

FARMERS REAP CASH BENEFIT

Hogs from Accredited Area of Thurston County Return Large Bonus

Walthill, Neb., (Special)—Up to December 1, which closed the first six months of Thurston county's history as an accredited area, \$1,552.80 was paid farmers of the county by packers on the Sioux city market as bonuses on hogs. The county became accredited June 1, and since then 4,492 hogs have been sold to packers on the Sioux city market as accredited hogs receiving the 10 cents per 100 pounds bonus. Of the hogs shipped from this county, 7.4 per cent. were retained as showing some lesions of tuberculosis. However, of these hogs only seven were found in condition that made it necessary to sterilize and condemn the carcasses.

The \$1,552 paid the farmers does not include the bonuses paid on other markets. Figures from Omaha are not available. The \$1,500 would have been considerably more but many farmers forget to get certificates before sending their hogs to market.

PLAN TO ATTEND MEETING OF COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Walthill, Neb., (Special)—Considerable interest is being shown by local farmers in the annual meeting of the Producers Commission association, a cooperative of the Sioux City market. The meeting will be held at the West hotel, at Sioux City, January 12. Most of the farmers of Thurston county who market their livestock cooperatively, belong to this association. Several automobile loads of local men are planning to make the trip.

COREY TO SPEAK TO NEBRASKA FARMERS

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Merton L. Corey, formerly connected with the Federal Farm Loan board and the Federal Land bank of Omaha, is to be the main speaker of the Organized Agriculture week at the agricultural college, here January 2 to 5. His subject will pertain to economic phases of agriculture and will fit in with the usual purpose of this meeting at the close of the week.

DECREASE IN NUMBER OF BIRTHS IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Mr. Stork showed a preference for male babies over female babies in Nebraska during the first six months of 1927, according to a report issued from the state division of vital statistics. Total births during this period in 1927, were 13,899, compared with 14,032 in 1926, during the same period.

Births of girls numbered 6,801 during the first six months of 1927 and 7,829 in 1926. Boys number 7,099 in 1927 and 7,203 in 1926.

White children numbered 13,571 in 1927 and 13,573 in 1926. Other races were as follows: Black—131 in 1927, and 112 in 1926; Japanese and Chinese—13 in 1927 and 20 in 1926; Indian—37 in 1927 and 51 in 1926; Mexican and mixed—109 in 1927 and 96 in 1926.

INDICATED FARMERS TO RAISE FEWER HOGS

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—In the face of a serious slump in the price of hogs, Nebraska farmers indicate that fewer hogs will be raised next year. This year, the farmers saved the largest fall pig crop since 1924 and have 24 per cent. more fall pigs on hand than a year ago. The same trends are true for the other corn belt states and the United States as a whole, according to information secured by the December pig survey of the state and federal division of agricultural statistics.

It is probable that the great increase was made in an effort to recoup financial losses caused by crop failure in 1926, the report said. This was planned before the price slump which has deadened the hog market since late July and August.

TWO KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS CHRISTMAS DAY

Fairbury, Neb., (UP)—Christmas holiday automobile accidents brought two deaths in south and southeast Nebraska, and serious injury to seven others.

Frank W. Denney, banker at Daykin, Neb., was instantly killed and his wife was injured, when their car turned over after striking a soft spot in the road and swerving into a culvert.

William Brinkman died at Sterling, Neb., from injuries sustained when his car collided with another near Sterling, and five occupants of the two machines were injured.

NEBRASKA TURKEY RAISERS GET HANDSOME RETURN

Alliance, Neb., (UP)—Large holiday shipments of turkeys have been made in west Nebraska during the present season, 12 cars being shipped. The total receipts obtained so far by the raisers is approximately \$90,000.

Turkeys marketed by an organization of growers known as the North Platte Valley Co-operative Poultry Marketing association. Seven cars were shipped together recently. There were 15,000 turkeys in the entire shipment.

