## MYSTERY FIRE DESTROYS HOME

### Farm Residence Near Royal, Neb., Burned Early Thursday

Royal, Neb. — (Special) — Fire of anknown origin destroyed the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Bartch, two miles southeast of here, Thursday morning.

Mrs. Bartch and their children were at Inman, Neb., visiting her parents and Mr. Bartch had spent the night at the home of his brother, a short distance away.

Nothing was saved from the building. There was insurance on both the building and its contents.

# URGES LEGION TO TAKE HAND

### Commander Would Provide Work for Unemployed

Omaha, Neb.,—(UP)—In his first principal address since his election as national commander of the American Legion, Ralph T. O'Neil, Topeka, Kansas, speaking at the Armistice dinner of Omaha post Friday night called upon the 881,000 Legionaires to find that many jobs for idle world war veterans. If necessary he asked that each man create a job for that purpose.

He urged the 10,000 posts of the Legion to start work of constructing post homes or other needed buildings. Earlier in the fall, he said, 4,000 of the Legion posts replying to a questionaire, gave an estimate of \$10,000,000 to be expended by that number at some time in the future for construction.

"The creation of jobs for nearly 1,000,000 men, and the building program which would reach \$25,000,000 at the same ratio if applied to all posts thrown quickly into the revival of business can easily be a turning force for the revival of good times," the national commander said. "It is a concrete way of serving our nation.

O'Neil also announced that an unemployment commission of the Legion has been appointed and that a meeting will be held at National headquarters in Indianapolis in a few days. On the commission, he said, are representatives from large industrial centers. Howard P. Savage, Chicago, past national commander of the Legion, has been named chairman. Detailed plans are to be worked out so that within the next 30 days every post in the country will be functioning to re-

lieve unemployment.

"In 1921 and 1922 the legion overnight established employment agencies in their posts throughout the country and put more than 1,000,000 veterans to work. These unemployed had been unable to establish themselves. Today the Legion faces a similar task-finishing job.

### CREDIT BUREAUS TO

Grand Island, Neb.,—(UP)—Members of the Associated Credit Bureaus of Nebraska will be in Grand Island November 14, for the annual convention of the organization.

Credit men from 25 Nebraska bureaus are expected to attend, together with their wives. Entertainment has been arranged for wives of the delegates during the business sessions of the credit men.

C. O. Stiles, former secretary of the Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico associations and now field secretary of the national association will be the principal speaker.

officers of the state organization who are expected to attend the convention here; are Fred W. Yanders, Nosth Platte, president; Arthur Varah, Hastings, vice president; and Max Meyer, Lincoln, secretary.

### FEIGNED ATTEMPT ON

Yankton, S. D.—(Special)—Friday afternon Sheriff R. R. Milliken and Dr. F. A. Mocre were called out to the Walloach farm to attend one John Czerwonka, who was supposed to have swallowed carbolic acid. They found the man outside the farm home, on the ground with a small, partly emptied bottle of carbolic acid by his side.

Dr. Moore examined the man and stated that he must not have touched the soid for he was unharmed and showed no burns in his mouth or other signs of drinking the poison.

Czerwonka had formerly worked for Walloch but has been away for some time. No cause for the action was assigned.

### PUSHING WORK ON

NEW STATE HIGHWAY
Creston, S. D.—(Special)—Work
on the new state highway, north of
Creston, is progressing rapidly. It
is expected the work will be completed in a couple of days.

The creek channel was made straight to protect the bridge and grade. The earth from the channel was used in building the grade.

### HER HEARING RESTORED

### BY AUTO ACCIDENT

Yerk, Neb.,—(Special)—A terrific wrenching of the back of her neck, when the automobile driven by her husband struck a large rock in the road, throwing Mrs. J. M. Johnson agrinst the roof of the car, restored bear impaired hearing.

