considering a zoning ordinance for two years, but have not got up courage enough to pass it. The university desires to have the city exercise authority over the character of buildings that are to be erected in the future for one block on each side of the four sides of the university campus. The regents think that something ought to be done right now to protect it from undesirable neighbors, and asks that the ordinance be so drawn that the district may be easily incorporated into any later zoning ordinance.

HOT SCHOOL ELECTION.

Mitchell, S. D., June — (Special) — H. E. Hitchcock was re-elected to the Mitchell board of education yesterday, in the annual school election. Dr. R. A. Kelley was also re-elected to the board and E. K. Mather was elected as a new member, defeating W. H. Fritz by nearly 600 votes. A larger vote was cast at yesterday's election than has been cast at any Mitchell school board election for several years.

NEBRASKA VILLAGE HAS BAD FIRE LOSS

Raymond, Neb., June — (I. N. S.) — Fire of unknown origin destroyed almost an entire block of the business section here early today. The Deauser general merchandise store was destroyed, the roof of the Bank of Raymond was burned, but the rest of the building was saved, and a drug store was also badly damaged. Early estimates place the loss at between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Before and After

The aggregate pre-war wealth of the 30 odd nations actively engaged in the great war amounted to \$60,000,000,000. The wealth of these same nations today is estimated to be about \$60,000,000,000. The pre-war wealth of the British Empire, that is of Great Britain, the Dominions, India, and the Crown Colonies, was approximately \$140,000,000,000, while today the wealth of this same group of nations is estimated to be around \$140,000,000,000. The wealth of France before the war is placed at just under \$90,000,000,000, and is estimated to be approximately the same today. The pre-war wealth of the United States is placed at \$200,000,000,000 and the wealth today at \$200,000,000,000, while the pre-war wealth of Germany is estimated to have been upwards of \$80,000,000,000 and today to be about \$50,000,000,000. These figures are all on the gold par basis of values, having been adjusted for inflation.

Stars Guide Planters.

From the Detroit News. Too early for record in written history, the orderly procession of the fixed stars about Polaris gave man a means of telling time. From antiquity the stars have told when to plant to obtain the harvest. And it was astronomy and not astrology that performed these miracles. For many centuries the naked eye was the most powerful instrument for astronomical observation. Not until the time of the great Galileo did the telescope allow a deeper glimpse into the heavens.

Yet knowledge of the position of the earth in the scheme of things antedated the telescope; bold men had made bold guesses that the sun and not the earth was the center of rotation in our own little corner of the universe. Slow but fundamental were the early steps of practical astronomy.

Because imagination was strong in the childhood of the race our ancestors peopled the hills, valleys and skies with strange and powerful beings in the shape of people, animals and gods. Out of a little group of stars, the Little Dipper, they created Ursa Minor, the Little Bear, with Polaris for the tip of his tail. Close by they found the Great Bear, and flocking in the sky they believed they saw dragons, men, women, birds and beasts, all outlined in light that started toward the earth many years ago.

Thinking and Talking.

From the Yorkshire Post. A candidate, rushing to address a meeting at a bye-election, was accosted by a friend. "What do you think of the political situation now?" he was asked. "Don't bother me!" responded the politician. "I've got to talk. This is no time to think."

Watch Others, Too.

From the Aberdeen American. How many anarchists do you know? How many have you ever seen in all your life? There are some and they are dangerous and should be suppressed, but there are so few of them in this country that we cannot get all "het up" about them. The men in high office who have been guilty of treason are much more of a menace. The anarchist is a rattlesnake, but, fortunately, he rattles. The official grafter is a poisoner much harder to detect. We have never known of a red-eyed, evil-minded anarchist who did as much harm to the country as the millionaire corporation whose bribery has contaminated men in the highest position of trust. We are not defending the anarchist, mind you, but pointing out that the republic has other enemies, just as bad, and much more dangerous.

INEFFECTUAL RADICALISM

Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark.—Deut. 19:14. Is the customary, the conventional, always to be despised? Shall man always take the wrong side of the road only to prove himself original?

After all, the road hath but two sides, and he that taketh ever the wrong one, to show his liberal genius, is in the end as conventional a rogue as if he followed the harmless custom of the country. Nothing is more monotonous than a habitual irregularity. I feel and admit the extraordinary attraction of change and novelty. No man can have more joy than I in a fresh adventure.