JAIL BREAKERS NOW FACE LONG TERMS

Bridgeport, Neb., (UP)—Three men who broke jail here Christmas morning and who were later captured in a school house where they stopped to get warm, were held this morning on a charge of jail breaking and bound over to district court for hearing. The penalty for jail breaking is from 1 to 10 years.

The men are Lunn Holloway, of Mitchell, Neb., serving 30 days on a liquor charge; George W. Fletcher, of Bayard, Neb., serving 30 days on a bad check charge; and Neil Jennings, of Denver, serving 30 days for chicken stealing. They were captured at the DeGraw school house by a sheriff's posse.

The trio took a leg off a table in the jail, hammered through the rear wall of the cell into a basement corridor and ascended to the second floor by a winding stairway to the court room. They got out of the building through a window.

KIRK AGAIN TO SEEK RELEASE

Nebraska Convict Once Given a Furlough Still Fights for Liberty

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The case of Burl C. Kirk, recently denied a writ of habeas corpus to obtain freedom from the penitentiary, will come up before the board of pardons at the January 10 hearing.

After having been given a furlough which was revoked by Governor S. R. McKelvie, Kirk was returned to the penitentiary October 8, 1926. He was refused release by the board of pardons in 1924 and recently failed to obtain his liberty through habeas corpus proceedings.

Kirk is serving a 20-year term for complicity in the murder of an Omaha police officer, June 30, 1918.

George Floth, three times sentenced to the Nebraska penitentiary, asks a parole. He was convicted in Lancaster county of robbing and assaulting owner of a grocery store and two customers.

David Hartman, of Box Butte county, asks for release from Kearney industrial school. He was originally charged with robbery but after he and a companion had tried to escape, was given an additional 10 years. The board of control transferred Hartman to the industrial school last September on information that indicated he was only 15 years old. His right name is said to be David Edward George.

POWER COMPANY'S ACTIONS ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—The Northern Nebraska Power company of Spencer, Boyd county, occupied the carpet before the state railway commission for several hours Tuesday, having been cited there to show cause why a part of the preferred stock that it was originally authorized to issue, along with \$150,000 common, should not be canceled. The commission's reason was that the original authorization was on the representation that certain sums would be required for transmission lines and distribution systems in towns where contracts had been secured, whereas none of these have ever had to be built because the Interstate Power company has contracted for its entire power output at the dam.

The inquiry developed largely into a scrutiny and explanation of the accounts and entries in the books. The original estimate for organization expenses was \$5,000, whereas over \$14,000 was spent. It was explained that this was because it took longer to line up contracts because of intensive opposition put up by the power companies whose territory it was invading and because of the employment of lawyers the promoters did not count on having to hire.

The company recently withdrew an application to substitute common stock for part of the preferred unissued, to be sold to E. A. Forbes, the president, to repay him for advances. The price was to be 90 cents, but minority stockholders objected on the ground that the stock was worth \$1.50, and that they were willing to buy or sell on that basis.

FARM HOME NEAR PLAINVIEW BURNS; YOUTH HAS TO JUMP

Plainview, Neb., (UP)—The house occupied by the Lars Hemmingsen family, southeast of Plainview, was burned to the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemmingsen were awakened to find the house full of smoke.

Their son, Erhardt, sleeping in an upstairs room, was unable to descend the stairs and was compelled to jump from a second story window. The loss of the house, the furniture and even clothing was complete. Mr. Riske, owner of the farm, carried insurance on the buildings. The origin of the fire is unknown.

OMAHA'S AUTOMOBILE DEATH LIST STANDS AT THIRTY THREE

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Automobile fatalities for 1927 here totaled 33 today with the death last night of E. P. Lynch, a city fireman, who was injured Monday night when his automobile collided with a street car. Henry Bruhn of Bennington, Neb., Lynch's companion is still in a critical condition.

GOVERNOR MCMULLEN OCCUPIES NEW OFFICE

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Tapestry on the walls, mural paintings overhead and soft carpets underneath greeted Governor McMullen today as he took his seat for the first time in his private office at the new capitol.

