

BIG REWARD IS NOT APPROVED

Fremont Bankers Think Danger in \$5,000 Dead Bandit Offer

Fremont, Neb., (UP)—Fremont bankers expressed disapproval of the plan to offer \$5,000 reward for capture of "dead" bank bandits, suggested to stop bank looting in the state.

Dale Millikin, of the Fremont National bank and Howard Heine, of the Union National bank declared themselves against the idea of giving \$5,000 for anyone who could bring in the body of a bank bandit. They pointed out that it would probably lead to unnecessary shooting and possible killing of persons without definite knowledge that they were guilty.

Both bankers agreed that some change should be made to curb bank robbers' activities, but the only plan they could advocate was that heavy sentences be placed on all guilty of bank robbery and that the prosecution of suspects be rigid.

The proposal to make a reward of \$5,000 for all "dead" bank bandits was made by the Nebraska Bankers' association and the plan will have to receive approval of 900 banks before it can go into effect. Millikin and Heine were of the opinion that the plan would not be passed.

RUBBER HOSE USED ON UNRULY STUDENTS

Sidney, Neb., (UP)—Resenting punishment administered to classmates who were alleged to have been responsible for setting off chemical "stink balls" in rooms of the high school, more than a score of boys in the senior and junior classes have issued a strike notice to the faculty protesting punishment with the use of a rubber hose.

Recent school disturbances here were brought to a head when a number of pupils attempted to rush the principal and several instructors who were taking a student to the gym for a rubber hose whipping. The pupil is alleged to have said after the ordeal that he was beaten into a semiconscious state.

At a meeting of the school board and school superintendent Monday night, it was decided that whippings of the nature complained of be deferred until the pupil had had a hearing before the faculty and the sanction of the parents had been obtained before severe whippings were continued. It is stated that 35 students have organized to resist with force further beatings in the gym by instructors.

Parents of some of the boys whipped with the hose have protested and asked that dismissal proceedings be brought under order of the superintendent. Suits against school instructors who have whipped pupils were threatened if the practice is continued.

APPEALS FROM WIFE ABANDONMENT CONVICTION

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The supreme court today heard the appeal of Maurin D. Springer from a Buffalo county district court sentence of one year in the penitentiary for wife abandonment.

Springer contended that he married at the urging of his wife's parents, to prevent disgrace. He said the girl's father arranged the marriage and later filed suit for its annulment, that he never had or pretended to have means of supporting a wife.

FORMER STATE ENGINEER WINS IN FEDERAL COURT

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—George E. Johnson, former state engineer and Edward Peterson, Omaha contractor, won in federal court this morning. The state had sued to recover \$82,888 alleged excessive money paid on a Cherry county road project in 1920. The two men were charged with fraudulently getting more money than the contract called for.

LONG TERMS GIVEN TO TWO FORGERS

Scottsbluff, Neb., (UP)—Two of the gang of three alleged forgers arrested in Scottsbluff Monday were sentenced by Judge Carter today. Floyd Redimore was sentenced to serve from 1 to 20 years in the state reformatory, Frank McKelvey two years in the penitentiary, and Roy Frank Davis pleaded not guilty and was bound over to district court.

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Removal of Redfield college, a German institution, from Redfield, S. D., to the Doane college campus at Crete, Neb., and a proposed \$500,000 building project, were looked upon with favor by the board of trustees of Doane at the semi-annual meeting in Lincoln today.

Whether the project for removal of the South Dakota college is carried out depends on the people of Crete. It was said. It was made known that a small amount of money would have to be raised to defray expenses of removal.

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Pay J. Clough has filed application with the state railway commission for authority to operate at Allen an elevator licensed to store grain under bond.

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA IS GIVEN MERIT CERTIFICATES

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Two northeast Nebraska schools appear in the list of those awarded certificates of merit for winning their district contests in the state high school debating league. Forty nine altogether are awarded to schools, and in addition, each debater gets a certificate. The schools are: Hartington, with Julia Brown; Leslie, with J. O. Brown; and Fremont, with Majorie Peterson, Carl Hartz and Francis Koser as debaters.

