

OIL PROMOTER COMING BACK

Will Be Prosecuted in
Nebraska for Embezzlement

Falls City, Neb., Oct. 9.—Another Richardson county bubble burst when it was learned that Sheriff Al Young left for Corsicana, Tex.; to take into custody J. B. Davidson of that city on two counts charging embezzlement and obtaining money under false pretenses.

Davidson, who posed as an expert oil prospector, appeared in Rulo last June and started the community with the announcement that he had found symptoms of oil near Rulo. A company was quickly organized, \$1,200 raised, and several prominent Rulo men were made directors.

Davidson then advised his associates that he would have to return to Corsicana to get a drilling outfit, and would require a preliminary outlay of money for freight charges and incidentals. He was consequently authorized to check out the \$1,200 fund deposited in the Bank of Rulo.

It took Davidson five weeks to reduce the capital of the company to \$50, and then he disappeared. The only word regarding Davidson, until W. D. Seaton, captain of police at Corsicana announced that he had been apprehended, was in the form of cancelled checks.

**RAILROAD WANTS TO
ABANDON A TRAIN**

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 9.—(Special)—The Northwestern railroad company is asking the consent of the state railway commission to abandonment of Sunday passenger train service on the Albia branch, between Oakdale and Scribner. This service, it is claimed, is so poorly patronized during the time when automobiles can be operated, that it is heavy drain on the revenues, not justified by the circumstances.

As a substitute it is proposed to attach a passenger coach to two freight trains. The coach will be attached to the regular train from Omaha and dropped off at Scribner. There it will be added to the freight train at 3 o'clock in the morning, and reach Oakdale at 10:35. Returning it will be hitched onto a freight train leaving Oakdale at 10:45 o'clock and after it reached Scribner late in the evening it will be attached to the regular passenger train into Omaha, leaving Scribner at 7:45 p. m.

The railroad asks that no hearing be held and that the order issue forthwith.

URGES BOARDS BE JOINED UP

South Dakota Commissioner
of Agriculture Recommends Consolidations

Pierre, S. D., Oct. 9.—(Special)—In the second biennial report of the department of agriculture, Frank M. Byrne, commissioner of agriculture and former governor, expressed the opinion that a consolidation of several agencies of the state acting in agricultural matters would result in giving better results and in a saving of expense to the state. The report says: "There are several agencies, boards and departments of the state government that, in one way and another, exercise control of different agricultural regulatory and supervisory activities, each acting independently of the others and without any central authority to direct or harmonize their activities or bring them into accord, one with another. It would seem that some of these various agencies should be consolidated and brought under the direction and control of one department, so as to co-ordinate and harmonize the different lines of agricultural work. The primary purposes of such consolidation would be the increased efficiency of the service that would result from the co-ordination of these various forces and bringing them under one directing head, but it would also result in economy of administration by eliminating duplication of effort and utilizing the services of employes to better advantage."

**BANKERS ARRANGE FOR
ANNUAL TARGET SHOOT**

Arnolds Park, Ia., Oct. 9.—(Special)—The Dickinson County Bankers' association has completed arrangements for the annual target shoot to be held at Camp Holiday, on West Okoboji, October 15. The winner of this shoot will attend the annual state shoot at the ranges at Fort Des Moines, October 27 and 28.

**TO OPERATE PRINTING
PLANT ON WHEELS**

Ruthon, Minn., Oct. 9.—Jay Jackson, who recently disposed of his newspaper here, is making plans to tour the south and west in an especially equipped automobile. Mr. Jackson proposes to have his car converted into a traveling printing office and intends to do job printing at the small towns he visits while enroute.

**SENATOR LAFOLLETTE TO
SPEAK AT SIOUX FALLS**

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 9.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette, independent candidate for president, will speak at the Sioux Falls Coliseum Friday night, October 17.

Announcement of Senator LaFollette's visit to Sioux Falls was received in a telegram by H. C. Newell, local chairman of the Sioux Falls headquarters, from national headquarters in Chicago. Mr. Newell said that Mr. LaFollette would be enroute to the Pacific coast next week and would make a special side trip to South Dakota.

