

### SUICIDE DEATH RATE INCREASES IN THE NATION

Insurance Head Also Deplores Automobile Wreck Costs.

New York, Dec. 12.—According to statistics presented to the eighteenth annual convention of the association of life insurance presidents here this morning, by Dr. Oscar H. Rogers, chief medical director of the New York Life insurance company, the suicide death rate increased from 11.6 for the first ten months of 1923 to 12.0 for the first ten months of 1924.

Figures showed a decrease in the death rate of insured lives from \$70 per hundred thousand for 1923 to \$25 per hundred thousand for 1924. Referring to deaths in automobile accidents, Dr. Rogers said:

"This is an alarming state of affairs and means should be found to remedy it. The remedy lies in greater care in the issuing of automobile licenses, so as to eliminate persons temperamentally unfit to drive a car. Besides that, adequate punishment should be meted out to all persons guilty of inflicting injury upon others by careless driving. This method of locomotion has come to be an inseparable adjunct to modern life. It is so useful in industry and brings health and happiness to so many that, whatever happens, it has come to stay. The loss in this present year of 17,758 lives seems an unnecessarily high price to pay for this addition to our equipment. These deaths mean carelessness or a lack of skill and every effort should be made to minimize them."

### WE WILL BE OLD THEN

Detroit, Dec. 12.—How would you like to live to be 1,000? Don't get excited for the new era of Methuselahs will not be realized in the present generation. A. W. Frye, supreme commander of the Maccabees, a fraternal order that now solves the problem of old age by philanthropy and relief measures, indulged in an address here in some interesting speculations on longevity.

"The average age of death in the seventh century was 21 years," said Mr. Frye. "In 1824 it was 35 years. In the last century it has been raised to 55 years. Carried on at the same rate of gain the average life would be 82 years by the end of the next century. By the year 2624 it would reach the span of 1,015 years."

"The 1,000-year-old man, scientists say, is a biological possibility. Time is not the destroyer. Changes in the human body, considered marks of senility, may begin at an early age."

### TAKEN UP NOTICE

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### IS SOLDIER RELIEF MONEY USABLE TO PAY SALARY?

Attorney General Holds Law Authorizes This If Salary Is Necessary in Relief Work.

Attorney General Spillman conferred Friday with Chairman J. A. C. Fisher and Attorney Charles Brewster of Beatrice, representing the American Legion relief committee to dispense \$100,000 a year derived from state funds. This committee finds the work growing and has urged the board of educational lands and funds to authorize the use of relief funds to pay the salary of at least one man engaged in relief work and to pay the salary of an attorney to represent claimants for relief. A salary of \$3,600 has been suggested for Mr. Fisher.

The attorney general said the state board will meet next Tuesday to pass upon these and other matters. He has prepared an opinion holding that the present law appears to be broad enough to permit the use of relief funds to pay a man if his services are necessary to administer the relief fund. He doubts if the present law is broad enough to pay an attorney to investigate and appear for claimants for relief.

In regard to payment of physicians for examination of claimants for relief and for medical services the attorney general believes the present law authorizes such payments. The board comprising five state officers will pass upon these questions Tuesday. If the board of trustees of the relief funds deem further legislation necessary it will refuse to authorize the use of relief funds for salaries until the law is passed.

### RE-ALLOCATION PLAN OBSOLETE

Changing Radio Wave Lengths Has Been Abandoned By the Secretary of Commerce.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Re-allocation of wave lengths to radio broadcasting stations as recommended by the recent National Radio conference to the secretary of commerce has been abandoned by the commerce department.

The plan, which was devised a short time ago, has already been rendered obsolete by the increasing number of broadcasting stations and the demand for wave length assignments, officials of the department said yesterday.

It is understood that until the radio broadcasting situation becomes more stable, no attempt will be made to revise the present allocation of wave lengths, while the department will meet the increasing demand as far as possible.

The radio conference, which met here in October, drew up a comprehensive plan for the re-allocation of all radio wave lengths, shifting in some cases, those for marine communication in order to extend the number available for commercial broadcasting stations.

Both the conference and department officials at the time expressed the belief that the system would alleviate many of the ills of the present arrangement, but immediately after the department began receiving an unprecedented number of applications for licenses for new stations.

A three million dollar bond issue for additional school buildings in Lincoln was recently approved by the voters.

### COST OF FEEDING INMATES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS HIGH

State To Pay More for Foodstuffs for First Quarter of 1925 than for Same Period in 1924

Considerably more money will be paid out by the state of Nebraska to feed its 6,000 institution inmates and the administrative forces at the different institutions during the first quarter of 1925 than in the same period one year previous, but the total cost will not vary greatly from what it has been during the last quarterly period of 1924.

Contracts just awarded by the board of control for twelve staple foodstuffs to be supplied at Lincoln institutions from January 1 to March 31, are based on bids generally higher than a year ago, but in some cases lower than prices paid under bids of last September, for the current quarter.

Bacon is \$4.90 per 100 pounds above what the state contracted for in December a year ago, for the three months following. It is 50 cents higher than the present price.

Ham will cost \$2.55 cents more than a year ago, but \$1.05 below what it costs now.

Flour shows a big increase of 97 1/2 cents per hundredweight over the December, 1923, contract price, and 72 1/2 cents over that of last September. This is due to the sensational advance of the wheat market which began last July and has continued to the present time.

er than it was three months ago, but much higher than a year ago.

Sugar, cheese and beef are three commodities which have increased in price since September but are still materially less than a year ago. Beans and rice have declined in the last three months, but are on a higher level than they were at the time of the quarterly letting in December, 1923.

Codfish is about one-fourth higher than it was in September.

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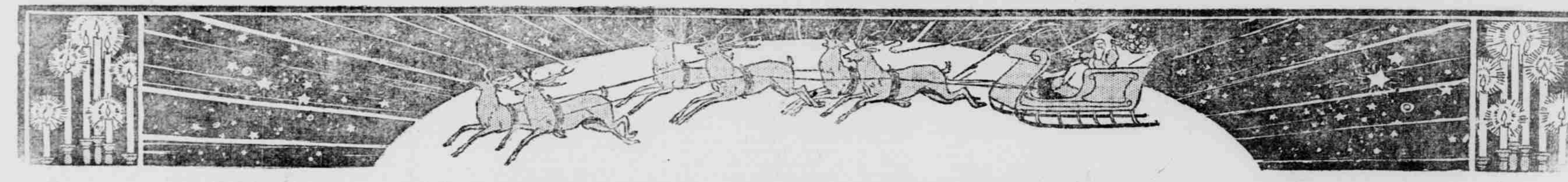
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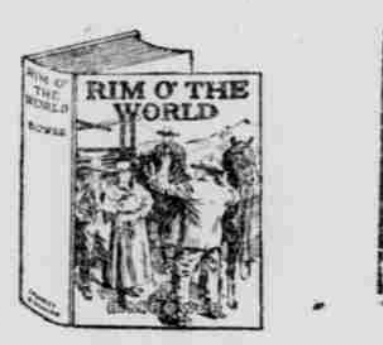
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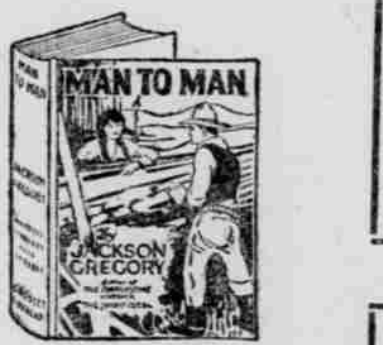
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