LEGION HOLDS DISTRICT MEETING AT NORFOLK

Norfolk, Neb., (UP)—Frank A. Warner was elected district commander today at the convention of the second division of the Third district of the American Legion in convention here. The questions of membership, organization, military policy, state aid, rehabilitation and community service were the subjects discussed. Following the business session a banquet was held at which more than 400 Legionnaires and women attended. Frank A. Warner was toastmaster. The following vice commanders were elected by counties: Dakota, George Leemer, South Sioux City; Dixon, Albert Borg, Wakefield; Cedar, Victor E. Henry, Laurel; Knox, Willford Label, Creighton; Pierce, Roy E. Peters, Pierce; Antelope, Don Hinman, Elgin; Wayne, Jess Witt, Windsor; Madison, Roy Ashburn, Tilgen; Stanton, Harry Blackstone, Pilger; Platte, Dr. F. A. Lamarr, Humphrey; Colfax, George W. Murrell, Schuyler; Boone, A. E. Haasebeck, St. Edward; Nance, A. E. Johnson, Genoa; Merrick, Dr. Earl E. Boyd, Centa City.

HE WOULD BOLT THE OLD PARTY

Governor McMullen to Vote for Farm Relief Regardless of Affiliation

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Governor McMullen indicated today that if he cannot get agricultural equality in the republican party he will vote for a democratic candidate for president, if the candidate is a sure enough advocate of such relief as is asked for in the McNary-Haugen bill.

The governor defined the position of the Norris-Lowden candidates for delegate to the national convention and welcomed the placing of Hoover's name on the primary ballot as a means of testing out Nebraska's stand on farm relief.

When he was told the nature of Attorney General Spillman's stand on agriculture equality, the governor said he is taking no part in any fight for offices, except to the extent of the position of candidates who may have a vote on agricultural legislation.

McMullen declared he did not favor any candidate who favors a make shift for agriculture equality.

GIVE CONTRACT NEW RAIL LINE

Union Pacific to Build from Creighton, Neb., to Egbert, Wyo., This Year

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—The Utah Construction company, Ogden, Utah, has been awarded the contract for grading of the new Union Pacific line from Creighton to Egbert, Wyo. It was announced here today. The road's own forces will lay the tracks for the new line.

Grading and stations will cost approximately \$700,000 and the total outlay on the branch line which is expected to open the rich North Platte valley to Denver, will be \$2,500,000, road officials said.

Work is to commence probably within two weeks. Track layers plan to work one mile behind the grading crews. The work will be concluded by November or December.

Several new towns are expected to spring up on the route, one of which will be named Lindbergh, officials said.

ROADS ARE GIVEN PERMIT TO AMEND GRAIN RATES

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—The state railway commission has granted authority to the Northwestern and Minneapolis and Omaha railroad companies to amend their grain tariffs by providing that rates on grain from stations on the lines west of Norfolk and included in what is known as group 54 to certain stations on the Minneapolis and Omaha railroad shall take the Sioux City rate. This is a reduction of 3 cents per hundred, these shipments now being 3 cents over the Sioux City tariff.

The Northwestern and the Union Pacific have been granted authority to make a 12 1/2-cent rate on cement from Superior over the former line to Fremont to certain stations on the Union Pacific west of Fremont as far as Richland, with the routing to be by way of Fremont.

The Burlington was authorized to amend its livestock rules so that free return transportation will be given to caretakers of stock by way of any of the Missouri river markets on shipments originating on the St. Francis branch, stations Danbury or west.

All railroads were given authority to amend their rates to provide that certain mixtures of cooked, cured or preserved meats and sausage, also the same commodities with vegetable ingredients, where these ingredients do not exceed 80 per cent. of the total weight, are to take packing house rates.

