

WATCHMAN FOR RAIL CROSSING

Norfolk Controversy Finally Settled by State Commission and Roads

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—The state railway commission has issued a supplemental order in the case from Madison county over which several big rows have been staged, due to the fact that the Northwestern railroad yards in Norfolk cross the Meridian highway and in the operation of its trains traffic has been delayed. The commission order requiring clearances was appealed to supreme court. The railroad company has made a proposal to settle the matter, and this has been accepted by the commission. Its new order provides that the track shall not be blocked for a period of more than five minutes at any time and that the company shall substitute a regular crossing watchman instead of depending upon train flagmen to ward off catastrophes where cars are being shunted back and forth.

EMERY ELECTED HEAD OF OMAHA UNIVERSITY

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Dr. E. W. Emery, former president of York college, will succeed Dr. Karl F. Wetstone as president of the University of Omaha, it was announced here today. Dr. Emery resigned as head of York college July 1, after spending four years there. He will take immediate charge at Omaha, Dr. Wetstone having been granted a leave which will continue until his tenure of office expires in September.

SEEK TO PROVE HEIR NOW SANE

Guardian of Nebraska Man Maintains His Ward of Unsound Mind

Hastings, Neb., (UP)—The fight to prove the sanity of Thomas Kerr, heir to an estate of approximately \$750,000, was continued here today as hearings were resumed after a recess over the holiday.

C. M. Wright, a cousin of Kerr, has led the efforts to establish the sanity of Kerr, who has lived in several sanitariums since he first was adjudged insane 15 years ago. W. M. Lowman, guardian of Kerr has cross-examined all witnesses introduced thus far and is expected to present witnesses to uphold his contention that Kerr is not of sound mind.

ELECTED HEAD OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF STATE

Pierce, Neb., (Special)—Ruth A. Kile, superintendent of Pierce county schools, was chosen president of the county superintendents at a meeting held at Wayne, recently.

ALL HOGS ON HIS RANCHES ARE TO BE TATTOOED

Pierce, Neb., (Special)—Spencer Butterfield, farmer near here, will in the future stamp with a registered tattoo brand all hogs on his four ranches. The use of the registered tattoo has become more and more popular in this state among the stock raisers, since it serves as a lasting means of identification. The letter of the tattoo which will mark the Butterfield live stock are T. B. C. indicating "The Butterfield Company."

OBJECTS TO PURCHASE OF TRACTORS BY COUNTY

Pender, Neb., (Special)—Robert G. Fuhrman, local attorney, acting in his own behalf as a taxpayer, has filed a petition in intervention in district court in the case of the Omaha Road Equipment company against Thurston county. This is the suit brought to recover for the purchase price of three tractors purchased by the county board in 1927.

The petition recites that he has a direct and immediate interest in the outcome of the action and alleges that direct legal operation and effect of an action against Thurston county will require additional levies and thus increase the taxes of the intervenor. He also alleges that the county board by a resolution passed June 18, attempted to limit the defenses which the county attorney should plead in defense of this suit and that the county attorney proposes to file a general denial which sort of an answer will not adequately raise the defenses to which the plaintiff's petition is subject.

He claims the tractors were not purchased as provided by the 1921 law, after competitive bidding. He alleges that the orders for the tractors were not made by the board acting as a regular or special meeting and are simply personal obligations on the part of the three commissioners who signed them. The tract cost about \$19,844.

CHURCH TO CELEBRATE ITS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Hartley, Ia., (Special)—St. John's Lutheran church, of May City will hold its annual mission festival, Sunday, July 8. The same day it will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the church and also the fortieth birthday of the pastor, Rev. C. F. Hinrich. Two former pastors of the church will be present. Only two of the original members are now living in this community.

BELIEVE MAN KILLED IN DRUNKEN BRAWL

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—The body of Albert Chevalier, 40 years old, found in an alley back of Creighton medical school laboratory here today. Death was caused by a fractured skull, physicians said. Persons living in the neighborhood said Chevalier and a group of companions had staged a party in the alley last night and the man was believed to have been struck the blow which caused his death in a drunken brawl. Chevalier had been working as a farm hand near Logan, Ia. police learned. His mother and a brother reside here.

