

LITTLE PROFIT IN DORMITORY

Audit of Wayne Normal Shows Building Not Good Money Investment

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—An audit of the Wayne State Normal school covering a period from March 13, 1928, to December 2, 1929, has been completed by State Auditor C. A. Sommer. The dormitory system is desired at this school for the purpose of better discipline and supervision of students but they are not profitable to an investment. The income from this source during the year was \$16,704 from a total of 335 pupils. Fees collected during the 20½ months covered by the audit were \$56,410.98. Miscellaneous receipts were \$10,829.45, including cafeteria profits totaling \$2,000 and \$146.77 interest on warrants.

Dormitory rent varies according to the accommodations, and during the year they do not average more than 10 months.

The Wayne Dormitory corporation is building a new wing for Neihardt hall which will accommodate 70. This is being erected at a cost of \$58,000. Five per cent bonds having been issued, these will be paid, with interest, out of the receipts from the dormitory. Dormitory income will be sent to the state treasurer, to be credited to the normal cash fund, the same as has been done in the past, and vouchers will be submitted to the state auditor for the interest and principal when they are due. Warrants will then be drawn against the normal cash fund.

Since Kingsbury hall is considered unsuitable and unsafe, it will probably be torn down as soon as Neihardt hall is completed.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR WARDS OF THE STATE

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Christmas in the 17 state institutions in which are the 800 wards of the state, will be a merry one with the board of control making plans for the event.

Bounteous Christmas dinners that will have all the trimmings will be served, and in those institutions where children live, toys will be provided. These are bought largely through contributions from the public.

Because the boys at the farm for dependent children, near Lincoln, were so successful in raising turkeys, the king of birds will grace the boards Christmas at that institution.

The state hospital at Hastings produced 200 turkeys and 1,400 geese this year so they will have a choice of either one. The inmates of the penitentiary raised many geese and ducks. Officials of the penitentiary, with its 800 prisoners, will be allowed to buy 800 pounds of chicken this year for Christmas.

The institute for feebleminded at Beatrice raised from 50 to 60 turkeys this year. Chicken will be bought for the Christmas dinner at the Norfolk hospital; the soldiers' home at Milford; the Lincoln hospital.

STATE COMMANDER OF LEGION NAMES COMMITTEES

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Standing committees which will have charge of American Legion activities in Nebraska during the coming year were named Thursday by Dwight Griswold, state commander.

Additional committees are expected to be appointed as needed, Griswold announced. These include the national department convention committee, the junior baseball committee and any special committees that may be needed.

Chairmen of the various committees are: Americanism, C. H. Velte, of Crete; child welfare, Louis W. Horne, of Lincoln; aviation, Walter R. Johnson, of Caha; legislative, Oswin Kiefer, of Bostwick; national defense and O. M. T. C., Phil L. Hall, of Greenwood; community service, C. G. Warren, of Nebraska City; soldiers home, J. E. C. Fisher, of Beatrice; trophies and awards, Dr. T. J. Kay, of North Platte; boy scouts, Clark Booker, Jr., of Gothenburg; Fido, Wade R. Martin, of Stratton.

NOTED SPEAKERS FOR BAR ASSOCIATION MEET

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Frank J. Loesch, Chicago, member of President Hoover's crime commission, will be one of the principal speakers at Nebraska Bar association convention to be held at Cornhusker hotel, Lincoln, December 27 and 28, Secretary Harvey Johnson announced here today.

Former Gov. Samuel R. McKelvie, member of Mr. Hoover's agricultural board, Judge J. A. Van Orsdal, of the court of appeals of District of Columbia, and Anan Raymond, president of the association, who recently moved to Chicago to become head of the legal department of a large Chicago bank, are also on the programs.

NEBRASKA HAS BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR 1930

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—A prosperous 1929; an optimistic prospect for 1930.

That was the thought expressed today by Governor Arthur Weaver for Nebraska as he reviewed the year just closing and tried to look in the future at the year just dawning.

"Nebraskans have no cause to look with doubt upon what 1930 may hold for them," the governor said. "Because of a general rainfall during the fall months and a splendid stand of winter wheat, the outlook for crop conditions for the next year is all that can be desired. The closing year has been one of more than ordinary production, while prices for most products have been fairly good."

