

## NEBRASKA CROPS NOW ON THE MEND

Increased Acreage of Corn, Oats and Spring Wheat to be Planted—To Double Potato Fields.

The first of the crop report of the season, issued by the Burlington and Northwestern railroads, covering practically all the grain-growing sections of Nebraska and dealing with the wheat, oats and corn conditions, are out and indicate that instead of the winter wheat crop of Nebraska being a total failure it is going to be some 50 per cent of a normal crop, better than shown by the government estimate of 35 per cent of a crop made a week ago.

On the Omaha division of the Burlington the winter wheat conditions are placed at 60; on the Wymore, 40; on the Lincoln, 30; and on the McCook division, 60 per cent, as compared with the normal.

Throughout a large portion of Burlington territory the rains of the last week brought about wonderful results in the winter wheat fields and many of them in which it was supposed the plant had been completely killed have taken on new life and give promise of a fair crop.

In some sections, particularly the South Platte country, where the winter wheat suffered most severely, the fields were plowed up and many of them seeded to spring wheat. It is estimated that the acreage put into spring wheat will be 10 per cent more than normal.

As a result of the damage to winter wheat killing it is estimated that of the acreage which has been plowed up 45 per cent will be put into corn, about the same into oats and 10 per cent into spring wheat.

It is believed that the alfalfa fields have been greatly damaged by the cold of last winter, but no estimate is made on the acreage killed out.

Throughout the territory covered by the Northwestern report conditions relative to winter wheat are about the same as that with which the Burlington deals. Many of the largely increased acreage of spring wheat and oats sown.

Reports indicate that spring grain of all kinds is making rapid growth and, although early in the season, gives promise of an abundant yield.

## FORFEITED BONDS ADDS TO REVENUES OF THE CITY

From Tuesday's Daily.  
This morning the city treasury was enriched to the extent of \$20 in cash bonds that were forfeited in Police Judge Archer's court and turned over to aid in the running of the city. Yesterday a stranger giving the name of "Dick Roe" and his residence as Nebraska City was apprehended by Officer Alvin Jones in burning up the dust on Washington avenue and brought to a halt. The stranger stated that as he was in a hurry and that it might rain handed over a \$5 note to Officer Jones as security for his appearance this morning, but he came not, and the amount was confiscated by the court. Officers McCrary and Henry Trout made complaint against Fred Haffke, charging him with attempting to drive an automobile while intoxicated. Mr. Haffke gave over a \$15 cash bond to the police and this morning this was forfeited by the non-appearance of the defendant.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Today being the birthday anniversary of W. E. Rosencrans, the members of his family joined in a very pleasant birthday dinner at the home that was most enjoyable in every way and the guest of honor enjoyed to the utmost the treat that the family had prepared for him. "Rosy" declined to state what anniversary was observed but hopes to be able to celebrate many more such delightful occasions and his friends trust that he may find a great many years ahead on life's highway.

American flags, from 5c up, at the Journal office.

## T. H. POLLOCK DOING NICELY.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
T. H. Pollock of this city who has been at the Mayo Brothers hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, for the past two weeks was operated on Thursday at that place for a severe case of stomach trouble and at last reports was doing nicely. The surgeons and attendants are much pleased with the showing made by Mr. Pollock and the prospects seem very bright for his speedy recovery and to permit him to return home.

## THOSE DONATING TO THE ROCK BLUFFS ROAD IMPROVEMENT

In the cause of good roads and improvements of the highways leading into this city, the residents of Rock Bluffs and the business men and public spirited citizens of Plattsmouth have come to the front in splendid shape in assisting the county in the improvement of the Rock Bluffs road between this city and the portion of the county along the Missouri river south of this city. Mark White, Major Hall and George Smith together with a number of citizens of that section of the county started the ball rolling to secure the co-operation of the county commissioners in the construction of a good road from this city south, and by their efforts have raised over \$525 to be applied on the sum to be expended by the county in cutting down the hills and making the other changes necessary to make a good road. The following sums have been reported by the committee and turned over to the county board, and there will be several others to assist in the good work:

Mark White	\$25.00
Major Hall	25.00
George S. Smith	25.00
M. L. Furlong	15.00
W. P. Hutchison	25.00
Frank Slagel	5.00
Peter Campbell	20.00
Frank Vallery	5.00
Charles Sans	15.00
George Reynolds	5.00
Arthur Sullivan	15.00
H. H. Shrader	5.00
C. D. Quinton	5.00
John P. Gorder	17.50
Ira Bates	5.00
Glenn Campbell	5.00
S. D. Fitchorn	2.00
H. M. Soennichsen	20.00
J. H. McMaken	2.50
Ed Egenberger	5.00
Dr. J. S. Livingston	5.00
J. W. Holmes	2.00
L. B. Egenberger	5.00
J. W. Crabill	2.50
A. J. McNutt	5.00
John Bauer	5.00
Bank of Cass County	15.00
First National Bank	15.00
Zuckweiler & Lutz	5.00
Adolph Geisse	5.00
Earl Stanfield	5.00
Bestor & Swatak	5.00
Weyrich & Hadraba	5.00
E. J. Richey	5.00
Warga Bros.	15.00
J. E. McDaniel	5.00
A. G. Bach & Co.	5.00
John Cory	2.50
Ed Donat	5.00
B. A. McElwain	2.50
T. M. Patterson	5.00
W. M. Schwab	2.50
Streight & Streight	5.00
A. J. Beeson	2.50
F. W. Nolting	5.00
W. M. Barclay	2.50
E. A. Wurl	2.50
F. G. Hull	5.00
Hotel Riley	3.00
S. G. Smith	2.00
J. P. Sattler	2.50
W. E. Rosencrans	5.00
Ptak & Bajcek	2.00
C. E. Metzger	5.00
Hatt & Son	5.00
William Schmidtmann	5.00
James Robertson	2.50
J. W. Hill	5.00
Sam Elmour	2.50
C. E. Hartford	5.00
Walter Gouchenour	2.50
C. E. Wescott's Sons	5.00
Phil Thierolf	5.00
Kroehler Brothers	5.00
Dr. O. Sandin	5.00
T. H. Pollock	10.00
F. G. Fricke & Co.	5.00
Fetzer Shoe Co.	5.00
J. F. Wurga	5.00
Mid West Amusement Co.	5.00
E. G. Dovey & Son	5.00

## FOUNDER OF ARBOR DAY IS HONORED

Semicentennial at Nebraska City Biggest Event in History of That Place.

Thousands in Parade, Five Miles in Length—Exercises at Morton Park.

Nebraska City, Neb., April 23.—Nebraska City entertained a monster crowd at a semicentennial Arbor day celebration.

Every place of business and home was gaily decorated and the town had on its best dress suit. The weather was such it enabled people to come from sixty miles away in their autos. The parade was one of the biggest and best ever attempted in this part of the state.

The historical floats used in Omaha were here, the "Old Log Cabin," the bust of J. Sterling Morton and "Grasshopper Days." The parade was nearly five miles in length and was headed by nearly 2,000 children on foot, each carrying a flag, followed by the boy scouts, members of Company B, fireman, Eagles, and many Idges and organizations on foot.

There were nearly 200 decorated floats entered by firms, lodges and organizations of this city. Delegations from the nearby towns also joined in the parade with their cars. The procession formed in the eastern portion of the city and marched to Morton park, two miles away, where the exercises were held.

There were three bands in the parade. The program, at the park, was held near the monument of the late J. Sterling Morton, father of Arbor day.

All of the stores and offices here were closed during the afternoon to enable everyone to attend.

Chancellor Avery delivered the address instead of Governor Keith Neville, who could not come, taking for his subject "Planting of History Trees and Arbor Day."

