

CAN ELIMINATE RADIO STATIC

Nebraska Convict Perfects Device While Working as Trusty

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The radio static eliminato, invented by Louis Clernt, prison inmate, is, in the main, a little coil, about three inches long, attached to the radio circuit, which catches and discharges the static before it gets into the loud speaker.

Clernt explained this at the penitentiary, saying that he had worked on the idea for months, often on the verge of achievement, but always to have his hopes dashed—until one night at 9 a. m.

He had been using Warden Fenton's radio in the prison, for his experimental work. (Clernt is a trusty.) That night he gave the coil the final necessary quirk, and says, Clernt, the thing was done; the static had disappeared.

The inventor says he has a second method for ending radio static that brings the same results, but is much more expensive to make and install than his device which Warden Fenton says can be marketed for a dollar.

"As far as I am concerned," said Clernt, "the thing is done. Now the thing to do is to get it protected and on the market."

"I know that usually as soon as someone has a good thing like this, someone else picks it up and then there is a fight."

"And I am in no position to fight anyone," Clernt smiled.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

IN NEBRASKA NORMAL

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Aside from expected seasonal declines in the building industry, employment conditions in Nebraska during November showed comparatively little change over October, the United States department of labor reported Thursday.

Meat packing houses registered slight increases as did candy and confectionery, drygoods and millinery establishments, the report said. Department stores added to their sales forces and further increases in this direction are looked for during the early weeks of December.

"Carpenters, painters, lathers and other building tradesmen are plentiful," the report continued. "Unskilled labor is being fairly well taken care of by demand for agricultural workers, road construction crews and casual labor. A slight decline in railroad shops, due entirely to seasonal influences, is noted."

IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES TO PROBE MAIL FRAUD

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—The United States immigration department will delve into the details of the mail fraud case in which Jack Parsons and his father, Arthur, were convicted and sentenced to terms of one year and two years in the federal penitentiary, respectively, by Frank Hayes, Jr., chief of that department in Omaha, says.

Jack Parsons, self styled heir to a fortune of \$12,500,000 which never materialized, and his father are subjects of Great Britain, according to their own testimony in the trial.

Mr. Hayes said that immigration laws provide for deportation of aliens who commit an offense against the United States in which the sentence is one year or more in prison within five years after they arrive in this country.

OMAHA PLANS FOR NEW UNION DEPOT

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Construction of a new union station to cost a minimum of \$2,500,000 will begin in Omaha next spring, the World Herald said today. The new terminal will handle passenger facilities for nine railroads.

The Burlington and Union Pacific railroads agreed to the plan last February. The other roads, whose lines will enter the station, are the North Western, the Great Western, the Milwaukee, the Rock Island, the Wabash, the Missouri Pacific and Illinois Central.

MADISON COUNTY MAN HEADS COUNTY CLERKS

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—George F. Kolow, of Madison county, was elected president of the State Association of County Clerks and Registers of Deeds here last week. John K. Cassell, of Ainsworth, was named vice president and Clark L. Holland, of Tekamah, secretary-treasurer.

The association passed resolutions demanding increases in salaries. County clerks in counties under 5,000 should receive \$2,400, resolutions said. Between 5,000 and 20,000, \$3,000 should be paid, from 20,000 to 50,000, \$3,600; up to 125,000, \$4,000, and above 125,000, \$4,500.

JUDGE M'DUFFEE HEADS NORFOLK COMMERCE BODY

Norfolk, Neb., (Special)—Judge M. S. McDuffee, Thursday was elected president of the Norfolk chamber of commerce. John Gruen was elected vice president and Fred G. Humphrey was re-elected secretary. In the annual report the chamber states that more than \$1,000,000 worth of building activities are being completed in Norfolk.

PLEADS GUILTY, GIVEN SENTENCE, PAROLED

Bartlett, Neb., (UP)—Henry C. Pletcher, former county clerk of Wheeler county, who resigned several weeks ago, changed his plea to guilty when his trial for embezzlement began.

