

## AID ENGINEERS IN RIVER WORK

Two Nebraska Men Gave Valuable Assistance to Army Surveyors

Brigeport, Neb. (Special)—Following several weeks of work in the army engineering headquarters at Kansas City, R. H. Willis of this city, chief of the irrigation bureau and Clark E. Mickey, of the Nebraska State university, were able to assist the engineers to such an extent that they were able to present a comprehensive and complete report upon conditions in the Platte river basin.

Professor Mickey has long been cognizant of affairs along the river, and Mr. Willis has been making records of the basin for the last 25 years, which makes him one of the best informed men in the middle west upon irrigation and drainage.

The Platte river was the only river upon which army engineers were able to submit a complete report, this being made possible by the complete records kept by Mr. Willis. It is estimated that it will take engineers a number of years to bring the data up to date on other rivers to which they were assigned in the work of outlining means and methods for affecting efficient flood control.

### PAROLED CONVICT BACK IN PRISON AGAIN

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Art King, serving from one to 20 years for forgery, convicted March 11, in Dodge county, paroled June 18, 1928, who fled from Lancaster county two months ago after issuing some bad checks, was found at Dayton, Wash., and returned to the penitentiary here by N. T. Harmon, chief probation officer.

### BANKERS PLAN FIGHT ON NEW ASSESSMENT

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—Attorneys representing state bankers dissatisfied with recent action of the guaranty fund commission in pledging an extra assessment of one fourth of 1 per cent. of capital stock to take care of losses through bank failures in Nebraska, held a conference here today to plan what action shall be taken to fight the assessment.

### HOOVER'S NEBRASKA LEAD OVER SMITH 147,786

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Herbert Hoover and his running mate, Charles Curtis, won Nebraska by a majority of 147,786 votes over Gov. Alfred E. Smith and Joseph T. Robinson, official tabulations of the state canvassing board certified today. The figures are contained in an official report on the general election issued by Fank Marsh, secretary of state.

The democratic nominee carried 12 counties in the state, his total majority in them being 4,148 votes. The counties and majorities carried by Governor Smith are: Butler, 539; Cedar, 35; Colfax, 1,314; Cum- ing, 179; Dakota, 45; Greeley, 614; Howard, 269; Platts, 313; Saline, 608; Sherman, 58; Stanton, 85; and Thurston, 299.

Arthur J. Weaver's majority over Charles W. Bryan in the race for governor was 77,622. Weaver received 308,262 votes. Bryan had 230,640 and F. Phillip Hafner, the socialist candidate received 2,695.

### WANTS STATE BANKS TO PUT UP DEPOSITORY BOND

Madison, Neb. (Special)—County Attorney W. L. Dowling has written a letter to Mrs. Clara Kaul Davis, county treasurer, and to the county commissioners, suggesting that in the present condition of the state bank guaranty fund, the county treasurer should require state banks to give the same depository bond as is required of national banks.

### HOTEL MAN IS HEAD OF NORFOLK WALTONIANS

Norfolk, Neb. (Special)—John Ole Olson, one of northeast Nebraska's leading Waltonians, and manager of Hotel Norfolk, was elected president of the Norfolk chapter of the Isaak Walton league of America at a meeting Monday evening.

### METHODIST CHURCH AT LINCOLN, DAMAGED BY FIRE

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—The Emmanuel Methodist church was damaged by fire, believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, last night. Estimate of the loss, which was confined largely to the basement of the church, was not given.

### IOWA WOMAN TO PLACE IN WAYNE NORMAL

Wayne, Neb. (Special)—Miss Ruth A. Paden of Waterloo, Ia., will fill the vacancy in the Training school of the local college, caused by the resignation of Miss Edith Marshall, who has been in charge of the sixth grade.

Miss Marshall, who has been in charge of this grade during the last five years, will be married December 22 to Lloyd Hitchcock of Springfield, Mo.

### FOUR OLD ENGINEERS GUESTS AT BANQUET

Norfolk, Neb. (UP)—Four veteran engineers, all of whom have spent from 42 to 50 years at the throttle of North Western railroad locomotives were honored here last night at a banquet given by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The four, who are on the pension list, are Thomas Shiveley, of Omaha; Pat Crotty, of Norfolk; O. E. Collins, of Chadron; and Joseph Schwartz, of Omaha. Several engineers who have been retired for some time attended the banquet.

