

WARNS BUYERS ALFALFA SEED

Presence of Foreign Seeds One of Most Important Things to Look For

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Seed buyers have been warned by the Nebraska department of agriculture against the purchase of alfalfa seed which contains the seeds of Johnson grass. Numerous samples of alfalfa seed examined and tested in the state laboratory by Miss E. L. Morris, state seed analyst, have been shown to contain foreign seed in the form of Johnson grass. From this time it is presumed that alfalfa containing foreign seed has been sold in this state.

Farmers should get away from the practice of buying seed on the basis of appearance and quality alone, the department advises. Contrary to what farmers think, seed that is of good appearance may not produce a good crop. Perhaps it may germinate well, but a good crop can not be assured because the plants produced may not be strong enough to stand the climatic conditions. In other words, the seed to be valuable, must be able to produce a plant that will withstand the climate.

Johnson grass is adapted to southern conditions and winterkills north of a latitude of 37 degrees, the department of agriculture said. Many thousands of dollars have been lost in Nebraska in the last few years because alfalfa seed not adapted to this climate has been planted. In some cases foreign seed cannot be identified, but a thorough investigation of the origin of the seed will usually show if the seed will produce hardy plants.

CREDIT 'HOBBO PIEDLER' WITH PREVETING WRECK

Columbus, Neb., (UP)—A "hobbo pedler" turned hero at Creston, Neb., today, prevented what might have been a serious wreck on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, and then disappeared before he could be rewarded for his efforts.

The pedler, an elderly man whose name is not known, walked out of town along the Northwestern tracks when he failed to make sufficient sales to warrant remaining. He found a broken rail near the town of Creston which railroad men said would almost certainly have derailed the next train. He returned to Creston to inform a section crew of his discovery.

HE WOULD RETAIN CONTROL OF ESTATE

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Albert M. Strangland has appealed to the supreme court from a judgment of the Wayne county district court in ousting him from control of the estate of George Williams.

The complaint was made by Nellie I. Heenan, one of the heirs of the deceased, who charged that he was incompetent, that he was dissipating the estate, that he had plunged into needless and expensive litigation and had hired a string of lawyers. The county court had first ousted him.

Strangland denies all of the charges. He says that while it was true he changed lawyers at various times, they had either quit on him and had been discharged. He says that O. H. Johnson, a man of power and influence in the community, was interested as a joint owner with Williams in part of the estate and the Johnson was trying to profit by what was being done in the way of settlement. Because he opposed him, his lawyers left him and it was necessary, in order to protect the estate, to hire other lawyers. He claims that he was the victim of exactly the same tactics that were employed by Daugherty at Washington to prevent justice being done.

EARLY FRUITS ARE TOTAL LOSS FROM FREEZES, SAYS

Falls City, Neb., (UP)—Extent of damage from the recent freezes in Richardson county has been determined by A. I. Bolles, Missouri Pacific railroad agent, after a survey of orchards in this area. Apples and cherries escaped damage, Bolles said, but the peach, apricot, plum and pear crops are a total loss.

Henry Wyatt, government observer, said that no damage was caused by the freeze Thursday morning, when the mercury sank to 30 degrees.

FINDS PIECE OF SHOE NAIL IN HER FOOT

Plainview, Neb., (Special)—Mrs. Ed Singley, who had been having trouble with a sore foot found that a shoe nail had worked up into her foot. She said that her foot had been bothering her for some time but had not given it much thought. When she first consulted a doctor the trouble was not thought to be anything to give cause for worry. However when the foot did not get better an X-ray was taken and showed that a piece of shoe nail about a quarter of an inch long had broken off the point of the nail and worked up into the foot about an inch and a half.

BOWELL DECLINES TO DEBATE WITH METCALFE

Washington, D. C.—Senator Howell has sent the following letter to Richard L. Metcalfe in reply to Metcalfe's letter to the senator:

"My dear Mr. Metcalfe:—Your letter of the fourteenth instant is on hand, and I thank you for the suggestion contained therein. However, I have other plans for the campaign.

"Your congratulations in connection with my nomination are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured I heartily reciprocate"

BARBERS FINED FOR VIOLATING STATE LAW

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Ray Fickler and Henry Bleyhl, of Snyder, were the first barbers prosecuted under the Nebraska barber law for practicing without a license, it was learned by the department of public welfare today.

Both men pleaded guilty before Judge Waldo Wintersteen at Fremont. The law provides for a fine of from \$5 to \$50.

