HEAVY SLUMP IN INSURANCE

Companies Doing Business in Nebraska Hard Hit in 1931

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-Sale of ineurance in Nebraska fell off during 1921 as compared to 1930, according to the report issued by Insurance Commissioner Lee Herd-

During last year, Herdman's report disclosed Nebraskans purchased \$1,599,000,000 of fire insurance, as compared to \$1,689,000,000 purchased during 1930.

For the same year, purchase of \$173,000,000 of life insurance was recorded as against \$242,000,000 purchased in 1930.

Premium collections in Nebraska for 1931, as compared to 1930, were as follows: Nebraska stock life companies, \$5,275,000 collected for 1931 as compared with \$5,685,000 in 1930: Nebraska mutual life companies collected \$2,276,000 for 1931 and \$1.656,000 in 1930; foreign stock companies collected \$6,583,000 in 1931 and \$6,273,000 in 1930; foreign mutuals collected \$14,083,000 in 1931 and \$16,643,000 in 1930.

Seven Nebraska fraternals collected \$1,356,000 in assessments for 1931, as compared to \$1,388,000 in

Stock fire insurance companies suffered heavy loss in premium collections during 1931, Nebraska companies collected \$298,000 in premiums as compared to \$349,000 in 1930. Premium income of foreign stock fire insurance companies fell off from \$8,150,000 to \$6,615,000.

Mutual fire, tornado and hail companies located in Nebraska suffered loss in revenue from \$676,000 to \$586,000. Outside mutuals doing business in the state showed an increase in premiums from \$567,000 in 1930 to \$581,000 in 1931.

Total premium income of all companies was \$54,084,000 for 1931 as compared to \$57,882,000 for 1930.

RECEIVER WILL KEEP HIS POST

Nebraska Supreme Court Decides Against Secretary of Bank Department

Lincoln, Neb.--The Nebraska supreme court Saturday sustained the action of District Judge E. F. Carter of Gering in appointing A. E. Torgason of Scotts Bluff as receiver of seven failed state banks in the Seventeenth judicial district.

Judge Carter refused the application of E. H. Luikart, secretary of the state department of trade and commerce, to be made receiver succeeding Clarence Bliss, his predecessor in office.

The supreme court held that where the liquidation of a state bank is conducted in a court of equity the procedure-is judicial and not executive. The court also ruled that the appointment of a receiver should not be made or controlled by the governor or legislature. A legislative act providing for the appointment of the secretary of the department of trade and commerce as receiver for all insolvent state banks must be regarded as merely a legislation re-commendation to the court, the opinion stated.

WAKEFIELD BOY HAS

HIGH GRADES AT "U." Lincoln, Neb.-Two Iowa students at the University of Nebraska were among the new members of Phi Beta Kappa announced by the Alpha chapter of Nebraska. They were Helen Marr Cassaday of Dennison and Myron Truman Kelley of Allerton. The highest average, 95.94. was held by Miss Helene Cooper of Lincoln and was one of the highest in several years. Others included in the list were Donald George Andersen and Sarah Louise Britton, Fremont: Victoria Shannon Gladfelter and Melva Scudder, Central City: Cordelia Elizabeth Aldersen, Humphrey, and Robert Earle Nuernber ger, Wakefield.

RAILROAD HAS MUCH

WORK IN PROSPECT Norfolk, Neb .- (Special)-Though a spring building program for this district on the Chicago and North Western railroad has not yet been adopted, some work still remains to be completed from the program of last season, according to reports from the office of C. F. Womeldorf. division engineer.

Some steel work in bridges remains to be done in the Fremont district with construction of pile bridges and concrete pipe culverts on the Albion and Winner, S. D., lines. Plans for the new building program which are drawn in Chicago have not yet been received here but notification is expected within a few weeks as to the extent of the work.

Fifty seven high schools will enter the 13th annual interscholastic water meet at Winter Park, Fla. May 7.

REPORT SOME FISH LOST

IN NEBRASKA LAKES

Alnsworth, Neb .- (Special)-G. R. Spencer and Arthur Baldwin, state same commissioners, returned recently from a trip of inspection of Cherry county lakes, and report the loss of fish not excessive in consideration of the severe winter. There has been some less, due to crowding at the points where springs fed the lakes, and there has also been loss in lakes which are overstocked. Due to the drouth, the lakes are

NEBRASKA HAS TROUT FISHING

Drainage Ditches in Western Part of State Said to Be Well Stocked

Minatare, Neb .- Scotts Bluff and Morrill counties are rapidly becoming the trout fisherman's paradise. This may be surprising to those Nebraskans who know that the North Platte river is not a trout stream, and that with the exception of two or three little creeks flowing into it there are really no sizable streams in the whole

territory. But they overlooked the drainage ditches that have been constructed, and these ditches, always running considerable volume of ice cold water, have proved to be ideal for trout culture. These ditches begin near the bluffs overlooking the valley and prevent the irrigated." lands from becoming "seeped." They lead into the river, but the trout refuse to go out. They remain in the congenial water of the ditches, where they have multiplied at a wonderful rate.

