

WANTS TO BETTER IT

WOULD RE-ORGANIZE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

CHAMPION BOY CORNGROWER

Frontier County Boy Wins Corn Growing Prize—Irrigation for Arid Districts in Nebraska.

Washington.—Reorganization of the department of agriculture is foreshadowed in Secretary Houston's first annual report presented to President Wilson. A plan to be submitted to congress in the fiscal estimates for 1916 proposes to carry out the work of the department in five or six main groups, such as research, state relations, rural organization, forest service, weather and regulation. Such a plan, Secretary Houston believes will promote co-ordination.

Irrigation for Arid Lands.
Washington.—With a view of aiding the people of Nebraska in general and those of his own district in particular, Representative Silas R. Barton has set the government machinery in motion. Mr. Barton proposes irrigation for the arid lands of Nebraska and has called upon the government to offer whatever assistance it can.

CHAMPION BOY CORN GROWER.
Jesse Correll of Frontier Gets Trip to Washington.

Lincoln.—Jesse Correll, aged sixteen years, is the champion boy corn grower in the state of Nebraska. That honor has been awarded him by the decision of the Judges in the Nebraska boys' corn growing contest, held under the supervision of the department of agricultural extension at the university farm. Young Correll harvested eighty-eight bushels of corn from one acre of ground in Frontier county. A trip to Washington, D. C., and \$60 in cash is the prize which the plucky farmer youth will receive for his summer's endeavors in the corn growing line.

Many Lives Lost in Flood.

Bryan, Tex.—A death roll of more than fifty persons, and possibly a thousand others marooned and suffering from prolonged hunger and cold, has been indicated by reports from the flooded Brazos river bottoms in this section of south central Texas. For over fifty miles the Brazos was three to five miles wide and running with mill race speed. Scores of flood refugees are believed to be in peril. The known dead numbered thirty-three before reports from the inundated territory in this district began coming in.

Iowa Saloonkeepers Get Rehearing.

Des Moines, Ia.—Judge B. W. Preston of the Iowa supreme court, at his home in Oskaloosa granted an application by Des Moines saloonkeepers for a rehearing in the case in which the supreme court nearly two weeks ago decided that local saloons must close. A stay in the execution of the upper court's decree was ordered.

Des Moines Saloons Open.

Des Moines, Ia.—Every one of the Des Moines' eighty-six saloons opening Saturday came after Judge Preston ruled that they might do so. They had been closed since November 22, as the result of a supreme court decision to the effect that they had been operating under an insufficient consent petition.

Ancient Mansion Burned.

Glasgow, Scotland.—Fire destroyed Kelly house, one of the finest mansions at Wemyss bay, a favorite outlying suburb of Glasgow. The fire was the work of an arson squad of militant suffragets, and was apparently set in revenge for the government's arrest of Mrs. Pankhurst.

Indians Predict "No Winter."

Pierre, S. D.—Unseasonably warm weather prevailed over the Dakotas, accompanied by warm rains. Indians in this vicinity are predicting there will be "no winter" this season. Flowers are in bloom in many places in this state.

Mr. Bryan Will Address Club.

Lincoln.—Secretary of State W. J. Bryan has accepted the invitation of the Lincoln Commercial club to attend the annual banquet on Tuesday, January 6, and to make the principal address of that occasion. The banquet will be for members only.

Egg Market Declined.

Chicago.—The egg market declined 2 to 3 cents Thursday, although receipts showed a falling off. Ordinary firsts were quoted at 31 to 32 cents wholesale.

Mrs. Pankhurst Again Arrested.

Exeter, Eng.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragist leader, was arrested here on board the Majestic on her arrival from New York by the police who quitted the women sympathizers who had been watching to resist her arrest.

Chicago.—At the twenty-third annual convention of the American Association of State Fairs and Expositions, just closed here, September 7 to 12 was selected as the date for the Nebraska state fair.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS

WHAT LAWMAKERS AT WASHINGTON ARE DOING.

Result of Deliberations on More Important Measures Given in Condensed Form.

Saturday.

The Senate.—Ratified the democratic program for thirteen-hour sessions on the currency bill. Senator Sheppard introduced a bill for a good roads committee of seven members.