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Mrs. Johnson did not note the improvement the day of the accident, but the next morning she tound she could hear the rustling of leaves and the alightest sound of a

#### WOMAN 92 YEARS OLD DIES AT WOOD LAKE

Wood Lake, Neb. -- (Special) --One of the oldest women in this vicinity, Mrs. Emerline Louisa Clarkson died here at the age of 92. She was first married July 3, 1855, to Daniel S. Lilly in New York. Leonard M. Lilly of Bowman, N. D. and Florence H. Kelley of Wood Lake are children of this mar-riage. February 3, 1894, she married John Clarkson, a Civil war veteran at Tekamah, Neb. He died in 1912. She has lived here with her daughter for the last 13 years. She was one of 11 children, of whom only one, Mrs. Eunice Modre, of New York, her sister, survives.

# DID BANK JOB, ASKS CLEMENCY

### Nebraska Nurseryman Who Worked Lone-Handed Appeals to Board

Lincoln, Neb. — (UP) — H. L. Closson, Columbus nursery man who turned bank bandit August 15, 1929, and looted the Bank of Lushton, will appear before the state pardon board November 12 in a plea for clemency for commutation of his 5 to 17 years in the penitentiary.

Closson, 64 years old, in his prison record told the story of his crime in the brief words: "Becoming despondent over financial affairs, I took about \$1,200 from the bank at Lushton, Neb., which was all returned." His record had been good prior to the robbery and he was considered a respectable citizen of Columbus.

C. A. McCloud, of York, president of the looted bank, has written the pardon board declaring that "Closson is not a criminal at heart," and that "I believe Closson has had his lesson and the public and society of his community and state, in my judgment, will not be injured any by his release."

The nurseryman was captured by state officers at his home a few days after the robbery of the bank following his return from hiding out at various towns near Lushton. With him was the money he had taken in the robbery, He was traced through the license plates on the bandit automobile.

H. H. Halvin, president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, and County Attorney John L. Riddell, of York, favor clemency in the case. Congressman Edgar Howard, of Columbus, had appeared in court and asked that clemency be shown at the time Closson was sentenced on his guilty plea.

Twenty eight other inmates of the penitentiary or reformatory will present their pleas before the board for either paroles or commutation.

#### ANCIENT SWORD TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Columbus, Neb. — (UP) — William Rickert, farmer of near here has turned over to the state Historical society an old sword which was found in the ruins of an Indian house on his farm. The sword is believed to have been carried into the state by a member of the ill fated Spanish expedition of 1720.

E. E. Blackman, curator of the Nebraska State Historical society, has extended an invitation to Riekert to appear on the program at the annual meeting of the society in Lincoln January 5, 1931, and tell the story of finding the relic.

Blackman said it was probable the sword fell into the hands of Indians following the defeat of the caravan of 50 Spaniards and several hundred Indian allies by unfriendly Indians about two miles west of the present town of Monroe, Neb.

#### CRACKSMEN PAY VISIT TO OAKDALE BUSINESS HOUSES

Oakdale, Neb. - (Special)-One of the boldest robberies known in the history of the town was pulled off Monday night. Robbers entered the section house, stole a sledge hammer and a bunch of tools, then went to Main street, broke in the glass door of the Farmers' Union store and entered, breaking open the safe and stealing \$150 and a gold watch. At the Chevrolet garage they got \$6.50 from the safe. At the Malm Drug store they did not succeed in getting the safe open but left it in a badly battered condition. At the blacksmith shop they stole a number of tools, and made their

### RANDOLPH PRIEST IS

SENT TO HARTINGTON
Randolph, Neb. — (Special) —
Rev. Bernard H. Lordeman, Catholic pastor here for 16 years has been appointed by Bishop Rummel of Omaha to be pastor of Holy Trinity church at Hartington. While here Father Lordeman erected a fine church and has been active in community affairs. He will be succeeded here by Rev. B. H. Teves formerly at Petersburg and Fordyce

Rev. J. T. Bernauer, acting pastor of Holy Trinity since Rev. F Schnuet'gen resigned, has not yet been assigned to a parish. Rev Father Brennekant who has been assisting at Hartington has gone to a small church near Lincoln.