SEEKS HIGHER 'PHONE RATES

Cedar County Farmers Com-
pany Makes Request of
Rail Commission

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 9.—(Special)—The Cedar County Farmers Telephone company of Hartington has filed a request with the state railway commission asking for permission to add 25 cents a month to its present rates, which are \$2 for business service and \$1.40 for residence and farm telephones. The company has \$73,000 worth of property and only \$18,590 of stock outstanding.

It is explained that this discrepancy is due to the fact that it has been unable to sell stock and had to pay for all of its improvements out of income. At the present time it has no replacement reserve, where it should have \$25,000, the money being put into new plant, and it has reached the point where it must have a larger reserve or it cannot maintain its property and pay dividends.

NAME CAN NOT GO ON BALLOT

Death of Judge Graves Cre-
ates Vacancy for the
Annual Election

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 9.—Under a recent ruling of the attorney general there is no way possible by which any one who aspires to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Guy T. Graves of the Eighth judicial district can get his name printed on the ballot. Judge Graves had no opposition at the primary, and the man who will shortly be named by the governor will serve until next January, with a chance of having two more years of the work.

The law permits the voters to write in names on the election ballots, and the person getting the highest votes, if that be equal to 10 per cent. of that cast for governor in 1922, will be elected. If no one is elected in this way, the governor's appointee will hold over till another election date.

The names of Mark Ryan, of Pender, and J. C. Robinson and E. H. Burkett, of Hartington, are being suggested for the vacancy. Ryan and Burkett were defeated in recent years by Graves.

**LA FOLLETTE'S NAME NOT
ON ONE TICKET**

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 9.—(Special)—Secretary of State Pool has rejected the application of representatives of the progressive party to have the names of La Follette and Wheeler appear as the presidential candidates of that organization. Frank A. Harrison, La Follette manager, made a strong protest. He said that it was an effort to take away votes from La Follette because no votes cast for him on this ticket could be counted since it has no presidential electors and they could not be added to the votes cast for him on his own ticket.

C. A. Sorensen, representing Norton, the democratic nominee for governor, said that it was a scheme to enable Butler, progressive party candidate, to get support by pointing to the fact that his ticket was headed by La Follette.

Mr. Pool based his ruling on the law that provides a candidate's name may not appear twice; that notice of nomination must come from a national convention and that 30 days before an election is the limit for filing. He also has caused to be omitted from the ballot blank spaces in which persons may write names of selections for president and vice president on the ground that these would be ineffective since no electors are named to represent such votes.

**SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE
GOOD POTATO RAISERS**

Spirit Lake, Ia., Oct. 9.—(Special)—Through the Bankers' association, of Dickinson county, 20 bushels of certified potato seed was furnished to the school children of Dickinson county and all the children with the exception of two schools, of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, took part in the potato project. The varieties used were the Rural New Yorker, Irish Cobbler and the Early Ohio. According to the agreement with the Bankers' association, one peck in each five bushels raised was to be sold to pay the expense of financing the project. The children met with exceptional success. Sixty-five bushels of the potatoes, in peck lots, were exhibited in the school exhibit at the Clay county fair, under the supervision of Miss Grace Kettleison, county superintendent. The potatoes were sold at auction after the exhibit and brought good prices.

Automobiles registered in the United States during the first six months of 1924, amounted to 15,552,077, an increase of 20 per cent. over the corresponding period of a year ago, the American Automobile Association announced.

TO HOLD INQUEST

Crete, Neb., Oct. 9.—(I. N. S.)—A coroner's inquest will be held today over the body of Harold Belden, 16 years old who died from gun "hot" wounds sustained while the boy was on a hunting trip last Saturday with four companions. Belden was wounded by a shot fired by Robert Lutz. Lutz was arrested after the shooting and has been held in the jail at Wilber. Lutz declined to county authorities that he did not know the gun was loaded.

