

DISLIKE DIET JUDGE ORDERED

**Liquor Law Offenders Say
Bread and Water Not
Enough**

Lincoln, Neb., June 1 (Special).—Four men convicted in Tekamah of violations of the liquor law have appealed to the supreme court on the ground that part of their sentences by County Judge Chaff that they should spend 40 of the 60 days in jail he gave them on an exclusive diet of bread and water is violative of the provisions of the state and federal constitutions which prohibit cruel and unusual punishments.

They applied to District Judge Fitzgerald for release on writs of habeas corpus, claiming that such a diet would impair their health and expose them to the danger of death. The district court refused their plea, and they are now out on bail waiting for the supreme court to pass on the point raised.

Judge Chaff adopted this plan some months ago of dealing with bootleggers, and it has greatly curtailed the industry in that county.

BALICS AT PAYING

GOV. BRYAN'S BILL'S
Lincoln, Neb., June 1 (Special).—Governor McMullen is holding up a warrant issued a few days ago by the state auditor to reimburse Fred Johnson, former lieutenant governor, for his expenses shown he substituted for Governor Bryan when the latter was being nominated for vice president at New York and for going to Omaha to represent the state when the Harding funeral train went through. The amount is but \$38.84. Governor Bryan would not approve it, and Governor McMullen is objecting to having it charged against his administration and funds. These were the only times Bryan would let Johnson sit in the seat of power. At other times when he went away he didn't notify Johnson.

HOLD SCHOOL ON

IRRIGATION PROJECT
Whitney, Neb., June 1 (Special).—What is said to be the first irrigation school in Nebraska was held here on June 11 and 12, reported County Agent H. W. Biederman, who had charge of the arrangements. Instructions and demonstrations governing the handling of crops, soil, measuring and distribution of water, and laying out of laterals, were given by specialists in this work.

The Whitney irrigation project, located on the main line of the Northwestern, halfway between Crawford and Chadron, comprises 10 thousand acres.

BREAK VIRGIN S. DAKOTA SOIL

**Vast Acreage of New Land
Being Put To Crops
This Year**

Pierre, S. D., June 1 (Special).—Reports coming from all sections of the central and western part of the state tell of large amounts of new breaking going on, large amounts of which are being seeded to flax. In this (Hughes) county it is estimated by County Agent N. F. Nelson that 80,000 more new acres of prairie are broken or being broken this spring than was broken last spring and that the greater part of it is being seeded to flax.

However, there has been no definite records available on the prairie sod broken and I. D. Aldrich, immigration commissioner, has sent out over 60 letters to correspondents of the department over the state asking for records of tractor sales, new lands broken and the flax acreage.

So far only a few of these correspondents have reported to date but the records received show large breaking completed or being done. While there is probably a slight overlapping as to acreages where the correspondents are from the same county still the record can be considered quite a fair one, Mr. Aldrich states.

From Agar in Sully county the report shows 60 tractors sold from there this spring, 12,000 new acres being broken and 17,000 acres of flax planted.

Onida, in the same county, reports 80 tractors sold, 90,000 new acres broken and 48,000 acres planted to flax.

Rockham, on the Faulk-Land county line, reports 4 tractors sold, and 2,000 acres planted to flax.

McIntosh, in Corson county, reports 24 tractors sold, 20,000 acres of prairie broken and 18,000 acres in flax.

Harrold, in this county, reports the sale of 75 tractors, 40,000 acres of prairie broken and 40,000 acres of flax.

Midland, Haakon county, tells of 12 tractors sold, 8,000 new acres broken, and 3,000 acres to flax.

Stamford, in Jackson county, sends in a report of 5 tractors sold, 910 acres new ground broken and 310 acres of flax.

County Pioneer

**Goes To Reward
Mrs. Hugh Mitchell Had
Lived Near Worthington
Since 1862**

Worthington, Minn., June 1 (Special).—Mrs. Hugh Mitchell, a resident of Nobles county since 1872, died Wednesday, after an illness of several months. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon. She was born in New York state in 1862.