He pleaded guilty on six or seven counts. He agreed to reimburse the county for the full amount of the shortage, more than \$10,000, and to pay the costs of the prosecution. He was placed on parole for three years. Pletcher has been in poor health

TEKAMAH OSTEOPATH IS SUSPENDED FOR YEAR

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Dr. H. H. Christensen, an osteopath at Tekamah, has been suspended for a year by the state welfare department, with permission at the end of that time to apply for reinstatement under any conditions the department may at that time impose.

Christensen was convicted in Burt county of performing an illegal operation in 1924, but was paroled after he had served 30 minutes in the state penitentiary.

He has since been employed in the office of a local building and loan association. He will shortly receive a discharge from the 1 to 10 years sentence imposed on him.

GIVES OUTLINE HIGHWAY WORK

Nebraska Secretary of Public Works Explains Progress to Commissioners

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Secretary Cochran of the department of public works, addressing the association of county commissioners, said that a total of almost \$17,000,000 had been spent from state funds on the 8,000 miles contained in the state system, in addition to \$15,500,000 received from the federal aid. Of the total 3,761 miles are graveled. Nearly all of this graveled has been done since the gasoline tax was first levied. Of the permanently graveled roads half are on strictly state roads. Twenty two counties have an almost complete system of state and federal highways, and 18 more will be added to list during the coming biennium.

Due to the increased cost of maintenance as the number of miles increases, there will not be as much money available to match federal aid dollars the next two years as in the past. The department will have \$4,600,000 available from the gasoline tax and 30 per cent. of the automobile license money, but \$2,800,000 only of this amount will be left for new construction and to match federal aid.

Mr. Cochran says that it is growing increasingly evident that a high type of surfacing than now used will be necessary in the near future. While the number of automobiles and trucks increased but 3 per cent. during the last year, traffic increased 24 per cent. While the graveling system is sound economically, it is not the proper type to carry the heavy loads that the buses and the trucks are hauling over certain main highways.

YOUTH WHO KILLED HIS SWEETHEART TO BE TRIED

Stockville, Neb., (UP)—Kenneth Lanham of Curtis, must stand trial for the killing of his sweetheart, Catherine Carter, 19 years old, at Curtis, October 17, Judge Siebecher has ruled. Counsel for the youth presented a petition for his mental examination, which was granted. Lanham, who was in Curtis, did not attend the court session. He was returned to the McCook jail to await trial.

Lanham and Miss Carter were found in a parked automobile near Curtis. Miss Carter was dead, shot three times, and Lanham was unconscious with two bullet wounds in his head. At a preliminary hearing the youth pleaded not guilty to the murder, but later at Curtis, according to officers, he admitted killing the girl and attempting self-destruction.

MISSING NORFOLK WOMAN RETURNS TO HER HOME

Norfolk, Neb., (UP)—Search for Mrs. Olin McDonald, mother of two children, who disappeared Saturday evening, ended abruptly late last night when the woman returned home. She said she wanted to help a friend move household goods from one part of the city to another. Mrs. McDonald refused to tell police why she didn't spend her evenings with her two small children.

FLU EPIDEMIC CLOSES SCHOOLS AT FREMONT

Fremont, Neb., (UP)—Fremont schools are closed in an effort to check the influenza epidemic which has attacked 1,000 persons, including 750 school pupils. The schools will remain closed until after the Christmas holidays.

PIONEER AUTO DEALER IS VICTIM OF INFLUENZA

Omaha, (UP)—Clarke G. Powell, 52 years old, commissioner of Omaha Chamber of Commerce since May 1, 1924, died at a hospital here today from influenza.

Powell was widely known in business and social circles throughout the midwest. He was a pioneer automobile dealer, having established the first exclusive automobile agency here in 1902. He also organized the first Omaha automobile show and has been an important factor in the success of each annual show.

NEWSBOY WOUNDED BY AN 'UNLOADED' REVOLVER

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Orville Anderson 14 years old, a newsboy, was seriously wounded last night when a friend placed an "unloaded" revolver against his back and pulled the trigger. The bullet entered young Anderson's body.