The bands furnished the music and the Business Men's Chorus club, the High School Glee club and a chorus of school children rendered songs. The crowd was so large that the park was not large enough to accommodate it.

This evening the day's celebration was concluded by exercises at the Overland theater, erected by Mr. Morton, and here John L. Webster of Omaha delivered an address, followed by some of the pioneers, which part of the program was interspersed with music.

The day was the biggest Nebraska City has ever known.

In John L. Webster's address on J. Sterling Morton many incidents were mentioned for the first time publicly, followed by an eloquent appreciation of the famous Nebraska pioneer and statesman. Mr. Webster declared that "the recollections of pioneer days were burned into the heart of Mr. Morton. He could not refrain from speaking of them in nearly all his public addresses."

## THREE PLATTSMOUTH BOYS PASS EXAMINATION FOR NAVY

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Three more of the young men of this city have successfully passed the examination for admission to the United States navy and in a few days will depart for training for the first line of defense of the United States, the great fleets of the nation. The boys who were successful in getting through were Joe Smetena, Mike Hula and Tom Isner, Jr. These young men are enthusiastic over the prospect for service for their country and made the trip to Omaha yesterday determined to do their part for the good of the country. Two others who accompanied the party were unable to pass the requirements of the physical test one being too light in weight and the other being troubled with defective eyesight and while their desires were not granted they are still hoping that an opportunity may be given them to serve their country.

## SUFFERS PARALYTIC STROKE SATURDAY EVENING

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Saturday evening James B. Tipton, the custodian at the Platte river wagon bridge, was unfortunate enough to suffer a very severe paralytic stroke at his home near the bridge. The whole left side of Mr. Tipton has been affected by the stroke and he is in quite serious condition at present, although it is hoped by the attending physicians that it may be possible for him to recover a partial use of his limb and arm, but this will require some time. Mr. Tipton suffered the first touch of this affliction on Friday evening, but did not think it as serious as it developed, and was in the city Saturday afternoon to consult a physician, and on returning home was taken with a severe attack, which has rendered him helpless. The friends throughout this section of the county will regret very much to learn of his affliction but trust that he will be able to at least partially recover.

## ANOTHER PIONEER OF CASS COUNTY DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Letters received here by relatives announce the death at his home in Los Angeles, on Thursday, April 19th, of J. N. Black, a former resident of Plattsmouth for a great many years and a member of one of the pioneer families of this county. The deceased was a son of the late Dr. John Black, and was a native of Knox county, Ohio, being born there sixty-six years ago, and came to Nebraska with his parents in the year 1853, and up to a few years ago made his home in this county until removing to Los Angeles, where he has since resided. For the past year Mr. Black had been in poor health, suffering from a general breakdown, and gradually grew worse until death came to his relief. He leaves to mourn his death the widow and one daughter, as well as three sisters and one brother, Mrs. M. C. Reed of Omaha, Mrs. E. A. Kirkpatrick of Nehawka, Mrs. P. E. Ruffner and R. W. Black of Plattsmouth. The funeral of Mr. Black was held in Los Angeles and the body laid to its last long rest there.

## THE MONTHLY SOCIAL OF THE WOODMAN CIRCLE A PLEASING EVENT

Last evening the ladies of the Woodmen Circle held their monthly social session of the order at the M. W. A. hall and the occasion was enjoyed by a very pleasing crowd, who enjoyed to the utmost the entertainment afforded them by the ladies of this order. The evening was spent in dancing and a large number of the young people of the city took advantage of the occasion to attend and take part in the festive occasion. The hall with its American flags and filled with the members of the jolly party made a very pretty scene, and to the tune of music furnished by Miss Honor Seybert on the piano and Juno Marshall on the drums, the members of the party whiled away the hours very pleasantly. The committee in charge had made all preparations for the enjoyment of their guests and certainly had planned a most delightful evening. Delicious fruit punch was served during the evening and proved a very pleasing feature of the occasion and was much enjoyed by the members of the party. It was nearing the midnight hour when the dancers departed homeward, feeling that the Woodmen Circle ladies had proven most delightful hostesses. Mrs. John Baur served as chairman of the committee.