His first "official" act was to pick up a telephone and call "Ma" McMullen to inform her that he was at least in his new quarters and ready to receive any instructions she might have to impart. Her closing words of the conversation were said to have been "Adam, do be careful."

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Jesus and the Sick



Text: Mark 1:21-34

And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. And they were astonished at his doctrine; for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee, thou art the Holy One of God.

And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with fever, and anon they tell him of her.

And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

And all the city was gathered at the door.

And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak because they knew him.

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for January 8; Jesus and the Sick—Mark 1:21-34.

BY WM. E. GILROY, D. D., Editor of the Congregationalist.

The public ministry of Jesus is characterized in this first chapter of Mark with a quality that shows the great discernment of this writer of the simplest and most directly expressed of the four Gospels.

Mark says that the people were astonished at his teaching, "for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Consider that statement for a moment and one realizes the real nature of the authority exercised by Jesus. The scribes were the people who professed to have authority and who possessed it so far as the conventional organization of religion was concerned.

Yet here is an unofficial teacher who comes without the sanction of any organization or school or official, and by sheer force of his personality, the truth of his words, and the beauty of his actions impresses the people as one who has real authority.

By Sheer Truth

What an ideal it presents to the Christian ministry for those who would exercise it either in its ordained or in its lay aspect!

In actual life, both in the church and in the world, we are always trying to bolster up things with an authority which is largely artificial, to influence the thought and faith and conduct of people more by outward and psychological forces than by the power of sheer conviction.

This is one reason why in so many quarters today there is a decadence in the sense of authority and a falling away from standards of faith and conduct. We modern day would be spoken of as the insane or mentally unbalanced.

Possibly many of these were not so much insane as nervously deranged. The number of miracles recorded is not very great, and it is significant that they all have some inner suggestion of the larger and deeper mission of Jesus. It does not become us to be dogmatic in our discussion of these intricate questions that concern the power of mind and spirit over matter.

It is literally true that under the very power of science greater miracles of healing are wrought today than were ever possible in the life of the world before. Are not these

His Occupation.

From the Kansas City Star.

"What are you doing now, mostly, Gap?" asked a neighbor.

"Splitting a little stove wood, resting up some, and cursing the weather occasionally," responded Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge.

Stripped to His Foolish Hide.

From the Boston Transcript.

"So Bill's been speculating in the stock market. Was he a bear operator?"

"Well, he was practically bare when they got through with him."

An Old Barker Found.

From the Washington Post.

An interesting revolutionary relic was recovered from the waters of Black river near Hampton, Va., by A. D. Wallace, Sr. It is a cannon from the British ship Otter, which was abandoned while on a war expedition from Norfolk in 1775. The old gun has been declared genuine by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The cannon weighs 175 pounds, is 46 inches long and has a 2 inch muzzle.

It Looks High.

Wife—Haven't you noticed my new hat. What does it look like?

Husband—A large bill!

PROFUNDITY.

Timeless beneath the patient sod. Yesterday keeps its trust with God.

Naught else is ordered. Strifes and cares Spring from the soil that Life prepares.

Love is a symbol; Pain is a shrew; Freedom, whatever the heart would do.

Death is a dry leaf on the ground. Only Life's coming is profound.

—Lowe W. Wren.

Old Age Partly Inherited

From book by Dr. Logan Clendening

Can anyone by taking thought or care add to his span of life? I do not think so.

It is the custom of people who have attained an unusual age to grant an interview in which they record, doubtless in a kindly spirit the reason for their advanced years. There is one peculiar fact about these dicta: no two agree.

One nonagenarian proclaims that his continued vigor is due to a strictly vegetarian diet; another of equal age is quite vehement in advising the use of meat three times a day.

Abstinence from alcohol plays a prominent part in a good share of these counsels; while a daily ration probably considered minimized in the memory of the narrator, seems to have done for an almost equal number.