### GIRL DIES FROM WOUNDS SUSTAINED TWO YEARS AGO

Hastings, Neb. (UP)—Elsie Meester, 20 years old, one of four members of the Meester family who were shot two and one-half years ago by Fred Stellers when he ran amuck with a shotgun at the Meester farm, died at a hospital here today where she had been bedridden with paralysis as a result of her wounds.

Stellers is serving a sentence of from 5 to 10 years in the penitentiary for assault with intent to kill Wiert Meester, father of the girl, who for weeks lay at the point of death with shot strewn through his body. He recovered, however, two sisters of Elsie, one older and one younger, also were shot by Stellers, but recovered.

Stellers went to the Meester home at midnight to collect some money he charged was due him. When he was ordered off the place he started shooting, and was captured only after four of the Meester family were shot.

## WOMEN CONTEST FUHRMAN WILL

Each Claims to Be Only Heir to Estate of Wealthy Nebraskan

Broken Bow, Neb. (Special)—The daughter, niece and sister of the late George Andrews Fuhrman of Anselmo are fighting the will left by him, giving all his property valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000 to George A. Kellogg.

Fuhrman also named Kellogg as executor without bond. When the petition of heirs was filed, Judge Holcomb ruled against Kellogg as administrator and appointed David Christen of Anselmo, to be put under \$25,000 bond.

Ruth Shephard, of Greeley, Colo. claims she is the daughter of the deceased and the sole heir of the property.

Mrs. Otto Winter of Ansley, Neb. objects to the probate on the ground that she is a niece of Fuhrman and the sole heir.

Margaritha Bauer, nee Fuhrman of Wagenbach, Baden, Germany claims she is the sister of the deceased and the sole heir to the property.

An inventory of the property filed by Christen shows that Fuhrman had 1,100 acres of land and personal property amounting to \$23,421.88. A certificate of deposit in the bank was for \$12,294.98 and the balance is in notes and mortgages for money loaned to neighbors and in government bonds and securities. There was only \$26 in his checking account at the time of his death.

Fuhrman in 1927 suffered a partial stroke of paralysis and went to Council Bluffs for medical attention. While there he made a will bequeathing \$250 to Ruth Ball, whom he described as "the daughter of my deceased wife," and \$100 to his niece, Mrs. Otto Winter, of Ansley. The rest of his property was willed to George A. Kellogg. He stated in the will that Kellogg had taken care of him at various times and that his relatives had no claims on his affections.

Ruth Shephard claims that she is Fuhrman's daughter and that he was of unsound mind when he made the will, that he was removed to Council Bluffs by Kellogg for the purpose of getting him to make this will and that he suffered a partial paralytic stroke which left him totally incompetent, both mentally and physically. She says that Kellogg came to Fuhrman a stranger a few months previous to the execution of the instrument. Mrs. Winter states the same objections, declaring that he was unduly influenced by Kellogg.

The sister living in Germany, who is the mother of Mrs. Winter, makes similar allegations regarding the circumstances under which the will was made.

### DISTRICT JUDGES TO ASSIST SUPREME COURT

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—The supreme court today announced the selection of six district court judges for service during the January term, which lasts for the next six months or more. The list included Judges J. B. Raper, of Pawnee City; J. J. Begley, of Plattsmouth; L. S. Hastings, of David City; Louis Lightner, of Columbus; L. Blackledge, of Red Cloud, and C. E. Eldred, of McCook.

These judges sit singly or in pairs with the supreme judges when called for service, and write opinions in some cases in which they sit.

### BANK AT RALSTON, NEB. CLOSES ITS DOORS

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—The Ralston State bank closed today, and was taken in charge by examiners for the state department of trade and commerce. The bank had deposits of \$250,000. The closing was attributed to slow and frozen loans.