Bill to sanction use of state election machinery for election of senators delayed.

Resumed debate on the Hetch Hetchy water bill.

Called on Secretary Lane to report the cost of administering the land laws for the last five years.

The House.—Discussion of the naval holiday resumed. Commerce committee gave hearing on automatic train stopping devices. Adjourned at 5:31 p. m., until noon Monday.

Friday.

The Senate.—Ratification of democratic currency bill program delayed. Consideration of Hetch Hetchy bill resumed.

Interstate commerce committee postponed consideration of trust bills.

The House.—Hearing on LaFollette seaman's bill set for December 13.

McGill-Dyer election contest set for hearing on December 15.

Good roads committee agreed to begin hearings on many federal aid bills Monday.

Passed resolutions extending to February 1 time for classification of surface lands of Chickasaw and Choctaw nations.

Authorized Chairman Garrett of the lobby committee to read his report Tuesday.

Debated southern omnibus claim bill without reaching a vote. Adjourned at 4:50 p. m. to noon Saturday.

Thursday.

The Senate.—Adoption of democratic currency bill program went over for another day.

Republican senators attacked the democratic caucus.

The House.—Rules committee gave a hearing to the anti-suffragists. Hensley resolution for naval holiday generally discussed.

War department officials urged aviation and other appropriations before military affairs committee.

Rivers and harbors committee continued hearings of levee improvements for flood protection along the Mississippi river. Action on Hensley naval holiday resolution went over to Saturday. Adjourned at 5:13 p. m. to noon Wednesday.

Wednesday.

The Senate.—Resumed consideration of the Hetch Hetchy bill. Democratic leaders failed to ratify their currency bill program, but forced long session.

The House.—Rural credits hearings conducted before a sub-committee of the banking committee.

Woman suffragists pleading for a suffrage committee in the house were heard by the rules committee.

More than 1,000 boy corn planters from Ohio visited the capitol. Postmaster General Burleson discussed estimates before postoffice committee.

Passed bill to provide separate ministers to Paraguay and Uruguay instead of one to both as at present.

Many bills introduced to appropriate millions of dollars for improving public roads. Sandler of Mississippi proposed \$20,000,000 annually.

Passed the Hay bill to provide for raising volunteer forces in time of war. Adjourned at 3:38 p. m. to noon Thursday.

Only Woman Mexican Pensioner Dead.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—Mrs. Mina Finger, said to have been the only woman in the United States pensioned for personal service in having ministered to the sick and injured during the Mexican war, through which her husband fought as a United States soldier, is dead here, at the age of 87.

Forced to Leave Penitentiary.

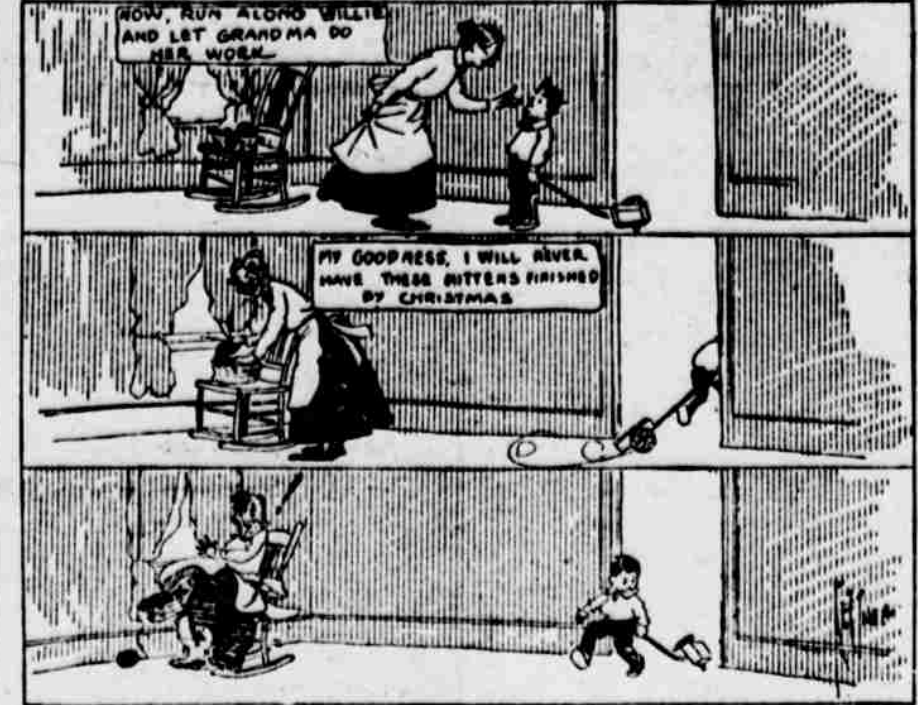
Lancaster, Neb.—The state of Nebraska had to force James Durkin to leave the penitentiary because his time had been served. Durkin threatens to get another sentence if necessary to secure food and shelter. He says he purposely burned a box car to get the sentence just served. Warden Fenton pictured the delights of freedom and a friend who had known Durkin's parents in Ireland used his persuasive powers to induce Durkin to leave.