### FARM NEAR LYONS SELLS AT \$151 PER ACRE

Lyons, Neb. — (Special) — At public auction the Peter Froid farm southwest of here was sold for \$151 an acre. There are 115 acres. It was bought by Gus Froid and Mrs. George Osberg. The sale was held to settle the Froid estate. It is said by those who know land values that the farm is worth much more

Q. What was Douglas Fairbanks real name? R. L. F.

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### United States Needs Courage to Face and Admit Economic Facts

Stephen Bell, in Commerce and Finance.

One of our English subscribers who has been on a rather extended tour of the United States and Canada, visiting not only the cotton belt but the middle west and Pacific coast, keeping his eyes and ears open as he traveled, called on us recently for a chat before sailing for home. His comments on things American were so interesting and novel that we have presumed to write the following in the form of an interview.

"You Americans, by and large, are a queer lot."
"Well," we replied, "it has sometimes seemed to us that
even Englishmen have their peculiarities. What is it about

us that has struck you as particularly queer?"

"A number of things. For one, your apparent fear of facing the real facts and truth about the state of business

and your sublime confidence in faith cure as a remedy for business troubles."

"Confidence in faith cure? We don't quite get you."

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"Exactly. Your newspapers and business journals are full of it, talking voluminously and most persuasively of the 'psychological factor' as a business depressant. They believe, or affect to believe, that by painting the picture in brighter colors than it really is they are helping to restore the lost prosperity, though they have little knowledge of how prosperity came to need restoring.

"Everything of a bearish nature seems taboo, and only prophecies of a 'constructive nature' that tell of good times coming are in demand by the business press. Your government especially seems to foster this disposition. Your president addresses the bankers in Cleveland, playing up all the favorable things he can think of and minimizing the unfavorable, but saying nothing at all of the factors that are holding back business recovery as if he feared their mention would magnify their malign power. His secretary of agriculture manifests a strong desire to find a scapegoat on which to lay the blame for the failure of the Farm Board and other government agencies to sustain the prices of wheat, cotton and other things.

"I find that the press of Great Britain has been much misunderstood in this country because of its indomitable determination to draw as accurate a picture of the real business situation as is humanly possible. When and where it finds the situation black, it says so, believing that a knowledge of the truth affords the surest way to finding a remedy for it. We carry into the business situation the same principle that was invoked by Marshal Haig when he declared that our troops were 'fighting with their backs to the wall.' With this knowledge before us, we buckled up as we never would have done had he assured us the situation was "well in hand.'

"Your avoidance of the fundamental factors that bring business depression is another manifestation of your queerness. It is no secret that your agricultural depression is due more to the inflation of farm land values far beyond the possible returns of farming operations than to any other one cause, but no one, apparently, dares to assert publicly that business depression is due to the inflation of urban land values and rents. Both these overheads must be deflated before business can really recover.

"What you in this country need perhaps more than anything else is some strong, opinioned Jeremiahs who don't care a whoop whether they please the public fancy or not, who will tell you the truth about things.

### TO SO HAVE LIVED.

Three of us went last Saturday
To hunt the festive pheasant;
It was a golden autumn day
And everything was pleasant.
And then the car began to miss,
Although a model "A,"
And we could barely creep along
The graveled right of way.

At Viborg then we found a man
Who shortly made it pur,
But not before the town had learned
Just who and what we were:
Nor is that quite exactly right,
But over one of us,
The town was quickly all aflame,

As him they all discussed.

For Doctor Jim and Lawyer Sam
They had no special use;
But Doctor Jepson there must stop—
They'd hear of no excuse.
For 40 years they'd called on him,
Nor ever called in vain;
No stricken soul in all that town,

But he had eased its pain.

And stop we did, the three of us,
And in the softest beds
We soon had stretched our weary

And rested greying heads.

Next morn the town was up betimes
And at the oreak of dawn,
With joyous greetings still kept up,
The pheasant ount was on.

Who shot those birds I'll never tell—
It makes no never mind—
But to our car the best of them
Their way would quickly find.
We had our limit very soon,
No further need to stay.
But it was hours after that

Nor could we go till we agreed
To come again, and soon:
Our promises were all received
As some new sort of boon.

As some new sort of been.