### NORFOLK BEGGAR SHOWS HE DID GOOD BUSINESS

Norfolk, Neb. (Special)—A one armed beggar today changed \$300 in silver for currency in a local store and then displayed about \$1,000 in currency, declaring it was his week's wages as a pencil vendor in Norfolk and vicinity. He wished everybody a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

### ESCAPED CONVICT SPENT HIS NIGHTS IN JAILS

Columbus, Neb. (UP)—For 11 months, Walter W. Wilds, 22 years old, who escaped from Colorado penitentiary at Canon City last January evaded capture by applying nightly at police stations in town where he stopped for a night's lodging, he told Chief of Police Brandon here today. "I figured that was the safest place for me to go," Wilds said. "I acted on the theory that officers wouldn't expect an escaped convict to go near a jail."

## In the Approved Paris Manner



Clothes don't make the woman, but they go a long way toward enhancing her beauty and grace and savoir faire. Therefore this charming hostess gown of purple tulle velvet, with gold lace sleeves and train, should make a subtle difference in the manner in which the wearer greets her guests. The creation is by a famous Paris couturier.

## MORE DANGEROUS THAN FLYING

From Marshalltown Times Republican

During an early night drive Sunday from Des Moines to Marshalltown a conservative estimate would place the number of cars passed at 5,000. Another estimate, also conservative, would fix the number of headlights not adjusted to meet legal requirements at 50 per cent. of the total. On that portion of the Jefferson highway between Des Moines and Colo there was an almost constant stream of cars in both directions, therefore every driver and every passenger in those cars was taking a chance with Lady Luck—taking the chance that every driver will in time lessen the menace of night driving, as the cars will be spread over more territory. But the glaring headlights will remain a menace so long as it is permitted, Sunday night driving is more dangerous than flying. What is Iowa going to do to lessen that menace?

wrecked, the passengers were not seriously hurt. More luck. However, a man who had traveled from Mason City during the evening said this was the fourth collision he had witnessed during the three hour drive. He attributed all of them to the glaring headlights. He criticized Iowa severely for lax enforcement of its headlight laws. Similar conditions, he declared, would not be permitted in Illinois. The jails there would be quickly filled with law-breaking joyriders. This visitor said that on his evening ride he had many times signaled for the other fellow to dim, and his signals were almost invariably ignored.

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## Runs in Stockings Forced to Retreat

New York.—Electricity as applied to the home, the shop, and the office to reduce costs and avert needless labor, noise and dirt is being demonstrated at the 21st annual Electrical and Industrial exposition at the Grand Central Palace here.

Outstanding among new inventions displayed is one for repairing runs in silk stockings, a machine of interest to women but, judging from the audience inspecting it, having an even greater appeal to men.

A stocking is placed in the device which resembles a sewing machine, although it has no thread in it, and by running the stocking through it, the rent is drawn together by a pair of jaws which actually replaces the small loops of silk rather than merely stitching the torn parts together, the result being a perfect new stocking.

In the industrial field, new electric delivery cars equipped with distinctly designed bodies are displayed. The absence of noise and odor in the operations of electric trucks on city streets is emphasized.

Thomas A. Edison industries have brought to the show a museum of historical models of Mr. Edison's inventions, including the original phonograph, early incandescent lamps and one of the first motion picture projectors.

### Iowa Boy's Victory

Chicago Journal of Commerce. Nobody in the United States has more legitimate cause for pride today than a 12-year-old boy of State Center, Ia., by name Clarence Goecke, whose 16-months-old Hereford steer, Dick, has won the world's highest honor for a steer at the International Live Stock exposition. To have one's entry adjudged grand champion steer of the world is the greatest triumph anyone can win at the Stock show. Often in the past the winner has been an agricultural college. Never before has the entry of a minor received serious consideration for the championship. In 1928 all precedent is shattered. A 12-year-old boy wins the prize.

City residents, and all people re-

### SPEEDERS DEPRIVED OF PRIVILEGE

Headline in New Jersey paper—"Six Lose Licenses for Manslaughter."

Q. Why is Senator Curtis, the republican vice presidential nominee, referred to as "Egg Charlie?" S. L. B.

A. We are informed that the nickname "Egg Charlie" was facetiously given to Senator Curtis by some newspaper men who reported a speech which he made in the middle west on the tariff. In this speech he particularly dealt with the exports and imports of eggs and poultry.