WAUNETA WOMAN HAS RARE OLD BIBLE

Wauneta, Neb.—(UP)—Mrs. George Theobald of Wauneta is the possessor of a Bible translated by Martin Luther and compiled in 1534. It has been in the possession of Mrs. Theobald's family for 194 years. It is made of parchment and is bound with wood and leather. It is in an excellent state of preservation. Brass bands protect the covers which bear the marks of heavy rings that once locked it to the pulpit of some old church.

JUDGE WOODROUGH HOLDS OPPOSITE JUDGE MUNGER

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Eighteen days between the purchase of liquor and raid on premises where the buy was made is entirely too long, Federal Judge J. W. Woodrough ruled Tuesday in quashing evidence in the case of Preston B. Myers, proprietor of a downtown drug store.

Judge Woodrough, however, refused to quash indictment against Myers and he will be tried on the sales count.

District Judge T. C. Munger of Lincoln, who had volunteered to help Judge Woodrough dispose of a few weeks ago ruled on this very point and held the search and seizure to be legal, refusing to quash the evidence.

LENIENT WITH THURSTON BANK

Nebraska's Chief Examiner Says Losses Greater Than Should Have Been

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—The lenient attitude of the state banking department in permitting the Thurston State bank to remain open longer than it should caused greater losses to the depositors than were necessary, A. C. Shallenberger, chief bank examiner, declared Tuesday, in a report on the closed Thurston bank.

Two officers of the bank, E. G. Hancock, president, and Mike Minarek, cashier, now are awaiting trial in district court of Thurston county on charges of falsifying the records. H. D. Hancock, cashier of the First National bank, of Pender, also is charged with aiding and abetting the officers in connection with falsifying the records.

According to the charges, the officers reported to the state banking department that they had on deposit in the Pender bank \$2,900.98 but an investigation revealed there was no such deposit.

Flagrant violations of the banking laws in excessive real estate holdings and in having excessive bad and unsecured loans, were disclosed, Shallenberger reported. January 12, 1928, about the time the bank was closed, the real estate holdings were \$55,634.61, or 370 per cent of the paid-up capital and about five times the legal limit of 75 per cent of the bank's \$15,000 paid up capital.

"In view of these existing conditions, it appears that this bank should have been closed at a much earlier date," Shallenberger said. "It would seem that the lenient attitude of the state banking officials has caused greater losses to the depositors than were necessary."

BANDITS ROB STATION, KIDNAP ATTENDANT

Lyons, Neb.—(Special)—Two bandits secured about \$75 when they robbed the Redding oil filling station. The attendant, Roy Brummels, was covered by a gun while the robbery was in progress. Then the bandits forced him into their car and drove him some miles west before he was given his freedom.

RADIO FANS COMPLAIN ABOUT ELECTRIC APPLIANCE

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Whether radio fans can seek relief from a village board when electric appliances cause their radios to emit only cat calls and growls was the subject of an opinion given Tuesday by Attorney General A. Sorensen.

An electric bleacher in a milling plant at Clarkson is alleged to be playing havoc with radios in Clarkson and the radio users have complained to the village board, which threatens to pass an ordinance condemning the bleacher as a nuisance.

The owner of the bleacher appealed to Sorensen as to whether the village board had powers to declare his bleacher a nuisance.

Citing the state law that empowers village boards to pass regulations that would prohibit a nuisance, Sorensen said only court action might decide whether the board had the power to have the use of the bleacher discontinued and then the question would be on whether the bleacher was a nuisance.

YEGGS LOOT BEE, NEB. POOL HALL SAFE

Bee, Neb.—(UP)—Robbers who Monday night broke into the Frank Vondra pool hall here knocked the combination off the safe and made away with approximately \$200 in cash.

JURY FINDS MAKER OF WILL WAS INCOMPETENT

Madison, Neb.—(UP)—Finding Adam Seip was incompetent when he willed to his wife the income from his \$50,000 estate with the provision that the estate be divided between his brother, a niece and five benevolent and charitable institutions, a jury in district court here awarded half of the estate to the widow and half to the brother, William Seip.

METHODISTS PLAN STUDENT CENTER AT UNIVERSITY

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—A Methodist student center to be constructed at a cost of approximately \$75,000 will be built within the next two years for the 2,000 Methodist students enrolled at the University of Nebraska, Rev. W. C. Fawell, director of Wesley Foundation, announces. A campaign for \$100,000 will be launched to gain funds for the center. Approximately \$75,000 will be used to construct the center while the remainder will be for an endowment.