Two-pound rainbows seem as common as bullheads in eastern ponds, and it is indeed a poor fly caster who cannot get a goodly mess of trout within an hour or two in any one of the several drainage ditches within a few miles of this or other cities between Bridgeport and Torrington.

One of the natural streams in Scotts Bluff county, Tub creek, a small stream that an athletic boy can jump across, is a favorite trout stream. It is a few miles northwest of Scottsbluff.

Several years ago the North Platte river offered excellent pike fishing, but of late years diversion dams have prevented them from traveling upstream, and they have ilmost wholly disappeared.

WILL PRESENT PASSION PLAY

Bayard, Neb., Makes Preparations to Entertain 40,000 Persons

Bayard, Neb. - (UP) - Accommodations are being made for 40,-000 persons to witness the 11th annual outdoor Passion play presentation, near here on the nights of June 14, 15, 16 and 17.

The play, "The Gift of God," will be presented by a cast of 150 characters. John the Eaptist, one of the outstanding characters in last year's presentation, will be portrayed by Lawrence Nye, Nebraska Wesleyan interstate champion orator. Musical talent from Wesleyan will be featured also. Singers from Scottsbluff, Gering, Minatare, Bridgeport, Alliance and Bayard churches will constitute the hidden choir.

A natural amphitheater near here will be the scene of the presenta-

DAMAGE SUIT RESULTS FROM ALLEGED KIDNAPING

Aurora, Neb. - Laurel Morrison, recent "kidnap victim," who returned home after attending a beauty culture school in Lincoln for two days is being sued by Mrs. Malinda Wahl, her sisterinlaw and former business partner, and receiver of the ransom note demanding \$1,-

Mrs. Wahl asks \$5,000, claiming malicious conspiracy and threats. The note received was in Miss Morrison's handwriting and demanded that \$1,000 be mailed to her in care of general delivery, at Lincoln, at once. Should she fail to do this, the note said, great harm would come to herseif and family.

Miss Morrison still claims to have been kidnaped and tried to find cabins and cafes where she said she had been held.

PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULT CHARGE

Center, Neb. - (Special) -Harold "Pete" Mackey pleaded guilty in county court here to assault on Dr. R H Burrell of Creighton, with intent to rob and will be sentenced by a district judge

Mackey was returned here from Sioux Falls where he had completed a year and a half sentence for stealing a car

He was living in Creighton with his brother, Elmer Mackey, former Creighton baseball player at the I'me of the attack on Dr. Burrell, in December, 1930. He struck the doctor over the head with a revolver, rendering him partially unconscious and then fled without taking any loot. He stole a car to escape and then was arrested in Yankton on another car stealing charge.

BRUNSWICK, NEB., MAN

SELLS SOME LARGE HOGS Oakdale, Neb. - (Special) - Irin Rodgers the local hog buyer of Oakdale bought some of the largest hogs that were ever sold in Oakdale, from Mr. J. Holiday of Brunswick. One weighing 920 pounds and 10 others averaged 650 pounds each.

BAD CHECK PASSER HAS

HIS SENTENCE SUSPENDED

Lake Andes, S. D .- (Special)-John L. Grau, a truckman who was returned here by extradition from Randolph, Neb., last week on the charge of uttering a false check for \$147 to Carl Jorgenson, a farmer, for a load of hogs, pleaded guilty before Judge A. B. Beck and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. On making the check good and paying all costs by relalives, the sentence was suspended The total expense was about \$350.

WHAT'S IN FASHIONS?

Smart Golfer Dresses to Improve His Form



New York-All ready for the tee-off on your 1932 golf clothes. And the thing to think about first, last and all the time in picking them is comfort. For the clothes you feel easiest in are the clothes you'll play your best game in.

Maybe you think there's nothing | shirts in white or blue broadcloth like the freedom of knickers. Knickers for you, then . . . and Bobby Jones. But you'll notice that this-year's knickers seem to have had a reef taken in them. Not so full and baggy as they used to be.

