

FACTS ABOUT NEBRASKA

Nebraska was admitted as a state in 1867 as the 37th state. The word means "flat water" and is an Indian description of the Platte river. This state is the central one of the United States. The south and eastern parts are covered with Loess soil, the richest on earth. There is more river mileage in this state than in any other. There are 1,200 natural lakes in Nebraska. The state population is close to 1,500,000. About 4,000 Indians live in Nebraska and nearly all are engaged in farming. In the state are 513 cities and towns. Lindberg was taught flying at Lincoln, Nebraska. Nebraska supports about 6,000 miles of railway. There are close to 800 postoffices in Nebraska. There are about 400 weekly newspapers. The physical valuation of the University of Nebraska plant is \$10,000,000. Not long ago the faculty numbered 600 and the student 12,000. In Nebraska are 427 varieties of birds. The largest potato deposits in the United States are in Nebraska.

IN DISTRICT COURT.

Isabel G. Aldridge has filed suit in the district court asking for a decree of divorce from Ray C. Aldridge. In her petition she alleges that they were married in O'Neill on or about August 25, 1909, and that ever since she has been a resident of this county. She is the mother of six children, two of whom have reached their majority. She alleges that she has always conducted herself as a chaste and obedient wife. She alleges that the defendant has been guilty of extreme cruelty and has repeatedly remained

away from home for weeks at a time and refuses to come home for his meals; refuses to do the farm work and refuses to sleep in his own home, but prefers to and does stay at a neighbors less than half a mile from his own home. She further alleges that he has refused to contribute to her support and has refused to buy clothing and the necessities of life. She asks that he be restrained from selling any of the personal property and from molesting her in the possession of same and of the real estate. She further alleges that the defendant is an unfit person to have the custody of the minor children and she wants them awarded to her and such other relief as the court may deem equitable.

NATION NEEDS REAL TEMPERANCE

In a recent statement to the press, Seton Porter, president of National Distillers' Products Corporation, said that his organization would stand for temperance as opposed to excess, and added, "We clearly recognize that the American people are not voting liquor in; they are voting prohibition out." The eighteenth amendment was not repealed in order to provide the means for a legal national drunk—it was repealed because the great bulk of American citizens had come to believe that it was inimical to the cause of temperance. They had seen political corruption arise under it, which was as bad and often worse than that of the old days. They had seen an unprecedented increase in crime, made possible by the vast amounts of money that illegal liquor brought into underworld pockets. They had seen the speakeasy flourish, to the point where, in most large cities, it ran almost as openly as the legal saloon once did, and was even less subject to social control. The National Distillers have been running newspaper advertisements asking the public to cooperate with the manufacturers and sellers of liquor

to prevent rowdiness and to promote common sense. If the public fails in that, or if the liquor manufacturers and sellers fail in their duty of keeping the goal of temperance everlasting in mind, repeal of prohibition will be a poor victory indeed. The solid citizens of this country demand that the age-old alliance between politics and liquor be broken, that the law control the liquor business and not the liquor business the law. Every patriotic and thoughtful manufacturer should be the first to echo those demands—every retailer should work to keep his end of the business above reproach.

The United States has tried "wide open" liquor policies, and they have failed. It has tried absolute prohibition, and it has failed. Now it is attempting to steer a middle course that avoids excess on the one hand and fanaticism on the other. Whether it is to fail or succeed, depends entirely on the public, which decides all great questions.

James Tuor went to Madison, S. D., to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Donnell spent Christmas in Omaha.

Dan Siewert, of Naper, was here on business last Friday.

Peter Todsén and family celebrated Christmas at Grand Island.

Groll Quilty went to Sioux City on Wednesday to do shopping.

Mrs. C. B. Scott went to Lincoln by train Wednesday morning.

Louis Brennan, son of James Brennan, was home for Christmas.

James Sinius, of Spencer, was in O'Neill a few hours last Saturday.

Larry Kane and wife spent Christmas visiting at Creighton, Nebraska.

Frank Dishner went to Omaha to attend the State Bar association meet.

George Stanek, of Amelia, frequent visitor in O'Neill, was here Saturday.

Thomas Jordan, brother of Richard, left for New York city Wednesday to reside.