Now looking back, I wish I'd lived
So that in my own name,
Someway, somewhere, just half
that crowd

## Might pay me such acciaim. —Sam Page.

Mrs. McCormick Discredited.
From New York Times.
The press will hardly agree with Mrs. McCormick that it is being "throttled" by the four members of the Senate committee investigating her campaign expenditures and activities who have said:
We have not at any time spied

on Mrs. McCormick. We have not tapped her wires. We have not read her correspondence, either private or official. We did not rifle her files+++nor have we, or any one of us, or any agent for the had knowledge of any such acts.

That denial is categorical. To controvert it indisputable evidence is required—some form of legal proof that the committee statement is untruthful and that Mrs. McCormick's complaints have foundation. The Senators have properly notified publishers that libel laws

# mittee or its agents have been guilty of criminal acts. Newspapers Shabby Aftermath.

operate against any who print un-

supported charges that the com-

There is plenty of enthusiasm lisplayed about putting up posters, political and otherwise, and the hammers ring out right merrily, but taking them down after they have served their purpose is quite another matter. When election is over, or an amusement attraction passes into history, the posters advertising the event remain in their places to become weather beaten and to flap disconsolately in the wind. These old advertisements add nothing to the beauty of a city or the surrouning countryside. As a matter of facet, they are eyesores. They should be removed as soon as they have served their purpose and.

with a sense of fair play will have no quarrel with that. But whenever Mrs. McCormick can bring to any courageous newspaper real proof to sustain the assertions she has been making, she will find that the press has not been "throttled" by Senators Nye, Dale, Wagner and Dill

Instead of being "throttled." the American press would be relieved if this din of charge and denial be-tween Mrs. McCormick and the Senate committee should die away. It may be that for a time it was good politics for her to tilt against the committee. At the outset Senator Nye undoubtedly showed feeling against Mrs.4 McCormick. For a time she may have seemed a regular Republican set upon, despite her sex, by an insurgent one. But Senator Dale of Vermont is no insurgent, and he joined in the statement. The performance has gone on so long, with so little evidence to sustain the protest of Mrs. Mc-Cormick, that it must be the bore to Illinois voters which it undoubtedly has become to the rest of the country.

### Destroying Food. From Los Angeles Record

From Los Angeles Record.
California this year is producing
2,000,000 tons of grapes.
The federal farm board, believing
the price will be low, okehs destruction of 300,000 tons of grapes in order to boost the price level.

This may be good economics, but you will never make the man-in-the-street believe that a deliberate destruction of food, while thousands are hungry, is anything but a crime. It is a crime, and the federal farm board, already preaching sabotage unchecked, is a party to it.

Owen D. Young has a much clearer conception of things when he

"If America starts to burn surplus wheat and des'roy surplus food when people are hungry elsewhere, that fire will start a conflagration we cannot stop. If America burns surplus cotton when people are unclothed elsewhere in the world, that fire will start a conflagration was a conflagration with the start and the start and

Ilagration we cannot stop."

There is only one thing to do with a surplus, says the wise Mr. Young: "Sell it!"

The farm board thinks only of

The farm board thinks only of today; only of a few people; only of the welfare of one class.

Young thinks for tomorrow; and of the welfare of all classes.

### A Lesson in Bridge.

From Detroit News.

Another lesson one has to learn by more or less bitter experience is that an ability to shuffle a deck of cards like a vaudeville magician doesn't necessarily make your partner a swell bridge player.

But the Dear Things Crave Happiness, Not Comfort, You Know!

A news heading states that "Insanity Increases." No wonder. Women, who have the coolest cleanest, most comfortable and cheapest styles of dress, want to don men's clumsy, hottest, ungainly, homely and awkward overalls. Ye Goda!—Lake Andes (S. D.) Wave.

it would seem, this task should be imposed upon those who put them up in the first place and benefited by them. Even in their pristine state, they offend the esthetic sanse, but when they are reduced to tatters by the elements they are things of depressing ugliness.