STANDARD PAYS GASOLINE TAX

**Turns \$59,000 Into Nebraska
Treasury—Shows In-
crease Over April**

Lincoln, Neb., June 1 (Special).—The Standard Oil company sent in to the state gas tax bureau Tuesday a check for nearly \$59,000, representing its collections for May of the 2-cent tax on gasoline. This is about \$9,000 more than it paid last month, for April sales. This increase from the largest handler in the state has led Director Bass to predict that collections for May will total close to \$250,000, as compared with \$136,600 a month ago. The total to date is around \$175,000, but a third of the dealers have yet to report. The 15th is the last day under the law when these reports are to be filed, and the bureau, while willing to be lenient for the first few months, is getting ready to exact penalties if prompt compliance is not given in the future.

SAYS COUNTIES PAY TOO MUCH

**Salaries Based on Federal
Census Farm Bureau
Man Asserts**

Lincoln, Neb., June 1 (Special).—C. B. Steward, secretary of the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation, was at the statehouse trying to set a legal conflagration under a number of county officials who are enjoying official salaries in excess of what the law allows them, if the federal census of their counties are to be the criterion. In Nebraska salaries of county officials depend on the population of the county and they increase with every step up in population.

In the last few years half a dozen boards in counties that were given by the federal census a few hundred fewer inhabitants than the next step-up have increased salaries by adopting resolutions to the effect that the population was above that figure. Farmer taxpayers brought in a suit in Dodge and Buffalo counties, but the supreme court said the boards were acting within their powers.

The last legislature passed a law making the federal census the only test of a county's population. Mr. Steward is now asking the attorney general for a ruling as to whether this law is retroactive, that is, whether, by declaring the federal census to be the measure, all of the salary increases made in recent years by resolution of county boards are wiped out.

PASTOR MAIN FACTOR

IN CHURCH IMPROVEMENT
Exeter, Neb., June 1 (Special).—The First Congregational church here has been remodeled and enlarged through the efforts of the pastor, Rev. E. A. Bashford, who solicited the funds, directed the construction and did the manual labor on the building. The Blue Valley association of Congregational churches will meet here as guests of this church at its next meeting.

RURAL MAIL CARRIER

HELD TO BE INSANE
Bloomfield, Neb., June 1 (Special).—Levi Barber, the mail carrier who tried to commit suicide a couple of weeks ago by stabbing himself with an ice pick, has been committed to the state hospital for the insane at Norfolk, following a hearing and examination before the county insanity board.

FALL INTO BASEMENT

FATAL TO WAUSA WOMAN
Wausa, Neb., June 1 (Special).—While going down the basement stairs of her home, Monday night, Mrs. Melcher Johnson, 65 years old, slipped and fell headlong to the floor, suffering a fracture of the skull, from which she died Tuesday.

TOWN OF GORDON TO

VOTE SALE OF LIGHT PLANT
Gordon, Neb., June 1 (Special).—The Gordon city council has voted to sell the city water and electric light plant, subject to the approval of the town's voters, at a special election to be held shortly. The Nebraska Electric Power company, represented by A. W. Jones, of Peterson, Ia., has made an offer of \$7,500 for the property and is willing to accept a franchise to furnish electric current at less than the present rates and water at the rate now in effect. The city council feels that the best thing to do will be to sell, as this would reduce the city's bonded indebtedness by \$73,000 and reduce the annual tax levy from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The Nebraska Electric Power company has recently purchased power plants at Loup City, Lexington and Broken Bow, from which points they are furnishing electric power to about 30 towns.

GAS TAX COLLECTIONS

PASS \$200,000 MARK
Lincoln, Neb., June 1 (Special).—More than \$200,000 in checks and drafts poured into the cash drawer of the state gasoline tax bureau Tuesday, thus putting the total collections to date over the \$200,000 mark. When business closed Tuesday evening the total was a little less than \$200,000, with 33 of the 423 licensed dealers yet to be heard from. No person can sell gasoline and oil unless licensed by the state, and all of these are responsible in the sum of two cents for every gallon of gasoline they sell monthly.

