

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- June 5 and 6—Pageant of Lincoln, presenting "The Gate City."
- June 6-7-8—State Undertakers' Convention at Hastings.
- June 5-6—Spanish War Veterans' State Convention at North Platte.
- June 12 to 15—Trans-Mississippi Bakers' Ass'n convention at Omaha.
- June 13-14-15—Annual convention of Nebraska Elks at Omaha.
- June 13 to 16—State P. E. O. Convention at Alliance.
- June 13-14-15—Great Western Handicap Tournament at Omaha.
- June 13 to 15—Nebraska Pharmaceutical Convention at Hastings.
- June 19-20-21-22—American Union of Swedish Singers, West. Div., concerts and convention at Omaha.
- June 20 to 24—State Stockmen's convention at Alliance.
- June 21 to 23—Fraternal Order of Eagles, state meeting at Lincoln.
- June 7—Elkhorn Valley Editorial association meeting at Long Pine.
- June 28-29—International Auctioneers' Association Convention at Omaha.
- July 3-4-5—Mid-Summer Race Meet at Kearney.
- July 5 to 8—State Golf Tournament at Omaha.
- July 10-11-12—Northwestern Hotel Men's Association Convention at Omaha.
- July 10-11-12—Missouri Valley Veterinary association convention at Omaha.
- July 25—Nebraska Democratic convention at Hastings.

Anna Yankaus, a domestic living in Omaha, has commenced a \$50,000 damage suit against Thomas Towey, a wealthy retired farmer of Schuyler. She alleges that while she was employed as housekeeper by Towey's sister, who was dying from tuberculosis, Towey came up behind her and stole a kiss, which caused great mental anguish. The suit was filed in the district court at Omaha.

That the present high cattle prices are but shadows of higher approaching costs, is the firm conviction of many cattlemen about the South Omaha yards. From about June 1 and on through the summer it is anticipated that cattle will be scarce. This is the off season and it may be just a little bit more off than usual. The result of this situation could only be higher prices.

Damage to the extent of \$50,000 to farm property was caused by a tornado which struck Valley county in the vicinity of Ord, a few days ago. James Heitz, farmer, tells of a fence post being pulled out of the ground and driven through the body of a horse in a pasture.

A special election will be held at Wymore, June 3, for the purpose of voting on a proposition authorizing the board of education to issue \$45,000 bonds of which \$35,000 is for the erection of a new school building, and \$10,000 in repairing and refurbishing the old buildings.

Postmaster General Burleson has removed J. G. Porter of Bridgeport from the office of postmaster on the charge that Porter is "temperamentally unfit" to hold the position and is "grossly disloyal" to the postoffice department. For several months Porter tried to get an increase in the number of clerks in his office.

Grand Island was selected as the 1917 meeting place by the State Harness Makers' association at its meeting at Columbus. Officers elected were: President, Pullus Reese; Grand Island; vice president, William Reuter, Sutton; secretary-treasurer J. C. York, Minden.

Frank Rudat of Columbus won the Nebraska state championship at the state sportsmen's tournament at Grand Island and will represent Nebraska at the American handicap at St. Louis August 21 to 25.

The nomination of George H. Loomis of Fremont to be internal revenue collector for the district of Nebraska has been confirmed by congress. Mr. Loomis' appointment has hung fire for several months.

A hail storm swept over a strip two miles wide and five miles long in the northern part of Thayer county recently and reports are that considerable damage was done to fruit and garden crops.

Clarence, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dunkin, living near Story, twenty-five miles north of Harrison while wrestling with a brother, ran the point of a pair of scissors in the back of his neck and died from the injury.

Contract has been let for the erection of a concrete and steel bridge to cross the Platte river south of Kearney, the price being \$44,350. It is to be a state-aid bridge and one-fourth of the cost will be borne by Kearney and Buffalo counties.

Twenty-two separate organizations in the city of Omaha are being invited by the Commercial club to cooperate in the arrangements for a big patriotic parade and demonstration to be held on Flag day, June 14.

Crop conditions in Buffalo and Kearney counties are reported as of the very best at this time of year. The winter wheat prospect was never better, it is said.

Six hundred building laborers employed on a million dollars' worth of buildings and twenty-five jobs of paving in Lincoln, are on strike.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF VERDUN IN RUINS



This photograph of Verdun was taken recently during a lull in the terrific bombardment. The city is a mass of wreckage and ruins, hardly a house remaining untouched, and has been utterly abandoned by the civil population.