NEW STYLES IN SLIPPERS ENTICING



CIVIL WAR VET CAN REMEMBER WHEN PRESIDENT TOOK ORDERS

'Field Reporter' Nicknamed the 'Flea' by Abraham Lincoln

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Jason H. Edgerly, 38 years old, a color sergeant in the Civil war, remembers when he gave orders to Abraham Lincoln—and the president obeyed them.

Broad shouldered and carrying his 6 feet height with erectness, Edgerly, who acted as a personal spy or "field reporter" for Lincoln during part of the Civil war, lives here with his daughter.

"Lincoln," he said, nicknamed him the "flea" because he was so adept at getting information the president wanted.

He shouted orders at Lincoln during the siege of Washington by Early. Eager to watch the progress of the attack, Lincoln stood boldly on the fortifications, even though the enemy had his range and cannon balls were falling all around, Edgerly said.

"Get down from there, Mr. Lincoln," Edgerly said he told the president. "I'll watch and bring you word of developments."

"Your life is as sweet to you as mine is to me," he quoted Lincoln as answering.

Just then a "minute ball" hit between Lincoln's feet and Edgerly shouted again and reached up to help the president down.

Common Kresge. From Time.

An owner of more than one share of the common stock of S. S. Kresge company last week bought an evening news sheet. As he turned its pages to the financial pages to investigate the condition of his investment his attention caught his eye. This was its headline: KRESGE CALLED PHILANDERER. Shocked, the shareholder began to peruse the article. As he did so, his face darkened.

The story was one of those commonplace scandals so often current in this day. Told in public by lawyers for Mrs. Doris M. Kresge who is suing her husband, Sebastian Sprig Kresge, for a divorce, it related an alleged instance of misconduct performed in Manhattan by S. S. Kresge and one Gladys Ardelle Fish. But the shareholder was certain that the charge was untrue. Himself morally immaculate, he had made sure that the head of the company in which he was about to invest was ethically as well as financially unimpeachable. He had discovered that Mr. Kresge was well known, not only as an able millionaire, but also as a philanthropist, a reformer, a church worker and a prohibitionist. Only last week the shareholder had read with satisfaction an account of S. S. Kresge's \$500,000 gift to the Anti-Saloon league. Accordingly, he was sure that the alleged misbehavior, although it had remained unproved, was merely a hollow defamation.

His face, however, did not grow less clouded with anxiety. Was it impossible that other Kresge shareholders, less sensible than himself, reading such a headline, might be too hasty to inquire as to the truth of the charges before selling their holdings, and thus reducing the value of his? Or might they, as sensible as himself, not realize that patrons of Kresge's 5 and 10-cent stores, many of them people of small tolerances and high integrity, after hearing such a rumor of scandal, might well patronize some other emporium? Might not then the shrewd shareholders sell their holdings in view of an inevitable decline, thus further depreciating the value of his own? It was not a problem for a market operator but one for a student of human nature. The shareholder, one such, turned to the financial page

Influence of the Farmer. From the Review of Reviews.

The influence of the world's rural people is beyond imagination. If they have adequate intelligence and education, if they combine their forces nationally and internationally, they will have almost the decisive word with regard to national policies as well as concerning world co-operation and organization. This is the opinion of Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield, now president of the Michigan State college of agriculture, and former head of similar institutions in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Furthermore, he says, it is quite possible that we may develop a distinctive rural way of life, a rural mode of thought, and a specific rural community consciousness. If we can give to these local communities modern conveniences that reduce the severer aspects of toil, and keep the rural folk in touch with world influences, through organization and continuous education, we may find that they will make a real contribution.

How to Get to Them. From Pam Pan. Mary—Why, Sam, do you mean to say you've never been in a New York night club? Sam—No, but I'm gonna get up early some morning and go to one.

