11 RAIL CHIEFS TO DEDICATION

Formal Opening of Burlington Terminal in Omaha September 4

Omaha, Neb .- (UP) -- Eleven railroad presidents will be among the scores of rail officials who will come here for the dedication of the new Burlington passenger terminal on September 4. They are Charles Donnelly, Northern Pacific; Ralph Great Northern; Carl R. Gray, Union Pacific; H. S. Scandrett, Milwaukee road; J. E. Gor-man, Rock Island; J. E. Taussig, Wabash, V. V. Boatner, Great Western; L. W. Baldwin, Missouri Pacific; L. A. Downs, Illinois Central; F. W. Sargent, North Western, and F. E. Williamson, Burlington. Alexander Legge, chairman of the Federal Farm board, a director of the Burlington also is expected to be

CHOICE CURIOS FOR MEMORIAL

Omaha Society Gets Collection Worth \$500,000 to \$1,000,000

Omaha, Neb .- (UP) -The Christiancy collection of rare paintings. antique furniture and curios of all kinds, valued at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 by Milton Darling, Omaha collector, has been purchased by the Society of Liberal Arts, of Omaha, and will be placed in the Joslyn Memorial here.

The collection is composed of four parts. The Omaha society was given first option to accept or reject them and the Metropolitan Museum of New York second choice. The New York museum offered to build a special structure to house the treasures in case the Omaha society did

not accept them. Mrs. Jessie Christiancy was the daughter of the late Guy Barton, Omaha millionaire. She based her collection on art treasures gathered by the Bartons. According to Milton Darling she had unlimited funds to continue her work. The result was that by a process of con-stant acquiring of almost priceless art gems and an equally constant process of weeding out, she even-tually arrived at a point of satura-

Mrs. Christiancy provided in her will that the art treasures would main with her husband, George A. C. Christiancy, Guy's Cliff, Westerchester county, New York, as long as he lived and remained there. He has given up the house and gone to Europe

The collection includes 27 paintings representing the work of the artists Bourguereau, George Innes, Fritz Thaulou, Felix Zeim, and Ralph A. Blakelock. Among others, 19 pieces of antique furniture, five antique rugs and unnumerable ob-

Gino A. Ratti, Italian stone carver and his son Edward, arrived in Omaha Thursday to begin work on carving the inscriptions and exterior figures in the marble walls of the memorial. It is estimated that it will take a year for them to com-

plete the work. The theme of the work on the panels is "The Printing and Distribution of News" commemorative of the late George Joslyn, founder of the Western Newspaper Union, whose widow, Mrs. Sarah Joslyn, is presenting the museum to the city.

FOSSIL SPECIMENS FOR BOONE COUNTY MUSEUM Albion, Neb .- (Special) - Boone county's museum collection at the

courthouse has been enriched by several fossil specimens from the South Dakota Bad Lands by Gay Bump of Scenic, S. D. Bump spent his boyhood days here. The well preserved specimens of tooth and vertebra from the prehistoric titanotherium are included. The single tooth is as large as the full gum of a human being.

The lower jaw of a three-toed horse, two teeth from the upper jaw of a small rhinoceros, an oreodon skull and teeth and parts of two small fish are included.

James Bump, son of Gay Bump. recently made a name for himself when as a member of a geological party he assisted in the discovery of a fossilized mother oreodon with unborn twins. This is the only known occurrence of a fossil mammal with unborn young.

MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL ISSUE DEFEATED Schuyler, Neb. - (Special)-The

proposed municipal swimming pool issue was lost in the special election this week by a vote of 425 to MOTHER OF THREE ENDS

LIFE BY TAKING POISON Plainview, Neb. - (Special) -Mrs. Joe Wiley, 25 years old, mother of three children, died in a doctor's office here after drinking poison. The Wileys lived 12 miles southeast of here. No reason for her act is

OWNS COPY FIRST PAPER Syracuse, Neb .- (UP)-A page in the history of early Nebraska journalism is the proud possession of George Crownover of Syracuse. He owns a copy of the first paper published in Syracuse, the Syracuse Reporter. The newspaper is dated January 5, 1876. It was started in December, 1875, by Lon E. and Ann B. Rathbun. While its contents on pioneer life in the state are interesting, its market page is its real feature, Crownover says. On that page is quoted "Poal Kats," it 85 cents; quail, \$1:25 a dozen, and prairie chickens, \$2 a dezen.