Pungent Paragraphs

Another good test of blood pressure is to have some fellow pay you a five spot he's been owing you for four years.—Little Rock Arkansas Democrat.

Well, those persons who earn their living by "the sweat of their brow" ought to be rich these days.—New York World.

You can say one thing for Hindenburg's face. It looks unanimous.—Baltimore Evening Sun.

As to the cause of marital spats there is usually a difference of opinion.—Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Some women are so fond of fiction that they will even spend their time reading cook books.—Illinois State Journal.

A speeder locked up these hot days should be permanently cured.—Indianapolis Star.

It may be tragic to lose one's memory, but most of us would like to lose part of it.—Reading Tribune.

As a rule, people who suffer in silence suffer because they are silent.—Sandusky Register.

Mr. Burton seems to have qualified as cheer leader for the international rosters of Geneva.—Terre Haute Star.

All of us have mortal failings. They say Nurmi is running behind expenses.—Vancouver Sun.

Why think war changed Germans? It didn't change anybody else.—Elmira Advertiser.

Supporting Ex-Senators.

From the Lincoln Journal.
The slowly evolving system of unemployment insurance for disemployed United States senators has made great headway lately. Like most new social institutions, the growth is indirect. Instead of being granted a pension, the ex-senator may be appointed, as former Senator McCumber has just now been, to the international boundary commission. The function of this body is to handle Canadian boundary disputes, of which there are none nowadays.

Senator Dial of South Carolina lost his senatorial job with the coming of last March. His unemployment insurance is being collected at the rate of \$1,000 a month as a member of one more Muscle Shoals commission. Senator Poindeexter of Washington became an ex-senator two years ago. He has been pensioned as ambassador to the comfortable plateau of Peru. We might extend the list indefinitely.

The irrelevant call this senatorial pension system the lame duck system. They mean by that that it is a way of taking care of senators who stand by the door and wait for the Senate at cost of their political lives at home. This is indeed its dominant aspect now. Irregular senators are not thus far taken care of in their unofficial old age. Nor are minority senators unless, as happened in the case of Senator Dial, they are at some point in the lame duck session in position to exact such consideration. Senatorial pensions now go, it is true, by favor not by right.

However, we may be assured, however will evolve in due time. Why shouldn't it? Old age pensions are on their way everywhere. Railroads now pension their employees out of service. Federal judges and army officers are pensioned in their retirement. Governors who serve in our wars are pensioned in their old age. Why not senators? Why not everybody?

Who Knows the Law?

From The Oklahoman.
It is impossible for governors of states and attorneys general of states to know the laws of their states, how is it possible for them to enforce these laws? Moreover, how can it be possible for the average citizen to know the laws?

Really, a newspaper syndicate asked the governor of Iowa how many laws are in effect in their respective jurisdictions. Almost unanimously the answer came back, "We don't know."

The same question was proposed to the mayors of 50 of the largest American cities. The answer was the same.

The same syndicate made a thorough search of federal records to ascertain how many federal laws are in effect; all it learned was that there is no information available as to the number of federal laws now in effect. The attorney general of a great American state wrote: "I cannot advise you as to the exact number of laws in effect in this state."

"How many laws have you in your jurisdiction?" is the solemn question forth and here is the serious answer: "We don't know how many laws we must enforce, we can only guess as to the number of laws in effect; to much law is upsetting business; we have too many tax laws; a policeman is expected to know 25,000 laws."

No man born of woman lives long enough to learn the laws he must obey.

Since the first day of 1925 we have seen 12,000 new state laws enacted. We have seen 50,000 new city ordinances enacted since New Year's. We now have at least 500,000 state laws, 5,000 city laws, 5,000 town laws, 5,000 county laws, and 10,000 federal statutes and we have 200,000 lawmakers constantly grinding out more laws.

Why Kill Coyotes?