Granger twist, regular adherence to the democratic ticket, total abstinence from the polls, total immersion, the influence of Moody and Sanky, and the recollection of Della Fox are all included in the causes of longevity among the notes I have made from time to time upon this interesting topic.

Testimony of the most circumstantial kind in the matter of the influence of habits on longevity is available. There is the cause of Thomas Wishart of Annadale Dumfries, who died in 1760 at the age of 125. "He had chewed tobacco 117 years, contracting the habit as a child; his father gave it to him to allay hunger while shepherding in the highlands." It is impossible to refrain from noting that his father was a Scotchman. William Riddell, who died at 116 years, "carefully avoided water all his life and had a love for brandy."

The fact is that the span of life of any individual is largely determined, barring accidents, at the moment when he starts off. Barring accidents, though, is a very important modification. Accidents include not only being hit by a Ford, but also being hit by a pneumococcus—that is, getting pneumonia—or equally getting appendicitis or acquiring syphilis or getting in the family way or wall wing carbolic acid by mistake or intentionally, nature being quite impartial. These things expected, the number of years a man or woman lives will depend upon the impetus which he or she received at conception, this impetus probably being largely the resultant of hereditary determinants.

Under His Influence

But back of all this question of the consideration of miracles can we not sense the marvelous power and influence of the divine power of Jesus? Can we conceive of the sick and afflicted coming in contact with him without being quickened and stimulated?

Can we conceive of those whose minds are unbalanced and whose spirits were deranged coming under the influence of his sanity and his goodness and his power to give rest and peace without inevitably having their whole attitude toward life altered? It is easy to believe what marvelous power Jesus must have exerted when we understand with any reality what Jesus was. It is from this standpoint that we must approach the whole ministry of Jesus emphasizing the authority and the power and the health-giving inherent in all that he was, in all that he said, and in all that he did.

Outlaw Animals.

The rogue elephant, who ran amuck for no apparent reason, destroying man and beast, has been described by Kipling and many other writers. Outlaw horses have likewise been made hero or villain of countless tales. Mares have been known to kidnap foals and hide them away. Trusted sheep dogs from time to time have dropped their daytime mask of protect of the flock and at night have set forth as bloodthirsty killers of the very sheep given into their care.

Birds, frequently of the most charming and harmless species in appearance, are also in the assassin class, this trait becoming more pronounced after a period of imprisonment in a cage. Singularly enough, snakes are almost entirely free of such accusations, and murder among fish is equally rare, although the swordfish occasionally attacks and kills a whale for amusement.

Insects, particularly bees and ants, display wickedness. Ants will mass in army fashion and destroy a neighbor state. Brigand bees, too lazy to work, are common assailants of well stocked hives. Bees and ants also become deliberately tipsy from decaying fruit and certain flowers. In Abyssinia, goats and sheep are regular addicts to their "dram," taken in the form of beans of the coffee plant.

The English cuckoo is one of the best counterfeits. It lays eggs, cleverly disguised, in other birds nests in order to avoid the bother of hatching them. Crows and monkeys have their organized bands of thieves, with chief, lieutenants and sentinels. Many observers contend that crows also hold court, during which witnesses for the defense and prosecution are heard, and at the end of which certain crows are assigned to punish the evil doers.

From "The Last Leaf."

I saw him once before, As he passed by the door, And again The pavement stones resound, As he totters o'er the ground With his cane.

I know it is a sin For me to sit and grin At him here; But the three-cornered hat, And the breeches, and all that, Are so queer!

And if I should live to be The last leaf upon the tree In the spring, Let them smile, as I do now, At the old forsaken bough Where I cling.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Also Some Real Business.

From the Kansas City Times.

Congress meets in its present session with one big thing in view—the next election. The nation regards the session of congress with another, quite another, big thing in view—needed legislation.

Congressmen will be considering every question from the standpoint of politics first of all. The nation will be considering the same questions from the standpoint of the effect on the national life.