NEBRASKA BANKER DIES

WHILE RIDING IN AUTO Ponca, Neb .- William P. Logan, brother of Postmaster Logan, of this place, and president of the Farmers State bank, Silver Creek, Neb., died of a heart attack while riding in an automobile from Lincoln to Silver Creek.

Mr. Logan was 61 years old, and had resided in Dixon county, being connected with banks in Newcastle and Ponca, until his removal to Silver Creek. He is survived by his widow, one son, W. C. Logan, Silver Creek, and two daughters, Mrs. Alfred C. Kennedy, Omaha, and Susanne, at home.

FINANCES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE

Nebraska State Treasurer Makes Report on Condition of Various Funds

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP) -- Nebraska's treasury is certain to keep out of the "red" this year, according to State Treasurer W. M. Stebbins.

"With more than \$2,000,000 in the general fund," the treasurer reported, "the state treasury is supplied with enough funds to pay all current expenses of state government without going into the "red" during the lean months, up to December 1, when takes will again begin to come in."

Stebbins' report for the close of business August 31, shows a total of \$6,007,079.70 cash on hand for all state funds, a decrease of \$628,838.-71 during the last month. The general fund cash on hand is \$2,164,-045.73, a decrease of only \$396,140.-19 during the month. The grand total for all receipts for the month was \$1,874,079.56, and the total disbursements \$2,502,918.97.

During the month the cash in the state gasoline tax fund dropped from \$1,413,687 to \$1,376,700. There is \$94,387 in the federal aid road fund and \$238.510 in the motor vehicle registration fund, also available for roads and road mainten-

REMARKABLE GROWTH OF

BURLINGTON ROAD TOLD Omaha, Neb. - (UP) - The remarkable growth of the Burlington railroad in its 80 years of existence was told by speaker at the celebration incident to dedication of the new Burlington passenger terminal here Thursday

The road began operations at Aurora, Ill., September 2, 1850. It then consisted of 12 miles of track, one small, wood-burning engine, one cast-off coach and two borrowed freight cars.

Today the system boasts of 9.400 miles of track and claims to be the largest single carrier of farm products in the world.

In addition to celebrating the 80th anniversary of founding of the road, the 60th anniversary of its extension to the Missouri river and into Nebraska also was observed at the dedication services.

MASSACRE MONUMENT TO

BE DEDICATED SEPT. 26 Trenton, Neb .- (UP) - Dedication of the Massacre canyon monument, near here, will take place September 26. Work of erecting the monument is progressing and probably will be completed by September 10. Gov. Arthur Weaver and A. C.

Shallenberger have accepted invitations to speak at the dedication. Vice President Curtis has been invited to attend but has not answered favorably as yet. Superintendent Sam B. Davis, of the Genoa Indian school, who is supervising erection of the monument, also will attend.

WISNER PEOPLE TO PAY

HIGHER PHONE RATES Lincoln, Neb. — ((Special) —The request of the Cuming county Independent Telephone company for an increase in rates at its Wisner exchange as soon as automatic service is installed has been granted by the state railway commission. When the change is completed the company will have invested a total of \$101,000 at the Wisner exchange and the new rates will take care of all upkeep costs and enable the company to pay a 7 per cent dividend. Eighty-five per cent of the patrons expressed a willingness to pay more for improved service. The new rates are: Individual business service, \$4 a month; two party business, \$3; individual residence \$2.50; four party residence, \$1.75; individual rural, \$2.75; ten party rural, \$2.25.

FREE HAIR CUTS FOR

OMAHA ORPHAN CHILDREN Omaha, Neb .- (UP) -- Through the courtesy of Omaha barbers every boy and girl in local orphan and children asylums here is sporting a new haircut today. Union barbers. at the suggestion of officers of their organization visited the institutions Sunday and Monday and trimmed the locks of each of the inmates. The stunt will be made an annual one, it was said.

One of the Navy's first wrought iron ships, the "Wolverine," launched eighty-seven years ago, still is in service as a training ship.