NORFOLK DOES MUCH BUILDING

Activities of Year Expected to Total \$1,000,000— Many New Homes

Norfolk, Neb., (UP)—Indications are that more than \$1,000,000 will be spent in the 1928 Norfolk building program, according to a report issued by the chamber of commerce. So far this year, \$850,000 has been spent on building project. Building permits for 16 dwelling houses have been issued this year. Nineteen improvements of major consequence were reported by the chamber of commerce. Improvements to be made by public utilities in Norfolk will amount to \$350,000, it was said. Two new churches, a Montgomery Ward building, two automobile agency buildings, two hospitals and a clinic are among the pending improvements.

EMBEZZLER OF \$2,500 GIVEN TERM IN PRISON

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Richard M. Brown, cashier for Jackson Brothers, Grain and Stocks Commission firm, who was found guilty of embezzlement and forgery of about \$2,500 of the company's funds, May 17, today was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary by District Judge James E. Raitt.

LOAN COMPANIES REDUCE THEIR INTEREST RATES

Columbus, Neb., (UP)—Reduction in interest rates has been made by two building and loan associations of Columbus. The Equitable dropped its rate on loans from 7.2 per cent. to 6 per cent. The Columbus Land and Loan company reduced its rate from 6.6 per cent. to 6 per cent.

These new rates, which took effect July 1, are as low as the rate charged by any building and loan company in the state. Both associations will also reduce the interest rate on paid up stock to 5 per cent, the basis on which most of the associations in the state are operating. Two reasons were given for the reduction: That the supply of money for loaning purposes is greater than the demand; and that the state banking department has advised lowering interest rates.

NEBRASKA COLLEGE MAN CAPTURES OLD SEA TURTLE

Hastings, Neb., (UP)—A giant sea turtle, five feet long and estimated to be not less than 500 years old, has been taken alive by Dr. W. J. Kent, curator of the Hastings college museum. The turtle was caught in the Bahama islands. The reptile will be shipped to Hastings and placed in a tank of running water at the museum. "When Columbus visited the islands on his voyage of discovery," a letter from Kent said, "this turtle was probably 50 or 75 years old and measured six or seven inches." Kent's collection made on his trip so far includes a sail fish, about six feet long, a saw fish, a shark a dolphin and many smaller fish and birds.

CROPS ARE IN MOST PROMISING CONDITION

Alliance, Neb., (UP)—An unprecedented production of wheat is assured northwest Nebraska by the recent heavy rains and the bright sunshine of the past few days, farmers declare. The yield will be 85 per cent. of last year's record-breaking crop it was estimated. With the average increased one fourth this year, the production will exceed all past records.

Good best crops will be secured in the irrigated section of western Nebraska, according to present indications. The production of beets will be equivalent to the five-year average. Alfalfa and hay are growing rapidly, due to the heavy supply of moisture. Corn is somewhat late but during the past few sunny days showed much progress.

NEBRASKA ODD FELLOWS PLAN ANNUAL CONVENTION

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—State officers of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges met here last night to arrange for state conventions of the two orders, that will be held here October 16, 17, and 18. George R. Jackson, of Fremont, grand patriarch of the Nebraska Encampment was among the officers present.

THINK "TELEPHONE" MAN ROBBED THESE PLACES

Hastings, Neb., (UP)—Hastings police today were working on the theory that a man who represented himself as a telephone repairman had robbed the homes of Nell Dunn and Louis Stein of \$4,000 in jewels during the day of July 3. The man claimed to be from the telephone company and was admitted to the houses to inspect upstairs telephones. Nothing was thought of his visit until the jewels were missed.

SCHOOLS GET HALF MILLION

State Treasurer of Nebraska Certifies \$565,337 to Superintendent

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—State apportionment for school districts in Nebraska this year will be the greatest ever, it was announced here today by State Treasurer Stebbins when he certified \$565,337 to the state superintendent. The largest amount previously certified was \$519,239 in 1926.

