

### Women Driving South Dakota Cars Solicit for Magazine

Hebron, Neb. -(Special)- Two women driving large automobiles with Dakota licenses have been defrauding farmers near here. They pose as solicitors for magazine subscriptions, taking poultry in payment. At one place they got three chickens and at another five for the same magazine. The publication has never arrived.

Inquiries sent to the publishers brought the response that they had no traveling solicitors.

A stranger called at the Dale Wills farm offering to "doctor" his chick-ens. Being told that the chickens were well, he insisted on seeing them. The next day the family went to town and when they returned, found 40 of the chickens missing

In the vicinity of Shelton a man has been soliciting money, clothing, chickens and other articles at farm homes, claiming to be a member of the Salvation Army. Officials of the organization later said the man had no connection with them. He was said to have worked the same scheme near Norfolk.

### THESE HOLDUP MEN CHANGED THEIR MIND

Omaha, Neb.--"It's tough to lose dough when times are so hard," remarked Frank Steinkamp, Taxi driver, as he handed over \$15 to two fares who had held him up after a long ride to the outskirts of the city. The holdup men looked at each other.

"It sure is," one replied. "Say, here's your money back. Now, just drive us back to town."

Not so tough, thought Steinkamp as he started back. About half way in, however, he ran out of gas.

'Gimme back that \$15, this looks like a stall," the bandit spokesman said. After futilely trying to start the

car, the holdupmen set out on foot for the business district.

#### DIVIDENDS PAID BY

CLOSED NEBRASKA BANKS Lincoln, Neb, -(Special)- Payments to depositors in failed state banks during the month of December totaled \$229,792, according to an announcement by Secretary Bliss of the department of trade and commerce. Payments are made from

#### STORE AT HOMER, NEB., VISITED BY ROBBERS

Homer, Neb. - (Special) - The Farmers' Co-Operative store was robbed New Year's Eve. The case containing all accounts and some cash was found Thursday morning near a schoolhouse, a mile and a half east of Homer. The accounts were unmolested but the cash was missing. A couple of hundred dollars worth of merchandise had been piled in the store by the bandits for further pillaging which was prevented by Alfred McInroy, night watchman

A car belonging to Frank Fletcher was stolen from in front of the dance hall and used by the burglars. Pursued by Mr. McInroy, the car was abandoned between the Security State bank and the Homer Star office, as the thieves disappeared into the dance hall nearby.

## **ALL TEACHERS HAVE WARNING**

#### Knox County Superintendent Tells of Work of of Swindling Agents

Center, Neb.-(Special) - County Superintendent Tunberg has mailed to every rural teacher in the county a letter warning them to give the "cold shoulder" to all salesmen, agents and peddlers. Several boards and teachers have recently been victimized by glib salesmen of magazines and books.

In three recent cases, rural teachers were given the idea by a magazine salesman that the county superintendent had sent him out. The teachers subscribed and a big commission went to the agent.

Last summer a salesman out of Denver, claiming to represent a Buffalo, N. Y., firm sold several rural boards sets of books, for a young people's library. The set was to contain 20 volumes. Some of the schools got their books and others did not. The same agent or agents victimized a number of Pierce county school boards. A Nebraska farm publication sent a detective into the county to make an investigation of the results of which are not yet announced.

#### HE USED GASOLINE IN KINDLING FIRE

Hartington, Neb. - (Special) -H. C. Nelson, farmer near here, is in a critical condition in the St John's hospital suffering from burns, He in a tank heater and after throwing some cobs into the heater threw in some gasoline and smoldering sparks ignited the gas and a can of gasoline exploded. The burning liquid was thrown over him. His wife came to his rescue and helped get him into a tank of water. His clothing was all burned away from the body and his body is badly burned from the shoulders to his shoes. His condition is considered

#### **O'NEILL FRONTIER**

## Try This as Part of Daily Dozen



#### H. E. MANN LIFTING HIS 600-POUND BULL By NEA Service

Memphis, Tenn-Somebody once, mapped out his routine. old H. E. Mann that if you take Thereafter, day after day, he went some animal when it is very young to the pen and hoisted the puzzled and small and lift it off its feet bull calf to his shoulders. Just to every day, and keep on doing it keep his hand in, he did it eight while the animal grows toward ma- times a day, between his other turity and sophistication, you will jobs. be able to pick the animal up when | Time passed, and the bull grew it is fully grown, no matter how big it is.