OPEN BIDS FOR NEW RAIL LINES IN NEBRASKA

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Bids for the construction of a new line connecting the North Platte Valley of Nebraska with Denver were opened at Cheyenne today, officials of the Union Pacific railroad here announced. The line will start at Creighton, connecting with the main line at Egbert, Wyo., just across the Nebraska line. It will cut off several hundred miles and put the rich North Platte Valley in Denver trade territory. Union Pacific officials said. It will be three or four days before the successful bidder are known, officials said. Twenty three bids were received.

TRAGEDY DRAWS A CLOSE VEIL

Accidental Death of Doctor Followed by Suicide of His Woman Companion

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Mrs. Ben Lovgren, 25 years old, Wahoo, Neb., who shot herself at her home Saturday, died in University hospital here today.

Mrs. Lovgren was a passenger of Dr. F. W. Woepfle in an automobile in which the latter was driving to Omaha last week when he was struck by another car and instantly killed. After shooting herself, Mrs. Lovgren telephoned her husband to "come home at once." She was rushed to the hospital here. After Dr. Woepfle's death, Mrs. Lovgren told her husband that she was coming here for a tonsillitis operation when the tragedy occurred.

At the request of Lovgren no inquest will be held into her death. Inquest into the death of Dr. Woepfle was also stopped at request of Lovgren and the physician's relatives.

INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT, SUES BROTHER

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The \$21,000 suit of Anna Dingman against her brother Max A. Gerber, for injuries she received in an automobile accident, went to trial today. The plaintiff claimed she was riding with Gerber and that she was injured because he drove 50 miles an hour.

FATALLY BURNED BY OIL LAMP EXPLOSION

Tilden, Neb., (UP)—William Crowell, 50 years old, was fatally burned last night when a lamp he was lighting exploded and covered him with flaming oil. Crowell was living in a tent because of his affliction with asthma, and got his light from the oil lamp. He was unmarred.

REPORT TWO PERSONS BITTEN BY MAD DOG

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Reports that a mad dog near Hebron had bitten a man and a boy and several animals, were received by the health department today. The dog was chained, and if it dies within two weeks will be examined for rabies.

THREE ALLEGED FORGERS ROUNDED UP BY ROBBERS

Scottsbluff, Neb., (UP)—The biggest roundup or forged documents, together with the three men charged with the forgeries, ever made in northwestern Nebraska, occurred Monday afternoon when Chief of Police Carlson arrested Roy Frank Davis as he was about to board a train here for Denver.

On information furnished by Davis, a message was sent to Bridgeport, where men giving the names of Floyd Ridmore and Frank McKelvey, were arrested as they prepared also to leave for Denver.

The three were charged with passing forged checks and a forged bank draft on the Herbert Campbell Fruit Company of Hastings, amounting in all to more than \$200.

All three were said to have confessed being ex-convicts.

SAYS LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IMPROVED

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Liquor law enforcement is better now than at any time since prohibition, G. H. Wark, Topeka, Kan., federal dry administrator for Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma said here today. Wark, who took over control of the Nebraska district February 1 was here checking up the Omaha situation.

He intimated no immediate changes are anticipated in the personnel of dry workers in this state.

He refused to discuss local conditions, but asked newspaper reporters many questions on the liquor situation in Omaha.

Wark spent most of the day conferring with Elmer E. Thomas, administrator for Nebraska.

FATHERS AND SONS AT PLAINVIEW BANQUET

Plainview, Neb., (Special)—A large number of fathers and sons attended the banquet given by the members of the local Boy Scouts troop. A two course banquet was served and a program was given: L. C. Oberlies was the principal speaker. Prof. S. B. Shively gave an address.

WAYWARD GIRLS MAKE DEMANDS

But Omaha Father Says There Will Be No Compromise

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Ramona Crumbaugh, 14 years old and Mercedes Dohler, 12 years old, who ran away from their homes yesterday were located today at a town hotel but refused to go home except "on conditions." The conditions, which Ramona telephoned through a friend to her father, Dr. L. W. Crumbaugh, were that she be allowed one night away from home each week and that neither girl shall be punished for running away.