Somewhat too much, indeed, of the experimental and venturesome there hath always been in my temperament, leading me often into situations from which it was difficult to emerge with credit and skin unbroken.

Even now, many failures have not cured me of this fault. But familiarity also hath its charm, and I count it good that life is impregnated with it.

The regular ways, the rules of the game, the customs of courtesy, and the common phrases of colloquial speech—these are pleasant things in their season (which is daily), and without them our existence would be wayward, rude, exhausting, and far less tolerable than it is.

Predict a Fine Day Six Years Ahead.

From the London Times. Herbert Compton in "Indian Life in Town and Country." You can predict (in India) a fine day six months, or, for the matter of that, six years ahead. Theoretically you can also predict a rainy one, but the clouds are not so consistent as the sunshine. The rainy season sometimes belies its name, and then comes famine. In England people grumble at meteorological conditions; curse the unwelcome rain, protest against a three weeks' drought, and have faith to find with fogs and east winds. But, with the exception of a few bronchial folk, these climatic freaks do not kill; one is not dependent on the skies for life and fortune. The Indian is. Two inches of rain, withheld in its due season, will destroy more human life than a quarter of a century of European warfare, and cause as much human suffering as Bonaparte did in his career.

A very worthy Kentish (England) farmer was grumbling to me one day because the rainy summer had ruined his hops, half ruined his corn, and damaged his hay. "Are your wife and children alive?" I asked him. He replied with some surprise, in the affirmative. "Your horses seem pretty sleek?" "I observed. He admitted they were in capital condition. "And your cows?" Ah, they had done well, the pasturage was good. "Poultry?" The wife looked after them and she had not complained. "You have not been compelled to shut up your house, and leave it to look after itself whilst you emigrated?" He thought I was a lunatic. "But you say this is the very worst season that any man ever suffered?" Of that he was perfectly sure; he had not paid his rent, and some of the wages bill would have to come out of his pocket. "Well," I said, "if you had been an Indian farmer, and this had been the worst season that any man ever suffered from, your wife, children, horses, stock and poultry would all be dead, and presuming you had been so lucky as to escape with your life, you would be handling a shovel on relief works on the west coast of Ireland."

Fond Memories.

From the Chicago News. After the young thing at the party had concluded her second encore the old lady leaned toward her and said: "Thank you so much for your songs, my dear. They took me back to childhood days on my father's farm. There were times when you sang that I could shut my eyes and fairly hear the old front gate creaking in the wind."

GOVERNOR HAS WAR PAINT ON

Asserts Gasoline Prices in Lincoln Must Be Reduced

Lincoln, Neb., June — (I. N. S.) — "That sounds like the same talk we heard in Omaha when public-spirited citizens there invested in filling stations for the purpose of forcing down gasoline prices," Governor Bryan declared Thursday, commenting on the statements of local dealers that they would not let the governor browbeat them into lowering the price so that he might claim credit for the reduction.

"I expect and will require that prices drop here as they did in Omaha. Fifty stations in Omaha are now selling at reduced prices and furnish all proof needed of the violation of the anti-discrimination law by the stations of Lincoln owned by the same companies. When I return from my vacation, I expect to see that the attorney general has started prosecution or has some of the violators in jail.

"If that result has not been accomplished," the governor declared, "by that time, I shall use some of the funds set aside for that purpose to employ an attorney who will make use of the restraining power of the courts to secure relief for the consumers of gasoline and to have the cases now in court brought by the attorney general advanced for speedy hearing."

RURAL MAIL MAN TOOK TWO SLAPS

Hartington, Neb., June — (Special) — Harold (Pete) Roddewig, mail carrier on route 7 out of Hartington, who previously has been a good republican, is out and out against Coolidge and the republican party, he declares, for ever and ever, without end. According to Mr. Roddewig's tales of woe, Coolidge slapped him on one cheek by vetoing the adjusted compensation bill, but as the Good Book admonishes, those who are hit on one cheek to turn the other also, he said nothing and turned the other side of his face for another slap, if one were coming. He didn't have to wait very long, for the president vetoed the bill which would have given the postal employees an increase in pay. "Now having fulfilled the law," "Pete" says he is not going to stand for more punishment, but he is out to get Mr. Coolidge's angora if possible.