Some Prefer Slacks An increasing number of men seem to feel that they stand a better chance of doing a hole in one if they wear slacks, Francis Quimet, Wiffy Cox and Billy Burke have joined up with this faction.

And the new slacks are comfortable. Buckles at the side so that you can adjust them exactly right. Plain bottoms for you to turn up to just the length you want. Ankle length, as a rule, the way the Prince of Wales wears his.

Sleeveless Sweaters The new sweaters are a mighty sensible idea, They're sleeveless. Pulled on over soft collar attached

PEAKER DEAD

Colorado Springs, Col.-(UP)-

Mrs. Frank Faulkner, who was prob-

ably the oldest living resident of

the Pikes Peak region, having lived

parents came to this region and

She was 15 when she and her

mother were the first white women

to live at the site of what later was

cripple Creek. They lived over a

fabulous fortune in gold and did

It was her family that named

the crooked little stream that flowed

Then it had been called Pisgah

They called it that because stock

which they put out to graze in the

region suffered a long series of ac-

cidents from falling into the creek,

and because of a queer series of

accidents to members of the fam-

That was in 1836. The hired man

broke a leg there when his Indian

pony reared and threw him. Her

father shot himself in the hand

accidentally. and a brother injured

himself when he fell from the roof

Her husband opened and oper-

ated the first livery stable in Crip-

A New Hoover Slogan, From the New York Times.

While the British government is

In Texas or lowa.

From the Dallas News.

its obligations promptly; it is pling

up riore debts and is not reducing

113 bonded indebtedness. The citi-

zens of Texas want a reduction of

indebtedness, not on increase, and

decland far greate: economy in

state and local legislation and ad-

ministration. This is the one definite

issue in the coming state primaries

and elections. Mossbacks who have

not had a new idea for twenty

years, and empty-headed dema-

gogues should retire permanently

from candidating to the darkening

Texas is in debt and can not meet

ple Creek when gold was found.

of the house they built.

Park, because it stood in the shad-

ow of massive Mount Pisgah.

When she was 4 years old, her

in this vicinity 71 years, is dead.

settled in 1861.

not know it.

there Cripple Creek.

OLDEST PIKE'S

or oxford. Leaving your arms free, but protected from the sun.

Some of the early-season golfers will wear chamois pullovers. Warm, soft and just about as pliable as your skin.

No change in socks . . . plain ribbed wool for the knicker-wearer and lisle and wool half hose for "slackers." Though some men are going in so heavily for this complete comfort idea that they'll wear anklets.

Some will take a firm stand in wing tip oxfords. Some in the moccasin type that's been popular since Bobby Jones first stepped out in them. And you'll see both types oftenest in brown.

Heads will be capped or hatted according to taste. In this, as in all the other golf outfit questions, the right thing for you is whichever you can forget all about as you putt around the green.

falsity of the old saying that the law does not care anything about

Take, for example, the item of green peas. The duty on them has been raised from 3 to 3.9 cents a pound. On the contrary, fresh green peppers have been cut from to 2.5 cents a pound, while eggplant suffers a sweeping reduction from 3 to 1.5 cents a pound.

The republican party used to boast of a tariff that assured a "free breakfast table." Now it appears to be ready to concentrate on peppers and eggplant. What a wonderful campaign poster could be made for the election of 1932: "Vote for Hoover and Cheaper Eggplant!" This would be something of a comedown from the chicken in the pot and the two automobiles in every family garage, which were talked about in 1928, but in times like these even small favors, such as peppers and eggplant, might be thankfully received.

One of John D.'s Stories. From Capper's Weekly.

One of John D. Rockefeller's favorite stories has to do with a preacher. There were rumors the preacher had had a call to a parish, but nobody had any information about it and the minister said

Finally, the deacons agreed one of them would call and ask him directly. A boy, the pastor's son, responded to the deacon's knock and said his father was engaged. "Then, can I see your mother?" The boy answered that his mother was busy. Then the deacon, smilingly, began upon the boy and said: 'Can you tell me anything about the report that your father has had a call to another church?"
"I don't know anything about it said the boy, "but father is in the parior praying for light and mother is up in the attic packing the

Musta Missed Him.

clapping heavy duties upon imports, "Hello, Brown! Have you seen Smith lately? I've been looking for our own tariff commission has not been idle. In its efforts to make the Hawley-Smoot bill truly "flexihim high and low for the last three ble," it has just increased the rates months. Well, those are the places. He's on two commodities but decreased them on five. It has shown the

been dead about that long." shades of private life. Texas needs newer political timber; it desires

ideas, not words. We of the Southwest sometimes pity the states of the Old South as backward and effete. On the contrary, there are more genuine political reforms taking place in Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia than Texas has dreamed about for the last twenty years. Texas in state politics is a Rip Van Winkle, come to sleep. It is time for its cilizens to wake up, for there is a

new world facing us and Texas

should have a great part in it.