TWO ARE FOUND DEAD IN HOME

Columbus Couple Overcome by Escaping Gas—Held to Be Accident

Columbus, Neb., (UP)—County Attorney Emil Luckey is convinced, after an investigation, that Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Sanderson, both 58 years old, whose bodies were found in their gas filled home, Monday, came to their death by accident. No inquest is to be held.

The bodies were found by Miss Clara Schroeder, a neighbor, who went to the Sanderson home when she noticed that the couple had not been in their yard during the day as was their custom. Gas, was escaping from a pipe in the living room to which a heater had been attached last winter. Sanderson was one of the first typewriter repair men in the United States. In his younger days he established agencies for a typewriter company in Cuba and many cities in the United States. He came here with his wife 25 years ago from Massachusetts for his health. The couple had farmed near here until seven years ago when they retired. Mrs. Sanderson was a trained nurse. Both had been in poor health for the last few years.

TWICE CONVICTED BUT FREED ON THIRD TRIAL

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Dr. Charles E. Abbott or Menden, twice convicted in district court of charges of assaulting a 5-year-old girl, was acquitted by the supreme court in an opinion here.

NEBRASKA DEMO LEADERS FORM A SMITH CLUB

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Nebraska democratic leaders have called a meeting for July 7 at Grand Island for the purpose of organizing "Al Smith for president" clubs throughout the state. More than a score of prominent outstate democrats met at the office of William Ritchie Jr. here Sunday and perfected a temporary organization.

At the Grand Island meeting permanent officers will be elected and plans for carrying on an aggressive campaign, Ritchie said. William P. Mullen of Grand Island and Ritchie will have charge of the work until permanent officers are chosen.

MAY FASTEN MURDER ON MAN BEING HELD

Fairbury, Neb., (UP)—James Ryan of Grand Island was in jail here today as authorities continued to investigate the death of an unidentified man whose body was found yesterday on the banks of the Little Blue river near here.

The man's throat was cut and the bloody razor with which the murder had been committed was found a few feet from the body. Ryan was intoxicated when arrested and disclaimed all knowledge of the dead man. His clothes were blood-spattered, however, and he previously had been seen with the victim.

The dead man was found by a group of boys "exploring" along the river. The head was badly cut, aside from the single throat wound that apparently had brought death.

BIG CELEBRATION TO BE STAGED AT BLOOMFIELD

Bloomfield, Neb., (Special)—A county-wide celebration will be held in Bloomfield for the benefit of the Knox County Fair association, and an extensive program has been arranged consisting of sports, speaking and music.

C. A. Sorenson, republican candidate for attorney general, has been secured to deliver the address of the day. This will be followed by a picnic dinner after which the sports will be had. A baseball game between Creighton and Bloomfield will start at 3:30 o'clock.

In the evening a grand display of fireworks will be had after which a dance will be staged in the pavilion.

CROFTON TOWN MARSHALL IS OVERCOME BY HEAT

Crofton, Neb., (Special)—John Roovers, town marshal while unloading a car load of coal for the town light plant, was overcome by the heat Saturday afternoon.

WIFE NOT LIABLE ON MORTGAGE SHE SIGNED

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Mrs. Lucy Dworak of Colfax county is not liable for any part of a \$10,800 deficiency judgment entered against her and her husband following a mortgage foreclosure by the First National bank of Schuyler, the supreme court held here today. Mrs. Dworak obtained her release on testimony showing that bankers had told her she never could be liable for the debt.

NEBRASKA WALTONS ARE TO MEET AT HASTINGS

Hastings, Neb., (UP)—Nebraska division of the Izaak Walton League of America will hold its annual convention at Hastings September 10 and 11, it has been announced by Frank J. Brady, state president.

Dr. Henry Baldwin Ward, Urbana, Ill., national president of the organization will be the principal speaker at the convention. Other speakers will be Clark Mickey, Lincoln; George W. Norris, McCook; A. C. Shallenberger, Alma; and Robert G. Simmons, Scottsbluff. Charles L. Dickey, Columbus, Neb., has been chosen to head the dinner committee and will have charge of the annual banquet.

