

DIVORCE GIVEN JAMES E. DALES

Secretary Nebraska U. Regs Board Freed of Wife Once Convict

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—James S. Dales, 76 years old, secretary to the board of regents of the University of Nebraska, was granted an absolute divorce from Henrietta E. Dales today.

Mrs. Dales, before her marriage to Dales, was Mrs. George Allison. She has served one year in the penitentiary in connection with the death of her third husband, C. L. Barackman, Cherry county rancher.

The first petition filed by Dales was withdrawn and one filed that alleged extreme cruelty only. In his first petition Dales alleged that immediately after their marriage the defendant demanded a property settlement and when he did not accede she threatened him.

BIG INCREASE SHOWN IN PROPERTY VALUES IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Returns from 92 Nebraska counties, all except Douglas—indicated an increase of \$14,138,752 in value of all property in the state.

DECREASE IN PRICES OF FOOD PRODUCTS NOTED

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Omaha showed a nine per cent decrease in the average cost of food during the period June 15, 1927, to June 15, 1928.

WOULD FORCE RECEIVERSHIP OF STREET RAILWAY?

Omaha, (UP)—Replying to a demand of United States Senator Howell Monday that the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company agree to turn over the Douglas street bridge in exchange for a franchise to operate in Omaha, John N. Shannahan, president of the tram company, intimated that Howell's letter is a part of a movement developing here to defeat the franchise and force the company into receivership.

OSMOND PREPARES FOR BIG HARVEST FESTIVAL

Osmond, Neb., (Special)—At a meeting of the Osmond Community club the Harvest Festival picnic was voted upon and decision was made to hold it August 8 and 9. Ball games, dances, contests, etc., will entertain the people.

CEDAR COUNTY FAIR PLANS TAKING FORM

Hartington, Neb., (Special)—Plans are rapidly going forward by the Cedar county fair board to make the fair September 4 to 7 one of the best fairs held in northeast Nebraska.

IOWAN FACES MURDER CHARGE AT FAIRBURY

Fairbury, Neb., (UP)—Witnesses in the trial of John O'Neill, charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of an unidentified man found July 2 on the banks of the Blue river, testified they had seen O'Neill of Council Bluffs, Ia., a cripple, scuffling in a "hobo" camp shortly before the body was found.

NORFOLK'S FINANCES SAID TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION

Norfolk, Neb., (Special)—The financial condition of the city of Norfolk is the best it has been for a number of years, stated Councilman Fred Muller, chairman of the finance committee.

FINED FOR BUYING AUTO LICENSED IN WRONG COUNTY

State Engineer Cochran at Lincoln informed the county board that anyone who purchased a license in a county other than the one of his residence, should repurchase in his home county, taking the receipt for it to the treasurer of the first county, who would refund his money.

EXPERIMENT ON OIL FOR ROADS

State of Nebraska and Federal Government Try Its Use on Gravel

Alliance, Neb., (UP)—The state highway department will begin using oil as an experiment in construction of graveled highways.

HEAVY WHEAT YIELD IN WESTERN NEBRASKA

Alliance, Neb., (UP)—An invasion of combine harvesters, headers and binders will take place over the northwestern part of Nebraska in 10 days.

CONTROVERSY OVER WHO GETS REWARD MONEY

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Will Price, who took Thomas Murray, former Dunbar, Neb., banker, into his own home at Mt. Vernon, Wash., and kept him there for two days before he turned him over to police, claims the entire \$2,000 reward offered for Murray's apprehension.

SCHOOLS NOT ENTITLED TO MONEY FROM FINES?

Falls City, Neb., (UP)—Amendment of the Nebraska statute which provides that fines levied in criminal cases be placed in the school fund is sought in a resolution adopted by the Richardson county board.

DEMOCRATS TO ORGANIZE FARMERS OF NEBRASKA

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—A. D. Fairbairn, of Washington, who will have charge of organizing Nebraska farmers for the democratic national ticket, arrived here today and conferred with farmer leaders.

VETERAN NEWSPAPERMAN DIES AT HOME IN YORK

York, Neb., (UP)—T. E. Sedgewick, veteran newspaperman and for 50 years a resident of Nebraska, died at his home here last night.

RECOMMEND AUDIT OF GUARANTEE FUND COMMISSION

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—A thorough audit of the guarantee fund commission was recommended today by a committee of three, appointed June 20 to investigate the situation.

