

# PAY LARGE SUM FOR FARM LAND

### Deal Made for Dakota County Property at Price of \$225 Per Acre

Homer, Neb., (Special)—A contract was entered into by George Blessing of the city, and William Rhode, of Nacora, for 186 acres of land. The consideration price is \$225 per acre, setting a new high value for Dakota county land since war days.

# Urges Radio Station For State of Nebraska

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—A state owned and operated radio broadcasting station was advocated in a bill prepared today by Stanley Wright of Box Butte county, which will be introduced in the house Thursday.

The bill provides for the expenditure of \$75,000 for the station which he would have located in the tower of the state capitol. The station would be under the supervision of the department of agriculture, and would be used for the broadcasting of activities of state government, news of general public interest, advice and warnings of value to agriculture and other industries, and such entertainment as the secretary shall designate.

During the sessions of the legislature the station would be available to both houses.

With the exception of such use by the legislature, the station would never be used for any political purpose by any party or individual, or for any personal purpose, the bill provides.

Wright was an ardent supporter of the defeated motion to keep the broadcasting apparatus in the house during this session.

**GORDON MAN WALKS 1,000 MILES SINCE ELECTION DAY**  
Gordon, Neb., (Special)—John Hill, of Gordon, who is 74 years old, and who does a great deal of walking, recently secured a pedometer which shows that since election day he has walked 1,000 miles.

**NEB. EPISCOPAL LAYMEN'S LEAGUE MEETS IN LINCOLN**  
Omaha, (UP)—Allan Wolfe, of Omaha, was elected president of the Laymen's league of the Nebraska Episcopal diocese here last night. Paul Good, of Lincoln, was chosen vice president and C. E. Eustice, of Omaha, secretary-treasurer.

**MASTER BUILDERS GROUP SELECTS NEW OFFICERS**  
Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Grant Parsons, of Omaha, was elected president of the Master Builders' association of Nebraska yesterday when the board of directors met in their annual meeting. George A. Lof, of Omaha, was made vice president; Ernest Rokahr, of Lincoln, treasurer; Oscar Almquist, Central City, secretary; and E. H. Brown, of Omaha, commissioner.

**HORSES ON HOMER FARM TRAMPLE COYOTE TO DEATH**  
Homer, Neb., (Special)—Horses and mules in the barn on the Harold O'Connor ranch east of here succeeded in trampling a large coyote to death early this morning.

The coyote came into the yard and gave battle with the horses and mules. Mr. O'Connor heard a racket in the barn about 3 o'clock in the morning, and upon investigation discovered the coyote practically dead under the horses feet. Mr. O'Connor removed the pelt, claimed the state bounty and expects to make further use of the fine fur taken from the animal.

**FORMER MITCHELL YOUTH WINS \$1,150 CASH PRIZE**  
Mitchell, Neb., (Special)—Wesley Roth, not yet 15 years old, formerly of Mitchell, recently received \$1,150 in cash in a contest sponsored by the Press-Telegram, of Long Beach, Cal. It was in a word making contest, using the words, "Holiday Greetings." The boy is one of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roth, formerly of Mitchell. Mr. Roth is an engineer in the reclamation service.

**WOULD PROHIBIT PLAYS AND CONCERTS ON SUNDAY**  
Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—A bill which would prohibit the presentation of plays, vaudeville and even musical concerts on Sunday within the state of Nebraska was introduced in the state senate today.

The proposed legislation, however, would not affect cities of populations of more than 5,000 which already have charters with contrary provisions.

**MIDLAND COLLEGE DEBATE TOURNEY DATES CHANGED**  
Fremont, Neb., (UP)—The annual invitational debate tournament sponsored by Midland college will be held February 14-16, instead of February 21-23, because of a conflict with the district basketball tournament to be held here on the latter dates.

By holding the debate tournament February 14-16, Midland will be able to entertain the debaters as its guests at the Midland-Grand Island basketball game Thursday night, February 14, and at the Artist course number, featuring Alberto Salvi, harpist, and Laura Townsley McCoy, soprano and protegee of Madame Schumann-Heink, on Friday night, February 15.