After recovering from the shock the wounded boy rode his bicycle home and collapsed after telling his father he had been shot. Dick Campbell, 15 years old, who fired the shot was not held. Anderson's condition is reported as not serious.

OTHER 'HEIRS' TO CLAIM THE O'CONNOR ESTATE

Hastings, Neb., (UP)—Another group has appeared to claim the \$125,000 estate of the late John O'Connor Hastings' cobbler who died in 1913. The clerk of the district court received a letter from Michael O'Connor of Formby Liverpool, England.

O'Connor said that he, with his brother and sister, are the legal heirs and asked for complete details of the proceedings since the old man's death. The letter said that the estate was willed to the father of the three and although they read of it in the press, the war interfered and they became separated.

The letter requested that the will be readvertised and every one be given a chance to prove their rights.

SCHOOL LANDS WELL HANDLED

Nebraska Commissioner Asserts They Could Be Sold Now Only at Sacrifice

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Dan Swanson, state land commissioner and in charge of the state school lands, says that the estimate of values placed on these holdings by Superintendent Gates in his address to the state teacher's association is far beyond their actual value, and while he has never made any calculations in the matter, he does not believe that state is losing very much money if any by adhering to its 30-year-old policy of refusing to sell any except those long ago contracted for.

Mr. Gates argued that if the lands were sold and the proceeds placed at interest, the schools would get a larger revenue. Mr. Swanson says that the lands are now leased by competitive bidding, which results in getting a fair return on their real value. Since he has been in office this valuation has been increased \$3,000,000. He doubts whether the state could sell the lands for anything near what Mr. Gates suggested as their value, if for no other reason than that there is no market for any land except that sold at a sacrifice. The state guaranty fund commission has several million dollars worth it has not yet been able to sell.

WOULD END ACTIVITIES OF OMAHA LOAN SHARKS

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Permanent injunctions against the Central Purchasing company and the Beck Financing company, both of Omaha, were recommended in reports of L. J. TePeel, referee, in a report filed today with the state supreme court. The report was made following the taking of testimony in connection with business transactions of the firms.

Action against the two companies was started several months ago by the attorney general who charged they were violating the usury law, under the guise of buying wages already earned, and conducting what was termed a "loan-shark" business. The attorney general's charges were sustained by the referee in his report. The companies had been doing a large business, the evidence in the Central Purchasing company case showing that nearly 11,000 working men, most of them railway and street car company employees, had patronized it.

No date was set for arguments by the state confirmation of the referee's report and the issuance of a permanent restraining order.

NORFOLK YOUTH WOUNDS SELF OVER LOVE AFFAIR

Norfolk, Neb., (Special)—Elmer Scott, 21 years old, is in a serious condition in a local hospital following an attempt to kill himself with a 22 caliber rifle while seated in his father's automobile near the foundry building on North Eighth street, about 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. However physicians believe the young man will survive the wound. Disappointment in love was the cause of the act, friends say.

Scott fired the bullet into the right side of his body, the ball striking his ninth rib then passing upward through his right lung and lodging beneath the skin of his back.

PLENTY OF TURKEYS AND PRICES TO BE LOWER

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—There will be plenty of turkeys at reduced prices in Nebraska and the Middle West for the holiday trade, wholesale poultry buyers said today. The prices will range from 7 to 10 cents a pound lower than the Thanksgiving prices, they state. More turkeys were raised in the Middle West, especially in Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming than ever before, it is reported.

GORDON BANKER DIES AS VACATION TRIP STARTS

Gordon, Neb., (UP)—D. H. Griswold, president of the First National bank here, and father of State Senator Dwight Griswold, died at Cheyenne, Wyo., while en route to Honolulu on a vacation trip. Funeral services were conducted here today.

Griswold lived in northwest Nebraska for 49 years, and was closely affiliated with banking problems of the state.

GIVEN FIVE-YEAR TERM FOR DORCHESTER ROBBERY

Wilbur, Neb., (UP)—Carl Keeling, one of four men turned over to county authorities by the state sheriff after a statewide roundup of alleged robbers, was sentenced to five years in the reformatory by Judge R. M. Proudfitt late yesterday.

