

OMAHA TO VOTE ON GAS PLANS

Natural Product Would Be Brought by Pipeline from Texas

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Omaha voters will vote at a special election, September 25 upon whether they will use natural gas as a fuel, it is announced. If \$1,500,000 bonds are voted natural gas will be piped into Omaha from Texas fields before the winter of 1919-20, directors of the metropolitan utilities district say.

CUSTER'S WIDOW WRITES TO VET

Man Who Won Congressional Medal While Scouting Lives in Nebraska

Grand Island, Neb., (Special)—Leander Herron of St. Paul, Neb., is the only veteran of the Civil war in Nebraska with the congressional medal of honor. It was voted him because of his courageous record as a scout and soldier, with particular reference to his services along the old Santa Fe trail in serving and saving members of caravans migrating to the West, from hostile Indians.

Mr. Herron has a splendid memory. He recently received a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth B. Custer, widow of General Custer killed in the battle of the Little Big Horn, more than half a century ago. The letter reads:

"I have been waiting for a quiet hour in my very busy life to reply to your letter and to congratulate you on bearing the great honor of the medal given by the government to soldiers who have done signal acts of courage—and I congratulate you on being one of the First Division that served the country so faithfully.

"You speak of the scouts and I knew some of them and not too much can be said of their valor. So much of their duty was done alone and without the inspiring help that a body of men feel in going into battle.

"I hope that you will be able to keep the courage that won you the medal to meet the infirmities of age."

Herron was personally acquainted with Mrs. Custer, who often was at the front with her husband, up to the time of his death. Herron was scout at that time, attached with the command. Later Herron had adventures in America and Asia, part of the time at Baku and Balacoma, Astrakan, and at many other points, with the Nobel brothers of Nobel prize fame and first inventors of high explosive—nitroglycerine. Herron also did duty at old Fort Hartsuff, which Ord and Valley county citizens are trying to restore for educational and historical interest.

Some Sioux Indians came down at Fort Hartsuff and there were several skirmishes in the vicinity. Herron was employed as engineer there three years after the battle of Little Big Horn, had charge of procuring logs, squaring them up and building a frontier stockade on the hill on the north side of the fort and an underground passage from the fort up to the stockade, as an emergency clause.

SHIPPING CLERK'S THEFTS TOTAL \$30,000, EMPLOYERS SAY

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Mark Roddy, formerly a shipping clerk for Paxton and Gallagher, wholesalers, was bound over to district court on a grand larceny charge. He is charged with stealing \$80 worth of coffee, but his employers say he is connected with theft of \$30,000 worth of goods in the last two years.

INFORMS COUNTIES OF TAX THEY MUST PRODUCE

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—State Tax Commissioner Williams is sending out certificates to the various county treasurers notifying them of the amount of state taxes they will be expected to collect for the current year ending June 30, 1920. The total for state purposes to be raised is \$6,439,000, of which \$687,000 is for the new state capitol fund. This is the last capitol levy authorized by the legislature, but it will doubtless be renewed for another two years at least at the next session. Last year the total taxes collected was nearly \$12,000,000, more than \$5,000,000 being for the wiping out of the 10-year-old accumulation of yearly deficits and the \$500,000 of special appropriations, including deficiencies for state institutions.

DEATH SEPARATES COUPLE

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—The death of H. A. Miller, Wednesday night, parted Omaha's oldest married couple. Mr. and Mrs. Miller celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary May 14.

CROPS AROUND EMERSON IN GOOD CONDITION

Emerson, Neb., (Special)—The crop conditions around Emerson are exceptionally good. Corn is tall and green. The harvesting of small grain is almost over and threshing has commenced.

GUARANTY FUND HOLE IS DEEPER

New Year Finds Bank Mix-up in Nebraska Worse Than Ever

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—In spite of the frailty of the deposit guaranty fund to pay promptly all depositors in failed state banks during the past year, due to the fact that 63 new ones were added to the list of failed, 96 per cent of the \$17,127,000 due the first of the year have been paid, a total of \$9,653,000. The new year which began July 1, found the fund worse off than ever the potential depositors liabilities totaling \$24,650,000.

As against these the commission has \$40,000,000 of book value assets. Secretary Peterson thinks that \$18,000,000 will be realized in cash, leaving a shortage of between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000. Collections during the year totaled \$10,916,000, 84 per cent coming from assets and the remainder, \$1,722,000, contributed by the banks on assessments. The total paid depositors in failed banks since the law guaranteeing them went into effect is \$46,751,000.