Mr. Mann, having an inquiring and Mann got stronger. mind, decided to test this theory. He lives on a farm near here, and today weighs 600 pounds-and Mann among the animals on his farm was can still pick it up and put it on a bull calf. This calf was, at the his shoulders. time, a clumsy litle thing weighing up again. It was still easy. So he to lift it, but I hope I can."

and grew. And every day it got picked up by Mann. It got heavier

Now comes the climax. The bull

"I don't know what I will do if only 50 pounds. Mann picked it up. that bull gets to weigh a thousand It was easy. Next day he picked it pounds," se says. "I may not be able

### PRODUCE SURPLUS CROPS FOR INDUSTRY, ADVICE OF CHEMIST

returns."

By NEA Service New York-The chemical industry, through its consumption of farm products, will be the savior of agriculture in the near future, according to Dr. William J. Hale of Midland, Mich., who recently addressed the American Chemical society here.

Stuart, Neb. - The first "harvest" at a silver fox ranch here resulted in a shipment consisting of 80 sil-

SILVER FOX FARM

ver fox pelts. More than 300 silver foxes were kept in the pens for propagation purposes. Ten coyotes raised from pups as an experiment were killed and skinned. All the animals pelted were gassed to death to prevent needless suffering.

SHIPS 80 PELTS

**PAY HONOR TO FIRST MARTYR** 

#### Bishop Rummel of Omaha Starts Movement for Event in 1942

Omaha, Neb. - (UP) - A move-ment to honor the first Catholic martyr to give his life for the spread of the faith in territorial United States has been started here. Eishop Joseph F. Hummel of the Omaha diocese has instituted an inquiry which is expected to disclose the approximate location where Padre Juan De Padilla of the Franciscan order fell pierced by the arrows of hostile Indians in 1542 -50 years after Columbus discovered America.

Historians differ on where the martyrdom took place but the concensus of opinion seems to be that it happened in Nebraska, although some investigators maintain that the panhandle of Texas is where De Padilla died.

The late Monsignor M. A. Shine of Plattsmouth, Neb., who during his lifetime delved deeper than any other Nebraskan into the Catholic history of his state came to the conclusion that the martyrdom occurred in Cass county, southeastern Nebraska, a short distance south of the Platte river.

Rev. Zephyrine Engelhart, O. F. M., of the old mission at Santa Barbara, Cal., famed historian of the Franciscan order, agreed with Monsignor Shine.

The Catholic Encyclopedia gives the location as Hall county, central Nebraska, of which Grand Island is the county seat. Those who believe De Padilla fell

in the Texas panhandle include Rev. Dr. Paul J. Foik, C. S. C., of the Texas Knights of Columbus Historical commission who has just published a booklet on the subject, and D. Donoghue, Fort Worth.

All agree, however, that De Padilla was undoubtedly the first martyr to fall within the territorial limits of the United States.

# **TO POST WITH NEW GOVERNOR**

#### Former County Judge Becomes Bryan's Secretary for Short Period

Lincoln, Neb. — (Special)—Judge F. C. Radke of Tecumseh, former state representative from Cedar county, has been appointed to serve as private secretary to Governor-Elect Bryan for a period of three months.

Judge Radke was Mr. Bryan's secretary during his former admin-Istration and accepted the present appointment at the low salary of \$2,640 a year as a special favor to the governor-elect.