Keeling was returned from Lincoln Monday and on arraignment pleaded guilty to the burglary of a clothing store at Dorchester, where merchandise worth \$1,200 was taken.

WHOLE ESTATE GOES TO NIECE

McCook, Neb., Banker Left Property Valued at Quarter Million

McCook, Neb., (UP)—Mary C. Fitzgerald Brady, niece of the late Patrick Walsh, is the sole beneficiary in Walsh's will, filed for probate in county court here today. Another niece, mentioned in the will as an heir, was left nothing.

The Walsh's estate is estimated at between \$250,000 and \$300,000. He was president of the McCook National bank, the Keystone Hotel company and the Citizens Gas company of this city. He died 10 days ago.

YOUTH BEATEN, LEFT FOR DEAD

Relates Story of Being Robbed by Man Who Gave Him Ride

Overton, Neb., (Special)—Brutally beaten and thrown into Buffalo creek as dead, a lad 19 years old, staggered into the Frank Slattery farm home for aid. He was en route on foot from Wisconsin where he had been working, to Washington.

The youth said that at Columbus he was picked up by a man in a large coach who claimed to be a traveling man. They arrived at Grand Island at 11 a. m. and the lad was told to be at the hotel at 6 in the evening and he would get a ride on west. They started on the trip and after some distance the driver told the youth if he wanted to sleep he could get into the back seat. This he did, noting that there were four traveling bags in the car, one of which was very heavy.

Some time after he fell asleep the boy was awakened by his supposed friend, who threatened him with a gun. The boy was taken out of the car, his clothes stripped down to his shoe tops and left to hang. Then he was tied, gagged and blindfolded. He was struck over the head with a club and thrown into the banks of Buffalo creek.

The boy after a time was able to reach the Slattery home. The sheriff at Lexington was notified and traced the car for some distance. The youth had lost all the money he had, \$5.50.

DEATH CLAIMS NEBRASKA PIONEER AND CAPITALIST

Stromsburg, Neb., (UP)—Charles H. Morrill, 85 years old, well known state pioneer and benefactor of Nebraska university, died at his home here at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night. He had lain in a coma for a week following a stroke of paralysis.

The greater part of Mr. Morrill's life had been spent in Nebraska. He is survived by a daughter, three sons, six grand and four great grandchildren.

In 1871 he settled on a government homestead in Polk county, Nebraska. Four years later, owing to adverse farming conditions, he left his wife at the farm, and joined the freighters and gold hunters headed west. He stopped at Fort Robinson where W. F. Kimmel was post trader. It was during his stay there he became interested in fossils of the bad lands and from this interest grew a collection of relics that are treasured as a gift to the State university. Morrill Hall at the University of Nebraska was built two years ago, and houses the museum. Mr. Morrill is estimated to have contributed \$100,000 toward the building of the museum.

Mr. Morrill served as secretary to Albinus Nance, governor of Nebraska from 1879 to 1883. He was president of the Stromsburg bank from 1883 to 1890, and of the Farmers and Merchants' bank, of Stromsburg, from 1900 to 1901.

ELECTRIC RATES AT HASTINGS ARE CUT

Hastings, Neb., (UP)—A new schedule of rates for electricity, said to be the lowest in effect in the Middle West, was adopted by the city council on recommendation of the water and light commissioner last night.

For residence use the charge under the new schedule will be 5 cents per kilowatt hour for the first 50 hours and 3 cents for all above 50 hours.

Commercial current will be 5 cents up to 100 kilowatts, 4 cents for the next 1,000 and 3 cents in excess of 1,100. Power rates will be 4 cents for the first 50, 3 cents for the next 500, two cents after 1,000 and 1 1/2 cents for all in excess of 5,000 kilowatts.

Economics in operation of the municipal plant and the city administration have made possible the sweeping rate reductions, Commissioner Watson said.