BELIEVE ESCAPED CONVICT

IS HIDING IN OMAHA Omaha, Neb. -Harding, who escaped from the men's reformatory at Anamosa, Iowa, by forcing Marsh Ireland, construction foreman at the prison to drive him to Missouri Valley, is believed to be h.ding in Omaha, Harding was serving a life sentence for conviction of participating in the robbery of the Modale, Iowa, bank. He held a knife fashioned by himself in the prison blacksmith shop in Ireland's ribs throughout the long

fast ride across Iowa last Friday

FINISH SURVEY NEBRASKA CORN

Experts Find Crop Best in Northeast Section-Needs Time to Mature

Lincoln, Neb .- (Special) -- After an inspection trip in which they covered 800 miles in Nebraska, A. E. Anderson, agricultural statistician, E. V. Jones, his assistant, and R. H. Holland, district extension leader of the agricultural college, express the opinion that corn prospects throughout the state are better than a few weeks ago and that with plenty of sunshine and dry winds during the current month there will be a good crop. The greatest danger lies in the fact that the crop is late and an early frost would be a calamity. There is a splendid prospect for

corn in the northeastern part of the state, providing it matures, some of it having hardly reached the roasting ear stage. Effects of the dry weather were

apparent north of Madison county, but yields there will be considerably better than in the southern section of the state and the crop is farther advanced.

Marked improvement was noticed in the crop in Dodge, Stanton and Thurston counties.

CEDAR COUNTY T. B. CASE GIVEN AIRING

Lincoln, Neb .- (Special) -A brief has been filed with the supreme court by Attorney General Sorensen in support of his appeal from an order of the district court of Cedar county which denied him an injunction preventing Louis Knudtsen's interference with agriculture department agents in testing cattle for tu-

It is the contention of the attorney general that District Judge Ryan erred in holding that the evidence was insufficient; that the burden was on the state to prove sufficiency of the petitions; that the determination by the department of the sufficiency of the petitions was not res judicata; that the sufficiency of the petitions had not been judicially determined by the agriculture department and were subject to cc'lateral inquiry; that the agriculture department was without jurisdction to declare Cedar county a testing area, and in the face of the record showing without dispute that every jurisdictional step had been taken to vest in the department authority to determine the sufficiency of the petitions, that said petitions were not presumptively sufficient. He says that more than 60 per ent of the residents of the county had petitioned that it be declared a testing area and that the law has been declared constitutional by the supreme court three times.

TO ASK THAT DRIVER'S LICENSE BE RESTORED

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-For the first time since the drivers' license law became effective, the pardon board will be called upon to decide if revocation of a license shall be suspended, it is announced in listing the cases to be heard by the board, September 9.

The board is given authority to decide the matter of revocation of license in the statutes, according to Attorney General C. A. Sorensen, who was asked for an opinion. The question will be deided in the case

of Hollis Wood, of Lincoln. Wood was convicted in the Lincoln muncipal court, March 5, of driving while intoxicated, resulting in the loss of his drivers license. Since then his father has died, and his mother says she needs the youth as a driver to carry her about in attending to affairs of the estate. On this ground, Wood was granted a respite July 1, permitting him to drive his car only when accompanied by his mother. Restoration of the license is asked only on that condition that his mother be with him while driving.

ATTACK M'KELVIE FIGURES Omaha, Neb.--Local grain men through Hugh A. Butler, president of the Omaha grain exchange Wednesday turned on Samuel R. McKelvie, Nebraska grain member of the federal farm board and termed a statement issued by him here last week as "mendacious and unfair" and the "cap sheaf of braggadocio indulged in by the farm board, its publicists and other rep-

resentatives." Ire of the grain men here was raised by a contention by McKelvie that through farm board buying of cash wheat a "spread" of 36 per cents, average, between the cash and futures price was cut to 17 cents this year. McKelvie issued his statement here last week in response to statements by local grain dealers that he, McKelvie, appeared to be losing faith in the farm board. But, ler in a written statement Wednesday said that statisticians of the local exchange have been checking the McKelvie figures for the last week and have prepared a tabulated back ground for an improved pros-

pectus. Their findings, Butler said, "show that the average spread during the years 1920 to 1928 when there was no farm board interfering with business," was 6.6 cents.

ROYAL, NEB., YOUTH

KILLED IN COLLISION Royal, Neb .- Ray Lichty, 19 years old, 1930 graduate of Royal high school, was instantly killed between this town and Brunswick, Neb. when the car he was driving collided with one driven by W. Thurs-

ton of Brunswick. The two motorists, driving in opposite directions, were attempting to pass a large truck when the collision occurred. Mr. Thurston dic not suffer more than slight wounds and aided in taking the body of the dead youth from the wreckage.