W. H. Fletcher, of Brant, Alberta, has written the department of agriculture of the Canadian province that far from encouraging slaughter of coyotes, which has long been a provincial policy, the killing of one of these animals should be made a crime. He explained that jackrabbits, by consuming crops and damaging trees, had become a scourge to farmers. He expressed belief that coyotes had formerly kept down the number of rabbits. Fletcher predicted that if coyotes were not permitted to prey upon rabbits, the latter would become such an evil as they did in Australia.

His Status.

From the Kansas City Star.
"He does not seem to know his own mind."
"Oh, well, he sustains little loss," replied old Festus Pester. "A mind like his is not worth getting acquainted with."

In a study of the retail meat business, the United States department of agriculture found that of the average consumer's dollar received by the retailer, the meat costs 5 cents, the retailer's expenses were 19.7 cents, and the profit was 1.7 cents. When a reasonable wage is allowed for the proprietor of the business it is hardly possible to show a profit on a yearly volume of sales less than \$14,000, the department found in its survey.

Pocket in Front



For no good reason, the pocket is usually placed at the side of a frock, so there is considerable novelty to this one which is placed directly in front. The dress is of navy blue crepe embroidered in heavy gold thread. The vestee is of tan chiffon.

SAYS INJUSTICE IS BEING DONE

**Buffalo County Man Wants
School Buss to Call
At His Home**

Lincoln, Neb., June 1 (Special).—Farmer Earl Brodgon, of Buffalo county has asked the supreme court to give him its powerful aid to restore the reign of justice in the St. Michael school district. Brodgon lives on a highway half a mile from its junction with the road into St. Michael along which are carried in motor cars the rural children who attend the town school. Brodgon says that the school board has made a rule that his daughter must walk the half mile to where the school car passes and that she is the only child in the district who is not picked up at her own front gate.

Refusing to be thus intimidated he sent his girl to school on horseback, and then put in a bill for \$37.50 for transporting her. He contended that the rule of the board was not a reasonable requirement with the law requiring that school children be transported at public expense. The lower court said it was, and he now asks the supreme court to overturn this. The evidence shows that the only other man living off the direct road is the man who is paid \$20 a month for taking the children to school.

RANDOLPH PLANS FOR

FINE SWIMMING POOL

Randolph, Neb., June 1 (Special).—Considerable agitation by a number of individuals and organizations here who are interested in civic improvement and social welfare has resulted in tentative plans for one of the biggest projects of its kind for a town of this size in northeast Nebraska, which is the building of a large swimming pool with dressing houses and lockers to be located in the city park.

A large part of the funds will be obtained from the business men and the farmers in the surrounding country who have agreed to stand back of the project in a financial way. The cost of the pool has not been stated but the size has been designated as 60 x 100 feet, having a graduated depth of one to 10 feet. According to the present plan the pool will be completed this summer.

PARKER MAN TAKES

WOLSEY PAPER

Wolsey, S. D., June 1 (Special).—A deal has been consummated whereby Lynn A. Mason, of Parker, S. D., has become the owner and editor of the Wolsey Herald.

With the last issue of the Herald, H. E. Barnes, for many years connected with the newspaper, severed his connection.

COUNCIL BLUFFS GETS

INTO FORTY THOUSAND CLASS

Council Bluffs, Ia., June 1 (I. N. S.).—The population of Council Bluffs has increased to 40,620 according to the census report made public today by the county assessor. This was an increase of 11 per cent. since 1920.

WALTON LEAGUES PLAN

LAKE NEAR BLOOMFIELD

Bloomfield, Neb., June 1 (Special).—The local Isaak Walton league is planning to lease a tract of land about five miles southwest of here for the purpose of making an artificial lake. Plans include the damming of the Bazile creek and the installation of a windmill and deep well to furnish the water. The location selected is an ideal one and the proposed lake will cover about 35 acres.