WIFE PENNILESS HUSBAND GONE

Another Woman Blamed
For Breaking Up the
Hogan Home

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 9.—Saying she was penniless save the rings on her fingers, Mrs. W. R. Hogan of Grand Island, appeared in police court to testify against her husband and Miss Frankie Morrow, a stenographer, arrested with him, but only to learn that they had disappeared.

Upon agreement of Hogan's attorney, Judge Dineen dismissed the charge against the man and ordered his \$25 bond money given to his wife. The girl's bond also was forfeited. "He drank and gambled—you can put up with a lot, but this is too much," said Mrs. Hogan. "He met this girl three years ago in Newton, Ia., and she has been following him everywhere."

According to Mrs. Hogan, Miss Morrow trailed her to her hotel and then to a restaurant after she had refused to talk to her. "She told me if I appeared against them, they would die together in a suicide pact," said Mrs. Hogan.

Mrs. Hogan said her husband had lavished money on the girl. "He even tried to take my rings to give to her. I kept them only by pressing a razor blade to my wrist and threatening to slash the artery if he tried to take them again," said the wife. Mrs. Hogan's mother was with her and said she would take her daughter to her home in Iowa.

A statutory charge is still held against Hogan, but the warrant has not been served on him and police do not know where he is.

**INDIANS COMPLAIN
AGAINST SUPERINTENDENT**

Winnebago, Neb., Oct. 9.—Indians of the Winnebago tribal council are gathering here to air complaints against the superintendent, F. T. Mann and his administration.

Dr. Samuel Blair, inspector of the interior department, Washington, is here to conduct the investigation.

One of the complaints is said to involve Mr. Mann in permitting an Indian to sell his land at an unfavorable price, and then using the money to buy 40 acre tracts from the First National bank of Winnebago of which Mr. Mann is a stockholder. "There was absolutely nothing irregular about the transaction," said Mr. Mann. "It was all done, open and above board, with approval of the Indian office in Washington."

**BANKS GET REFUND
ON MONEY ADVANCED**

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 9.—(Special)—The state guaranty commission is sending out checks to all of the state banks as their portion of a refund of the assessment made on them to build up a conservation fund. This fund is used to carry on weak banks after the commission has taken them over. The total refund, available because of collections made from the failed Atlas bank of Neligh, totals a little over \$101,000.

**ALL TEACHERS MUST
HAVE CERTIFICATES**

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 9.—(Special)—All county superintendents have been ordered by the state superintendent to report by October 18th, under oath, the names of all teachers who are without the permission of the state to act as instructors of the young. This requires that the superintendent make a survey of the private, denominational and parochial schools of the state. Up until 1919, the teachers in these schools were not required to secure such certificates, but a law passed that winter gave them until September 1, 1919, to supply themselves or resign from their positions.

The state superintendent calls the attention of county superintendents in a letter he is sending out that under the existing laws no person can be permitted to teach who is not legally qualified in any school, even though it is agreeable to the board members and the patrons and the teacher is willing to work without salary, a condition that is said to exist in some of the church schools. In addition the law says that before a teacher can take a position she must secure the grade of certificate that is required in that particular line of work.

Parochial and denominational school teachers must have a certificate to teach corresponding courses to those in the public schools that would otherwise be attended by the children under her instruction.

**FIRE PREVENTION DAY
OBSERVED AT YANKTON**

Yankton, S. D., Oct. 9.—(Special)—Fire Prevention Day was observed in Yankton with the Chamber of Commerce giving active co-operation. Speakers were sent into the schools for short talks on the subject, and prizes were awarded for best essays by school children upon the subject of fire prevention.

**DENTAL SOCIETY HOLDS
CONVENTION AT BERESFORD**

Beresford, S. D., Oct. 9.—(Special)—The first Dental association held its annual convention here, Tuesday, with a large attendance. Officers elected for the coming year are: president, Ralph Collins, of Vermillion; vice president, Dr. Nelson, of Aven; secretary-treasurer, Dr. C. L. Kermis, of Beresford; executive council member, Dr. W. W. Price, of Centerville. The 1925 meeting will be held at Vermillion.