## TO LOOK AFTER YOUNG GIRLS OF TENDER AGE AT NIGHT

From Wednesday's Daily.  
The attention of the county attorney has been brought to the fact that each night there are quite a large number of young girls of tender age on the streets at hours when they should properly be at home, and that this condition should be checked for the protection of the young people themselves. It had been hoped that this condition of affairs would improve, but instead, it has apparently grown worse, until the authorities feel it necessary to take some action in the matter if the parents and guardians of the young people are unable to exercise sufficient authority over them to keep them off of the street at all hours of the night. This is a matter that should properly belong to the parents to regulate and see that the young girls are at home or some place where the parents can rest assured they are free from harm, instead of being out on the street until the late hours of the night, and it would save a great many vain regrets with all concerned if the authority of the home was laid a little stronger on the young folks. However, if this cannot be done, the county authorities will see what luck they can have in handling the matter.

Just received, a fine new line of flags, stickers, etc., at the Journal office.

## CELEBRATE TENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gobelman and Their Friends Enjoy a Pleasant Evening at Their Home.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Yesterday being the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Gobelman, a number of their friends gathered at their cozy home to assist in seeing that the occasion was observed in a fitting manner and to join in extending to Mr. and Mrs. Gobelman their best wishes for a great many more similar events. The evening was one of the rarest of enjoyment and furnished a great deal of pleasure to everyone fortunate enough to be present. The rooms were artistically arranged with decorations of the American flags, which added a pleasing touch to the scene. The guests spent the evening in the enjoyment of a fine informal program as well as in a number of games and contests, which served to pass the time pleasantly. In the voting contest over which gentleman should be accorded the honor of occupying the easy chair, the ladies present took the opportunity of enjoying their newly acquired right to the franchise by casting their votes for "John" and "Frank" and as there were three "Johns" present this brought on a very interesting question of which gentleman was entitled to the honor. On the draw between the three "Johns" J. M. Leyda was successful, and in turn was forced to draw with "Frank," and Mr. Leyda was voted the handsomest man and entitled to the chair, but the victor refused absolutely to divulge the secret of his beauty for the benefit of the ladies. A bean guessing contest was enjoyed for a few minutes and in this Mrs. J. M. Leyda was the successful winner. To add to the interest and pleasure of the gathering a short musical program was given, consisting of two piano numbers by E. H. Wescott and vocal solos by Mrs. E. H. Wescott and W. G. Brooks, which were greatly enjoyed. One of the treats of the occasion was the "violin solo" given by Mrs. Gobelman, assisted by Mrs. J. V. Hatt at the piano.

## SOME OF THE NAVY RECRUITS ASSIGNED TO BATTLESHIPS

From Wednesday's Daily.  
A part of the Plattsmouth contingent that is enlisted in the United States navy seems to be destined to see active service in the present war, according to a letter received here by Hon. R. B. Windham from his son, Ben, who is one of the new sailors of Uncle Sam. According to the letter received by Mr. Windham, Ben has been assigned to the battleship Montana, Charles Dovey to the Utah and George Rennie to the battleship Missouri, which should give them the opportunity of having a part in the activities of the war. The boys are by this time ready to take up their service and on reaching Norfolk, Va., will be transferred to their respective vessels to take up their service.

Clyde Kaufmann of this city, who enlisted several months ago in the navy, had considerable experience in the work as he has been sent on cruises to the Hawaiian islands as well as the Philippines, and is at present engaged in coast defense work at Fort Barry in San Francisco harbor.