SMALL GRAINS YIELDING WELL

Corn, Potatoes and Other Crops in Pierce County Unusually Promising

Pierce, Neb., (Special)—Thrashing crews in this vicinity are busy taking advantage of the good weather. Many Pierce county farmers report their oat fields to have yielded an average of 25 to 30 bushels to the acre. The grain is of excellent quality.

A few farmers who grew wheat report a good crop. One farmer states that he harvested a yield of 38 bushels to the acre. It was of very good quality. Barley and rye have already been harvested and good yields have been obtained.

The corn crop is making good headway, it being nearly all in the tasseling stage. Ears are shooting and a bumper corn crop is in prospect.

Potato growers will reap a bumper crop, the yield being heavier than last year. Not only are the potatoes plentiful, but they are larger than in normal years.

AFFECTED BY HEAT, AUTOIST LOSES MEMORY AND CAR

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—A drive of 300 miles under the hot sun yesterday was too much for Clarence Finnelly, Woodstock, Ill. He suffered a lapse of memory and loss of his automobile in Omaha yesterday afternoon.

Finnelly, enroute to Holdrege, Neb., left members of his party at the home of a friend on the outskirts of Omaha. He drove to a nearby drug store, left his car outside and then forgot about it.

He was found at midnight last night and taken to police headquarters where his mother was staying. The automobile with the party's luggage is still missing.

Temperature mounted to 93 degrees yesterday, one of the most disagreeable days of the summer. At 2 a. m. today the mercury had fallen to only 82 degrees and Omahans were afforded little relief by a south breeze.

HARVESTING BEING DONE UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS

Carroll, Neb., (Special)—The hum of the threshing machine is heard on all sides this week. The yield and quality of oats are both good and the grain is being stored in dry condition.

GIRLS' LEGS ARE USED FOR CAMPAIGN PURPOSES

Norfolk, Neb., (UP)—Two stockinged girls walked down Norfolk's main street yesterday. One carried the hatchlike features of Gov. Alfred E. Smith, daintily sketched on the calf of her leg, whereas the features of Herbert Hoover were cleverly depicted on the bare leg of her companion.

CHURCH TO CELEBRATE ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Pierce, Neb., (Special)—The Zion Lutheran church of this city will celebrate its silver jubilee anniversary next Sunday, August 5th. These services will be held at the Pierce County Fair grounds north of the city. Services will be held in the German and English languages in the morning and afternoon.

STOLEN ONIONS TAKEN AWAY IN BABY CAB

Falls City, Neb., (UP)—Moss Jones saw two women trundling a baby buggy away from his place recently. The buggy was obviously so heavily loaded that Jones became interested. His investigation disclosed that the perambulator was filled with two bushels of onions the women had stolen from Jones's home.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Paul Stands for Christian Liberty



Text: Acts 15:1-11

And certain men which came down from Judea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem, unto the apostles and elders, about this question.

And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

But there arose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

And the apostles and elders came together, for to consider of this matter. And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for Aug. 12, Paul Stands for Christian Liberty. Acts 15:1-11.

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

Always in the Christian church there have been problems of conduct and of attitude which have occasioned controversy. This is more or less inevitable wherever spiritual principles and convictions come into the realm of practical life.

How are ideals to be related to action in a world that is still far from the ideal? How is new truth to be related to old truth, not only in thinking, but in the practices and forms which the old truth has established, and which the individual has been accustomed to observe with precision and devotion?

All these problems were particularly emphasized as Christianity developed in an atmosphere of Judaism and as it spread from Jerusalem manifesting its saving power among Gentiles as well as among Jews. Were the Jews who came under the power of the new faith still subject to all the requirements and practices of the Jewish law? Were certain rites essential, even if others were to be abandoned?

Variety of Belief Such problems brought out all the variety of opinion and attitude which they produce in every age. When certain people came from Judea and found the work that Paul and Barnabas had been doing upon a broad basis and saw that this work was effective in the winning of Gentiles to the Christian way, they immediately insisted that the salvation of these new converts could not be dissociated from the performance of certain Jewish rites, particularly the rite of circumcision "after the custom of Moses."

But what age can point in criticism to these men of Judea? Have there been in every age those who have shown more enthusiasm for keeping the new spirit of Christianity in old forms intensifying the power of new and molds that for extending and truth?

With great clearness the foremost disciples perceived in their finer moments that the supreme authority was the Gospel of Grace—that this new experience of religion had to create its own laws

A Jolt to Hereditarian Theorists. From the Kansas City Star. The theories of heredity of Albert E. Wiggam and the other eugenists were given quite a jolt in the presidential and vice-presidential and vice presidential nominations of the two major political parties.