OPPOSITION TO BRIDGE, FOUND

Taxpayers' League for Da-
kota County, Formed
at Hubbard

Hubbard, Neb., Oct. 6.—(Special)—A Taxpayers' league, for Dakota county, was organized here, Friday night, the express purpose being to give thorough study to the proposition to vote a tax for the building of a free bridge across the Missouri river between South Sioux City, Neb., and Sioux City, Ia. E. B. Wilbur, of South Sioux City, a booster for the tax for the free bridge, gave a talk and, from questions asked him, it is evident there will be much opposition to the proposition.

Officers for the league were elected, as follows: George Timlin, of Hubbard, president and D. G. Evans, of Homer, secretary-treasurer. A committee, with members from each precinct in the county, is to be appointed to complete the organization and put it in working order.

**FARMERS STUDY MEANS
TO COMBAT GRASSHOPPER**

Sidney, Neb., Oct. 6.—(Special)—A large meeting of farmers was held here with the county agent last week, to consider means of eliminating the grasshopper pest. Grasshoppers did a large amount of damage in the county this year. In order to secure state aid, a petition must be circulated and signed by farmers and landowners, and at least 25 signatures must be secured in each voting precinct. It is then filed with the state department of agriculture which will then investigate and grant a hearing to any opposition which may develop. If it is decided to take steps against them, each farmer in the precinct will be compelled to poison the grasshoppers on his land. If he refuses to do so, an agent of the department of agriculture may spread the poison and collect it from him.

**HEAVY FINE FOR
SELLING RHUBARB WINE**

Falls City, Neb., Oct. 6.—(Special)—A quart of rhubarb wine, sold by George Creed, to a deputy state sheriff cost him a \$300 fine, the confiscation of his car and costs of the case.

**PIERCE MAN HAD
HAIR-RAISING EXPERIENCE**

Pierce, Neb., Oct. 6.—(Special)—Caught under the body of his riding horse which fell dead as he reached the bank of a stream after fording it, C. H. Braasch succeeded in working his foot free in the sand. His calls for help brought no response, but he extricated himself from the stir up after hard labor.

City May Lose Highway Costs

Rock County Board of Sup-
erisors Opposes Claim of
Town of Luverne

Luverne, Minn., Oct. 6.—Rock county's board of commissioners, in regular session, went on record as opposed to the issuing of bonds with which to reimburse the city of Luverne for trunk highway paving, the bonds to be carried and paid by the state highway department.

In other words, unless some of the commissioners change their opinions, the refund of the trunk highway through Luverne will be lost. The amount of refund which the city is entitled to according to the schedule allowed by the state highway department is \$45,154.

The fact that three petitions, signed by 150 Beaver Creek township taxpayers requesting that the county board under no circumstances authorize additional bond issues of any kind, may have had some bearing on the board's action, but it is understood that these petitions were circulated and signed primarily in opposition to the proposed strengthening of the west end and the re-routing of a portion of trunk highway No. 9 near Beaver Creek so as to eliminate two railway crossings.

Bryan To Start On Long Speaking Trip This Week

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 5.—(Special)—Governor Bryan returned Sunday from a trip that took him to the extreme southwestern part of the state and into northwestern Kansas. Early this week the vice presidential candidate intends to start on his most extended tour of the campaign, speaking in Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado. He will return in time to fill his promised engagement to participate in Nebraska-South Dakota day at the opening of the new bridge connecting the two states at Yankton, October 16, when the governors of Nebraska and South Dakota are expected to meet in the middle of the bridge.

**YOUNGEST TEACHER IN
SCHOOLS OF NEBRASKA**

Hartington, Neb., Oct. 6.—(Special)—The youngest teacher in Nebraska is claimed by Cedar county. She is Miss Gale Miller, daughter of W. E. Miller, former county superintendent here, and is only a few months over 16 years old. Miss Miller was graduated from the Hartington high school last June and is primary teacher at the St. James school, where her father teaches the higher grades.