### Supreme Test

From Netenkraker, Amsterdam
Chief: I want you to prove your
powers as a salesman. Just sell that
gentleman some of those cigars.
Salesman: But I sold him some

of them last week, Chief: That is the test

### LAMONT ENTRY PICKED

FOR CHAMPION STEER
Omaha, Neb.,——Robert P.
Lamont, jr., son of the secretary of
commerce Thursday, placed among
the major winners at the Ak Sar
Ben stock show here when his Hereford entry, "Mischief" was named
grand champion steer of the stock
exhibition. Lamont's ranch is at
Larkspur, Colo.

"Mischief" sold for 95 cents a pound at auction after his victory.

The University of Wyoming entry Rosie Herrier was named reserve grand champion steer. He was also champion short horn steer of the show. The champion Angus steer was College Marshall, shown by the Colorado Agricultural college Fort Collins, Colorado.

# SERVES FLOCK HALF CENTURY

# Bancroft, Neb., Minister. Recalls Incidents of Pioneer Days

Bancroft, Neb.,—(Special)—Rev. William Harms, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church, seven miles southwest of Bancroft, has been pastor of that church for the past 50 years. He was born in Hancver, Germany and when 13 years of age came to America. He received the degree of M. A. from the Lutheran college of Watertown, Wis., and his theological training at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. In the year 1880, he received a call to his present church which at that time had only 13 members.

In speaking of those early days, he said, "Bancroft, Bermer, and



### REV. WILLIAM HARMS

Pender did not exist. Pender was an Indian reservation. There were no section roads. The railroad went as far as Lyons. That first winter was a bad one. We were burning corn to keep warm and cook our meals. The Indian reservation was burned off and all the snow drifted into our community. My sister was keeping house for me, and we had warning that a severe storm was approaching. As we had only enough corn left to cook two meals. we decided it would be best to go to a neighbor's house. We stayed with the neighbors for six weeks. No one could get to town. As I had six sacks of fleur, they were distributed to all the neighbors to keep them in food till the weather was better. We had to go through the hay loft to get to the cattle, there was so much snow around the barn. But we lived through it, and it was a

great experience."

The first church building used by this congregation was 20 feet wide and 30 feet long. This building served as church, school, and parsonage. A room 12 feet by 20 feet in the same building served as parlor, bedroom, kitchen, and study. Because of the gradual increase in members, a new building was erected in 1885 and another in 1900.

During the 50 years of his ministry Rev. Mr. Harms has baptised 1300 children and confirmed 700, performed more than 200 marriages, administered communion to 30,000 communicants, and officiated at nearly 300 funerals. Besides the church work the community a two room school where two teachers are kept busy teaching the grades, Bible history, and catechism.

Rev. Mr. Harms feels satisfied

Bible history, and catechism.

Rev. Mr. Harms feels satisfied that he has done the right thing by staying on the one field so long and says, "I would do it again. My people are doing fairly well toward the church and are paying \$10 per member toward missions. They can do this, for we have had no complete crop failure during these 50

At a recent district convention, he was given a purse of \$500 to take a trip to Germany. As he mentioned this, his face showed his happiness over a work well done. Thin he raid, "I do not know whether I will go or not. I got my wife from there; but things are so different now. Germany is not the Germany that I knew."

### HOOPER GIRL WINNER IN MIDLAND MUSICAL TEST

Fremont, Neb. — (Special) — Making a score of 94, Mildred Schwab, Hooper freshman, took first place among 125 Midland college students who took native musical ability tests under the direction of Prof. Oscar Lyders, director of the school of fine arts, recently. The group, composed of freshmen and students trying out for the acappella choir, averaged 59. One hundred is a perfect secre. Miss Schwab received a \$10 mize for her achievement

# WILL AUCTION 9,000 TURKEYS

### North Platte Co-Operative Group Seeks High Bid on Holiday Birds

Scottsbluff, Neb.—(UP)—Approximately 9,000 turkeys will go on sale here Friday as the sale of the turkeys of the North Platte Co-operative Poultry Marketing association is held.