Italian Ace Loses American Bride



The marriage of General Piero R. Piccio, Italian Ace to Loranda Batchelder of New Orleans, which took place in New York in 1920, was annulled by the Rome Court of Appeals. The court held the marriage agreement was not spontaneous as there was an element of constraint.

Racketeering and Booze Grafts Among Big Chicago "Industries"

Edward D. Sullivan, in Liberty Magazine.

Al Capone, better known as "Scarface," is the head of one gang of more than 800 powerful gangs now at work in this country under prohibition. In 1926 the gross income of his one gang was \$70,000,000. That figure is from the records of Edgar A. Olsen, United States district attorney at Chicago.

Last year, 1928, \$30,000,000 was spent in Chicago for protection alone. The gross to the gangs was well over \$150,000,000.

In 1927, E. C. Yellowley, federal prohibition administrator for Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana, was offered \$250,000 if he would keep his eyes and hands off one alcohol plant in Chicago.

Morgan A. Collins, as head of the Chicago police in 1927, was offered \$5 a day each on 250 barrels of beer moved daily. That was the offer of one gang. Had he accepted it he would have had 10 more like it.

I can tell you about these two bribes because they were refused. I cannot tell you about 100,000 other bribes like those throughout the country, because obviously as daylight they have been accepted.

Chicago has become a laboratory and school of standard practice for prohibition crooks throughout the country. By hundreds of thousands everywhere within the United States they are at work day and night with untold millions at their command, thwarting the law, corrupting elections, tainting the judiciary, and raising assorted hell with every routine obstacle to criminality.

Within two years, as matters are progressing, not less than 12 great cities of America will be comparable with Chicago in the proportion per population and wealth of the prohibition political-crime alliance.

The power of booze criminals increases daily and automatically throughout the country. I have been a newspaper man for 20 years, and I have a pretty good working knowledge of what \$1,000 will do in political bribery. If you are curious to know what \$30,000,000 will do in a city like Chicago in a single year—just read the daily papers.

Although there were only 18 murders in London last year and 11 the year before, there have been 760 murders in Chicago within the same period. In London every single one of the murderers either was executed or took his own life. In Chicago 11 men were executed. Six were negroes and have nothing to do with this story; they had no power, pull, or gang connections.

In the 10 years of Al Capone's reign in Chicago there have been 4,000 homicides. At least half of them have had some relation to booze, gang, and racketeering activity.

Temperament "Bloes"

From The Nation.

It is manifestly impossible to classify all senators rigidly by blocs, for the reason that so many of them belong to more than one. An agile joiner like Arthur Capper, for example, is capable of belonging to half a dozen at once. I have endeavored, however, to make a list of some of the more interesting blocs, and a suggestion of their diverse natures. It is plainly incomplete, but here it is:

Sons of Wild Jackass Bloc—Includes such men as Norris, LaFollette, Borah and Nye, who suffer from the naive delusion that the rest of the country is entitled to the same measure of governmental care and solicitude as the fat manufacturers represented by Messrs. Grundy and Evanson.

Polecat Bloc—Self-constituted and self-designated by Brookhart, in connection with his custom of being explicit about the alcoholic content of the refreshments served at dinners which he attends as a guest.

Bewildered Bloc—Sometimes ribaldly identified in the press gallery as the "Whereinthehell are we at bloc." Contains an approximate dozen of fledgling senators of the general caliber of Hebert, Walcott, Patterson, Goldsborough and Hatfield. They don't know where they're going, and it is extremely difficult for them to ascertain whether they are on their way.

Oh Dear! Oh Dear! Bloc—Consisting of Simeon D. Fess of Ohio. Fluttering anxiously from one distressing situation to another, this bloc probably allows its thoughts to stray often to those dear placid days at Antioch college, where piety and scholarship were one, and a good man was indistinguishable from a great one.

Uncut Ivory Bloc—Phipps of Colorado, Kean of New Jersey and little Freddy Hale of Maine—all solid in the most substantial meaning of the word.

Charles Dickens Bloc—Sam Shortridge of California. Think of an owl with sideburns, spending the days in melancholy meditation on blurred by passing time but the inscription may still be read. "Erected to the memory of an amiable child, St. Claire Pollock. Died 15th July, 1897 in the fifth year of his age. Man that is born of a woman is of few years and born to trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down; he fleeth as a shadow and continueth not." At the time referred to this was called Strawberry Hill and here was the country home of George Pollock, a New York merchant. Shortly after, he failed in business and was forced to sell and went to England. In a letter to Mrs. Gullian ver Planck, under date of January 18, 1800, is the record of the child's grave.