Judge Radke also served as a member of the 1919-20 constitutional convention, acted as county judge of Johnson county after moving to Tecumseh, and is at the present time city attorney there. Radke also has a World war service record.

#### NEW POLICE CHIEF NAMED AT FREMONT

Fremont, Neb. - (Special)-James Sylvis, patrolman on the Fremont police force for only 20 months, has received the appointment as chief of police from Mayor John F. Rohn. He will succeed Jack Gallagher, who becomes sheriff.

Three vacancies were left on the police force by the promotion of Sylvis and the appointment of John Kassebaum and C. A. Bertram as deputy sheriffs. New policemen appointed to fill the vacancies are Robert Dorsett, Robert Millard and Emil Diedrichs.

#### BARBER KILLS WIFE AND FATALLY WOUNDS SELF

Clay Center, Neb. — Carl Axtel, 46 years old, shot and killed his wife, Florence, 38 years old, in a barber shop here Wednesday night and then fatally wounded himself with a small caliber revolver. Axtel had operated the barber shop for about a year, but left when he and his wife separated three weeks ago. Four children survive.

#### HIS EYEBALL PENETRATED BY BARB ON WIRE

Battle Creek, Neb. - William Clasy, 68 years old, may lose the hight of one eye, due to stumbling and falling into a barbed wire fence. one of the barbs penetrating the eyeball.

The patient is in Omaha, where eye specialists think it probable that the eye will have to be removed.

assets of banks liquidated by the receivership division. The total dividends for the year

1930 are \$7,496,410. Included in the payments for December are the Meisner State bank of Shelton, 5 per cent, \$14,844.41; Citizens State bank of Butte, 6 per cent, \$5,787.66; and the smallest dividend of all to the State Ban .: or Havens, which was \$2,687.36.

#### TO CONSIDER PLANS FOR BRIDGE AT OMAHA

Kansas City, Mo. - (Special) -The application of Charles B. Morearty, for approval by the chief of engineers, and the secretary of war, of plans of a highway bridge to be constructed across the Missouri river, at South Omaha, Neb., will be considered at a public hearing on the subject, to be held by a board of officers of the corps of engineers, United States army, appointed for the purpose, in the Auditorium of the Live Stock Exchange building, in South Omaha, Neb, at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, January 14, 1931.

The plans submitted by the applicant show the bridge will be constructed over the Missouri river at South Omaha, Neb., approximately 655.5 miles above the mouth. The bridge will consist of an approach viaduct on the right or west end, or approximately 1,400 feet, composed of 100-feet and 20-feet stool spans on concrete pedestals; seven overhead truss spans, each having h horizontal clearance of 383 feet at standard low water, and a minimum vertical clearance of 52.5 feet above standard high water elevation of 558.5 feet above the St. Louis directrix and 972.03 feet above mean gulf level datum at Biloxi, Miss., (determination of 1917); and an approacn on the left or east end, of approximately 490 feet, composed of 100-feet, 50-feet, and 25-feet, steel spans on concrete pedestals. The over-all length of the bridge between abutments will be approximately 4,662 feet. The west or right approach and the seven overhead truss spans will be level. The east or left approach will be on a 5 per cent up-grade toward the bridge.

Plans are on file and may be seen at the United States engineer office, room 707 Postal Telegraph building, Kansas City, Mo.

PIONEER OF KNOX

COUNTY PASSES AWAY Creighton, Neb.-(Special)-Jacob Dickman, 96 years old, Creighton's oldest resident, died here of old age and complication. He had been in failing health for some time and lost his sight 11 years ago. His wife, who is 91 years old, survives, together with six daughters and three sons. He was a Knox county pioneer, coming here in 1882.

#### KNOX COUNTY FAIR BOARD HOLDS MEETING

Bloomfield, Neb .- (Special)-The directors of the Knox County Fair association held a meeting at the Bloomfield city hall. The 1931 fair budget was made and delegates to the state convention of the Nebraska Agricultural society were named.