FRASER DENIES MAKING PROFIT

Head of Woodmen of the World on Witness Stand

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—W. A. Fraser, sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance company of Omaha, declared on the witness stand today he never owned a cent of stock in the Woodmen Building corporation which took the lease on the W. O. W. building for 99 years. He further said he did not make any money from the sale or lease of the building nor did any member of the executive council get any profit.

Fraser's testimony was given in the suit of Frank E. Polts and others against the Globe Life Insurance company and officers of the Globe and W. O. W. The suit is an attempt to force the defendants to put back into the treasury of the W. O. W. company about \$2,000,000 used in purchasing stock of the newly organized Globe Insurance company.

SEEK CLEMENCY FROM BOARD OF PRODUCERS

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The following cases will be heard before the state board of pardons at its regular monthly meeting May 8, 1928, it was announced today.

Penitentiary—paroles: Jesse Webb, sentenced from one to 20 years in Perkins county for forgery on April 1, 1921; Edward Falconer, sentenced from one to 10 years from Douglas county on March 20, 1920, for breaking and entering; Rex McCauley, sentenced from Thurston county on January 27, 1927, to from one to five years for felonious assault; Vern Stakeley, sentenced from Scottsbluff on August 7, 1926, to from one to five years for forgery; Frank Martin, sentenced from Douglas county on June 12, 1918, to from three to 15 years for forgery; and Jack Ward, sentenced from Sheridan county on August 15, 1919 to from one to 20 years for forgery.

Commutations: William Hodge, sentenced from Boyd county on May 17, 1923 to 10 years for rape and Dave Gerd, sentenced from Douglas county on February 4, 1926 to from six to nine years for breaking and entering.

Reformatory—Paroles: Clayton Carlisle, sentenced from Douglas county on April 21, 1926, to from one to three years for auto theft; Levert Curtis, sentenced from Lincoln county on March 20, 1926, to from two to three years for burglary; John Works, sentenced from Sheridan county on November 6, 1926 to from one to 10 years for burglary and larceny; William Murphy, sentenced from Morrill county on March 8, 1926, to from two to five years for auto stealing; Henry Hirschman, sentenced from Cedar county on September 21, 1926 for chicken stealing; Edward Montgomery, sentenced from Grant county on March 2, 1927, to from one to seven years for theft of harness; Clare Rowe, sentenced from Grand county on March 2, 1927, to from one to seven years for theft of harness; Willis Race and Norman Made, both sentenced from Dodge county on February 26, 1927, to from one to two years for burglary; and Chapman Heibert, sentenced from Richardson county on March 17, 1927 for from one to three years for chicken stealing.

Commutation: James Market, sentenced from Douglas county on February 4, 1926, to from six to nine years for breaking and entering.

Reformatory for women at York—Mrs. Minnie Hines, sentenced from Scottsbluff on September 6, 1927, to from six months to two years for unlawful possession of liquor asks a parole.

MINIATURE TORNADO CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE

Dawson, Neb., (Special)—A miniature tornado formed northwest of here and did damage on the Belgen and Ulmer farms. Mr. Belden, working in the fields, saw the twister strike the corner of his home, removing a part of the kitchen roof, and a corner of the porch. A wagon and hayrack were picked up and carried about five rods.

On the Martin Ulmer farm, Edgar McClain, the tenant, saw the storm coming toward him and threw himself flat on the ground, escaping injury. The wind picked up a brooder house and another small building, and scattered them over a 40 acre pasture. Another brooder house with small chicks was turned completely over, but prompt work saved the chicks, only eight being killed.

FORM CORPORATION TO TRANSPORT AIRMAIL

Omaha, (UP)—At a meeting of aviation enthusiasts last night plans were made to form a corporation to bid for the contract for carrying airmail on the proposed Omaha-St. Louis route. The company would be capitalized at \$75,000. The meeting was held under auspices of Omaha chapter, National Aeronautic association. E. E. Kiplinger, Amos Thomas and E. M. Allison, the latter an airmail pilot, were named a committee to work out details.

FRANCHISE TO OMAHA VOTERS

Street Car Company Asks Another Vote Before Going into Court

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Dana Van Ducaan, city corporation counsel was instructed by city commission to meet with Emmett Tinley, attorney for the street railway company at an early date and draw up a franchise for submission to the commission no later than April 30.

This action was taken on request of John N. Shanahan, new president of the company, who declared his intention of asking a referendum vote on a franchise at the earliest possible date. A proposed franchise submitted to the voters a year ago was defeated, and the company has operated without a franchise since that time.

At the meeting between Shanahan and the commission it was agreed that the city will not ask for an order ousting the company from the streets after May 28 as had been threatened and that the company will not press its demands for a perpetual franchise in federal court.