Is it too much to ask congress to consider whether it might not be good politics to get down to business on legislation that the country needs?

TWO WIVES ARE BULLET VICTIMS

But Norfolk and Council Bluffs Husbands Fail to End Own Lives

Norfolk, Neb., (Theodor Schlack, 65 years old, taxicab driver, who last night shot and killed his estranged wife as they were leaving the home of a friend, and then attempted suicide, is expected to recover. He has begged that he be allowed to "shoot myself over." It was erroneously reported that Schlack had succeeded in killing himself.

The murder occurred at the home of Mrs. Schlack. Jumping into his taxicab after shooting his wife through the heart, Schlack drove to the intersection of Fourth street and Norfolk avenue, and turned the gun on himself.

A divorce action now is pending between the couple, in which Mrs. Schlack was plaintiff. It was her third attempt to gain her freedom, but each previous time reconciliation had been made before the decree was granted.

Schlack has been a resident of Norfolk for nearly 40 years.

DOCTOR GIVEN THE DECISION

Supreme Court Holds Malpractice Suit Was Without Grounds

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The damage suit brought in Adams county by Albert De Jung, against Dr. Charles L. Egbert, Hastings surgeon, alleging malpractice that resulted in the death of his young wife, was decided by the supreme court in favor of Dr. Egbert in a decision handed down today.

In the closing paragraph of the decision, the court censured the attorney for De Jung for referring to the fact that Dr. Egbert is now in prison for shooting his son-in-law.

Dr. Egbert was called to the case when other physicians said the only hope for the young woman's recovery lay in removal of her appendix. When the operation had been performed it was found that her generative organs were in such bad condition that if they were allowed to remain in her body, death would be immediate. The husband and the patient's father gave consent to the second operation, but peritonitis developed and death followed.

De Jung's contention was that the doctor had no legal right to proceed with the second operation without consent of the woman; this, the decision said, was the old common law, which was in force before the anesthetic was perfected. Now, it continued, the law does not require that a surgeon wait until the patient is conscious to ask consent, especially when a near relative is present and consents. The decision further says a surgeon is not justified in closing an incision and failing to remove an apparent danger, even though he is employed for a specific operation.

Bar Association Meet

Has Unusual Talent

Wayne, Neb., (Special)—F. S. Berry, president of the Nebraska State Bar association, has received word that Gen. John J. Pershing will be present at the annual meeting of the association and will appear on the program. The association meets at Omaha, December 28 and 29.

As previously announced George Mechem, president of the Omaha Bar association, will give the address of welcome; C. H. Starn of Norfolk, will respond. F. S. Berry will deliver the annual address entitled "What They Have Done to Us." Silas H. Strawn, of Chicago, president of the American Bar association, will speak on "Are Lawyers Constructive?" Dean Roscoe Pound, of Harvard, and Senator Smith, of Kansas, will also speak.

HIS OWN CHILDREN GET NONE OF ESTATE

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—One-half the estate of James Combs, deceased, once a farmer of Kearney county, will go to the daughter of his deceased second wife by her first husband, the supreme court said in a decision handed down today.

When Combs died, he provided that all his property should go to his widow, who was his second wife, and that when she died, it should be divided among the legal heirs in accordance with the laws of the state.

When his widow died, Combs' seven children by his first wife claimed the estate. If Combs had died without a will, the decision says, his widow would have taken half his estate under the law. Therefore his will gave her only half of what the law said was hers, and her daughter inherits that half which was legally her mother's.

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—George Johnson, farmer living in the vicinity of Wakefield, lost his appeal in supreme court today from an award of a jury that he was entitled to \$792 in damages from the South Logan Drainage district. This was less than the appraiser's award from which he appealed and several thousand less than he claimed. The court said that the evidence justified the verdict, since it showed that the construction of the drainage district has benefited him all the way from \$2,500 to \$5,000, according to witnesses.