East and Central high schools of Sioux City are expected to enter teams in this tourney.

# FREMONT JUDGE RULES OUT TAX

Omaha Baking Company Wagons Exempt from Occupation Levy  
Fremont, Neb., (Special)—Another Fremont "occupation tax" was knocked out by the decision of Judge F. L. Spear in district court, by which he sustained the contention of the P. F. Peterson Baking company of Omaha, that the tax upon its bakery wagons which distribute Omaha baked bread to Fremont homes, is prohibitive and illegal. In a lengthy opinion Judge Spear referred to the tax as a "protective tariff" for the benefit of Fremont merchants and professional men. The ordinance assesses a heavy tax upon "inherent" merchants, doctors, oculists and salesmen of every kind who invade Fremont. The case will be carried to the supreme court.

# SAYS WIFE SET ELEVATOR FIRE

Webber Couple Bound Over to District Court on Arson Charge  
Superior, Neb., (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ralston have been bound over to district court on third degree arson charged, following a signed confession by Ralston that his wife set fire to the Scouler Bishop grain elevator and lumber yards at Webber on Christmas morning.

He declared that he and his wife, Elsie, left their home in Webber about 11 o'clock the night of December 24, walked to the properties of the Bishop company, where the wife set the fire. He said his wife carried a can of kerosene and poured it on some dry husks, which she then lighted.

At the preliminary hearing Ralston on advice of counsel refused to testify against his wife. Ralston has been having trouble with his wife, who is his second, to whom he was married last June. It is said to be a sordid story of domestic wrangling, fights and dire threats.

**TO ENLARGE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR VETS HOSPITAL**  
Lincoln, (UP)—Decision to enlarge the original purchase of lands for a veterans bureau hospital here to 320 acres of land, was announced today following a conference in Washington between local men and General Hines, veterans bureau director.

**PENDER MAN RECOVERS POSSESSION OF LAND**  
Pender, Neb., (Special)—A jury found in favor of William Vogt, Jr., in his case against Luke Albaugh, brought to recover possession for several years as a tenant of Vogt, who claimed his tenant was holding over his term. The case was begun at Winnebago and taken on a change of venue to Walthill.

**E. TUTTLE, 20, FOUND DEAD IN BED AT LYONS**  
Lyons, Neb., (Special)—Ernest Tuttle, 20 years old, was found dead in his bed Tuesday morning. He was in usual health upon retiring, according to reports. The young man was living with a brother here this winter. The body will be sent to Somersville.

**HOLDREDGE YOUTH WILL EDIT NEBRASKA PAPER**  
Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Dean Hammond, 29 years old, Holdredge, will be editor in chief of the Daily Nebraskan, the university daily paper, it was announced today by the publication board. Maurice W. Konkle, 29 years old, of Cheyenne, Wyo., will be associate editor.

**REGISTRATION STARTS AT IOWA UNIVERSITY**  
Iowa City, Ia., (UP)—Second semester registration at the University of Iowa will begin tomorrow and continue through Monday. Professional colleges will open classes Monday with all others the following morning.

**JURY FAILS TO AGREE IN M'COOK, NEB. CASE**  
McCook, Neb., (UP)—It appeared likely today that Carl Purvis will be given a third trial on charges of assaulting a small McCook girl. The jury in the second trial was dismissed yesterday, when after deliberating for 26 hours, it failed to agree. In his first trial, Purvis was found guilty after the jury had deliberated for only four or one half hours, but later the judge granted him a new trial.

# COUNTY FUNDS MAY BE BONDED

### Statutes Provide That No Guaranty Is Required But Would Be Valid

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Counties may require state banks to give bond for county funds, in the opinion of Attorney General Sorenson, who today answered Deputy County Attorney J. F. Miller of Harlan county to that effect.