The Martez Club met Thursday night at the home of Mrs. George Agnes.

Dr. W. F. Finley and daughters, are in St. Paul Minn., during the holidays.

J. D. Cronin is attending the meeting at Omaha of the State Bar association.

John Lydon, wife and daughter, spent Christmas with relatives at Plainview.

Alberta Van Every spent Sunday visiting in Page. She returned Sunday evening.

Wann Luker, of Page, spent part of last Saturday in the county seat of Holt county.

Walter Warner and wife are here from Buffalo county visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Nellie Toy is home from Wayne, where she attends the state normal school.

William Shafer and his wife were in O'Neill last Friday from Burke, South Dakota.

Richard Bowden, of the CCC camp at Alma, Nebr., spent Christmas with relatives here.

Laverne Hartford, of Middle Branch, went to Sioux City Christmas evening to visit friends.

Lucille Hough, daughter of Scott, teacher, is home from Pawnee City for a few days visit.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. William Froelich entertained 12 couples at the Idle Hour.

Donald Snell arrived here from Creighton, Nebr., Sunday to visit his father, Larry Snell.

Edward O'Donnell, now working out of Lincoln, was here to spend the Christmas vacation.

James Seybold is back from Wayne, Nebr., where he has been on business the past few months.

The courthouse thermometer slipped down to two degrees below zero again this Thursday morning.

Attorney Emmet A. Harmon was a passenger on Northwestern train No. 12 Wednesday morning.

Frank O'Donnell, prominent attorney at Oklohoma City, Okla., is spending a week here at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell.

Rev. Frozelle, now stationed at Cody, Nebr., passed thru here on his way to Ewing Wednesday.

Hugh Coyne captured high honor in the cribbage tournament held at the K. C. Hall Tuesday evening.

Jack O'Donnell, of Omaha, spent Christmas here at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell.

Mrs. Goldie Liddy and son, Thomas, spent Sunday and Christmas at the home of Aaron Bushard, near Joy.

Paul Montgomery, Gerald Phalin, Dorothea Grady and Loretta Phalin went to Creighton, Nebr., Sunday.

A birthday party was held in honor of Gerald Phalin Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phalin.

Levi Fuller, Sr., Levi, Jr., Stella Van Every and Bessie Fuller went by automobile to Norfolk last Saturday.

Ray Verzal, of Atkinson, is the deputy in the office here of emergency agricultural assistant James Rooney.

Mrs. Maurice Norton, of McGrew, Nebr., spent Christmas at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. A. Harmon here.

D. H. Cronin and family went, last Friday, to Nebraska City, to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Alice Marshall and children spent Christmas at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mike Pielapp, of Dorsey.

Attorney W. J. Hammond and District Judge R. R. Dickson went down to Omaha by train Wednesday morning.

Dorothy Fernholz went to Emmet Christmas to spend the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fernholz.

Clarence Saunto is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents in O'Neill. He is attending Wayne normal.

William Gatz and his wife, Anna, went to Omaha by automobile Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Ralph Oppen, medical student at the university of Nebraska, at Lincoln, is spending his Christmas vacation in this city.

In the absence of Ruth Leach, vacationing in Missouri, Miss Lola Stauffer is handling the John L. Quig milk route here.

Gaius Cadwell and family went to Broken Bow Christmas. Gaius returned, Mrs. Cadwell remaining for a longer visit.

Mrs. Al Goding, of Alliance, was here Christmas, visiting friends and relatives. Before her marriage she was Helen Ryan.

Mrs. Alice Marshall and children returned after visiting Christmas day at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mike Pielapp, of Dorsey.

Kenneth Rhodes, who worked for the Oldsmobile garage in the old Bressler building, left for his home at Stuart last Saturday.

Nebraska News Items

In 1927 the city of Burwell had an indebtedness of \$66,000 and a village tax levy of 11 and one-half mills which has been reduced to four mills while the village accounts not long ago showed a cash surplus of \$8,000, the change apparently due to earnings of a municipal light and power company there. Not long ago Burwell erected a new power and light housing plant and installed three Diesel engines of 75, 180 and 240 horse power. The plant manager is Elsie Hanson. It is believed this plant in time will result in a taxless city.