### BANK RECENTLY CLOSED OPENS DOORS AGAIN

Lincoln, Neb. (Special)—The Security bank of Meadow Grove, closed by the state department of banking, October 31, is again open for business with its solvency fully restored. Secretary Bliss says that community spirit accomplished the rejuvenation. It is the only bank in the town. Withdrawal of funds during a quiet run on the bank during October, rather than frozen assets, forced it to close. It then had a capital stock of \$25,000 and a surplus of \$2,300.

This was used to retire slow notes and losses. Farmers and business men to the number of 133 subscribed \$40,000 to finance the new bank, and it starts off with this amount of clear capital and deposits of \$157,000. The item of \$35,000 in land carried as an asset of the bank has been largely retired by sale of depositors, J. W. Warrick is president and W. O. Larson, of Rising City, has been named as cashier.

This is the third closed bank to be rejuvenated, the others being at Brunswick and Venango.

## SEEKS RETURN \$40,000 FARM

Stanton County Man Maintains He Had No Legal Right to Part With Land

Lincoln, Neb. (Special)—John Hilliard Peters, of Stanton county, has appealed to the supreme court to award back to him the 200 acre farm that he deeded to the Stanton National bank in 1921, for \$40,000, in partial extinguishment of debts owing that institution.

The farm is now owned by William F. Schultz, who bought it from Andrew Spence, who secured it by deed from the bank. During Spence's incumbency the land was mortgaged to the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company for \$12,500.

Peters bases his action on the claim that he had no legal right to part with the farm, that his father, John Peters, when distributing by will his extensive properties, set out in the will that John Hilliard should not be entitled to the farm given him until 1925. Peters claims that this created what is known in law as a spendthrift trust and that its effect was to prevent him from dissipating his inheritance until he had reached the age fixed by his father, who died in 1915. He says that the persons who took the land by deed and the insurance company that loaned money on it are charged with knowledge of the legal inhibition. The court below held that when Peters deeded the land he warranted to defend the title.

### RECEIVER PLACED HIGH VALUE ON SERVICES

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—Al Gordon, who acted as receiver for the defunct M. E. Smith Drygoods house for three weeks in 1925 failed in his effort to collect \$15,000 for his services. Federal Judge J. W. Woodrough ruled today that Gordon was entitled to but \$2,000, the amount recommended by Special Master B. H. Dunham.

### MORILL MAN DECLARED CLEAN POTATO GROWER

Allamore, Neb. (UP)—With a yield of 489 bushels of potatoes per acre, F. Keen of Morrill was acclaimed champion "spud" grower of Nebraska this year. Only three other members of the Nebraska Potato Improvement association averaged over 400 bushels per acre. The results were announced at the annual association banquet held here in connection with the meetings of the Western Nebraska organized agriculture association.

Keen automatically became president of the first Nebraska 400 bushel club and was awarded a certificate of achievement by the University of Nebraska college of agriculture. Similar certificates were received by Mrs. M. G. Wilson of Minatare, Fred Ehrman of Gering and C. P. Randall, of Mitchell.

### ODD FELLOWS BURY MAN WHO HAS NO RELATIVES

Walthill, Neb. (Special)—When no known relatives could be found to claim the body of John Call, who dropped dead in a cornfield near Decatur, the Odd Fellows lodge, of which he was a member, conducted the funeral rites. Messages were sent by wire and by radio to every place where he was known to have lived. A woman who was supposed to have reared him replied that she had never heard of him.

### CARROLL IS DECORATED IN XMAS HOLIDAY STYLE

Carroll, Neb. (Special)—Carroll's streets have been beautified by Christmas trees. Gifts will be distributed to children Saturday and presents of more value will be given to adults, the day before Christmas.

### CARROLL, NEB., VICINITY IS HARD HIT BY INFLUENZA

Carroll, Neb. (Special)—The "flu" epidemic has struck hard here, whole families are down sick at one time, many schools have closed, and physicians are kept busy day and night. Many cases have turned into pneumonia but so far no fatalities have been reported.

### NEBRASKA SENATOR'S LEG STILL BOTHERING HIM

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—Senator R. B. Howell has spent most of the time since his arrival in Washington for the short session in the hospital, according to word received by Robert Smith, his personal representative here. The senator's leg, injured during the campaign, has never completely healed. Specialists at Walter Reed hospital in the capital city say the condition is not serious but that Howell must keep off his feet for several weeks.