KEYA PAHA COUNTY IS FIRST TO FILE

Lincoln, Neb., June — (Special) — Keya Paha county is the first in the state to file with the state tax commission a complete abstract of the property valuation for assessment purposes. The total actual value is \$6,261,960, an increase over last year of \$16,890. The number of cattle and horses have increased. Cattle are now valued at \$860,125 and horses at \$170,820, increases of \$16,215 and \$4,245 respectively. Farm lands are listed as worth \$4,362,590, or \$5,045 more than a year ago, while town lots are worth \$199,945, an increase of \$14,055. The county has no railroad property within its borders.

WANTS TO KNOW POWER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

Lincoln, Neb., June — (Special) — Mayor William Colton applied to the attorney general today for information as to whether County Attorney Perry had the power to make cash settlement with persons arrested for transporting liquor in an automobile by accepting \$400 and releasing the car to the owner, who was not one of the parties arrested when the liquor was found. Mr. Colton said that it did not look right for the county to confiscate small cars and then when a big expensive car is caught in the net to allow them to get their car by paying only a part of its value.

PAL OF DEAD BURGLAR IS SENT TO PRISON

Omaha, Neb., June — Joe Fox, pal of Genaro Manse, who was killed while attempting to enter the home of Walter W. Head, Omaha banker, has been sentenced to one year in the state reformatory. Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Manse, widow of the dead man, were paroled for two years to Police Matron Gibbons. All three were charged with conspiracy to commit a felony.

CAN'T GET BACK HIS RED CROSS DONATION

Omaha, Neb., June — C. Lawrence Stull, former Cass county farmer, lost his district court suit against the Plattsmouth State bank and four former neighbors to recover \$2,800 he alleged he donated to the Red Cross during the World war under threat of being "strung up" with a rope.

USING MAILS TO DEFAUD IS CHARGE

North Platte, Neb., June — Alvin Johnson was arrested Thursday on a warrant charging him with using the mails to defraud wholesale houses. He was given his freedom upon \$2,000 bond. His brother, at Rindol, was sentenced Wednesday to 15 months in the federal prison upon the same charges.

THEY WANT TRACE OF THEIR MISSING SON

Ponca, Neb., June — (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Berens are making strenuous efforts to locate their son, Arthur, who left home last Friday, without telling the parents of his intentions or destination. Frank Talbot is believed to have accompanied him. The Berens boy graduated from the Ponca schools this spring. He is said to be five feet 9 inches tall and to weigh about 175 pounds. He wore his gold graduating ring, blue overalls, blue coat and light cap.

DAWES KNOWN TO NEBRASKANS

Practiced Law in Lincoln, But Most Successful in Real Estate

Lincoln, Neb., June — (Special) — Charles G. Dawes, named for vice-president on the republican national ticket, practiced law in Lincoln from 1837 to 1895, but made more of a success of his real estate investments than of his legal attainments. He now owns four of the most valuable corners in Lincoln, all in the hands of a trustee for the benefit of Dawes' children.

S. H. Burnham, president of the First National bank here, and one of his oldest friends, says that when Dawes was here his credit was good but his cash supply low. He recalls that when Dawes went back to Ohio in 1838 to marry Miss Caro D. Blycker, his byhook sweetheart, he borrowed \$100 of Mr. Burnham to make sure that he had enough money to finance the trip.

In the legal fraternity here Mr. Dawes is best remembered by the vigor with which he championed the cause of anti-monopolists in their legal battle with the railroads over rates. He did not engage in politics, but he was up to his neck in lawsuits against the roads, one of the most important being an unsuccessful attempt to make the Burlington let go of one of its competitors, the Atchison & Nebraska, which it had gobbled up.

LEGION POST PLANS BIG DANCE PAVILION

Bloomfield, Neb., June — (Special) — Active efforts for the sale of stock in the dance pavilion to be built on the local fair grounds by the Ray Lamb Post of the American Legion will open this week. The committee in charge of the stock sale is planning to push it with great vigor and it is thought that work on the building will be started within a month. Plans are for a building that will accommodate double the crowd that any other structure in the city will hold. Antone Schulte is the commander of the post and Clyde Gentsler is the adjutant.