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The layman not acquainted with the ways of science is pretty likely to conclude that forecasting human greatness on a basis of parentage is still to be classed as one of the great American guessing games along with forecasting the quality of can-

Southern Peach Crop Has Numerous Foes

Moths, Other Insects Take Heavy Toll—Government Cities Control Measures

Southern peaches that tempt the appetite of the northern buyer have had to run a gauntlet of insect enemies before reaching maturity. Some of these enemies have fed on the flowers and foliage of the peach trees, some have attacked the tree at its foundation, some have sucked the sap from the trunk, others have pierced the growing fruit either to lay eggs or eat the fruit. Three of these pests cause 90 per cent of the damage suffered by southern orchardists, but in the south there are 15 other insects which give trouble to the producers, says the United States Department of Agriculture.

The plum curculio, or peach worm, may destroy or render unmarketable as much as \$2,000,000 worth of peaches a season," says the department. "It attacks the small peaches soon after they are formed, either causing them to drop in a short time, or to be gnarled at maturity. Under normal conditions of infestation, spraying or dusting with lead arsenate will afford adequate protection. Supplementary measures include burning over nearby woodlands and rubbish, disking under the trees in May and June to kill pupae in the soil, and jarring the trees to get the adult beetles.

Another serious pest of peaches is the peach borer. It injures the cambium or growing tissues of the trunk, usually just below the surface of the soil, and may actually girdle the tree, or lower the tree's resistance to such an extent that other pests complete the destruction. "Paradichlorobenzene crystals, if not used with good effect against the peach borer.

"The third important insect enemy of the peach is the San Jose scale. This tiny insect, which also attacks apple, pear, plum and other deciduous fruit trees, and many other plants, takes its nourishment by sucking the sap. It is directly responsible for the death of many peach trees each year. Because of its rapid and enormous multiplication and the difficulty of reaching it with ordinary sprays and insecticides, it is very hard to control. It is often transported on nursery stock from one section of the country to another, and practically all states now enforce laws against the shipment of fruit trees infected by the San Jose scale. Birds frequently carry the crawling young on their feet from one tree or locality to another.

"The best method of control is through the application of lubricating oil emulsion during the winter when the trees are dormant. Liquid lime sulphur also is effective under usual conditions. The concentration of the spray necessary to produce death is such that it would cause heavy defoliation if it were used during the growing season, so the spraying must be done during the dormant season when the tree is in leaf and the birdwood is seasoned for the winter.

Government Chemists Get Oil from Avocados

Another agricultural waste may be turned to profit as the result of experiments in the laboratories of United States bureau of chemistry and soils. In the commercial production of the avocado there are large quantities of cull fruit that are not up to market standards. No extensive use has been made of these culls, but it has been known for some time that the fruit contained a considerable percentage of oil, which, it was thought, might be made useful if it could be recovered. Attempts to press the culls were not successful, for this resulted in an emulsion of the oil with the watery juice of the fruit, which was not adapted for use as an edible or industrial oil.

Recently chemists in the bureau have attacked the problem anew, first by dehydration of the sliced avocados at ordinary temperatures, followed by pressing. In some instances the oil content of the avocados proved to be as much as 70 per cent of the water free weight of the fruit. The oil obtained from the Fuerie variety of avocado by either compression or solvent extraction has a dark green color by transmitted light and is red by reflected light. It is probably too dark for use as a commercial edible oil, although it has little odor and a pleasant, fruity flavor. The oil, when saponified makes a hard soap. Tests indicate that the oil does not become rancid during a year's storage under ordinary conditions.

The chemists of the bureau announce that they will be glad to advise any manufacturer interested.

Such Nice Boys From Tit-Bits

A man was sitting beside the bed of his business partner, who was dying. Said the latter: "I've got a confession to make. Ten years ago I robbed the firm of \$50,000—I sold blueprints of your invention to the rival firm—I stole the letters that were used against you in your divorce case."

"Don't worry!" said his partner. "Don't worry—I poisoned you."

rise the greater is the possibility of falling, but that is no excuse for the groveling upon the ground or taking the attitude that we shall rise only so high. It is, in fact, only as we have the aspiration that lifts us upward that we discover and attain the power to hold the Christian heights.

taloupes and predicting the severity of winter by the thickness of corn husks.