A jury at Falls City, Nebr., last Friday brought in a verdict of guilty against Son Salvatore "Sam" Martin, 78, accused of slaying J. T. Margrave and his two sons near there last Armistice day.

Up to a few days ago the State railway commission had approved 3,027 corn loans and had on file 4,442 applications. A total of \$23,326 had been paid in fees.

Near Springview, Keya Paha county, a wild mallard drake duck calmly waddled to the poultry house on the ranch of Charles Peterson and was there at last reports, apparently satisfied to stay there all winter. The duck eats with its domestic cousins.

Sunken treasure, the kind that makes one smack lips, envision sabre bedecked pirates yo-hoing around blood spotted decks, is reported at Ponca to lie in the Missouri river near that town. In 1866 the Leodore cargoed with tobacco and barreled whiskey, sank and had been believed to

lie on the South Dakota side. Now a shift of current, the report indicated showed the craft lies on the Nebraska side. High water stopped workers one spring when they had part of the Leodore uncovered. A new effort at recovering the whiskey is to be made soon, it was reported.

Down in Nance county Phillip Cuba opened a sand pit a few months ago and found Indian remains. Since then about 40 skeletons have been recovered and also many beads, utensils and other things that evidently had been buried with their owners. Settlers remembered that some Indians had a village near the cemetery about 1850.

Fifty-three men of the Catholic faith at Verdigre, using three power saw outfits, in seven hours sawed 60 loads of wood to be used to warm the Catholic church there this winter.

Harry Dahm, of Laurel, has started suit against the federal government on a \$10,000 insurance policy he held while a soldier. He is affected with an illness said to be incurable. If he wins his suit he will receive as back pay \$57.50 a month since June, 1919, amounting to \$9,000 and \$57.50 a month for the balance of his life.

William Rettig, farmer near Dodge, Nebr., raised an ear of Mexican corn which almost gives huskers the nightmare when they examine it. Beside having a general husk, each kernel is covered by a husk that is not easily removed.

Pierce county has granted 19 old age pensions after going over 26 applications. It costs that county \$2,690 a year. A tax is assessed on all persons in Pierce county between 21 and 50 which raises about \$4,000 a year for old age pensions. A board to look after old age pensions was appointed by the Pierce county supervisors.

EXCAVATION SHOWS HOLT COUNTY WAS ONCE THE HOME OF MANY INDIANS

By J. B. O'Sullivan
It is a strange fact that while Nebraska long has been rated one of the best fields for finding valuable relics of the past, both of animals and man who flourished from hundreds to thousands of years ago, it had been accepted until recently that in Holt county there was little of importance in this line. It so happens that when settlers first came here few Indians inhabited Holt county. Why this was so never has been fathomed.

Holt county is thought of as a new land settled and farmed and ranched about 60 years. It is certain now it was farmed many hundreds of years before Columbus landed and it may be proved people lived here as long as five, ten or even 50,000 years ago.

An ancient village site on the banks of the Elkhorn river here long had been skipped over as a camping, fishing or battle ground of little importance. Thousands of arrowheads had been picked there, leaving hundreds of pounds of scrapers, knives, awls, hammers, tomahawk heads, ornaments, ceremonials of stone, and pieces of pottery and bone tools certainly in the amount of 1,000 pounds. The finest of this material now is in Hastings museum. A great amount has been sold elsewhere and to inspect what remains here would require an entire day. Most of what is known as buffalo hollows were partly underground residences, some were corn cache holes and others were used to conceal refuse. In a corner of the east James Moore farm are about 50 newly discovered ancient home hollows. The earth scooped out to make them still lies there in piles. Plowed fields have undoubtedly ruined several hundred more nearby, but in the Timmerman pasture is a network of hollows astounding to the student of ancient lore. In the Mullen pasture just east of town are others, among them one great hollow about 80 feet long and 40 feet wide. Three of these large ones lie on the Cronin farm northeast of the fairgrounds. The large ones may have been "kivas," ceremonial chambers, or communal dwellings, or they may have been made by ancients digging out the dark brown gumbo found here and used in roofing their dwellings, for floors, when mixed with grease and ashes, or again they may have been catch basins to hold water. There are many more of these north of here.