#### SICK CHILDREN

If children are laid up in bed for a day or so, a package of pipe cleaners or a wad of modelling clay will amuse them. They can make all kinds of figures from either, if

### OMAHA MAN TO BE

sarious.

NEW STATE SHERIFF Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-Michael L. Endres, of Omaha, will succeed W. C. Condit, of Fremont, as head of the Nebraska department of law enforcement. Appointment of Endres as state sheriff, succeeding Condit, as announced by Gov.-elect Charles Bryan.

There will be no change in the salary received by Endres as compared with the salary received by the present state sheriff, Bryan said. The present salary is \$4,000. In all previous appointments, made by the incoming governor, with the exception of the tentative appointment of his own secretary, salaries have been reduced.

In commenting on the appointment. Bryan said the selection of Endres was a matter of the office seeking the man, Endres having made no effort to secure the position as head of the law enforcement bureau.

Personnel of the state sheriff's office will remain unchanged for the present. Bryan said, unless members of the staff express a desire to leave. Endres will assume office January 9, the day following Bryan's inauguration.

Endres was formerly a sheriff and treasurer of Douglas county. He was elected Douglas county sheriff in 1922 and served for four years.

#### WOMAN TO ANSWER FOR HUSBAND'S DEATH

Plattsmouth, Neb. - Mrs. Inas Wever, 27 years old, wife of George Wever, whose death occurred under mysterious circumstances December 9, is to be tried on a murder charge. Outcome of a preliminary hearing held here Tuesday, County Judge A. H. Duxbury announced the decision that Mrs. Wever must be bound over to the district court.

Arraignment before District Judge Begley was made immediately, and the date of the trial set for January 19.

Mrs. Wever explained that her husband's death was due to excessive alcoholism. Two Plattsmouth druggists have testified that she bought poison from them "to kill rats."

#### CRIPPLED MAN TAKES UP OTHER WORK

Callaway, Neb. - (Special) - A five year fight to overcome the handicap resulting from being crippled in an accident when he fell while working on a telephone pole near Friend, has been won by J. S. L. Thomas, who is now a trained watch and jewelry repairer. The rehabilitation division of the telephone company supplied him with the necessary tools. The company also assisted him in arranging for stock and equipment. He is now carrying on his own jewelry busi-

Surpluses of corn, wheat, oats and other farm products will be taken care of by the demand of the organic chemistry industry, and thus the evil which has periodically caused the lowering of farm prices and incomes of farmers will be eliminated, Hale thinks.

Foreign countries are producing grain enough for their own consumption and many of them are exporting their products. It leaves a smaller market for the surplus of the United States, and a larger surplus to gather and lower farm prices. Then is when chemistry, in the growing competition between the carbohydrate industries using chemical products obtained from grain, such as starch, steps in and buys up the surplus.

#### To Solve Farm Problem?

"Our agriculturalists should cease trying to sell staples in a world market," Hale says. "We are not world agriculturalists. Since the World war we actually have become world industrialists.

"By turning our agrictural products into chemical utilization at home the socalled farm problem becomes a relic of the past. Through closely interlocked chemical processes, as applied to agricultural staples, we shall unfold a new era in our food industries.'

Hale asserts that the chemical use of corn in starch manufacture would rest upon the lowering of the price of corn. Industrialists are striving toward this end, and if not attained, chemists will endeavor to find some other source of starch or synthesize the starch itself.

"In the light of such activity, what hope has the farmer for con-tinuing cultivation of corn?" Hale asks. "It were better for him to lower the cost of rasing corn in order that the selling price might more reasonably approach its actual worth from a chemical standpoint.

**Profit from Low Prices** Profit to the farmer, even at low prices, will result, the chemist believes, from the application of industrial methods.

"Thus, our corn crop, by way of illustration, should be grown primarily for the industries described," he says.

"So great is the industrial utilization of carbohydrates to become that we in this country must prepare ourselves for the importation of enormous quantities of agricultural staples in the not far-distant future.