CASHIER HELD FOR SHORTAGE

Rohrs, Neb., Man Out on Bond Pending Preliminary Hearing July 7

Rohrs, Neb., (UP)—J. A. Johnson, cashier of the Farmers Security State bank here was released under \$5,000 bond today after he had been arraigned yesterday on a charge of embezzlement. The bank now is in the hands of the state banking department as a result of a \$15,000 shortage found in oil stock bonds and of other bad charge of embezzlement. Johnson's preliminary hearings will be held July 7.

VACANCIES ARE TO BE FILLED

Nebraska Republican Committee to Hold Special Session at Lincoln

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—The republican state committee has been called to meet in special session, July 12, for the purpose of taking action upon two vacancies. One of these is in the district composed of Burt, Thurston, Dakota and Dixon counties, which has failed to make any selection for member of the state committee. All the others were reported at the state convention, and it is not explained why the delegates from the counties named made no selection at the time.

The other has to do with the vacancy in the Fourth congressional district, due to the death of the party nominee for congress, M. O. McLaughlin. The district committee has selected Former Congressman C. H. Sloan, and it is presumed that its action will be ratified by the state committee. The lawyers are of two minds as to which has the right to fill the vacancy, the state or the district committee, but if both name the same man there will be no lawsuit about it.

BANK STILL OPEN

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The state banking department said here today that the Farmers Security State bank of Rohrs still is open and an attempt will be made by the department to keep it in operation.

HE IS SENT TO JAIL FOR GROWING PLANT WITH "KICK"

Bridgeport, Neb., (UP)—Salvador G. Bayard was sentenced to three months in the county jail here today for growing and bartering marijuana. The conviction is believed to be the first obtained under the state drug law passed in 1926.

Marihuana is a drug smoked in a pipe that is said to produce hallucinations and have somewhat the same affect as alcohol.

HAVE NO SOLUTION OF RAZOR MURDER CASE

Fairbury, Neb., (UP)—No definite clue had been found here to premise solution of the mysterious murder of an unidentified man Monday.

Shortly after the body was discovered by children, playing along the banks of the Little Blue river near here, police arrested a man giving the name of James Ryan. Last night this man changed his name to John O'Neill and said he lives in Council Bluffs, Ia. He claimed to have been riding a freight and to have had nothing to do with the killing although he admitted having seen and associated with the victim previously.

The dead man, who apparently was a tramp, was killed by a razor. Aside from the cut in his throat that killed him, the man had been badly gashed about the head and arms. Officers said it was evident that a strenuous struggle preceded the fatal slash.

CHILD'S BODY RECOVERED FROM MISSOURI RIVER

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Body of Yrsa Clausen, 9 years old, who fell into the Missouri river and was drowned last Friday was taken from the water late yesterday. The body was recovered near the Union Pacific railroad bridge, six miles from where the girl fell into the stream.

BLAME PAROLED CONVICT

Ravenna, Neb., (UP)—A coroner's jury decided here yesterday that Mrs. Gladys Stanton died because of the reckless driving of Joe Mrkvička. Mrs. Stanton was killed in an automobile accident Sunday when her car collided with that driven by Mrkvička. The jury held that Mrkvička was intoxicated. Further investigation revealed that he has been paroled from the state penitentiary and that the car he was driving at the time of the accident did not belong to him.

CONDEMNED YOUTH IS BEHIND PENITENTIARY WALL

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Henry Sherman was in the state penitentiary today, awaiting execution for killing three members of the Rodger Pochon family last May 18. Sherman was brought here yesterday from Alliance, where he was held for three days after he was convicted of first degree murder in the Chadron district court. Sherman admitted in a confession soon after the crime that he killed the Pochon family because they objected to his attentions to the 14-year-old Pochon girl. In the trial an insanity plea was offered. It was ineffectual and he was sentenced to die October 22.