PIERCE COUNTY FINANCES ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

Pierce, Neb., (Special)—The semi-annual statement of the treasurer of Pierce county has been published, showing the county to be in a good financial condition.

FORMER BANKER SEEKS LIBERTY

Holds 42-Year Term in Penitentiary Excessive—Goes to Federal Court

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Attorneys for Ray A. Lower, former Valparaiso, Neb., banker, serving a 42 year term in state prison for embezzling \$60,000 of the bank's funds, have filed application for writ of habeas corpus, in federal court here.

Lower, failure of whose bank cost the state guaranty fund \$338,000, was found guilty on six counts in January, 1922. Judge E. E. Good, now a member of the supreme court, sentenced him to seven years on each count, sentences to run consecutively.

STRAIGHTEN LOUP RIVER TO PREVENT FLOODS

Pleasanton, Neb., (UP)—Steps to straighten the channel of the Loup river, in order to avoid future flooding of Pleasanton at high water, have been taken by the county board.

TO SEEK MEMBERS FOR NEBRASKA WHEAT POOL

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Philip F. Bross will become membership campaign manager for the Nebraska wheat pool August 1, it is announced.

POLITICAL SPEECHES TO FEATURE LEGION PICNIC

Shubert, Neb., (UP)—Speeches by Arthur J. Weaver, republican candidate for governor; Jean B. Cain, state commander of the American Legion; J. H. Morehead, first district congressman and Elmer J. Burkett of Lincoln, who is seeking the congressional post in the first district, will feature the annual Richardson county American Legion picnic to be held here July 26 and 27.

WAS OF LITTLE WORTH

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Seventy one years ago a bill was introduced before the state legislature proposing the removal of the state capital from Omaha to a place called Douglas in Lancaster county.

THOUGHT INTERIOR NEB.

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—This statement was found recently by I. D. Evans of the governor's office, among old state records.

LOCUMOTIVE ENGINEER HAS INTEREST IN CRIPPLED BOY

Emerson, Neb., (Special)—J. F. Reisman, a veteran railroad engineer, formerly on the run between Emerson and Omaha, was the means of rehabilitating a little crippled boy who always waved to him as he passed through a Nebraska station.

FARMER HAS RIGHT TO BERRIES ON HIGHWAY

Hastings, Neb., (UP)—The question of whether a farmer has the right to prohibit the picking of wild fruit growing on highways bordering his farm was answered by County Attorney Crowe, recently.

WHOLE FAMILY MADE ILL BY EATING WATERMELON

Morrill, Neb., (Special)—Ten members of the Amos Hammock family were taken violently ill after eating a watermelon.

HARVEST HAND GOT THEIR CAR

Good Samaritans from Oklahoma Placed Their Trust in Stranger

Columbus, Neb., (UP)—To give another harvest hand whom they met on the road a lift in their automobile and then see him drive it away and fail to return was the sad experience of two brothers from Oklahoma, who were following the harvest.

RAILROAD PAYS DISPUTED TAX

Burlington Complies with Court Finding in Nebraska Case

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—The Burlington railroad has decided not to appeal the recent decision of Federal Judge J. W. Woodrugh in its Nebraska state tax case and today is sending checks to 73 county treasurers in the state, paying them the approximately \$500,000 the court held the railroad owed on its taxes from 1922 to 1927.

NOT TO APPEAL RAIL TAX CASE

State of Nebraska to Accept Settlement Provided in Federal Court Decision

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The state tax board will not appeal the Burlington tax suit in view of the railroad's announcement yesterday that the \$500,000 in back taxes will be distributed among 73 Nebraska counties.

CHILD IS RESCUED FROM UNDER WHEELS OF TRAIN

Hartington, Neb., (Special)—Homer Stanley, an employe of the Hartington Electric Light company rescued a little girl from being run over by a train in the switching yards at the depot, Alma, 5 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brockman who live near the depot.

HOSPITAL ATTENDANT HELD ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Hastings, Neb., (UP)—Manslaughter charges were filed this afternoon against Waldo N. Cruce, Ingleside State hospital attendant, in connection with the death of Leonard Dean, inmate, yesterday.

HALF MILLION OF SCHOOL FUNDS IS APPORTIONED

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Apportionment of \$565,337.92 of temporary state school funds to counties for support of schools was made today by Charles W. Taylor, state superintendent of public instruction.