Burton Says Man Must Destroy War, Or War Will Destroy Man

From the Detroit News.

An epitome of all the peace plans the world ever conceived, of all the invocations addressed to humanity for the abolition of warfare, is to be found in the compact sentence with which Dr. Marion LeRoy Burton instructed the student body at Ann Arbor as the preface to the new collegiate year.

"Man must destroy war or war will destroy man." Let every American mother and father ask themselves if that grim truth is not inscribed on the headstones in every community. Not only as the painful inheritance of the last war, but of wars before that; not only of wars in which this country has been involved, but of wars in those lands whence so many of them came.

What drove them forth from home and motherland if not the want and wretchedness born of long and recurring wars which forbade prosperity and sacrificed national welfare to the sustenance of professional armies? Wherein is to be found the origin of that stagnant social state which pollutes life and demolishes fortune in Europe today if not in those conscripted armies which first robbed and then destroyed the surface of the earth?

Well may the University of Michigan's president say: "Our military and naval experts fully realize that the race is between catastrophe and education." The catastrophe is confiscation of life outright, confiscation of energies which should be devoted to family welfare and communal prosperity, confiscation of hope, of everything except the faith that somewhere in the vast scheme of creation there is a place where the soul may find no wars but only that peace which is the touchstone of man's loftiest ideals.

Intelligence revolts at the barbarism of war. Education confronts the sheer wickedness of such senseless sacrifice. Never can reason and logic and understanding discover justification for interneeine slaughter within the human family. The lust to kill comes with madness and is a reversion to primitive, unintelligent impulse; it is a denial of all that which comes with knowledge. The only existing argument for armies is necessity, and the necessity exists only so long as an enlightened world permits it, and not a moment longer.

There are, in the far distant records of mankind, stories of peoples living for one thousand years at peace; they became rich, powerful, happy beyond all succeeding history vexed by warfare. This is a truth as immutable as anything the world has to offer and it is the finest truth on which any university community can base the thoughts and studies of the youth committed to its charge.

In such a solemn moment of dedication such words must find root somewhere among the thousands who heard them; perhaps, winging their way by wire and cable they will drop into other hearts far distant. To place such a message before the young men and women of the nation is to challenge them to consecrate their minds to the task of tasks which sums up all the goal of all the learning in the world: Humanity.

To The Beloved.

If I could know that at the end
We'd meet again some quiet place,
Free of our pulses, looking in
Each other's faces steadily;
If I could know that at the end
Four love were not a vanity;
That old romance were brave and
true,
And not a rondo for the lyre;
If I could know that you and I,
Making an epic of desire
Could quest our love as Angus did
His love and kingdom on the earth.
If I could know the market-place,
The petty folk, the meanness, all
The mediocrities of love
Could not claim ours, demeaning it;
Then I would seek your timid hands,
Yea, kneel before your comeliness,
You, whom my unrelenting heart
Has sought unceasing through the
days.

Alack! I know that at the end
The world has banished beauty whom
We love; and your heart, too, as
mine,
Is small and burdened with the day.
Why, then, dissemble what is sooth!
We are but cattle grazing where
Old castles stood, and beauty stepped
One day, miraculously young,
—Kenneth Sarr, in the Irish
Statesman.

Philologist Hanged.

Curious pleas have sometimes been put forward in support of the release of notorious criminals. One of the strangest was that on behalf of George Ruloff, an American schoolmaster, who was convicted in 1870 of a series of robberies and murders, his own wife and daughter being among the victims. For cold-blooded cruelty his record would be hard to beat, but Ruloff had his other side.

He was an ardent philologist, and had been engaged for years on the invention of a universal language. No one could attempt to palliate his crimes, but a widely signed petition was presented to the governor of Virginia for his reprieve on the grounds that as his invention, if completed, would be of the utmost benefit to mankind it would be criminal folly to extinguish such a light of learning. The governor thought otherwise, and Ruloff was duly hanged.

Make the Punishment Adequate.

From the Lebanon Report.