GUARANTY FUND MUST PAY CLAIM

Omaha National Bank Given Decision by Nebraska High Court

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The guaranty fund was held liable in two decisions filed Saturday by the supreme court to claimants. One of these was the Omaha National bank, which held certificates of deposit in the failed Citizens State bank of Potter, challenged by the state as representing loans to the bank by its president, George A. Roberts, of Omaha. The court enters judgment for \$4,400 on two of the causes of action and holds as to the other one, which involves \$4,050 that the fund is not liable. In each instance the lower court had held the contrary. The decision turned on the ability to trace trust funds into definite assets.

The other suit was one by S. A. Snider, president of the First National bank of Osceola, for \$4,750 Snider was holder of exchange issued by the First State bank of Richfield. This, with a bank at Papillon, was operated by E. C. Goerke, who wrecked both and disappeared. He paid Snider with a check for \$4,750 on the Richfield bank, in which his balance was \$3.14. To meet it he drew a draft of the Papillon bank on a deposit it had in an Omaha bank, but the cashier stopped payment on it, and Snider held the sack. The court says that as the Papillon bank had sufficient funds to meet the draft, the guaranty fund does not suffer by requiring payment, as non-payment merely increased by that amount the cash assets when it failed.

TO INSTALL NEW OMAHA BISHOP WITH GREAT POMP

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—St. Cecilia's cathedral today was decorated with gold and white streamers, pontifical colors, in honor of Joseph Rummel, newly appointed bishop of Omaha, who is to be formally installed as head of the Roman Catholic church here Wednesday morning.

Bishop Rummel is to arrive from New York tomorrow morning. He will be accompanied by Cardinal Hayes of New York, Archbishop Keane of Dubuque and other members of the Catholic hierarchy of this country.

Thousands of the faithful are expected to be at Union station to welcome the new bishop. Twenty prominent clergymen and laymen met the party in Chicago today and will accompany it here.

SAYS BUMPER CROP IS ASSURED IN NEBRASKA

Columbus, Neb., (UP)—"There will be a bumper crop this year," predicts Matt Bieg of south-east of Hartington. "When you look under the leaves of the oats you find in a large number of cases the letter 'B.' That 'B' is the first letter of 'bumper.'"

"During the lean years the letter 'S' is found under a large number of leaves, the 'S' standing for 'chaff,' even though the word begins with the letter 'C.'" Bieg has been watching crops for 45 years and declared this June sign invariably predicts the crop accurately.

DENISON RESIDENTS HURT IN NEBRASKA CAR ACCIDENT

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Mrs. Leonard Pilcher of Denison, Ia., suffered a fractured forearm; Norris Pilcher, 7 years old, brother of Mr. Pilcher, had a fracture of the right leg and Mr. Pilcher was cut and bruised Sunday night when a car, the driver of which is unknown, collided with Pilcher's car and overturned it near Waverly.

A passing motorist brought the injured to a Lincoln hospital.

"PARACHUTE JUMPER HURT AT OMAHA AMUSEMENT PARK

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Lloyd Schubert, 25 years old, of Chicago, parachute jumper, sustained a broken leg and severe injuries to other portions of his body when the wind drove his balloon against a steel framework at an amusement park here last night. Schubert hung head downward, 50 feet in the air for half an hour before being rescued while a large crowd looked on.

ONE WOMAN KILLED AND SEVERAL OTHERS INJURED

Ravenna, Neb., (UP)—Mrs. Gladys Stanton of Ravenna was killed and her husband, Edward Stanton, Jr., was seriously injured when an automobile occupied by themselves and Mr. and A. W. Seery of Hazard, Neb., met head on with a car driven by Joe Mrkvička of Ravenna yesterday afternoon. All the other occupants of the cars were cut and bruised. The automobiles were badly damaged.