OMAHA HAS LONGEST PERIOD FOGGY WEATHER

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—The fog and haze blanket which has obscured the sun here constantly since December 7 continued Monday despite a drop in temperature to below the freezing point Sunday night. All records for continuous cloudiness have been broken. Pavements which have been wet because of heavy mists falling during the fog period, froze Sunday night making motor traffic extremely hazardous. The icy streets coupled with the thick fog Monday morning resulted in many minor collisions and forced drivers to use utmost caution and travel at very low speed.

JIM DAHLMAN TO RUN AGAIN

Predicted Omaha's Executive Will Face Serious Opposition This Time

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—James C. Dahlman, Omaha's perennial mayor, celebrated his 73rd birthday Sunday by laying plans for re-election next spring. Dahlman, who has ruled the Nebraska metropolis for more than 20 years faces the hardest battle of his career in the spring elections, politicians say.

Indications are that he and his associates who have been elected time after time on liberal platforms, will face a different kind of battle this time. Efforts of his opponents so far have been toward inducing men almost as liberal in their views as the mayor himself to enter the fray.

Practically every city department has been under fire during the last several months. Newspapers have treated the administration none too gently and it is understood on good authority that the opposition will have active support of one daily and possibly of both.

Dahlman who is dean of American mayors in cities of the first class, however, insists that the opposition will melt away on election day and that his ticket will again sweep into office by liberal majority.

NO AUTHORITY TO PAY SERVICE FEE TO BANKS

Lincoln, Neb.—County treasurers have no authority to pay banks a service fee for the care of county deposits, according to a statement issued by State Auditor Johnson. It is the opinion of Mr. Johnson that treasurers paying this fee become liable and examiners are instructed not to allow such deductions. In case they are made, the report will show the county short. A letter to Mr. Johnson from the secretary of the Nebraska Bankers' association stated that some counties were paying a service charge of 1 per cent, others 2 per cent, while still others were negotiating.

GAS PIPE LINE TO DAVENPORT, NEB., COMPLETED

Davenport, Neb.—(UP)—With a crowd of 400 witnessing the ceremony, the final link in the 89 miles of pipe line of the Nebraska Natural Gas company was laid two miles northwest of here late Saturday. The pipe line now is completed between Chester and Grand Island. After tests have been made of the pipes, it is planned to send 35,000 cubic feet of gas a day through the line.

PAIR HELD FOR YOUNG MAN'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—The mysterious poisoning of Herman Harding, 20 years old, whose death resulted Friday night eight hours after he was taken ill in Omaha, will be investigated thoroughly at an inquest called for tonight.

At the inquest will be Omer Miller of Omaha, brother-in-law of young Harding, and the 18-year-old widow, Mrs. Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Miller, of Omaha, were arrested Saturday night at their Omaha residence and will be questioned in connection with the death.

After officers questioned her, Mrs. Miller was released. Mrs. Harding had made her home with the Millers following her separation from Harding.

According to the parents of Herman Harding, warning notes had been received by them, warning Harding to remain away from Omaha if he valued his life. The parents alleged the notes were signed by Mr. and Mrs. Miller and the young wife.

SEVEN CAR LOADS OF ROUGH FISH TAKEN

Arlington—Carl Kjellens and C. E. Smith, both of this place, made a draft of fishes in Lake Hendricks, on the state line in the eastern portion of Brookings county this week which they believe has broken all records in the state along this line.

While sealing the lake for rough fish with a net 4,000 feet long, under the ice, they drew in seven carloads of rough fish, the major portion of which were secured in one draft.

Four carloads of fish were shipped to the New York market alive, the balance frozen, and the carloads went between 22,000 and 24,000 pounds.

The work was all done under the supervision of Commissioner R. L. Ripple, the game fish being returned to the lake. As the fish were sold on the track, and checks delivered to the fishermen at once, they realized a neat sum for their efforts.

FORMER COMMISSION HOUSE MAN GOES TO PRISON

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Joseph Ferland, former local commission house executive, who boasted when arrested in Dallas, Tex., last October that he would expose the Nebraska "creamery trust," began serving a two-year prison sentence for forgery Saturday. He pleaded guilty to the charge. He surrendered after a nationwide search for him had proved fruitless. His "creamery trust" story failed to incite sympathy for him and he later admitted it was simply a move to save him from criminal prosecution.