SHIP NEBRASKA SEED POTATOES TO LOUISIANA

Alliance, Neb., (UP)—Though faced by a slow season or shipping so far this season, potato growers of this section expected to find a good market in Louisiana for high grade certified seed potatoes. More than 100 carloads will be shipped from western Nebraska, according to William M. Morrow, certification manager of the Nebraska Certified Potato Growers' association. The Louisiana shipping season is expected to start in about 10 days.

SANATORIUM SOLD TO HASTINGS BUSINESS SCHOOL

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Rev. S. G. Haughey, president of the Nebraska conference of Seventh Day Adventists announced today that the Nebraska sanatorium at Hastings had been sold to the Hastings Business college for \$25,000.

NEBRASKA BOYS AND GIRLS WIN

Are Awarded Large Number of Honors at Great Chicago Exposition

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Nebraska boys and girls, members of state 4-H clubs are coming home from the seventh annual congress at Chicago with their share of the winnings, according to messages from L. I. Frisbie, state club leader, who headed the delegation of 60 to the International Livestock Exposition.

With only two first places, the Nebraska delegation took a number of seconds, thirds and lower places down to 10th. Of their 24 events, Nebraska representatives placed in the money in all but 3.

Guinevere Francke, of Lincoln, won first with her window treatment exhibition and Vivian Hafer, of Stirling, won first with her canned fruit exhibit.

In home economics judging contests Nebraska took two seconds.

VOTERS OPPOSE ISSUING BONDS

Two More Nebraska Communities Turn Deaf Ear to Railroad Promoters

Hartington, Neb., (Special)—Precincts No. 2 and 3 in the north part of Cedar county voted on the proposed Yankton, Norfolk and Southern railway bond issue. The issue was for \$15,000 in precinct No. 2 and \$10,000 in precinct No. 3. In the former precinct the vote was 18 for, to 79 against, while in the latter precinct the vote was 20 for and 128 against.

The same proposition was recently defeated at Crofton. Friends of the new railroad project say that another election soon will be held in Crofton.

TOWN OF EMMET GETS BETTER DEPOT LIGHTING

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The state railway commission has dismissed as satisfied the formal complaint made by P. W. McGinnis and other shippers and residents of Emmet, Holt county, against the Northwestern railroad company. The complaint set out that the train schedules are inconvenient, and that the company had refused and neglected to furnish lights for the depot and platform. Members of the commission took the matter up with the company, and while it was not possible to alter train schedules, all of the demands for adequately lighting of the depot and platform were met. Most of the trains stopping there arrive after dark.

NUMEROUS CANDIDATES WILL FILL VACANCY

Hartington, Neb., (Special)—The recent death of Cedar county's clerk of the district court, left a vacancy in that office which will be filled by appointment by the county commissioners. Four active candidates for the place have filed petitions with the county board and it is rumored that several other aspirants contemplate filing during the next few days. One of the most active candidates for the place is County Commissioner A. B. Shively who filed a petition with the board bearing nearly 600 names of voters from every precinct in the county. G. O. Mengshol, former business man here, who has assisted in the office at times is another outstanding candidate.

OLD STAGE COACH DRIVER DIES AT NEBRASKA CITY

Nebraska City, Neb., (UP)—Frank Carson, former stage coach driver, plainsman, Indian fighter, pony express rider, and scout, died here yesterday following a lingering illness.

Carson was 82 years old and was the oldest man in Nebraska City. He came here October 15, 1854 and had lived in the same house virtually all of the 74 years.

OFFICE SEEKERS STILL HOUND GOVERNOR-ELECT

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Governor-elect Arthur Weaver continued today to conduct his "free employment" bureau in his room at a hotel here.

Applicants for "political plums" with a view of four years of employment, continue to swarm the corridors of the hotel which houses the governor-elect.

HARTINGTON MAN INVENTS NOVEL RURAL MAIL BOX

Hartington, Neb., (Special)—Joe Morten, Jr., member of the Morten Brothers implement store at this place was recently granted a patent on a rural mail box. The upright post, arm and box are made of metal. It is so constructed that when a road drag, grader or auto strikes the box it will swing to the side and when the passing object has cleared the box it will automatically swing back into place.