KNOX COUNTY FARMERS UNION PICNIC HELD

Knox County Farmers' Union held its annual picnic at Young's park Sunday. It was one of the most successful picnics ever held in the county. One thousand autos were arked and an estimated attendnce of 4,000 persons were there. E. H. Everson, president of the outh Dakota Farmers' Union, delivered an address on farm probiems and the need of organized agriculture under the banner of the Farmers' Union to bring about equality of agriculture with busi

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LUCK ON SIDE OMAHA BANDIT

Holdup Victim Seriously Wounded by Own Gun in Hand of Thug

Omaha, Neb. -- An empcy cylinder in Bob Ridenour's gun saved the life of a bandit, Tuesday and put Ridenour in the hospital with a bullet wound in his chest. When Ridenour grabbed the gun from a side pocket of his automobile after the bandit had boarded it, he jammed it into the bandit's side and pulled the trigger. The hammer snapped harmlessly on the empty chamber. The bandit dropped the knife he was brandishing and with a quick jerk twisted the gun from Ridenour's hand turned it on the driver and pulled the trigger. This time the hammer fell on a loaded chamber, the bullet passing through the right side of Ridenour's chest.

Leaping from the car, the man jumped into a machine driven by a confederate and escaped.

PROMINENT MEN ATTEND JERRY HOWARD FUNERAL

Omaha, Neb. - (UP) - Captains of industry rubbed elbows with down and outers from Jefferson Square at final rites for Jerry Howard, 75 years old, Irish patriot and friend of the workingman at St. Peter's church here Wednesday morn-The services were conducted by Monsignor James W. Stenson, pastor of the church.

Men prominent in the business and political world attended and the church was filled to capacity. One of Jerry's last wishes was fulfilled when his body was laid to rest near the grave of the late Gen John M. O'Neill, who led the unsuccessful Fenian attempt to invade Canada following the Civil war.

Although Howard had never met O'Neill, who after being forced to disband his army founded the town of O'Neill, Neb., he had a great respect for him and his work for Irish independence. General O'Neill is buried in Holy Sepulchre here.

Howard's entire estate of \$1,300, with exception of \$200 bequeathed to two of his sisters, will go to Eamon De Valera, first president of the Irish republic to further the cause of Irish freedom.

HEAVY RAIN FALLS IN CROFTON TERRITORY

Crofton, Neb. - (Special) - This community received about two inches of rain Saturday and Sunday. Heavy electric storms accompanied the rain. Corn is estimated to yield around 20 bushels to the

GIVEN JAIL TERMS

FOR STORE ROBBERY Tekamah, Neb. - (Special) -Ninety days in the county jail were the sentences drawn by Earl Rose of Walthill and Edgar Tippery of Decatur who confessed to robbing the Eagleton store in Decatur, the night of July 19. They were caught a few minutes after the robbery and have been in the county jail here since.

REPORTS INCREASE IN

PRAIRIE CHICKEN NUMBERS O'Neill, Neb. - G. H. Nichols, field man for the Nebraska game, forestation and parks commission, has made an optimistic report on the present status of the prairie chicken and quail in Holt county

The report reads: "There is a visible increase in the number of prairie chickens in Holt county and reports come that the same is true in other counties where there remains favorable nesting grounds. Much credit is due farmers and ranchers who have helped to guard the few birds left after many years of ruthless slaughter by

hunters from other states. "With such beneficial co-operation, it is possible that in a few years, prairie chickens will come back in such plentiful numbers as to warrant a short open season and

limited bag. "There may be some who still advance the theory that lawless hunters will not refrain from shooting them, but this is a mistaken idea. Even the most lawless should consider that each chicken killed helps to defeat the purpose of this conservation and they will be as much the losers as law abiding sports-

"I notice another thing," Mr. Nichols continues, "quail also are becoming more plentiful. I have seen fine coveys all the way from the Missouri river to the Colorado

AMEND CHARTER AS AID TO RIVER NAVIGATION

Omaha, Neb. - (UP) - The cause of river navigation received a boost Tuesday when city council approved an amendment to the city charter empowering the city to acquire land and construct wharves. docks, river terminals and piers.

The proposal also gives the city power to issue bonds for the purpose of acquiring such property. The charter amendment will be submitted to the voters in the November general elections.