While the statutes say that no bond shall be required of state banks operating under the guaranty fund law, it is common knowledge that the guaranty fund at present is depleted and it is not known just when the depositors in failed banks will be paid, and under the circumstances no county treasurer could be required to approve as a depository for county funds if such bank refused to furnish a bond, the opinion held. Although the statutes say that no bond shall be required, yet where such a bond is furnished, it would be valid and enforceable, the opinion further stated.

The attorney general advised Henry J. Walker, secretary of the barber board, that the one who travels from house to house shaving or trimming the beard or cutting the hair of occupants for hire, where such work is done in some room in a residence that is not separated by a partition from that part of the house used for residence purposes, is violating the law, unless it is done by some one of the four classes of persons who are made exempt from the provisions of the barber act. The barber board has an Omaha barber in mind who goes from house to house. The attorney general said the department of public welfare may revoke a barber's license for such violation.

**GAS TAX GAINS**  
Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Gasoline tax receipts for December, 1928 were \$261,819.34. Dr. T. Bass, chief of the division said today. This was an increase of December, 1927 in which the tax earned was \$252,199.90, but less than the receipts for November last when \$268,123.90 was collected.

**CO-OPERATIVE CHEESE COMPANY RE-ELECTS HEAD**  
North Loup, Neb., (UP)—During the first six months of operation of the North Loup Co-operative Cheese company the plant handled 2,169,881 pounds of milk, and sold 237,537 pounds of cheese for a total of \$54,974, according to reports at the meeting of stockholders Friday night.

The amount paid for milk was \$42,883. One patron said his cream sales during the first half of the year had brought \$257.84, and his milk from the same cows from June to December brought \$423.24.

Roy Williams, Annual Prazer and A. H. Babcock were re-elected directors.

**WAR VETERAN BECOMES RAISER OF PRIZE HOGS**  
Cairo, Neb., (UP)—With less than nothing financially when he began farming 10 years ago on his return from France, R. C. Hollstein of Cairo has become established as an exhibitor and breeder of blue ribbon Hampshire hogs.

His herd won 18 different ribbons at the recent live stock exposition at Chicago. At his farm near here he has about 200 hogs at present.

During the last year, Mr. Hollstein exhibited a full herd at the Nebraska and Kansas state fairs, at additional fairs at Topeka and Wichita, Kan., and at the Chicago show. The ribbons taken at Chicago are on display at the Farmers State bank in Cairo.

Most of the Hampshires raised are for breeding or show, and only about one out of five are culled out for market. Mr. Hollstein believes pure bred stock soon makes up in extra gains for the additional cost, and thinks there is "no excuse for any man raising a poor grade of hogs." He said the main essentials are "good feed, sanitation and just ordinary common sense."

**CORNSTALK COMPANY TO HAVE SEVERAL PLANTS**  
Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Subsidiary plants will be established in 10 outside cities to furnish material for the Omaha Cornstalk Products company which hopes to begin operations in the old Krug Brewery company buildings about July 1. Isadore Ziegler, attorney for the company, said here today. Ziegler says he was not at liberty to divulge names of cities to receive these plants, but said negotiations are under way and announcements may be expected shortly. The subsidiary plants will reduce stalks and other cornfield refuse to a pulp. This pulp will be shipped to the Omaha plant which will manufacture building boards exclusively for a time. Later it is planned to manufacture newspaper and other articles from the stalks.

**BIG MUSIC FESTIVAL PLANNED AT FREMONT**  
Fremont, Neb., (UP)—A three-day music festival is being planned here to be held probably May 10 to 12. Choir directors from four counties met here last night and framed a tentative program which calls for a recital by Fremont choir on Friday night, high school music contest on Saturday night, and recital by out of town choirs on Sunday night. More than 1,000 persons are expected to participate in the event.

# QUESTION TOWN'S RIGHT TO SEIZE AND SHOOT DOG

Hemingford, Neb., (Special)—A bill for the death of his four months old Spitz pup has been presented to the town board by Manager Wyatt of the Triple A cafe. It is said that the town marshal shot the dog after taking it from in front of its master's door.