USED PRESSURE TO SELL BOOKS

High Power Agent of Kansas City Concern Forced to Make Restitution

Inman, Neb.—(Special)—John Layng, representative of a Kansas City publishing house, was released after being in custody for nearly two weeks in Holt county, when a representative of his company came here and settled with a number of school districts.

Layng was charged with fraud and misrepresentation. He was selling the "Book of Knowledge," and passed as an official sent out by the state department of education to place a new course of study in the schools of Nebraska and thus standardize them. He returned \$430 to the district and orders for 14 sets of books were cancelled. All costs were paid by the company. It was said that Layng had not turned in any of the orders he received.

Layng would go to the school house, give teacher and pupils a talk, check up on the libraries, and then going to the school boards convince them that the books now in the schools would no longer be accepted by the state department. In some districts he said that the state in order to help out the schools was paying \$40 on each set and that the district should pay the balance of \$69.90, which was really the full price of the set.

One of his methods was to antagonize members of the school boards, cause internal strife in the board, and set them against the county superintendent. He demanded that the checks be made payable personally to him.

Districts soon began comparing notes. He worked in this vicinity for three weeks before his activities were investigated.

ASK DAMAGES FROM ALLEGED BOOZE DEALERS

Madison, Neb.—(UP)—Claiming that she and her infant daughter Mary Ann Sattler of Inman, have suffered humiliation and disgrace through the alleged sale of liquor to Edwin H. Sattler, husband and father of the respective plaintiffs, Mrs. Clara Sattler has filed a \$25,000 damage suit in Madison county district court, naming Mary and Andrew Laphan and Mr. and Mrs. William Fieldman of Norfolk as defendants.

On Tuesday, December 10, the petition states, Sattler went to Norfolk to transact business with a person, not named in the suit. The person he was to see was out of the city and Sattler was forced to remain in Norfolk longer than he had planned. It is alleged while he was waiting in Norfolk the defendants sold him a quantity of liquor sufficient to cause him to become drunk and "physically unable to navigate and take care of himself."

MORE SHEEP BEING FED ON NEBRASKA FARMS

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Increased sheep feeding on Nebraska farms is indicated in the receipts of sheep at country points, the state and federal division of agricultural statistics reports.

The Scottsbluff district may feed a record number this year, the report indicated. The increase seems to be general throughout the Corn Belt states and in western mountain feeding areas.

An increase of 5 to 10 per cent may be expected in the sheep feeding operations in Nebraska this year, the report said. Railroad station receipts at country points to November 1 showed an increase of 6.5 per cent and direct shipments from markets to the country are 6.7 per cent over the same period last year.

SHIPMENTS INTO THE SCOTTSBLUFF DISTRICT TOTALLED 1,084 CARS TO NOVEMBER 1 AS COMPARED TO 729 TO THE SAME DATE LAST YEAR.

BIG LIQUOR SEIZURE MADE NEAR PIERCE

Pierce, Neb.—Three hundred gallons of finished moonshine whiskey were seized on Christ Bussman's farm near Hadar, Neb., a small village southeast of Pierce. Bussman was taken into custody and brought to Pierce, where his preliminary hearing was held. He pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$127 and was released.

Two federal prohibition agents, with Sheriff E. A. Lambrecht, went to the farm late in the afternoon and there found a completely equipped aging plant and the 300 gallons of liquor and 20 burlap bags each containing five one-gallon jugs of liquor.

All but the liquor found in the basement was poured out in the basement of the Bussman home, and the aging equipment, consisting of oil heaters, aging compound, barrels, jugs and boilers were taken to Pierce and stored in the courthouse.

AGED HAVELOCK HOTEL MAN CLAIMED BY DEATH

Havelock, Neb.—(UP)—James G. Holliet, 86 years old, for many years the proprietor of the Holliet hotel here, died Monday night. Holliet, a republican, was a representative in the state legislature from 1903 to 1905. He came to Nebraska in 1884 from Illinois and in 1890 opened his hotel here. He operated the hotel until 1907.

COMMON LAW WIFE FAILS TO GET ESTATE

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Mrs. Lavinia P. Christian, Brooklyn, N. Y., was awarded the \$3,600 estate of her husband, George R. Christian, former Wall Street broker who died mysteriously in a hospital here a year ago. District Judge Dineen turned the estate over to her Monday. Helaine I. Harrison of Philadelphia, who claimed to be Christian's common-law wife, contested the case, producing a will which purported to leave the property to her.