"Our agriculturalists will particularly welcome the importation of such staples as require careful cultivation and enter directly as such into the manufacture of foods, thus

Shift on "State Rights." From the Pathfinder.

Just as furmy and just as true as General Scott's famous state-ment that the tariff was a local issue is that fact that the question of state's rights is also a local is-

In the old days the foremost de-fenders of the rights of the states were in the south, for the south then had something which it feared to lose if the federal government continued to demand its domain and power. Now practically all of the states' rights talk has shifted to the north while the south is al-

## Butterfat Higher **During November**

permitting our farmers to produce

those staples demanded in greater

quantities for the chemical indus-

tries and yielding higher financial

Ames, Ia .- The freshening of a large number of cows in test associations and the seasonal upward trend in production resulted in an increase in butterfat production during November, according to the report of Iowa Cow Testing associations.

The average production of the associations ranged from two to three pounds of fat per cow higher than in October, while the high herds averaged two to four pounds heavier according to the report. A total of 2,692 cows produced 40 pounds or more butterfat, compared to 2,-521 in October. The production also shows a slight increase over November, 1929.

The seven high producing associations for November and the average butterfat production per cow follow: North Tama, 26.3; Story No. 2, 26.2; Bueana Vista, 25.8; Johnson No. 1, 25.3; Linn No. 1, 25.1, and Fremont-Page, 24.8.

#### Noted Traveler to Speak At Farm and Home Week

Ames, Ia. - Francis A. Flood world traveler and writer for farm papers, has been secured to speak at one of the mass meeting programs during the annual Farm and Home week at Iowa State college, February 2 to 7.

Mr. Flood will speak Tuesday evening, February 3, on his experiences in South America, emphasizing the agriculture and life in the Argentine. The talk will be inustrated with pictures taken in the various countri€s and the jungles of South America. At the 1929 farm and home short course Mr. Flood discussed his trip around the world

Moscow - (UP) - A large number of specialists in the textile industry have been arrested in recent weeks, charged with economic counter-revolution. Some of them, according to reports, held high positions of trust.

Investigation of their alleged sabotage is still under way and the arrest of additional persons involved in their activities is likely.

While no announcement has been made, there is said to be evidence that some of these specialists received substantial presents from foreign firms.

states which hate the Eighteenth amendment are talking loudly about how the federal government has usurped the rights of the states to regulate their own affairs. The southern states being generally dry do not feel aggrieved this time, so are saying nothing. So let states' rights be added to the list of local issues.

The Reason. From Buen Humor, Madrid. "I can't think why the boys make so much fuss about Miss Smith's voice. Miss Jones has a much rich-

er voice." "Yes, but Miss Smith has a much

Bishop Rummel became interested during the Eucharistic congress here last fall. He has requested Rev. Alfred Kauffman, professor of history at Creighton university and Rev. Eugene Hagedorn of Humphrey, Neb., state historian for the Franciscans to thoroughly investigate with the idea in view of properly celebrating the 400th anniversary of the martyrdom in 1942.

#### NEBRASKA SECOND AS PRODUCER OF SUGAR

Lincoln, Neb .- The state publicity department has announced that since 1910 Nebraska has been the second largest producer of beet sugar, being surpassed only by Colorado. Six sugar beet factories are operated in the North Platte valley and one at Grand Island. Along with the growing of beets, the stock feeding industry in the North Platte territory has increased, the department said. Thousands of head of cattle sheep and hogs have been brought into the territory adjacent to the sugar beet factories and fattened on the beet pulp, thus putting a waste product to use.

This year the state marketed its second largest crop. The contract price this year for beets was \$7 a ton. With 65,000 acres of Nebraska land in beets, a crop was produced which yielded 2,500,000 bags of sugar. The Grand Island factory got the crop from about 12.000 acres of land while the North Platte section grew the rest. From this source of income there came into the pockets of Nebraska beet growers, the announcement said, a gross income of approximately \$7,000,000.