If run-runners cannot be punished adequately as violators of the Volstead law, they may be as violators of the tariff law. Attorney General Stone has ordered action accordingly. Under the federal prohibition law a first offender cannot be given anything more than a fine of \$500 for bringing contraband liquor into the country. Under the Tariff Act of 1922 he can be sent to the penitentiary and fined \$5,000. Two cases of Texas recently resulted in sentences of 18 months and \$5,000 fines. Federal attorneys at all coast and border points where smuggling is practiced will be expected to handle liquor cases in this way hereafter. It is a curious situation, when cheating in customs payments is made to appear more serious than an offense against national morals and health. But there is no need to split hairs about it.

Queen Mary's Economy.

From the Kansas City Star.

Queen Mary is said to be far more economical in the matter of clothes than is generally understood. Periodically she makes a personal inspection of her wardrobe, in order to decide what clothes shall be reserved for wear on subsequent occasions and what shall be disposed of no longer required. Much of the lace that is used upon her gowns belongs to her large private collection, and as soon as it has served its purpose it is carefully removed by her maids and packed away for use on some subsequent occasion.

That Wilbur Speech.

From the Wichita Eagle.

Frequently the most obscure thing in the news is the most interesting. That is proving true about the secretary of the navy, Mr. Wilbur, whom President Coolidge appointed not long ago. Readers will remember that Wilbur was in California and was suddenly dragged back to Washington post-haste. Wilbur had been making political speeches. They were rather spicy, but were nothing to the line of lava Dawes has been letting loose. Wilbur was booked to make a speech at Denver and copies of this speech had been released in advance. Apparently that unadvised Denver speech was a rip-snorter. It got into the race question. It took up prohibition. It whacked Woodrow Wilson. It is said that it approved the League of Nations. Of course the democratic campaign managers have a copy of the suppressed address and excerpts of it are leaking out. But the public would like to see the whole speech. The public is in a wonderful mood for straight-out speeches. Wilbur may be thinking a lot of things with which nobody could agree in their entirety, but which would help mightily in the present difficult discussion. It is too much to expect of course, but it would be wholly within keeping with the present temper of the people if Wilbur should resign from the cabinet, hire a hulk and go to it hammer and tongs.

Our Various Sorceries.

From the Lincoln Journal.

There was no prosperity last winter among the native tribes of northern British Columbia. Game was scarce and the winter was long and severe. Dead were walked in the wake of famine and the people despaired.

The members of one of the tribes began looking for the sorcerer who had brought this calamity upon the country. Suspicion fell upon one Ato! Moassin. His fellow tribesmen found him mumbling strangely in his shack and to end his witcheries hanged him head down from the tree. After several days of this torture an old squaw put him out of his misery by cutting his throat.

A representative of the British government has arrested the perpetrators of this, to themselves, pious act. They will be tried for murder and punished.

Again we are able to register progress. Among ourselves we do not think now of hanging anybody for the drouths and panics which we suffer. We merely look to see who is running the government at the moment and at the first opportunity, we overthrow him. Thus our politics becomes an eager contest of claims among candidates to the authorship of such prosperity as we possess and as eager a conflict of disclaimers as responsibility for such inconveniences as, from whatsoever cause, the people may be suffering.

Some thousands of years ago we too, might have hanged our statesmen by the heels for dellation or drouth or other evil. No getting around it, the world is getting better. There's an aeon of difference between cutting a witch's throat and pelting him with a ballot.

Adrian IV, the only English pope, is to be honored by the erection of a monument at his birthplace in Hertfordshire.

Not Keeping Up With Current Events.

From the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Oiga Netheresele tells the following story concerning a little maid she employed. One day, while dressing for the theater, there was an unusually heavy downpour of rain, and Miss Netheresele, peering out of the window at the overflowing gutters, remarked:

"Why, Lizzie, it is almost like the flood!"

"'Flood, miss?' queried the girl.

"Yes, the flood, Noah, you know, and the ark."

"I never have no time to look at the papers, miss," explained the girl apologetically.