MATERIAL CUT MADE IN TAXES

State Board Report Shows Benefits Accruing to Nebraska Counties

Lincoln, Neb .- (Special) - A statement issued by State Tax Commissioner Scott showing the amount of taxes charged against each county under the levy of 2.34 mills on each dollar valuation, indicates that Nebraskans will pay \$620,530 less in state taxes this year than they did in 1929. The 1929 levy was 2.40 mills. Banner county is the only county in the state not to receive a reduction in state taxes, and it will pay \$6.95 more. The list showing the amount of taxes each county will

pay the state in	ciudes:	
County	1930 Tax	1929 Tax
Antelope	\$ 87,565.99	\$ 77,777.00
Boone	103,336,69	99,614.00
Boyd	43,366.78	32,426.00
Brown		23,082.00
Burt	.101,501.88	93,241.00
Gedar	137,774.95	118,585.00
Colfax	99,609.87	92,772.00
Cuming	132,936.45	122,467.00
Dakota	51,270.26	48 ,782.00
Dixon	81,352.41	98, 78.00
Dodge	158,973.62	144,57, 20
Holt	70,903.02	62,540.00
Keya Paka	15,070 60	14,372.00
Knox	103,729.41	89,038.00
Madisor,	130,422.51	123,714.00
Merrick	77,699.93	71,461.00
Nance	61,076.87	58,226.00
Pierce	83,481.21	78,592.00
Platte	149,133.13	140,905.00
Rock	16,684.69	15,149.00
Stanton	77,496.46	74,697.00
Thurston	60,659.51	57,726.00
Washington	91,948.25	85,497.00
Wayne	97,304.18	91,912.00
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FARM BUREAU MEMBERS

TO TOUR THE COUNTY Homer, Neb .- (Special)-The Dakota county Farm Bureau tour will be held September 11 with the following itinerary: Roy Bartels home between Hubbard and Jackson for poultry and hog lot sanitation and farm improvements and landscaping; Dan Rush farm for inspection of 50 head of thoroughbred Angus cattle: Henry Peters farm, north of Emerson, for farm erosion prevention; basket dinner in the Emerson park; Louis Filmer farm between Homer and Emerson, demonstration of weed control; Raymond Voss farm, near Homer, soil saving dam, Hereford cattle and corncrib consisting of loading dump, scale and elevator; Dr. M. V. Byers, half mile south of Homer, Silver Fox farm and William Rohde, in north Homer, corn variety test including 21 varieties and hybrids of corn.

OMAHA COUPLE DEAD IN GAS FILLED HOME

Omaha, Neb. - Overcome by gas in their home here, an aged man and his wife were found dead Monday. Police said it was a case of murder and suicide.

The victims of the double tragedy were Mr. and Mrs. Julius Helling, 70 and 67 years old, respectively. Their bodies were found by a son, William Helling, when he went to their home to learn why telephone calls earlier in the day were unanswered.

Police believe that despondency over the failure of a local drygoods company, of which Helling had been an employe for 40 years, prompted him to turn on the illuminating gas, killing himself and his wife.

ENSTRANGED HUSBAND KILLS OTHER MAN

Omaha, Neb. - (UP) - Manuel Pena, 20 years old, was shot and killed and Mrs. Irene Mandaville, 24 years old, was wounded in the leg late Monday afternoon by Joe Mandaville, estranged husband of the wounded woman.

Mrs. Mandaville told police she found her husband sitting in the kitchen when she went to prepare supper. After inquiring about the health of their child, he drew his gun and fired twice at her, one bullet striking her.

Pena ran to the kitchen on hearing the shot and was shot three times by Mandaville. He died almost instantly. Mrs. Mandaville said she attempted to shield Pena, but that her husband brushed her aside. Mandaville escaped.

TWO BODIES TAKEN FROM MISSOURI RIVER

Omaha, Neb .- (UP) -The Missouri river gave up two bodies Monday. One was a woman, the other a man. The woman was identified as Mrs. N. E. Henrie, 78 years old, of Blair, who disappeared from her home in that city last Tuesday. She had been trailed to the river bank her footprints showing clearly where she had entered the water in what apparently was a self destruction attempt. The body was taken out near the Union Pacific bridge by fishermen.

The other body was that of a man of about 45 years of age. It was dressed in brown trousers, tan oxfords and a light shirt. The man had brown hair and was light of complexion. There was a hole through the right eye which probably was caused by a bullet. Two decks of cards, a few cents in change and a bunch of keys were found in the pockets.

GIVEN PRISON TERM FOR ALTERING CHECK

Pender, Neb. - (Special)-Vern Williams who pleaded guilty to altering a cream check, was sentenced by Judge Mark H. Ryan to two

years in the penitentiary. The check on the Fairmont creamery, was given to Jack Belmont. It was payable to Frank Kieter for \$2.10. It had been raised to \$22.10. Williams is said to have just finished a two-year term in the South Dakota penitentiary on a similar charge.