Q. Does an amateur have to have a license to broadcast? H. S. A. It is necessary to have a transmitting license for any type of signal which is sent out. The radio division of the department of commerce, Washington, D. C. has charge of issuing licenses to operators and to broadcasting stations. In view of the rules and regulations of the new radio legislation there will be many fundamental changes in the old radio system.

SOCIAL WORKER ON FULL TIME

City Council at Columbus Appropriates \$1,500 for Coming Year

Columbus, Neb., (UP)—The city council has authorized an appropriation of \$1,500 for use in employment of a full time social welfare worker during the coming year. This action was taken following a request of several citizens and after careful investigation by a special committee of councilmen appointed by Mayor C. J. Garris. The original request was for \$2,000 but the council compromised on \$1,500. During the past several years an annual appropriation of \$200 has been made by the city for use of a welfare board. This was deemed inadequate for the work needing to be done.

TOWN'S CORN FIELD HELD TO BE INVALID

Papillion, Neb., (UP)—The Bellevue "cornfields" case, in which William Jones sought injunction against the village ordinance prohibiting the growing of field corn in a certain district, was closed here when District Judge James T. Begley handed down an opinion which, in effect, finds both for and against the village board.

The present ordinance is invalid, Judge Begley found, because of improper publication of notices. But, in his opinion the village board has the power to pass such an ordinance.

W. S. Frazier, chairman of the village board, said that a new ordinance would be passed at once, with the defect remedied.

"This will give a year's notice," Frazier said, "and its legal status will not be in doubt."

The board, in answering Jones' suit, declared that the cornfields were a menace to health and highway safety, and afforded a convenient place for thieves and peters.

Under Judge Begley's decision this year's crop can be harvested.

GYPSEY MAIDENS FORCED TO GIVE UP STOLEN LOOT

Alliance, Neb., (UP)—Two gypsy maidens robbed a local lumber company of \$50, a few days ago, while the clerk counted their change. They bought a 10 cent can of automobile dressing and one of them insisted on making a ritualistic ceremony of the work of making change. She persuaded the clerk to let her come behind the counter and in the midst of incantations and hokus pokus intended to bring good luck, she reached into the cash register and lifted out \$75. The clerk seized the maid and relieved her of the currency, or at least he thought he did. A check-up after they left revealed that the drawer was \$50 short. The sheriff immediately went on to Bridgeport where the gypsies had stopped and recovered the money.

WINTER WHEAT AVERAGE 21.6 BUSHEL TO ACRE

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Winter wheat in Nebraska will average 21.6 bushels to the acre, a crop report issued by the Burlington railroad today predicted. Oats will average 34 1/2 bushels and spring wheat 18.5, the report showed.

The condition of corn now is 100% per cent normal, potatoes 95%; fruit 48% and pastures and hay land are in good condition, the report said.

The average rainfall for the past two weeks has been 2.31 inches, the report showed, and the weather has been good for crops. Threshing and work with combines has been delayed by moisture, the report said.

HISTORICAL EXHIBIT TO MAKE TOUR OF STATE

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The two Burlington railroad cars carrying historical exhibits, one belonging to the State Historical society and the other to the Burlington, left here today on an extended tour of the state. E. E. Blackman, curator of the university museum, accompanied the cars. The following towns will be visited:

Mason City, Bridgeport, Morrill, Imperial, Arapahoe, Red Cloud, Blue Hill, Hastings, McCook, Lincoln and Loup City.

The trip will last until August 24.

SHOWS CONDITION OF FUNDS OF GUARANTEE COMMISSION

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The State Guarantee Fund commission was between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 in the red at the close of the first six months of 1920, Van E. Peterson, secretary, said today.

Peterson said the commission has paid out \$9,653,000 to depositors in failed banks since January 1. There were liabilities at the beginning of the year of more than \$17,000,000 he said and as much more has been added to the liabilities since then.

Peterson computed the loss from these figures and the estimated assets of the commission.

HOLT COUNTY'S OLD SETTLERS TO MEET

Lynch, Neb., (Special)—The old settlers of Holt county will hold their annual reunion Wednesday and Thursday, August 8th and 9th. For the last day of their celebration the Spencer Boy Scout band has been selected to furnish the music.

THEIR BONDS OF \$21,000 ARE DECLARED FORFEITED

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Bonds to the amount of \$21,000 for the appearance of Tom and Toy Kelly in district court, were declared forfeited yesterday. The men were suspected of complicity in a \$72,000 bank messenger holdup in Kansas City in December, 1920. The bonds involved were posted for the men's release pending an appeal to the supreme court from a recent decision which denied them a writ of habeas corpus on action for extradition.