The validity of the town ordinance permitting the marshal to shoot dogs in the village and to draw a stipend for it has been questioned. The ordinances have been compiled and printed in a book. It is doubted if the original ordinances and the original signatures are on file, which is necessary to make them valid.

# DISPUTE OVER WILLS SETTLED

Nebraska Supreme Court Sanctions Deathbed Document  
Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—A dispute over two wills by W. R. Brown, wealthy Butler county farmer of Ulisses, was ended today when the supreme court sanctioned a will made on the deceased's death bed.

The first will was drawn up several months prior to the fatal illness, and gave one half of a 240 acre estate to the widow, and the remainder to three brothers and a nephew.

The second will gave the entire farm to the widow, and the others claimed she secured it at a time when her husband was sadly weakened by disease. They challenged the validity of the transaction and claimed it defeated the purpose of the will.

The court held that the testimony did not bear out the charges and that the wife had worked long hours in the field and home to accumulate the estate; that the gift was due her; and that the claimants are not dependents nor did they have any peculiar claims on their brother's bounty.

**SHERIFF PHIPPS HELPS "GUESTS" IN EMERGENCY**  
Tekamah, Neb., (Special)—Bristly beards and woolly, Fred Stetson, Burt county guest of restless tendencies, finally decided to cast off his House of David ideas here Monday when he asked permission and the razor with which to shave.

Stetson, who acquired considerable notoriety last September when he sawed a key from a piece of strap iron with a safety razor blade and unlocked the Burt county jail, had planned on a plea of insanity as defenses in the jail breaking charges that he will face at the March term of district court. A two months' growth of beard was allowed to grow behind which he might hide his features during the trial.

Evidently he has changed his mind. Sheriff L. G. Phipps assisted in the tonsorial operation by throwing in a neck shave and haircut.

**PREPARING NARCOTIC LAW FOR LEGISLATURE**  
Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Upon suggestion of O. A. H. De la Gardie, chief federal narcotic agent in this district, Federal District Attorney J. C. Kinsler is preparing a narcotic law which he will introduce in the Nebraska legislature.

The Harrison act, under which the federal government operates against dope peddlers, is a revenue act only, Kinsler pointed out, violators being charged merely with failing to pay licenses for selling narcotics.

While some stiff sentences can be dealt out in federal court, federal officials believe the law could be better enforced if such state also had statutes prohibiting unlawful sale of drugs.

The bill will be ready for introduction within a week, Kinsler said.

**YOUNG BURT COUNTY MOTHER BURIED SUNDAY**  
Tekamah, Neb., (Special)—Funeral services for the mother of Burt county's first 1929 baby were held here Sunday.

The mother, Mrs. C. E. Cain, was only 29 years old. The baby, a 9-pound daughter, was born just 15 minutes after the new year was ushered in. The young mother died in a local hospital last Thursday night.

**CHECK ARTIST RELEASED TO WASHINGTON CO. MEN**  
Tekamah, Neb., (Special)—Arrested here last week on a charge of forgery, Vane Moffitt, alleged check artist, was turned over to Washington county authorities at Blair by Sheriff L. G. Phipps after it was learned that Moffitt was wanted at Blair for a number of forgeries totaling nearly \$200.

**SERVICES HELD MONDAY FOR BURT CO. PIONEER**  
Tekamah, Neb., (Special)—Mrs. W. R. Baum, 81 years old, one of Burt county's oldest pioneers, was buried here Monday. She had lived in Tekamah since coming to Nebraska in 1862.

# DISAGREED ON GUARANTY LAW

### Nebraska Banking Interests Not in Accord on Proposed Legislation

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—A new and disturbing factor has entered into the problem of solving the guaranty fund situation by the legislature, and that is a distinct alignment of the bankers in opposing groups. One of these is headed by A. L. Schantz, head of the biggest state bank, located in Omaha, who takes the position that the legislators are not well enough informed to themselves figure out a solution, and that it is the duty of the bankers to tell them what ought to be done.