In the Mullen pasture adjoining the town on the east, southwest corner, is a series of small "buffalo hollows" resembling a man standing or perhaps, some animal, the work being indistinct but certainly suggestive of an effigy dug out instead of the usual built-up style found east of here.

In the old Dr. J. P. Gilligan cow-pasture of a few acres in the west part of town are three hollows the edges of which line straight to the North Star. The ground there is impregnated with alkali and the houses are exceptionally well preserved. Leading to each straight from the east, is a footpath several inches deep. Just north of each a pile of soft Elkhorn river limerock protrudes from the ground. A short distance to the west are three very small hollows. These

hollows are deep and should be explored. Addison E. Sheldon, when here, advised that they were well worth digging out.

The Mound Builders, who scientists now believe were the forefathers of the Indian, buried their dead under rock. They lived in underground houses, were intelligent and are believed to have cultivated ground and to have led a generally sedentary life. Some believe they planted trees, made dams for irrigation purposes and raised garden stuff, as well as large amounts of cereals. The farthest west they have been known is around Sioux City and Omaha. In most of the houses excavated there was found in the center of the room a cache place, deep down, where bits of copper, bone needles, awls and the like gave an all too brief account of the people. It is a mystery why the Mound Builders left so few artifacts. It is surmised here that they used bone extensively and this material has decayed away. They are believed to have disappeared about 2,000 years ago.

(Continued next week.)

NOTICE

The parties who took the trailer from my ranch west of town Monday night are known to me. If they will return it, there will be nothing said or done. J. B. RYAN.

(First publication Dec. 28, 1933.) ORDER OF HEARING OF PROBATE OF FOREIGN WILL

The State of Nebraska } ss.
Holt County }
In the Probate Court of said County. In the matter of the Estate of Ed. Lehan, Deceased.

On this 21st day of December, A. D., 1933, Elizabeth H. Lehan filed her petition in this court, and presented an authenticated copy of the last Will and Testament of Ed. Lehan, deceased, late of Dunlap, county of Harrison, State of Iowa, the prayer of said petitioner being that a day be fixed by this Court for the purpose of approving and allowing said last Will and Testament, and causing the same to be filed and recorded in this office. It is therefore hereby

ORDERED, That the 18th day of January, A. D., 1934, at 10 o'clock A. M. be fixed for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear and show cause why the prayer of said petition, should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in The Frontier, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three weeks prior to said day of hearing.

C. J. MALONE,
County Judge.

[County Court Seal]
32-3 Geo. M. Harrington, Attorney.

FOR RENT

Apartment, east of Mrs. Zastrow's.—Emily Bowen. 31-2

LOST AND FOUND

Strayed from my place in O'Neill, Hampshire sow, wt. about 180.—Frank Connelly. 32-1p

Lost—Sorrel colt, coming year old, white hind legs, bald face.—A. Heeb, Atkinson. 31-2p

FOR SALE

Dining room suite.—John Kersenbrock. 29-4p

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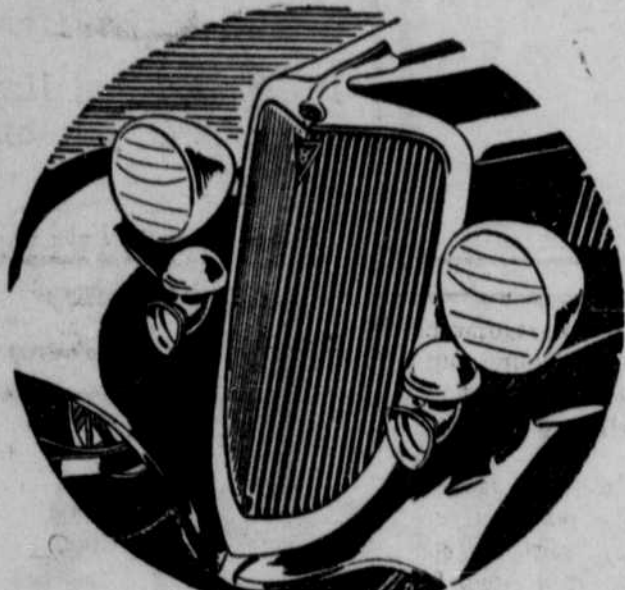
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