LIBERTY GIRL WINS \$500 SCHOLARSHIP WITH ESSAY

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SPELLING BEE TO FEATURE FARM BUREAU PICNIC

Moville, Ia., (Special)—A spelling bee will be one of the numbers on the program at a special meeting of the Arlington township Farm Bureau to be held on the lawn at the home of Ivan Oleson, Thursday evening, July 19.

CREAMERY MAKES BIG SHIPMENT OF BUTTER

Clear Lake, S. D., (Special)—Clear Lake's creamery shipped out 84 664-pound tubs of butter Thursday. It was the largest shipment this year. The butter went to Chicago.

LISMORE PLANS TO HOLD HARVEST FESTIVAL AUG. 15

Lismore, Minn., (Special)—Lismore will hold a harvest festival Wednesday, August 15. A double-header baseball game, the first between the Edgerton team and the Lismore second team and the second game between the Lismore Gophers and another good fast club the opponents not yet having been definitely settled. Music will be furnished by the Adrian 24-piece concert band. There will be all kinds of street sports and a dance in the evening.

SENATOR NORRIS TO AID FRIENDS IN HIS STATE

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Senator Norris has notified his immediate political friends that he will devote some time to the campaign in Nebraska, but that he will not lend assistance to the national ticket of either party unless Smith supports his view of the power trust menace, and that if any candidates for congress want his support they must take a stand with him.

NEW TAX LEVY PROBLEM NOW

Reduced Valuations of Railroads in Nebraska Cause of Concern

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Litigation between the state and the railroads over taxes is practically at an end. The state board, which dared not reduce railroad valuations and taxes on its own initiative for fear that voters would punish them, seeing only the cutting of railroad taxes and not the justice of it as other valuations have been cut, is now protected from such criticism by a court order.

THE RAILROADS SHOULD PAY AN AVERAGE OF 5 PER CENT MORE THAN THEY CLAIMED WAS DUE AND WHICH PERCENTAGE THEY HAD PAID.

As a result the railroads are paying what the court told them. For the Burlington this is \$500,000 and for the Northwestern around \$120,000. The Burlington saves \$400,000 a year, or about 20 per cent, by reason of the court decision and the state board's refusal to appeal.

The reports of the assessors show \$15,000,000 more property in the state than a year ago, but the reduction in railroad valuations will wipe this out, and the inability to tax banks other than as intangibles will still further reduce the total valuation.

The board will probably cut the levy to 2.10 or 2.25 mills. The last year's levy was 3.75 mills, but this included 1.50 mills for wiping out the deficit. The state capitol fund will take 22 of a mill and the general fund about 2 mills.

Four northeastern Nebraska counties are in the list of late reporters. Holt county reports a slightly lower valuation, \$26,478,830 as compared with \$26,512,145 in 1927; Thurston, \$23,411,000 as compared with \$23,396,000; Wayne, \$39,188,000 as compared with \$39,707,000 and Pierce, \$33,013,000 as compared with \$33,064,000.

THIS MAN DENIES THAT FARMER IS DOWN AND OUT

Pleasanton, Neb., (UP)—Farmers in Nebraska are far from "down and out," Joseph Zweiner, Pleasanton, Neb., farmer thinks. He just received a check for \$7,500 for a shipment of steers and heifers sold on the Omaha market.

The cattle were among the best ever seen on the Omaha market, it was said. Twenty seven steers averaged 917 pounds and brought the top price for the year for yearlings—\$16 a hundredweight.

Twenty six head of heifers averaged 829 pounds and brought \$15.25—the highest price paid on the South Omaha market in the 32 years it has existed. Two small lots sold at that price during the war, records show.

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Judges were Dr. Calvin H. French, president of Hastings college; Prof. T. Bruce Robb of the school of business administration, University of Nebraska, and T. L. Mathews, Lincoln, president of the Nebraska League of Building and Loan associations.

CONGRESSMAN HOWARD NOT GOING TO BERLIN THIS YEAR

Columbus, Neb., (UP)—Congressman Edgar Howard, democrat, Nebraska Third district, will be unable to attend the interparliamentary union meetings in Berlin in August, he announced here today. Howard is a member of the American group and attended the union's deliberations in Paris last year.

Howard is recovering from a severe attack of flu and has been advised by physicians to remain at his home here and rest, he said.