Chicago.—Approximately sixty representatives of the various state and district fair associations began a two day session of the American Association of Fairs here Wednesday to arrange fair dates for the 1914 season and to discuss many features of the fair business.

Nebraska Cattle Still Taking Prizes.

Chicago, Ill.—Nebraska university took first prize in the International Live Stock show for fat Galloway heifers and 2-year-old steers, and third for 1-year-old steers.

GRANDMA AND HER CHRISTMAS KNITTING



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URGED TO STICK TO FARMS

HUERTA SAID TO HAVE MADE A FINANCIAL DEAL.

Boys Advised to Keep Out of Politics —Utah Desperado Believed to Have Escaped—Recall Petition Filed.

Mexico City.—There is a well authenticated report that General Huerta has been assured a loan of 750,000 pesos by an American corporation with Mexican connections. The vice president of the corporation, it is said, has been personally negotiating for the loan in return for which it is understood he secured promises of certain concessions for his company. The primary dealings between the officials of the corporation and the government were through the minister of finance, but as an agreement was impossible the company's officials took the matter up through a third party with President Huerta, who without loss of time sent the papers to the company's agent for signature.

Lopez Thought to Have Escaped.

Bingham, Utah.—After searching a third of the Utah-Apex mine, the posse which penetrated the stronghold of Ralph Lopez, slayer of six men, came out and announced to the thousands of expectant miners that they had found nothing to indicate the crafty desperado was dead. The places where his body most likely would have been were carefully gone over. The belief is growing that once again the sheriffs of nine Utah counties and their hundreds of deputies had been outwitted by the man who several times since the pursuit began on November 21 had risked capture in order to jeer at their efforts.

URGED TO STICK TO FARMS.

Champ Clark Advises Boys to Keep Out of Politics.

Washington.—"Stick to the farm and keep out of politics," was the admonition given to some twelve hundred boy and girl corn growers from Ohio by Speaker Champ Clark at a reception tendered the young farm experts here by the Ohio congressional delegation. Speaker Clark declared that the farm was the proper place for men and that legislators who amounted to anything in this country were either born or brought up in rural districts. Senator Pomerene told the girls: "If I was a girl I would rather be able to bake a good loaf of bread than dance the tango. I would rather be able to put a good meal of victuals on the family table than be the queen of the social world."

For Recall of City Commissioner.

Lincoln.—A petition bearing 1,866 names for the recall of Commissioner King was filed at the city clerk's office shortly after 4 p. m. Friday. The document was brought to the city hall by O. W. Miller and Leon Huckins. Sam Melick is named as a candidate for election for the place now held by Mr. King. The petition charges that Commissioner King has proven himself incompetent, out of harmony with the will of the people of the city of Lincoln, extravagant in expending the taxpayers' money, has made appointments for his own personal advantage and not for the public good and has employed police officers who are a menace to the public safety.

Yates Center, Kas.—The Yates Center National bank was closed Tuesday by order of Bank Examiner A. C. Cutler. Failure to realize on securities was the cause assigned. The bank was one of the oldest in the county and had been regarded as among the strongest. Its liabilities are said to be nearly \$300,000.

Washington, D. C.—With the reputation of being longer in the government service than any other man in Washington, Archie Lewis, in charge of the robbing room of the justices of the supreme court, died here Thursday. He had been on the government pay roll 64 years.