SEIZED ALCOHOL GOES TO SEWER

Federal Agents Dump 2,750 Gallons Taken in Raid Last Year

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Enough alcohol to float the proverbial battleship was dumped into a sewer by federal prohibition agents here today. A full carload, containing 2,750 gallons seized in a raid at Papillion, January 1, 1927, was emptied from its containers and allowed to mingle with the muddy waters of the Missouri river. This alcohol was taken in the raid in which Charles Hutter, former sheriff of Sarpy county, his brother and three other persons were arrested. Charles Hutter was released for lack of evidence but the others were fined a total of \$7,500. A 3,000 gallon still taken in a raid near Ashland a year ago was broken up and sold for junk. Four hundred gallons of alcohol taken in the raid were poured into the sewer.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS HAVE ANNUAL PICNIC

Hartington, Neb., (Special)—The Cedar County Rural Carriers Association convened in this city Wednesday, enjoyed their annual picnic dinner and elected officers for the coming year. The officers elected were L. A. Henry, Coleridge, president; C. E. Strickland, Hartington, vice president, and C. M. Schager, Randolph, secretary-treasurer. L. R. Hardy, Hartington, carrier on Route 3, was elected as delegate to the state convention, which will be held at Cozad, Neb., July 3 and 4. The carriers met at Sun Glo park but the rain drove them to the city auditorium.

DOG TOOK MOTHER TO HER MISSING CHILD

Hartington, Neb., (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Dell Slack of near here, own a collie-shepherd dog that has won a permanent home with its master. George, an infant son, of the Slack family, suddenly disappeared and when the mother discovered the absence of the child and while looking for it, the dog ran to the distracted mother and, pulled at her apron and directed her about a quarter of a mile from the house where the child was playing in sand in a ravine. Mrs. Slack relates that on another occasion the dog came to the house barking and much excited and upon investigation found a young calf that had become entangled in a rope, hanging itself. The timely arrival of Mrs. Slack saved the fine calf from strangling to death.

CONVICT NEAR DEATH IS GRANTED REPRIEVE

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Herbert Holmes, inmate of the Nebraska penitentiary for four years, was given a deathbed reprieve by Governor Adam McMillen, yesterday. Near death from a lingering illness, Holmes will be removed to his home in Steubenville, Ohio, if he survives. Holmes was so near death Thursday night that a minister was called. Yesterday a 30-day reprieve was granted at the request of the youth's father. The governor is not permitted to issue a respite for a longer period. July 10, however, the boy's case will be acted upon by the board of pardons.

NEBRASKA GRAIN ELEVATOR MEN ARE ORGANIZED

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—T. B. King, Central City, was named president of the newly organized Nebraska Association of Grain Elevator and Mill operators at a meeting in Lincoln last night. The organization of the association yesterday brought into existence in the state for the first time since 1905, a federation of independent grain merchants. The association was organized as a non-profit concern to bring about justice and equity in the grain trade. It will aid in the adjustment of business disputes and secure the benefits of co-operation for the business, its articles said.

BODY OF CHILD STILL IN MISSOURI RIVER

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Body of Yrsa Clausen, 9 years old, had not been recovered from the Missouri river today despite an all night search. She fell into the stream while fishing near the Florence jumping station late yesterday. Mrs. Frank Clausen, the girl's mother, although unable to swim, leaped into the swirling stream and almost met the same fate as her daughter. The mother was saved when another daughter, Ruth, 11 years old, extended a fishing pole which she grasped and was pulled to shore. The mother was near collapse today.

MISSING CHILD WAS VISITING WITH CHUM

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Helen Swenson, 9 years old, missing since Wednesday night, returned to the home of her mother, Mrs. O. S. Swenson last night. She had been staying with a chum, she said. The girl ran away when her mother told her she would be kept indoors for two weeks for misbehaving.

NEBRASKA ATHLETE IS DROWNED IN BLUE RIVER

Crete, Neb., (UP)—Harry Kersensbrock, 22 years old, famous as a seven-foot basketball center at Crete high school, Doane college and the University of Kansas, drowned in the Blue river here last night when the canoe in which he was riding overturned. He was unable to swim.

Byron Horn, the other passenger of the canoe, was able to swim but could not save Kersensbrock, whose body was recovered after an hour's search.