BLIND WOMAN IS BEDSPREAD EXPERT

Grand Island, Neb .- (UP)-Mrs. Elizabeth Wellman, 76 years old and blind, is an expert at making patterned bedspreads of varied col-

By using pins, stuck into each of her tatting shuttles in a different position, she is able to distinguish one color from the other. After she has tatted a series of colored blocks she fits them together into

Mrs. Wellman, now at the old soldiers home, had cataracts on her eyes. Both eyes were removed. She explains her ability to tat now comes from years of practice before she was totally blind.

FEED LOTS

State-Federal Report Shows 30 Per Cent Decrease in Nebraska

Lincoln, Neb. -(UP)- Nebraska tattle feeders have 30 per cent fewer cattle on feed now than for a year ago, according to estimates of the state and federal divisions of agricultural statistics.

The Nebraska decrease in cattle feedings compares with a decrease by 15.6 per cent for the corn belt. "After short crops in 1930, Nebraska farmers were faced with a shortage of corn and feed in nearly all the heavy feeding districts of the state," the agricultural statisti-cian says. "Many farmers who ordinarily feed cattle, did not have either hay or grain for such operations and in fact were hard pressed for feed to carry over their small breeding and dairy herds. A hard winter and an unusually large amount of rain, snow and ice put most feed yards in very poor con-

The decrease for April followed a 20 per cent decrease in the number of cattle on feed January 1, 1932, as compared to the number on feed January 1, 1931.

Movement of cattle into the state for feeding purposes since the first of the year has been approximately 16,000 head as compared to about 50,000 head shipped into the state for feeding a year ago.

Movement of fat cattle to markets, on the other hand, has been approximately 141,000 as compared to 173,000 head a year ago.

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The total number of cattle on feed as of April 1, this year, was estimated by the state statistician to be 204,000 as compared to 288,000 on feed as of April 1, 1931.

The 11 corn belt states reported approximately 16 per cent less cattle on feed for April this year than for the corresponding month last

for the corresponding month last year. The decrease represents a slump in numbers by approximately 235,000 head.

In the area east of the Mississippi river the number of cattle on feed showed an increase by 12 per cent this year over the number on feed a year ago. This increase, however, did not offset the 21 per cent decrease for states in the area west of the Mississippi

HOT WEATHER LAST FALL KILLED MANY HOPPER EGGS Lincoln, Neb. -(Special)- Field examinations of the grasshopper eggs in several parts of Nebraska,

made during the last two weeks by the entomologists of the college of agriculture of the University of Nebraska, have indicated that the cold weather of the winter caused little or no damage to the eggs. However, the proportion of early-laid eggs that was badly damaged by the hot and dry weather of last September is much greater in several sections than was thought to be the case last fall.

Examination of collections of grasshopper eggs from several localities in Knox county showed that an average of 34 per cent of the eggs deposited last summer and early fall were dried out last fall to the point that they probably will not hatch this spring. The remaining 66 per cent survived the winter in good condition, and these provide enough viable eggs to form serious menace this year.

In Boyd county, the percentage of eggs that apparently was devitalized by the hot fall weather varies from 24 per cent to 33 per cent, according to the figures obtained in this survey. However, two-thirds or more of the eggs remain in apparently good condition, and show no bad effects from the cold winter.

The heaviest dessication of eggs discovered in the survey was in Sheridan county, south of Hay Springs, where about 67 per cent of the eggs were dead and dried up. This condition will reduce the probability of grasshopper damage in that section this year.

WANT OBSTRUCTIONS OUT OF DRAINAGE DITCH

Lincoln, Neb. — (Special) — A delegation from Dakota City and Jackson called on Governor Bryan and State Engineer Cochran asking that piling and other obstruction be removed from a highway bridge between Dakota City and Homer, in the channel of Pigeon creek. The creek channel is used by a drainage district and it is claimed that the obstruction causes the adjoining land to be flooded. The delegation was composed of the drainage district's attorney, W. P. Warner of Dakota City, and directors of the district.