Interviewed on the subject Dr. Crumbaugh said there could be no conditions granted.

"Anytime a 14-year old girl starts issuing ultimatums to her father, its time something is done," he said.

Dr. Crumbaugh said he would locate his daughter, who, he believes, is being held by reporters on a local newspaper, and see that she returns home immediately.

"And I'm not going to promise there won't be any punishment administered either," he added.

Ramona and Mercedes are "tame and boy struck," the doctor said. They disappeared while Dr. and Mrs. Crumbaugh were at Emerson, Neb., attending the funeral of Mrs. Crumbaugh's mother. They left their classes in high school, where they are freshmen, Monday noon and were believed to have gone to Sioux City, where search was made.

WIDOW SCORNS GOSSIP AS MATE AND WOMAN DIE

Wahoo, Neb., (UP)—Scorning the gossip which links the name of her dead husband with that of Mrs. Ben Lovgren, 25 years old, who Saturday chose suicide as a means of "needing her best friend in the next world," Mrs. F. W. Woepfle today said that she had nothing but pity in her heart for the woman.

Her husband, Dr. F. W. Woepfle, was killed Wednesday of last week in an accident while on the way to Omaha with Mrs. Lovgren and her small son. Mrs. Lovgren attended the funeral Friday, and took her own life the following day. She is to be buried in the same cemetery.

"I am confident that my husband's relations with her were only professional," he was her physician," Mrs. Woepfle said.

"I knew that there would be a lot of talk the moment I heard of the accident. But you notice that those who knew him best are his best friends," she said, speaking of the doctor.

"A husband could not have been more loving in his attention to his family than the doctor was. I am sure his affections were not divided—we had been married 22 years and I knew him pretty well, you see. I think she was only an extremely nervous woman."

MERCHANTS ORGANIZE TO PROMOTE THEIR BUYING

Allen, Neb., (Special)—A group of retail merchants of northwestern Nebraska have perfected an organization, whose prime and only object is co-operation in buying supplies in large quantities. The organization, which is known as the North-east Nebraska Buyers' association, is a pioneer of its kind in retail trade among merchants of the smaller towns. At the present time there are eight stores in the membership, including Sherman Bros., of Allen, Silver Bros., of Laurel; Harlow Bros., of Hartington; Carroll Mercantile company, of Carroll; Silver Bros., of Clearwater; M. Daskovsky, of Emerson; Harlow Bros., of Bloomfield, and William Eibenberg, of Osmond.

The officers of the association are Nate Sterling, of Carroll, president, Henry Harlow, of Bloomfield, vice president, Abe Silver, of Laurel, treasurer, Henry M. Sherman, of Allen secretary.

LENIENCY IS ASKED FOR DRY LAW OFFENDER AND INFORMER

Hastings, Neb., (UP)—Immunity was asked by attorneys for George Halte, charged with illegal possession of liquor, in district court here, on the ground that evidence given by Halte to state prohibition officer Elmer Thomas led to the arrest of a man whose case is before federal court.

Lewis Paulson, Halte's attorney, filed a sworn statement that Halte had entered into an agreement with Thomas that in exchange for the information Halte was to give lenient treatment. Halte set forth that the agreement was made in the presence of John Bramble, deputy sheriff. Bramble denied that Thomas made any promise in his presence.

GOVERNOR McMULLEN ON SPEAKING TRIP EAST

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Governor McMullen of Nebraska will speak Friday before the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. It was announced today. It is probable he will speak at Columbus, Ohio, before he returns to Lincoln. Recently McMullen has talked at St. Louis, Mo., Rock Island, and Chicago on agricultural equality.

WANT GAME PRESERVE NEAR NIobrARA, NEB.

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Application was made to the department of agriculture today for creation of a game preserve of 3,923 acres on the Niobrara river south of Niobrara. The filing was made by Frank Bradley, of Atkinson, Pa., president of the state Quack Walton league.