CHEVENNE FARMERS TO

**OPPOSE ROAD PROGRAM** Sidney, Neb. - (UP) - Cheyenne county farmers have voiced a united protest against the proposer five year Nebraska road program, as recently outlined by State Engineer Roy Cochran.

Too flagrant exclusion of western Nebraska highway needs in the proposed program is given by the farmers as the basis of their objection. Aid of civic clubs is said to be sought by the farm groups to organize what they hope will be an effective protest.

Already "up in arms" over what they have termed "an unjust gas tax system," the farmers point to the enormous amount of gasoline tax remitted from the panhandle each year, claiming "there is not enough of this money coming back to Cheyenne county and other westerp counties."

The plan outlined would include only 45 miles of pavement in the western section of the state, on a strip from Bridgeport to Alliance. The east-west pavement would end at Ogallala.

#### DEPOSITORS LOOK INTO CONDITION OF BANK

West Point. Neb .- A committee composed of Joseph Jerman, John Clatanoff, Joe Koepping, Pete Thompson and William Keller, acting in the interest of the depositors of the closed Nebraska State bank has been familiarizing itself with the resouces and liabilities of the bank.

Depositors are hopeful of recovering the greater part of their deposits, but the committee has not yet determined what steps to take. The first proposition which the commit-

HIS DEATH PROBABLY DUE TO ACCIDENT

Norfolk, Neb. - The coroner's jury which investigated the death of Theron Spoor, 21 years old, brought in a verdict to the effect that he came to his death by a blow on the back of his head and from phenol poisoning, or both, but not feloniously intended. Spoor was buried at Maryville,

Mo., Tuesday.

It was brought out at the inquest Wednesday that Spoor had trench mouth and had been using a solution of carbolic acid as a mouth wash for some time.

#### OMAHA HAD BETTER YEAR THAN EXPECTED

Omaha, Neb. - (UP) - Admitting that 1930 wasn't so keen from 'a business standpoint, Omaha captains of industry face the new year with a spirit of anticipation and optimism. "Better Times Ahead," became the theme song of these men as they said good-bye to the old year.

A glance at statistics gathered by the publicity bureau of Omaha Chamber of Commerce, however, indicated that the Nebraska metropolis was not so badly hit in 1930 as many had feared.

Bank clearings, bank debits, building operations, wholesaling and retailing fell off, but not as much as had been anticipated. Omaha's position in these items was much better than nearly any other American city.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO **RECEIVE MORE RELICS** 

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-Articles of historical interest concerning the early settling of Nebraska, addresses of reminiscence, and relics of the pioneer era will be presented during the annual meeting here, January 6, of the Nebraska State Historical society.

Meetings of the society will be held on the campus of the Univerly of Nebraska.

William Rickerr, of Columbus, will present the society with an ancient Spanish sword, found in Shell Creek valley and a prehistoric fish hook, fashioned from flint and found in the Nebraska sandhills, will be given to Harry H. Mole, of Lincoln. Presentation of a genealogical library of Mrs. R. J. Kilpatrick will be made by the Kilpatrick family. of Beatrice.

Mrs. Mary Tiehan, of Dawson, will give the society the territorial mill stone, from Richardson county and C. E. Folden, of McCook, will present a painting of the old Union mills, of Cass county.

#### OMAHA POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS ARE HEAVY

Omaha, Neb .- (UP)-There was great rejoicing at Omaha postoffice when it was announced that 1930 receipts will exceed \$3,000,000 for the second time in succession. Last year's receipts totaled \$3,077,000. The reason for the rejoicing was found in the fact that if receipts had fallen short of the \$3,000,000 mark the salaries of Postmaster J. Dean Ringer and many of his supervisors would have been reduced. Heavier than usual Christmas business boosted the figure above the

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## Soviet Textile Experts Arrested for Sabotage