Both Shanahan and the commissioners were optimistic that voters would accept a fair franchise this year. It was pointed out that when the franchise was voted on before a contumacious hostile to the company existed here, but since Shanahan gained control this sentiment has almost entirely subsided.

COCK PHEASANT HAS GRUDGE AT MAIL MAN

O'Neill, Neb., (Special)—A quarrelsome Hungarian pheasant cock is interfering with the transportation of the United States mails on rural route No. 1 out of Inman, Neb., 10 miles southeast of here, and unless a conflict between Nebraska laws and federal regulations can be adjusted a portion of the present route may have to be abandoned.

The pheasant cock is making almost daily attacks upon Eugene E. Clark, the rural mail carrier, when he passes along his route in the vicinity of the pheasant's hang-out, and necessitating extensive detours by the mail carrier to avoid him.

A federal regulation applying to rural mail routes provides that the route must be kept open and passable on penalty of abandonment of the section interfered with. Under the Nebraska laws Hungarian pheasants are protected from slaughter at all seasons and a \$100 fine is provided for killing one.

The fighting pheasant cock of which Mr. Clark complains takes up position in the middle of the road when he sees the mail approaching and proceeds to strut and crow. If the carrier does not detour his car to keep from running over it the bird attacks with feet and wings and beak and Mr. Clark has great difficulty in avoiding injuring it, and the problem is no joke to him.

MUCH PROPERTY SAVED FROM PRAIRIE FIRE

Chadron, Neb., (UP)—A prairie fire which swept three half sections of pasture northwest of Chadron Tuesday for a time threatened to spread into the White River valley, where it would have endangered several farm homes, valuable buildings and supplies. Fire fighters from Chadron and vicinity got the flames under control on the edge of the valley.

DECLAMATORY CONTEST TO BE HELD AT WAYNE FRIDAY

Wayne, Neb., (UP)—Northwest Nebraska High School declamatory association will hold its annual contest in Wayne next Friday. Students taking part have won in two previous subdistrict contests. They are: Extemporaneous speaking—Dick Fenske, Wayne; Alfred Larson, Wakefield; Elroy Stromberg, Oakland; Thomas Cox, Cedar Rapids; Ray Dover, Madison, and Paul Witt, Wausa. Oratorical—Berle Blecketer, Homer; Maude Erickson, Oakland; Lloyd Pospisil, West Point; Bernice Miller, Clearwater; Edmund Sedivy, Verdigre, and Howard Whistler, Battle Creek. Dramatic—Delmae Bliss, Tekamah; Beulah Galbraith, Wisner; Mary Ruth Watermouler, Winnebago; Leora Kinsinger, Atkinson; Pauline Rogers, Clearwater, and Harriet Wiley, Neligh. Humorous—Dan Chambers, Wisner; Frank Heckt, Stanton; Genevieve Romminger, South Sioux City; William Beha, O'Neill; Maxwell Halderson, Newman Grove, and Elaine Preuss, Bloomfield. Winners will go to the state contest.

WIFE BEATER JUMPED INTO MISSOURI RIVER, BELIEF

Omaha, (UP)—Police are inclined to believe that Joe Cannella, whose automobile, the engine running, was found on Douglas street bridge, had jumped into the Missouri river and ended his life. Cannella's car was found a short time after his wife called police and asked that he be arrested for beating her at their home. Mrs. Cannella said she and her family have lived in terror of Cannella for the last three nights. She expressed the hope that the police theory of suicide was correct. Cannella recently was acquitted of a murder charge.

SEIZE BIG STILL JUST AS IT IS COMPLETED

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—A huge still with a capacity of 300 gallons of alcohol a day was seized by federal dry agents just as workmen finished its installation in a deserted three-story house here. A. E. Delann and P. C. Lynch, plumbers, were arrested just as they started gathering their tools to leave the place upon completion of their task. The still had not been used but the house had been piped and everything was in readiness.

EXTENSIVE LAND OWNER WANTS ROAD IMPROVED

Columbus, Neb., (UP)—Paving of the Lincoln highway between Columbus and Fremont should be extended west from Ames either this year or next, is the desire of Fred Eason, prominent farmer of near North Bend, one of the heaviest property owners on the route. Eason attended the annual meeting of the Nebraska Lincoln highway association and was one of the leaders of the movement.

Eason owns four miles of land on the route that would be paved. If the former custom of having land owners pay one fourth of the cost of the paving, Eason's share would be about \$25,000.