AGED BROTHERS IN LEGAL TILT

**Settlement of Estate of An-
other Gets into Court at
Omaha, Neb.**

Omaha, Neb., June 1.—Three brothers, all more than 50 years old, are waging a bitter legal battle in District Judge Hastings' court over the \$500,000 estate left them by a fourth brother, the late James W. Murphy, of which the eldest brother, Matthew J. Murphy, 71 years old, of Pasadena, Cal., says he was fraudulently deprived of \$125,000. Matthew Murphy is suing Joseph P. 55, real estate man, and John A. Murphy, 51, commission man, alleging they misrepresented to him that he had been omitted from a purported will of the deceased brother, and had persuaded him to settle his claim for \$50,000 on the day James W. Murphy was buried.

Matthew claims his brother left no will but that his brothers showed him a slip of paper which they said was the will.

"They said \$50,000 would be a fair share," he said, "and I trusted them, not knowing how much Jim left."

A newspaper clipping, giving the appraisal of the estate, sent to him by a friend, gave him his first suspicions, he said.

The brothers defend the payment on the ground that the settlement was made on the command of James W. who they said, left considerable money to charitable institutions.

REGENTS MAKE BUILDING PLANS

Lincoln, Neb., June 1 (Special).—The state university regents have decided upon a building program for the next two years that will consume the \$900,000 appropriated by the last legislature for the biennium. The largest slice of it, \$350,000, will be expended in building a new museum, to be known as "Morrill Hall," in honor of C. H. Morrill, former regent and a man who has aided greatly in the past in developing the museum. The agricultural college is to get \$150,000 for building purposes at Lincoln and \$25,000 for expenditures at the school of agriculture at Curtis. Fifty thousand will be set aside to buy a site for the proposed dormitories for women students, and the remainder will be used for building repairs and emergencies.

In addition to these buildings the athletic association, from funds accumulated largely from football games and with money to be secured from the sale of bonds, will expend \$250,000 in erecting an auditorium that will seat seven or eight thousand persons, be available for commencements, big civic events, university dances and indoor sport meets.

FORECLOSURE SALE OF

RANCH NOT CONFIRMED

Valentine, Neb., June 1 (Special).—The recent foreclosure sale of the Spade ranch failed of confirmation at a hearing before Judge Westover here. It will again be advertised and sold. The land sold consisted of 22,000 acres, mostly hay land and widely scattered. The court's order means it will be split into parcels of 160 to 1,400 acres. This will give smaller ranchers an opportunity to make bids on land adjoining their holdings. The sale will probably take place in about two months.

HAS LIVED 69 YEARS

IN DIXON COUNTY.

Ponca, Neb., June 1.—At the age of 74 years, Thomas Denlin, of this place, looks back over 69 years of continuous residence in Dixon county. He probably has lived the longest in the county.

Mr. Denlin journeyed with his parents and brothers and sisters from Poweshiek county, Ia., in June, 1856, to Sioux City. There they stopped for a week. Mr. Denlin says that immigrants were just beginning to arrive and several families were living in tents.

From Sioux City the family traveled by covered wagon and ox teams to a place a short distance south of Martinsburg, Neb. They were ferried across the Missouri river in a small flatboat, manned by two rowers, one handling the rudder. Mr. Denlin's father at once erected a three-room log house for his family, and this was their home for years. Mr. Denlin's brother, William, was the first white child born in Dixon county.

THROWN FROM MULE,

INJURIES CAUSE DEATH

Alliance, Neb., June 1 (A. P.).—Fay Coppersmith, 20 years old, of Hyannis, one of the best known riders in western Nebraska, is dead from injuries suffered when he was thrown from a mule. His injuries were aggravated by pneumonia.

MANY FARMERS HAVE

ELECTRICITY IN HOMES

Hartington, Neb., June 1 (Special).—Out of every seven farms in Cedar county, one has electric service of some sort, according to recent statistics. About 300 farms in the county have their own lighting plants. There are 2,104 farms in the county and 124,417 in Nebraska. Only 12,062 of those in the state have electric equipment. It is said that 87.8 per cent. of farm homes in the state have telephone service and 75.5 automobiles.