On the other side is the president of the State Bankers' association, P. L. Hall, Jr., and the legislative committee, representing the association, which says that the legislators ought to be let alone to find a solution satisfactory to the depositors and which is sane and workable. They say they have no fears that the legislature will try to make the banks pay all the deficit, because that is a quite evident impossibility but that the proper role for the bankers is to give their advice when asked and their criticism when a proposal is prepared.

Mr. Schantz sent out a letter a few days ago in which he asked for answers to questions covering alternative policies and evidently with the object of finding out what most of the state bankers want and then telling the legislature about it.

Without referring in any way to the Schantz letter, the legislative committee of the association has sent out a letter of its own. In this it says in effect that the bankers should be tactful in presenting their views to legislators, in order to avoid any resentment or give rise to a belief that the bankers are trying to put something over on the people and the depositors. They urge that the tactful thing to do is to refrain from offering any proposal, but at the same time bankers should hold themselves ready to advise with the members. The letter says that the banking problems are receiving the sympathetic interest of the governor and members of the legislature, and that there is every disposition to be fair with the banks and the public. Suggestions and ideas are being entertained, and bills are being drawn that are in good faith intended to relieve the situation. The committee believes these should be welcomed, and expresses the opinion that the best possible solution will thus be evolved.

**BRYAN TO ATTEND OMAHA JACKSONIAN BANQUET**  
Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Former Governor Charles W. Bryan said at Lincoln Thursday that he expects to arrive in Omaha Saturday noon for the Jacksonian banquet at the Conant hotel in the evening. He will be at the Conant during the afternoon. Democratic members of the legislature will arrive in the afternoon.

Men and women of all political faiths are welcome to attend the Jacksonian banquet Saturday night at the Conant hotel, according to announcement of the committee.

Miss Mary Connell of Spaulding will come with a delegation from Greeley county. Dr. A. D. Cameron of Kearney says he will bring a crowd with him. James C. Quigley of Valentine informed the committee that many from northwest Nebraska will be here. "Although it will be impossible for me to attend," wrote Mr. Quigley, "I want you to know that my heart is with you."

George L. Loomis of Fremont has written a note commendatory of the banquet idea.

**FAIR ASSOCIATION MAKES PLANS FOR FUTURE ACTIVITY**  
Hartington, Neb., (Special)—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cedar County Fair association was held here at the K. C. basement and two directors, John Lammers and Ed Carlson, were unanimously re-elected. Fair Manager Alphonse Lammers gave a report of the 1928 exhibition, which showed that the association made \$1,700. The stockholders also adopted a new constitution which has been suggested by the state agricultural department. The stockholders also discussed some of the contemplated changes being made at the fair grounds. The race track is about completed and plans are being formulated for a new school exhibit building and a grandstand that will be the best in northeast Nebraska.

Hartington, Neb., (Special)—The new Cedar county judge, Harry Wallace, experienced a rather unusual coincidence here this week in his official career. His first marriage ceremony as county judge was a young couple, Will Brandow and Miss Mabel Ballinger. The name Ballinger seemed familiar and after refreshing his memory and consulting records he discovered that the first marriage he performed as justice of the peace at Coleridge was the mother of the young lady. The contracting parties of the first marriage were Mrs. Esther Ballinger and John Mueller.

**INJURED BY FALL**  
Wayne, Neb., (Special)—Word has been received from Rochester, N. Y., that Mrs. Ella Pile, mother of J. H. Pile of Wayne, fell on the icy walk and sustained a compound fracture of the right wrist and bruises on her right side and hip.

Mrs. Pile is being cared for at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Helen Newton of Rochester. She is the widow of the late J. M. Pile, founder and president of what is now the Wayne State Teachers college, then a normal school.

# CONDITIONS MADE IN HIS WILL ARE HELD TO BE LEGAL

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—The supreme court holds that Dr. Hiram L. Smith, Geneva physician, who acquired an estate of more than \$1,000,000, largely by reason of well placed investments in farm lands and Lincoln real estate, had a right to leave it to whomsoever he pleased and to place around the right of heirship whatever conditions or restrictions he desired, so long as these did not offend public morality and were not against public morality.