CONTEMPT CASE IN HIGH COURT

Boyd County Man Appeals from Sentence of Six Months in Jail

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—The appeal of John H. Brandt from an order of Judge Dickson made in Boyd county, committing him to jail for six months on a contempt of court charge, was argued and submitted to the supreme court Monday afternoon. Brandt had executed a mortgage on some branded cattle to the Bank of Herrick, in May, 1922, and when it was not paid, the bank, in 1926, instituted replevin proceedings.

The sheriff of Boyd county found a lot of cows in the possession of Harold T. Dickey, on whose farm they had been left by Brandt. The bank left the cattle with Dickey under an arrangement by which he was to feed them. Before the case was heard, the state charges, Brandt moved the cattle over to his own place in Holt county, where he subsequently disposed of them.

Brandt contended that the cattle seized under the bank's writ were not the identical cattle covered by the mortgage, but the attorney general said this made no difference, as they were cattle that the court had seized and still had in its legal possession. Brandt says his wife owned the cattle that he took from the Dickey farm, and that his attorney had advised him he had a right to take them.

The state contended that as a matter of fact Brandt did not own the cattle and that the wife's ownership claim is a fraud. If they were actually hers she had other means of asserting her ownership. The defendant claimed that he could not be guilty of contempt as the court had issued no order in the matter and that they left the court's custody when the sheriff turned the cattle over to Dickey.

HOP TO SEND CHAMP JUDGES TO ENGLAND

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—If money can be raised to pay their passage across the water, members of the 4-H club champion dairy cattle judging team of America, who live at Albion, Neb., will be sent to the international dairy judging contest at Wye, Kent, England, it was decided Monday.

It was estimated \$3,000 will be necessary to finance the trip. Much of the amount will be raised in Nebraska although some funds have been promised from the national organizations.

L. H. Daft, president of the Nebraska Dairyman's association, A. W. Lamb, vice president of the state board of agriculture and T. A. Leadley, have been appointed a committee to handle the organization supporting the trip.

The members of the team are Jess Blyeu, Joe King and Russell Hughes of Albion.

BANKER SNEEZES AND DISLOCATES HIS SHOULDER

Trenton, Neb., (UP)—A hearty sneeze which C. W. Simonds of the Citizens State bank of Trenton indulged in while at his desk resulted in a dislocated shoulder. Simonds raised his head from his work at the bank's book, hoisted his arms simultaneously, and unleashed a vigorous "ker-choo." Answering his howl of pain fellow workers tried vainly to replace his dislocated shoulder bones. Two physicians were then called and the bones replaced, but the patient was in no condition to continue work, and went to his mother's home in Stockville to recuperate.

NO REPUBLICAN BALLOTS ARE CALLED FOR THERE

Columbus, Neb., (UP)—No republican ballots were called for during the primary election at St. Bernard township in Platte county. Ninety ballots, all democratic, were brought to County Clerk Hoge by John W. Schroeder of St. Bernard township.

Schroeder explained that several years ago there was a republican voter in the precinct but he had finally been converted to the democratic party. He voted his own ticket for several elections, but finally at one primary he asked for a democratic ballot and said, "Fellows, I've played a lone hand as long as I'm going to. After this I'm with you fellows."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY PURCHASES STEREOPTICON

Plainview, Neb., (Special)—The Comrades of the Way, a local young people's society, have recently purchased a new stereopticon machine. They expect to use the machine in the work and also to present programs of religious and educational nature to the public.

The first picture, the Oberammergau passion play, was presented Sunday evening.

TRAVELS TO COAST BY AIR MAIL



Main photo shows Miss Gladys Shaw as she climbed into a mail plane at Hadley Field, N. J., on the first leg of her flight to visit her mother on the Pacific coast. Miss Gladys Shaw, shown in inset, is traveling first class mail and saving plenty of time. (International Newsweek)

VETERAN PITCHER FLU VICTIM



Walter Johnson, former pitcher for the Washington baseball club, was forced to leave camp at St. Augustine, Fla., and return to Washington, suffering a severe attack of influenza. Although en route to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, he remained in Washington to be under the personal care of Dr. Kaufmann, physician for the baseball club. (International Illustrated News)

REMUS FREED FROM ASYLUM



George Remus, self-styled king of bootleggers, who killed his wife and then convinced a jury of his insanity, was liberated from the Ohio asylum by the court of appeals. However, the State prosecutors are bitterly fighting for a reversal of the judgment. If definitely freed, Remus declared he would return to Cincinnati, settle his financial affairs, and start a world-wide lecture tour against prohibition. (International Newsweek)