Trinidad, Colo.—Robert Uhlrich, president of the local union of the united mine workers of America, has confessed before the military commission to having supplied strikers at the Ludlow tent colony with arms and ammunition.

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Just 407 corporations of the state have refused to dig up their taxes under the provisions of the Potts law.

The board of control has awarded a contract for a new laundry building at the Millford industrial home for women, to cost \$3,995.

Harry Marowitz, at the age of 23, was admitted to practice before the Nebraska bar last week, and is said to be the youngest lawyer in the state.

Total receipts of the university during the past six months were \$182,073, according to the semi-annual report made to the state treasurer by Chancellor Avery. The largest single item was \$36,973.14 for hog cholera serum, a product which is made and sold to farmers of the state at actual cost of production.

Officers of the Sarpy County Mutual Telephone company appeared before the railway commission recently to ask permission for a raise of 50 cents a month for rental of instruments. The line consists of rural subscribers and only one business phone is connected, that being at the Rock Island depot at Richland.

Lincoln.—Prof. C. D. Lee of the University of Nebraska experiment station is arranging a unique meat display at the mid-winter meeting of Organized Agriculture at Lincoln, January 19-23. The sum of \$90 in prizes is offered and there will be lectures and demonstrations concerning the curing, cutting and purchasing of meats.

Seven railroads doing business in this state gathered in nearly \$2,000,000 more from Nebraska operations during the fiscal year than during the fiscal year of 1912, according to a resume made of the reports filed with the state railway commission. The total business for the fiscal year of 1913 equaled \$62,545,584, while for 1912 it aggregated \$50,606,696.

Eleven beaver hides were seized on Fred Black's large ranch, south of Theoford, by Deputy Game Warden Bowers. It is claimed that Black's permit had expired, but this is a question which will have to be submitted to the attorney general for explanation. The animals were caught on the Dismal river and one of them weighed seventy pounds. The hides are worth \$6.50 to \$13 apiece.

Professor Condra of the conservation commission has returned from Scotts Bluffs county, where he has been taking motion pictures of the sugar beet industry in the interests of the state conservation commission. It is the plan of the commission to secure pictures of every industry of any account in Nebraska and to this end Mr. Condra has been making frequent trips about the state.

ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED MEN.

Chicago Facing Crisis with Long List of Charity Applicants. Chicago faces a crisis caused by an army of thousands of unemployed men, according to a report of the committee of homeless men submitted at a meeting of representatives of charitable organizations. These organizations have been swamped with applications for work and shelter and the report demands instant action by the city to meet the situation.

A New Era in Mexico.

Juarez, Mex.—A new era has begun in northern Mexico. It marks the peaceful occupation by the rebels of the territory abandoned by Huerta forces. With 2,000 rebels, Gen. Francisco Villa, en route from Juarez to the evacuated city of Chihuahua, passed through Ahumada, eighty-five miles south of the border, and camped at Montezuma, thirty miles further south. Five thousand more rebels will join him on the way and with a combined force of 7,000 men he will enter the state capital, there to establish what will be the temporary military headquarters of the constitutionalist party.

Nebraska Cattle Capture Prizes.

Chicago.—Stock owned by the University of Nebraska carried off a number of prizes at the international live stock exhibition here. Among the individual exhibitors from Nebraska who received prizes the first day were H. Reese & Sons of Pilger, Neb. With more than twenty-two entries in the Shorthorn division, cows three years and over, the Reese firm took third prize with Lady Cumberland. There were many in the ring who believed that the Nebraska cow should have been awarded the blue ribbon.

Washington.—Regulations for the issuance of licenses to persons or corporations collecting income on foreign bonds, mortgages, or other dividends, have been issued by the treasury department. Licenses will be issued by the collector of internal revenue in the district where the applicant does business.

Bochum, Germany.—The congress of German Woman Suffrage associations in session here, voted down resolutions disapproving the excesses of the British militant suffragets.

Energy lawyers who become ambitious to fight their clients' cases through the supreme court must make specific citation of other cases bearing on their litigation, according to a ruling of the upper tribunal.

National guardsmen at the state headquarters are planning to install a wireless telegraph station on the roof of the state house, just above their new offices. A moderate priced outfit, they say, can be procured which will send and receive messages from all points in a 600-mile zone.