Bids on five carloads of the festive bird were rejected by the marketing committee of the association earlier this week when unsettled market conditions just preceding the election produced prices that were not acceptable to the sellers. Although the turkeys have not been sold as yet, the following loading points and dates are an-

nounced: Lusk and Sidney, Monday, November 10; Bridgeport and Scottsbluff, Tuesday, November 11; Torrington, Monday and Tuesday, November 10 and 11. The approximate value of the turkeys to be sold is \$30,000.

### IOWA EXHIBITORS WIN

PRIZES AT AK-SAR-BEN
Omaha, Neb.— --Iowa exhibitors snared the greatest number of
grand championship awards in the
million dollar Ak-Sar-Ben stock
show here Monday, the Hawkeye
state exhibitors taking six grand

championships.

Grand championship awards were: F. W. Hubbell of Des Moines, grand champion Shorthorn bull; C. O. Graves of Georgetown, Ky., grand champion Hereford bull; Elliot Brown of Rosehill, Ia., grand champion Aberdeen-Angus bull; Wayland Hopley of Atlantic, Ia., junior grand champion Aberdeen-Angus bull; Allen Cattle company of Colorado Springs, Colo., junior grand champion Shorthorn bull: Tracey and Warye stock farm of Nashua, Ia., grand champion Red Polled bull; H. P. Olson, Alton, Ill., junior grand champion Red Polled bull.

bull.

In the lamb division the University of Nebraska swept all honors, while E. L. Lambert and Son of Corning, Ia., exhibited the grand champion and Junior grand champion in the Percheron horse division.

BUY NOW" CAMPAIGN IS
SPONSORED BY ORPHANS
Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Omaha is in
the midst of a "Buy-Now" campaign which has been designated by
the Omaha Chamber of Commerce

publicity bureau as a means of overcoming business depression.

Newspapers, radio stations and all business houses are co-operating in making the campaign a success. Placards are appearing in store windows, while motion picture houses are running trailers advising patrons to "buy-now" and 200,000 etter stickers and inserts have been ordered and will be distributed to

Omaha business houses.

Among the organizations who have indorsed the plan are the Omaha Engineers club and the Lions club.

### PROPOSED GAS RATES ARE

REJECTED AT FAIRBURY
Fairbury, Neb.—(UP)—After several months of consideration, the
city council Wednesday refused to
accept the proposed rates of the
Peoples Natural Gas company, purchasers of the Fairbury Gas com-

pany.
The gas company had made more than \$30,000 worth of improvements in the Fairbury company, and the council was unable to compromise on rates, there being a difference of about \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet. The council rates were 10 per cent more than at Belleville, Kan.

The gas company's offices were moved to Auburn. The company continues to supply this city with artificial gas through the local plant.

#### IEKAMAH STOCKMAN TO EXHIBIT AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Iil.— (UP)— Blue ribbons at the International Livestock exposition in Chicago will be coming back to Nebraska, according to the show officials this week who are completing the entry lists. The show opens November 29.

H. C. Stork of Tekamah, Neb., is the latest purebred stock grower to enter the show. The Burt county farmer will show a herd of prizewinning Polled Shorthorn cattle at the International.

The herd of 12 cattle shown by Stork will be entered in competition with cattle from every section of the country and Canada. Last year the cattle of this breed were shown from eight states.

#### FORMER HARTINGTON MAN RISES WITH PATHE FIRM

Hartington Neb.—(Special)—Robert S. Eallentyne, who was born here and later moved to Norfolk, is now midwestern division manager of the Pathe Exchange, Inc., one of the largest film companies in America.

Ballantyne after going to Norfolk managed a theater there. Then
he became manager of the Mutual
Film company of Omaha. In 1913
he became manager of the Des
Moines office of the organization
and when the Omaha and Des
Moines offices were merged, he became manager, in Ocaha.

### NEBRASKA MAN RAISES

### OWN CIGAR MATERIALS

Wayne, Neb.—(Special)—William Fehrs, of Leslie precinct, raises his own tobacco and makes cigars for his own use. The tobacco stalk is about the size of a cornstalk and bears a cluster of pink flowers which form seed pods at the top of the stalk. The leaves are large and long, each stalk bearing several. The lower leaves, which are

the largest, are best for eigars.

Fehrs dries the others and feeds
them to his chickens and hogs