BOHEMIANS OF NEBRASKA TO HAVE SOKOL EXPOSITION Omaha, Neb. —(UP)— Hundreds of Bohemians from outstate will attend the Sokol exposition here September 6 to 14. The exposition will exhibit many exemples of Czecho-

slovakian handicraft and is attracting widespread attention in this ection of the country, according to Chairman B. Dienstebier. A feature of the exhibits will be a spinning wheel more than 100 years old, which is said to have been used by Abaraham Lincoln's mother. The wheel is the property of Mrs. C. H. Rogers, Omaha, great

neighbor of the Lincolns to whom Mrs. Lincoln presented it.

Many athletic events including turning and boxing contests are being arranged. There will be presentation of Bohemian drama and opera, dancing revues, style shows and many other features.

granddaughter of J. L. Killion, a

RESIST CLAIMS OF DEPOSITORS

Nebraska Banking Department Asserts They Include Excess Interest

Lincoln, Neb .- (Special) -An appeal has been filed with the supreme court by attorneys for the state banking department from a decision by Judge Lightner of the district court of Nance county approving the claims of depositors in the Farmers State bank of Genoa against the state guaranty fund. The attorneys contend that the certificates of deposit of Mattie J. Forester for \$760, John Koziol for \$1,352, J. A. Swim for \$1,024.30, Bathsheba A. Joy for \$286, W. H. Sr., for \$11,030 and W. H. Wilde for \$5,000, upon which suit was brought. represented excess interest payments on deposits and that under the law the claims are not against the guaranty fund. The district judge held that there were strong suspicions that most of the certificates, drew excess interest because of a secret agreement with the bankers, but there was no proof that the renewals of these certificates were likewise affected and this removed previous taint.

FAILED BANK DEPOSITORS

PAID \$298,923 IN MONTH Lincoln, Neb .- (Special) - Secretary Bliss of the state department of trade and commerce has announced payment of \$298,923.73 in dividends to depositors in failed state banks during the month of August, bringing the total paid since January 1, 1929, to \$6,000,000. Liquidation of the assets of the banks is the means of dividend payments. Inclded in the list reveivretto State bank which received a 25 per cent dividend amounting to \$13,041.71; Farmers State bank of Chapman, 15 per cent, or \$12,604.02; State Bank of Laurel, 10 per cent or \$4,598.86.

CATTLE RAISERS HEARTENED BY ADVANCING PRICES Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Sensational advances in cattle prices on the Omaha and other big markets have greatly heartened raisers who, until the general rains of the last few

weeks, appeared to be in for a most disastrous season. With pastures ruined by the unusual drought this summer thoucands of head of cattle were dumped on the market and sacrificed at the lowest prices since before the World war. All this was

changed when the rains set in. Steer prices, while still considerably below those of last year, have gained \$1.50 to \$2.50 per hundredweight in the last three weeks. The top price last week was \$12.10 which compares with \$16.35 in the corresponding period of last year. A steady upward tendency is expected

by commission men here. The heavy rains, which slowed up movement from the farms, together with the expected small corn crop also has helped hog prices, dealers said. In spite of the efforts of hog packers to break hogs all season prices have kept at comparatively high levels and now are within a few cents of being as high as they were at this time last year, Saturday's top being \$10.90 compared to an even \$11 last year.

PONCA PUBLISHER BUYS PAPER AT ALLEN

Allen, Neb. - (Special) - F. D. Simpson, editor and owner of the Ponca Journal-Leader, has purchased the plant of the Allen News from George S. Heaton, and will operate it in conjunction with his Ponca paper. Mr. Heaton has been proprietor of the Allen News for the last year and a half. He was recently appointed agent for the Sinclair Oil company, and will remain in Allen now and devote his entire

time to that work. Although the new owner will now operate two newspapers in Dixon county, he expects to operate them as separate plants. John McClary, of Ponca, who has been employed in the Journal-Leader office for several years will move to Allen and take charge of that plant while the owner, Mr. Simpson will remain in Ponca.

This makes the second newspaper in Dixon county to change hands this week. The Enterprise, at Emerson, having been sold to Maurice Blaker, of Wakefield, and A. C. Lamp, of Sioux City.

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STATE TAX LEVY CUT FROM 2.40 TO 2.34 MILLS

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP) - Nebraska's tax levy was reduced to 2.34 mills this year as compared to 2.40 mills a year ago, Tax Commissioner Harry Scott announces, lowering the total tax in the state by \$620,530.60.

Total taxes in the state during 1929 were \$7,879,328.60 while for 1930 the total was \$7,258,793, Scott's report shows. The compilation takes into consideration all changes in property valuations this year over