One hundred and fifty-six non-profit sharing corporations have sent in their dollar bills and been awarded immunity from the penalizing clause of the corporation tax law. The institutions include churches, lodge building societies, commercial clubs, bands, athletic clubs and organizations of all character. Thirty-five of the corporations are from Omaha and South Omaha. All of those which have not paid thus far are being listed with the attorney general so that the latter official can proceed against them.

EFFICACY OF PRAYER

AUBURN MAN HAS DOCUMENT 150 YEARS OLD.

NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE

What is Going on Here and There that is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska and Vicinity.

- COMING EVENTS.**
- Meeting of Nebraska revenue and tax commission at Omaha, December 10 and 11.
 - Cuming county farmers' institute at Wisner, December 11 to 13.
 - Banquet to Cornhusker football team by Omaha alumni of state university, December 10.
 - Annual corn show at Central City, December 10, 11, 12.
 - Mid-state poultry show at Scottsbluff, December 10, 11, 12.
 - County chicken show at Fremont, in December.
 - Peace Sunday over the world, December 21.
 - State corn show at Lincoln, January 19 to 23.
 - State Lumbermen's association at Lincoln, January 14 to 16.

Hastings.—The "power of prayer" was illustrated at the Nazarene Holiness church recently, when, during a season of supplication in revival service, Wesley Baker stumbled in a half-intoxicated condition just at a time when pleadings were being made for "the most wayward sinner." Though he had been drinking, Baker knew what he was doing and made his way directly to the "mourners' bench." A score or more of the revival leaders gathered about him and thirty minutes later Baker sprang to his feet claiming forgiveness and regeneration. He gave a vivid account of his wayward life and explained how a feeling he could not resist took hold of him as he passed the church and the something told him if he let the opportunity go by the pit was his certain fate.

Object to Insurgent Movement.

Neligh.—The M. W. A. members of Neligh camp No. 573 object to the insurgent movement in the order now in evidence throughout the United States, and especially to the Nebraska bulletin of the society that is being freely distributed by the so-called insurgent element of the organization in this state. They have adopted strong resolutions to this effect, and are the first to issue resolutions and give their views in support of their contentions.

An Ancient Document.

Auburn.—S. M. Haynes of this city has in his possession a very old and quaint document. It is a license issued to his great grandfather under the seal of the office of chamberlain in the city of London and dated May 8, 1765. The license was printed on parchment and the blanks filled in with ink, and it also bears a seal. The document is nearly 150 years old and although it has turned brown with age the writing and printing are still legible.

Will Install Wireless.

Fairbury.—A wireless telegraphy station will be erected here by A. D. Ackerman, who has ordered the equipment, and as soon as the appliances are received work on the new station will be commenced. The receiving wires for the instrument must be 100 feet in the air. Mr. Ackerman expects to receive United States radio time signals twice daily from the government's new powerful wireless station at Arlington, Va., near Washington, D. C.

Gift of Prehistoric Skulls.

Omaha.—A series of three prehistoric skulls, estimated as ranging from 100 years to at least 20,000 in age, and representing the three races of mankind which have lived in the great Missouri valley since the advent of the human race upon this continent, have just been presented to the new medical college of the University of Nebraska by Dr. R. F. Gilder of Omaha, archaeologist in the field for the university.

Proud of His Luck.

Tecumseh.—M. H. McAuliff of Sterling has returned from Hyannis, where he selected his farm. He drew No. 47 in the recent land letting and this gives him a good place. He located on section 18, fifteen miles south of Hyannis, and says he thinks he is \$3,000 better off by having been fortunate enough to draw a farm. On his section there is at least 250 acres of good hay land. Labor Commissioner C. W. Pool of Lincoln is his neighbor, his claim being near that of Mr. McAuliff.

Delusions Cause Attempt on Life.

Lincoln.—Stupefied because of delusions that the police wanted him in connection with the recent killing of George Wilmeth here, Stephen Kegley attempted to commit suicide, and after slashing his throat with a razor, staggered out of his house and along the street for more than three blocks, finally falling unconscious on an old mattress that had been thrown into an alley.

Antelope county has expended over \$28,000 on her roads this year.