## CANNOT AGAIN BE PHYSICIAN

Omaha Doctor Convicted of Crime Is Denied License to Practice

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Secretary Frost of the state department of public welfare, has announced that after considering the matter for two years, he refused to reinstate the license formerly held Leslie Fields, an Omaha physician, who served a term in the penitentiary for performing an illegal operation which was alleged to have been the cause of Miss Ruth Ayer's death.

The attorney general had objected to restoration of the license which had been revoked by a former secretary of the department of welfare.

The illegal operation was alleged to have been performed August 3, 1925, in Omaha. Miss Ayer died five days later after having written a letter to a clerk in a store at Hayes Center, to whom she was engaged to marry. Some time later the young man was found dead with a gun by his side. His death was attributed by friends to accidental discharge of his gun.

Dr. Fields was paroled by the state board more than two years ago and was for a time employed in a drug store.

### FIRE DESTROYS FARM HOUSE NEAR WAKEFIELD

Wakefield, Neb. (Special)—The farm home of Monte Lundahl, located four miles northeast of here, was destroyed by fire Saturday. The origin of the fire was undetermined.

### FLU EPIDEMIC SWEEPS THROUGH CEDAR COUNTY

Hartington, Neb. (Special)—Cedar county is in the grip of the flu epidemic. Entire families in many instances being victims at the same time and neighbors are going in acting as nurses and caring for the farm chores. The epidemic in many respects is familiar to the one which raged throughout the county in 1918 and 1919. According to Dr. J. M. Johnson, health officer for the county, the mortality rate will not be so high in this epidemic if the victims will remain in their beds and receive proper attention. The school boards of both the public and parochial schools have ordered a temporary closing of the schools.

### BEGIN TRIAL OF "THRASHING MACHINE" ROBBERY CASE

Auburn, Neb. (UP)—Durban Trimble, 21 years old, charged with complicity in the \$20,000 "thrashing machine" robbery near Humboldt, went on trial today before Judge J. B. Raper in district court.

The case had its inception August 20, 1927, when two armed and masked men, masquerading as prohibition agents, obtained approximately \$20,000 in cash and securities from the farm home of Joseph Kunhart, near Humboldt. The money was hidden in a thrashing machine. Kunhart said.

Trimble was arrested on the west coast more than a year after the robbery, following a spectacular manhunt which led authorities to St. Joseph, Mo., Kansas City, Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul, and points in Canada and Mexico. He was working for a construction company when arrested.

Taken with Trimble was 21-year-old Gwendolyn Rogers, of St. Joseph, Mo. Authorities charged the couple was living together as man and wife, under the names of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson.

After her return to Falls City, charges of complicity in the robbery were dropped against the girl, but she was named jointly in complaint by federal authorities charging violation of the Mann act. The couple was married in court here last week.

### FLAMES FLORE INTO CROFTON GIRL'S FACE

Crofton, Neb. (Special)—Alice Reifenroth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reifenroth, was painfully burned about the face Saturday when she tried to light an oil stove. Flames flared into her face.

### CONVICTED BANKER PLANS TO APPEAL HIS CONVICTION

Auburn, Neb. (UP)—An appeal to the supreme court was being prepared today by attorneys for J. A. Johnson, former cashier of the Farmers' Security bank of Rohrs, Neb., who Saturday was found guilty in district court of embezzling 16,000 of bank funds. Johnson has a wife and four children and lived here several years.

### NORFOLK-O'NEILL BUS TO SERVE ANOTHER TOWN

Lincoln, Neb. (Special)—The state railway commission has given authority to the Interstate Transit company, operators of a bus line between Norfolk and O'Neill, authorizing certain changes in the schedule that will permit the town of Winslow being added as one of the points served.

### CITY'S WHOLE SUPPLY OF WATER LEAKED OUT

Bellevue, Neb. (UP)—Bellevue's water supply which failed Sunday, was normal today. The village was without water from 3 p. m. to 10 p. m. Sunday, apparently because of a leak in the reservoir. More than 100,000 gallons seeped through the leak, and the trouble was not discovered until the entire supply had escaped. The reservoir is located on a high hill near Bellevue college and has a capacity of 176,000 gallons.