BANK NOT IN NEED OF STATE'S MONEY

Lincoln, Neb., June — (Special) — Six banks have notified State Treasurer Robinson during the past week that they do not wish to retain time deposits of state funds which they now have, and upon which they are now paying the state four per cent interest, when the yearly period for which the deposits are made has expired.

According to Mr. Robinson this is an almost unprecedented condition as his office is usually over-run with requests from the banks for the state money. The state treasurer said this expression from the banks evidenced the fact that they now have a plentiful supply of funds to take care of all demands for loans.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET IN BLOOMFIELD

Bloomfield, Neb., June — (Special) — The district convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, Norfolk District, will be held in Bloomfield on Thursday and Friday, June 19 and 20. Delegates from the various towns in the district will be present and a successful convocation is anticipated. On Thursday evening a pageant, "The Sale of the World's Children" will be given with the following characters: "Spirit of Childhood," Dorothy Cunningham; Crier of Sale, Nona Liddell; Auctioneer, Miss Theo Liddell; Pleasure, Leah Ranney; Queen of Vanity Fair, Eunice Hockett; Child Labor, Eva Sumner; Abolitionist, May Volkers; Free Thinker, Leona Wilson; Riches, Bernice Hockett; Grafe, Leitha Schrader; Alcohol, Lillian Nichols; Law, Ellen Kruger; Christianity, Ada Lindner.

CLAIMS CONVICTION IN TECHNICAL MANNER

Lincoln, Neb., June — (Special) — Neils Thurland, Washington county farmer, has appealed to the supreme court from a conviction on a charge of violating the prohibitory law, on the ground that the trial judge erred in not releasing him when the Christ Anderson, the real violator, appeared by affidavit and said he did it.

Officers found in a straw stack in one of Thurland's fields a barrel that contained water and peaches, well along in the fermentation process. Anderson said in his affidavit that he put them there in February of 1923 when there was nobody living on the farm, and that when he went to get them he found Thurland in possession of the property. He was scared and left the country. Later he came back and when he found that Neils had been convicted for an offense that he had committed, he wanted to tell the court the facts.

Thurland, however, had not reported the find, and the court held that to convict of illegal possession of mash one does not have to be proved to be the owner or in permanent possession. Temporary possession is sufficient. Thurland had previously been convicted of violating the same law, and this time drew 30 days in jail and a fine of \$50.

HAIL STORM DAMAGE CLAIMS ARE NUMEROUS

Lincoln, Neb., June — (Special) — Hail storm claims are pouring into the office of the state hail insurance department as a result of recent storms in the state which it is claimed have damaged growing grain. Boone county was among the localities visited, and heavy losses, it is said, occurred in Saunders county. The hail insurance department last year was able to pay nearly all claims in full, and believes it can do nearly as well this year.

McAdoo and Family Enjoy Simple Life



William Gibbs McAdoo, democratic presidential aspirant, is tempting his daughter, Mary Faith McAdoo, with a bit of bacon he has fried at their mountain camp near Los Angeles. Prior to coming east to attend the democratic national convention, McAdoo took a brief vacation with his wife and two young daughters, roughing it in the Rocky mountains.

La Oldette's Strength.

The two old parties will make a big mistake if they underestimate the personal strength of La Follette. He has an extraordinary sympathetic audience among people who, though not sharing his views, admire his courage and will be tempted to follow him as a protest. His entrance onto the field this year might be a major political event, as important in its way as Roosevelt's rebellion in 1912. For, though Mr. La Follette is far less a national figure than Roosevelt was his strategic position in the Upper Mississippi valley, and his personal strength in the labor centers of the east might well play a determining part in the result next November.

A Lady for His Oliver.

Mrs. A. L. sends us this amusing anecdote about Oliver Wendell Holmes: The genial octogenarian was strolling along the beach one afternoon when he stopped to chat with a little girl who was playing on the sand. They became quite friendly, and when he walked on she walked with him. Presently she said, "I'll have to go home now." "Good-bye, my dear," said the doctor. "and when your mother asks where you've been tell her you were walking with Oliver Wendell Holmes." "And when your folks ask you where you've been," said the child, "tell them you were walking with Mrs. Susanna Brown."