NEW BOOKS IN

LIBRARY AT BEEMER Beemer, Neb. - (Special)- The Beemer library has added 23 new books during the last two menths besides getting an attractive loar from the state library commission The library has been open for about nine years and has about 700 books

Spinsters as well as bachelors will pay a higher rate of income tax if the German government has its way. The rate for unmarried taxpayers will be 15 per cent, which is I per cent higher than married people pay,

AMERICAN GIRL HIT IN OPERA

Cologne-(UP)-The opening of Max Reinhardt's revival of Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffmann" brought colony here in seeing an American girl in one of the leading faminine parts, Miss Margaret Halstead, daughter of the United States Consul-General in London, Albert Halstead, sang the role of Julietta with a temperament and poise which convinced critics of her future success.

Miss Halstead has been engaged in the ensemble of the Cologne Opera since the beginning of the season, but this is the first solo part she has taken. Jullietta, the Venetian courtesan, who, under the malignant influence of Depertutto, steals Hoffman's love and then scorns him, is not easy to portray. Miss Halstead presents her con-vincingly in her varying moods with her lovers, avoiding the exaggeration, or affectation, to which the role might easily lead.

Although the solo parts are somewhat brief and do not give a full opportunity to her voice, Miss Halstead carried them boldly, singing clearly and without effort in

both upper and middle registers.

Many members of the English colony, in addition to the Americans, greeted Miss Halsteah enthusiastically at the close. She will complete the season with the Cologne Opera.

NEW GUN RACE OPENS From Des Moines Tribune

Development of o projectile capable of piercing 12 inches of the finest armor plate at a distance of 10 miles places Great Britian at the top of the heap in this respect. according to admiralty experts in

Ordnance officers at Washington were naturally interested in this announcement, but would make no reply to the question, "What has America in the way of projectiles?" beyond the admission, "We think we are pretty good."

Meanwhile, interest in the progress of the disarmament conference at Geneva is being subordinated to "more important" matters.

We sometimes think human progress has been proceeding at a rapid rate, but we are not likely to get false notions concerning the level of intelligence we have reached if we will occasionally recall that the state of international relations today would be most amusing to anyone who could view it with de-

tachment. Imagine a roomful of people, each. ettempting to perform his routine tasks with one hand, while he held in the other a loaded pistol, ready to fire upon any one of his associates who should make a false move.

That was the world situation in. 1914, and that situation has been wellnigh reinstated, with a few

minor modifications, in 1932. The Geneva idea is that the members of the group might with perfect safety begin lowering their weapons in unison and gradually, but little headway can be made with this proposal because each member pretends to fear that he will lower his pistol. a fraction of an inch farther than his neighbor the first year.

The silliest aspect of the picture, of course, is the notion that the present situation constitutes safety, when as a matter of fact the discharge of one weapon, either accidentally or intentionally, would be pretty likely to result almost immediatly in the wiping out of the whole group.

And now that one member has found a better weapon-on with a pearl handle - the others will not rest until they, too, have supplied themselves with pearl-handled guns.

Thus we enter upon another stage of this competition which might be laughable if it were not so deadly serious.

Modern Cattle Thief's Methods Different

San Francisco - (UP) - Where once a picturesque buckaroo trotted up to a herd of cattle, his spur chains jingling and his two .45's slapping against his thighs, now a. carelessly dressed individual smeling of oil and gasoline drives in a truck. Only their objective is the same-cattle steal-

That is the picture painted by John Curry, secretary of the Colifornia Cattlemen's association.

For, said Curry, theft of stock from ranches increased 25 per cent in the last six months, despite efforts to wipe it out.

The old time rustler cut out 200 to 300 prime yearlings, hid them in box canyons until the hunt died down, and sold them or started his own herds. The modern rustler drives up to a fence, takes two or three yearlings, and sells them for beef.

ONE CENT ON CLAIM

Alteona, Pa.— (UP) —When the Mountain City Trust company madea 40 per cent payment to depositors, Lonard P. Fasick, Wehnwood, near here, received a check for one cent, representing the amount due on a long forgotten deposit of four cents in the closed bank.

ERROR WAS CORRECT

Boston-(UP)-The Boston city directory of 1931, through a typographical error, listed Superior Judge Charles Henry Donahue as a supreme court justice. The directory seems to have been prophetic, for Judge Danahue recently was elevated to the supreme court bench.

The Real Law. From Pages Gales, Yverdon. Everybody must bow to the law. "I know people who scorn the au-

"Who are they?" "Wives of policemen."