## DEATH OF MRS. WELSH, MOTHER OF MRS. WM. BARCLAY

From Wednesday's Daily.  
A message was received this morning by Mrs. William Barclay announcing the sad news of the death yesterday at Aurora of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Welsh, who had been in very poor health for some time suffering from hardening of the arteries. Mrs. Welsh was 80 years of age at the time of her death, and for many years had been a resident of Fairmont, up until a short time ago, when she removed to Aurora, where she had since made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Will Woodard. The aged lady was universally loved and esteemed by those who knew her best as a lady of worth, and her lifetime had been devoted to her home and family and to those whom she knew as friends. Mr. and Mrs. Barclay will depart Saturday morning for Fairmont, where the funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon and the body laid to rest amid the scenes that this worthy lady had loved so well in her lifetime.

## JOHN W. SPENCE, EDGAR SPENCE, JAMES SPENCE AND JOHN INGRAM OF LOUISVILLE WERE IN THE CITY LAST EVENING ENJOYING A VISIT WITH THEIR FRIENDS, AND WHILE HERE MR. JOHN SPENCE RENEWED HIS SUBSCRIPTION TO THE OLD RELIABLE.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott, Mrs. W. G. Brooks, Frank A. Cloldt and Jennings Seivers departed this morning for Glenwood, where they will attend the funeral of Mrs. J. E. Tudy and will furnish the musical numbers for the services.

Dawson Will Fix It.

## BESELIN BROTHERS, TEAM OF THE GREATER OMAHA LEAGUE NEXT SUNDAY

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Manager Charles S. Johnson of the Red Sox is to have as the attraction at the ball park the Beselin Brothers team of the greater Omaha league one of the leading aggregations of the Omaha base ball organization. The new Beselin team has played for the past two seasons under the name of the "Stars and Stripes" and have visited this city before, the last occasion being a defeat for the locals at the hands of the visitors. The Beselins have a number of the well known and fast ball players of Omaha in their lineup and should prove a pleasing attraction for the lovers of the game in this city. The Sox are starting out in good form and give promise of being one of the best teams that has represented this city for some time if the present gait is maintained. Stevens of Nebraska City will do the mound work for the Sox. It is hoped to have Fred McCauley on the job as umpire as his work last year and in the opening game this season demonstrated that he is a splendid judge of the plays and absolutely fair and impartial in his rulings, not favoring either the locals or the visitors and this is something that adds much to the sport and interest of the game.

## THE UNITING OF TWO HAPPY HEARTS

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the manse of the Presbyterian church occurred the marriage of two of the popular young people of this city, Miss Nora Rosencrans and Mr. Waldemar Soennichsen. The wedding was very simple and impressive, the marriage lines being read by Rev. H. G. McCusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and the ceremony was witnessed by the immediate families of the contracting parties. The bridal couple were attended by Miss Mary Rosencrans, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid, and Mr. George F. Dovey as best man. Following the wedding ceremony the bridal couple accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, Miss Mary Rosencrans and Mr. George F. Dovey, motored to Omaha, where they were entertained at a wedding luncheon at the Henshaw for a few hours, and from there Mr. and Mrs. Soennichsen departed for Chicago, where they will enjoy a short honeymoon and a visit at the home of the sister of the groom, Mrs. John Caughlin. The young people on their return to this city will be at home to their friends at their apartments in the Coronado.

## MRS. EDWARD EGENBERGER ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF BRIDE-ELECT

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Edward Egenberger entertained in a very pleasant manner at her home in "The Coronado" apartments in honor of Miss Nora Rosencrans, one of the season's brides. The rooms were very prettily arranged in a color scheme of pink and white, sweet peas being used in the decorative scheme, and made a fitting setting for the happy gathering. The afternoon was spent in hemming dish towels for the bride-elect and in listening to a program upon the victrola, that served to add to the enjoyment of the members of the party. The guest of honor was showered with a great many handsome gifts of linen that will be treasured in the years to come as remembrances from her many friends. At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Misses Mary Rosencrans and Frances Martin. At a late hour the members of the party departed for their homes wishing the guest of honor much happiness in her new home.

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