BOOZE GARDEN NEAR HOSPITAL

Officer Believes Operator Sold Product to State's Insane Patients

Norfolk, Neb., (Special)—Madison county authorities believe they have stopped the source of a large quantity of liquor which may have been finding its way into the state institution here.

Paul Luebeck, who owns a big farm house across the road from the Norfolk state hospital where nearly 1,800 state wards are cared for, was arrested on a charge of selling and manufacturing liquor. He pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$100 in Judge Peter Barrett's court.

It was indicated that the officials of the state hospital here furnished the information to the officers which led to the stopping of this liquor traffic so close to the door of the state hospital.

Deputy Sheriff George Jones who made the raid on the house with a crew of assistants declared that a regular German beer garden had been fitted up in the basement of the big farm house. Tables and chairs were covered with bottles and glasses. He found several barrels of mash and an unusual amount of beer.

"As we came out of the house," the deputy sheriff said, "we saw two female patients, state wards, leave a grove and run across the road into the property of the state. Now we don't know if they have been securing liquor on this farm, but we have our suspicions. The prisoner admitted he had sold a lot of it."

BOYS RESCUED FROM DROWNING IN WELL

Pawnee City, Neb., (UP)—After hanging in a well, feet in water and legs wrapped around a rusty pipe for about five minutes, Wayne Avery, 10 years old, son of Charles S. Avery, was rescued by Everett Neill, farmer, called by Avery's companion, Billie Kuffman, 11.

Avery plunged into the well as a board in the cover broke. He held to the board as it went down slowly, and was able to grasp the pipe. He and Kuffman had left Pleasant Hill school, nine miles southwest of Pawnee City, to go to the Neill farm for water.

The well had about 10 feet of water, and the surface is about 10 feet below the ground.

BUYS 21,000 POUNDS OF BEANS FOR INSTITUTIONS

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The state board of control contracted for 21,000 pounds of beans for state institutions yesterday and found that the price had advanced from \$6.50 to \$9.05 since it bought the last order in September. The amount purchased was a three months ration.

Beef, flour and bacon are also higher than in September, it was said. Sugar was one item that was lower. The board also purchased 267,000 pounds of beef for the next quarter.

One of the largest items on the list was five tons of chewing and smoking tobacco for use of state wards during the next six months.

CONGRESSMAN HOWARD TO APPOINT THREE BOYS

Columbus, Neb., (Special)—Three appointments will be made early in the year by Rep. Edgar Howard of the third district, of young Nebraska men, to the naval academy and military academy. Two will be midshipmen and one will be a cadet.

Howard advises boys not to attempt the test which will be held probably January 12, at Norfolk, Columbus and Fremont, unless they feel qualified to secure good markings in the examination, which is severe.

"I am not looking for sissy boys," says Howard, "but I am looking for fine, clean boys with ambition to wear and proudly wear the uniform of any army or navy officer." He intends to look up the record of each boy winning a high mark, Howard says.

GOVERNOR M'ULLEN TO ENTER PRIVATE BUSINESS

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Gov. Adam McMullen will devote his time, after retiring from office, to private business. He said it may be three months or more before he decides whether to take up the practice of law or to accept one of several business offers made to him.

Governor McMullen has devoted four years to public affairs, all as governor.

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—The epidemic of flu which has raged here since Thanksgiving was believed by physicians to be under control today. It was estimated that fully 50,000 persons suffered during progress of the epidemic.

There were 10,000 serious cases. Dr. A. S. Ponto, city health commissioner, estimated. Only a few deaths were reported as a direct result of the epidemic, casualties from pneumonia and related diseases being no more numerous than is usual at this season of the year.

POTATO GROWERS TO HAVE MEET AT ALLIANCE

Bridgetown, Neb., (Special)—The annual meeting of the Nebraska Potato Improvement association is to be held at Alliance from December 12 to 14, inclusive, in connection with the winter meetings of Western Organized Agriculture. An extensive program is in line, made up of speakers from the Nebraska college of agriculture, and potato, poultry, livestock and agricultural specialists from different sections of the state.