SHOW FAVOR TO GRAIN COMPANY

**Nebraska Securities Bureau
Inclined To Let Stock
Sales Proceed**

Lincoln, Neb., June 1 (Special).—The state bureau of securities does not present a sympathetic front to the effort being made to hamstring the Chicago Grain Marketing association by cutting off its permit to sell stock in Nebraska. Chief Craig says that no attention will be paid to that part of the Shorthill complaint that asks that the company be ordered to stop selling stock in the state until the matter is decided. Mr. Craig says the presumption is in favor of the regularity of the permit, and that no interference is likely.

There will be no hearing until late in July. The grain company has been given the usual 30 days to make reply after having been served with a copy of the complaint. Meanwhile the attorney general will look over the complaint to see if it is in due legal form and whether it states any cause of action.

It is pointed out that part of it represents Mr. Shorthill's opinion of the soundness of the company's proposition, and that the only legal question he raises, whether it can sell non-voting stock in Nebraska, has already been decided by the bureau, when it issued the permit. Attacks on the administration by the grain dealers because it issued the permit has caused a reaction favorable to the grain company, which is trying to put into practical form the oft-repeated advice that the farmers handle their own marketing.

STATE HAIL INSURANCE

PATRONAGE FALLS OFF

Lincoln, Neb., June 1 (Special).—Nebraska crop growers have patronized the state hail insurance department so far this year to the extent of but \$20,000, or less than half the coverage taken out this time a year ago. The state law limits the losses paid to those buying state hail coverage to the amount of the fund collected, and if that is not sufficient to meet all claims the latter are out to correspond. For the last two years the state has paid only part of the losses, and this fact has made it unpopular, since many patrons found out they would have been better off to have patronized the private companies with their higher rates.

MUCH HIGHWAY WORK

IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Madison, Neb., June 1 (Special).—The Meridian highway between Norfolk and Columbus will be gravelled the entire length by this fall. The ungravelled links in that highway are now undergoing construction and within a few months the road will be gravelled the entire distance. This road connects east and west with the Lincoln highway at Columbus. Work has begun on a gravel project on the Black Hills-Sioux trail, the logical auto route to the east from Norfolk and county commissioners here predict that this road will be gravelled all the way from Norfolk to Fremont by January 1, connecting with the pavement at Fremont. Work begun this week on a gravel project between Norfolk and Pierce. It is expected that within a short time this road will be gravelled to Yankton to connect with the new Missouri river bridge at the latter place.

CREIGHTON, NEB., PAIR

MARRIED 57 YEARS AGO

Creighton, Neb., June 1 (Special).—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klosner, Sr., celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary here. They were married at Quincy, Ill., June 9, 1870.

TOWN OF ALLEN, NEB.,

ERECTS A BEACON LIGHT

Allen, Neb., June 1 (Special).—A huge electric light has been placed at the top of the standpipe so that at night it can be seen for miles in every direction, lighting the way to Allen.

MANY NORFOLKERS ARE

TAKING SWIMMING LESSONS

Norfolk, Neb., June 1 (Special).—About 300 Norfolk men and boys are swimming in the pool of the local Y. M. C. A., daily. The swimming class attendance has become so large that shifts of the swimmers are being made and as a result a movement has started to enlarge the pool.

DANCE HALL MUST

REMAIN CLOSED NOW

Norfolk, Neb., June 1 (Special).—District Judge Chase has issued a restraining order prohibiting the holdings of dances at Dreamland dance hall which is located five miles south of Norfolk. The order was issued following application made by the county attorney who charges that Sunday night dances are being held at the place and that dances are held there without police protection.

GIRLS' CLUBS TO PUT

ON COUNTY RALLY

Primghar, Ia., June 1 (Special).—The girls' clubs of O'Brien county are planning a county rally day to be held at the county fair, Tuesday. A program put on by the various clubs and picnic dinner will furnish the day's entertainment.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

TO BE IN ENGLISH

Norfolk, Neb., June 1 (Special).—Because of gradual and voluntary change to the use of English in place of German in the German Lutheran churches and parochial schools, the proposal was made at the pastoral conference that the District Messenger, the official publication of the district be published monthly hereafter, one issue in English and the other in German. The Rev. M. E. Mayer, of Norfolk, one of the editors made the proposal at the conference.