The conditions which some of his heirs objected to as onerous and which they asked the court to relieve them from had to do with the personal habits of those who were the objects of his bounty. Dr. Smith was a leading prohibitionist for years, and to the will under discussion he had added a codicil to the effect that after having lived 84 years he had come to the conclusion that nothing was more destructive to human life and happiness than the excessive use of drugs and liquor, that he desired that none of those to whom he proposed leaving his money should be debauched by the fact that their worldly fortunes had thus been augmented, and that to insure as best he might that none who drank or took drugs should have any part of his estate, he provided that none should possess in completeness their legacies until they had reached the age of 35 years. He said that by that time the habits of the average person have been fixed.

# SQUABBLE OVER NAMING WOMAN

### Governor Weaver Stirs Up Trouble Between Nebraska Wet and Dry Demos

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Governor Weaver's appointment of Mrs. Charles G. Ryan as democratic member of the board of control was submitted to the state senate shortly after it convened at 2 o'clock today. Under the law action on the appointment must be handled at a later date. Three telegrams urging the senate not to confirm the appointment were read.

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Governor Weaver has his back up over the opposition that developed in the senate because he desired to appoint Mrs. Charles G. Ryan, of Grand Island, as the democratic member of the state board of control.

The governor announced his selection a few days ago, and immediately opposition developed. Senator Cooper of Omaha is leading it. He says that while Mrs. Ryan is capable and personally unobjectionable, her selection is likely to have a far reaching political effect for the reason that she is the democratic national committeewoman who was selected by the Smith democrats to succeed Dr. Jennie Calfas, duly elected committeewoman, who was ousted by the state committee because she announced her support of Hoover. The effect, therefore, of her selection by the governor is that democratic Hoover supporters and stalwart republicans, look on it as going out of the way to administer a slap at them.

Dr. Calfas had endorsed the present member, Mrs. Carrie Birss, of Omaha. Republican senators who are willing to let the governor bear the brunt of what they think is a tactical error deprecate the fact that it has the appearance of recognizing one of the two bitterly opposed factions in the democratic party and will rise to plague the governor in his campaign two years hence. They are disposed to support the confirmation, as are also the nine democrats, part of whom did not support Smith, but who are not caring about continuing the factional warfare. To block the confirmation 12 votes are necessary.

A committee of senators called on the governor to protest, but no information of what was said was given out. After they had gone the governor called in the reporters and told them that he was sending the nomination in Monday afternoon. Senators say that many democratic women have been calling them up to protest, saying that Mrs. Ryan was offensive in her advocacy of Smith and bitter in her criticism of Hoover, whose citizenship she challenged in speeches.

The probabilities are that the nomination will be referred to a committee and the matter allowed to ride a week, by the end of which time it is expected the opposition will have died down or else it will be so great that it cannot be disregarded.

Senator Cooper charges that Arthur F. Mullen, Smith leader in Nebraska, was responsible for Mrs. Ryan's selection, but the governor came right back with the declaration that Mullen had not asked for anybody's appointment for any office.

**TO GIVE INCENTIVE TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**  
Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—As an added incentive to the attainment of high scholarship at the University of Nebraska, the university senate authorized Chancellor E. A. Burnett, Saturday, to appoint a committee to work out plans for honors day, at which time special recognition will be accorded ranking students.

**ONE NORFOLK BANK IS PURCHASED BY ANOTHER**  
Norfolk, Neb., (Special)—The Citizens National bank went out of existence today following the purchase of its building, equipment and deposits by the Nebraska State bank, of which Jabe Gibson is president.

The Citizens' National bank was one of the oldest banks in north Nebraska and was formerly one of the Sioux City Toy institution. Jack Koenigstein was president.

The Nebraska State bank opened this morning in the new quarters, having made the move from the old building, Sunday.