DECORATED FOR HER RED CROSS WORK



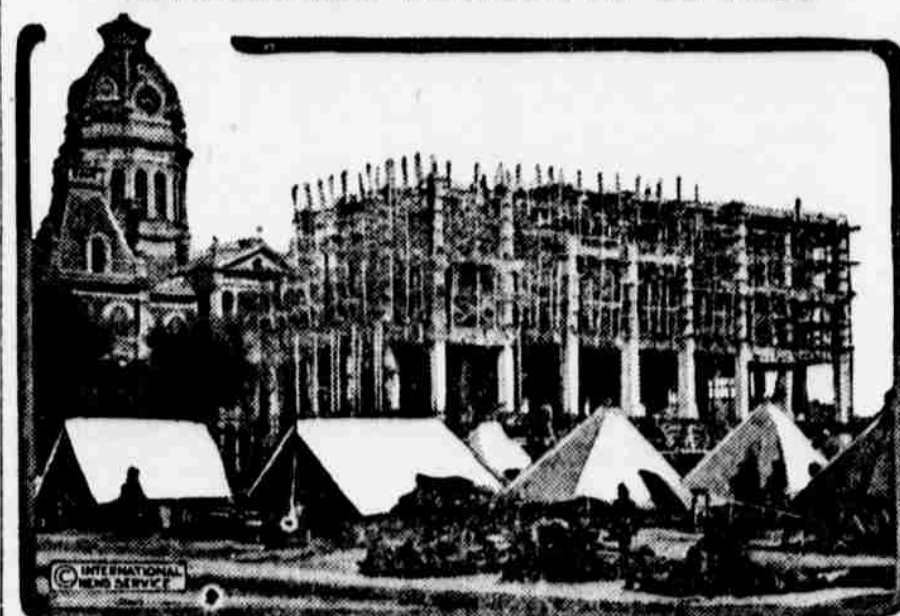
For her devotion to duty in the Red Cross work in France, Serbia and Macedonia, Mrs. Harley (center), sister of General French of the British army, was recently decorated at Saloniki by General Sarrail (man with folded arms at right) with the French military cross. The decoration took place in the presence of British, French and Greek officers and a number of Mrs. Harley's coworkers in the Red Cross.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS VISIT LONDON



A trio of the czar's husky fighters, wearing many decorations attesting their bravery, aiding the British Red Cross by the purchase of St. George's flags in the Strand, London.

MACHINE-GUN PLATOON AT EL PASO



The feeling of unrest existing in El Paso is expressed vividly in this photograph showing the machine-gun platoon of the Twentieth infantry encamped in front of the courthouse at El Paso.

UNVEILED AT WEST POINT



Statue of George Washington unveiled recently at West Point by Miss Charlotte Delafield, a descendant of the late Maj. Richard Delafield of the institution. It was presented by Rev. Dr. Slatery of Graco church, New York, and was accepted for the government by Col. Clarence P. Townsley, superintendent of West Point. The donor was described only as a "patriotic citizen, a veteran of the Civil war." The gift of the statue was the result of a conversation between the unknown donor and Colonel Townsley in which the former learned that West Point possessed no statue of the first president.

A Canceled Debt.
Hemorrhage—I notice Bennie Beanbrough is wearing his nose in a sling.
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"Little debt?"
"Yes, Umson owed him a grudge for several months and last week, you remember, was Pay Up Week."

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JUNE 4.

THE CALL OF THE WEST.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 15:36; 16:15. GOLDEN TEXT—Come over into Macedonia and help us.—Acts 15:9.

Following the commission's report at Antioch of the decision of the Jerusalem church, Paul and Barnabas and others continued their evangelism in that city (ch. 15:35). These leaders soon felt the need of revisiting the scenes of their former labors (v. 36), but when it came to the organization of their party, Paul refused to accede to the decision of Barnabas that John Mark should accompany them (vs. 37, 38, see Acts 14:13). So sharp a contention arose that two parties were organized. That Paul later forgave Mark is evidenced by his tender references to him.

I. A Closed Door. Ch. 16:1-8. Paul's companions for this second missionary tour were Silas (16:40), Luke (see use of word "we," v. 13), and Timothy (v. 13). The latter came of good ancestry, had good training and was of good report, still to avoid contention he submitted to the rite of circumcision. Paul's work was to promulgate the Jerusalem decree, to establish or to confirm the churches and to add to these churches new converts. But that did not entirely fulfill Paul's commission (9:15). The word "Asia" (v. 6) means the Roman province of Asia and, wisely obeying the Spirit's direction, Paul passed on until he came to the seaport town of Troas. At a later time Paul spoke the "word of the Lord Jesus" in Asia with wonderful effect (19: 1, 8, 19, 26, 27). It must have burned within the bones of Paul thus to be restrained, but it did not serve as an excuse for him to take a vacation, but rather to seek new fields wherein to preach. Thus he came to Troas.

II. The Macedonian Call. v. 9-13. Paul had several epoch-making visions; on the Damascus road (9:3, 4 and 26:19); in Jerusalem (23:11); at the time of his shipwreck (27:23), and the one we are now considering. A vision is a knowledge of the need and of the resources at one's command. Grecian beauty, philosophy, art and culture needed Christ. Christ as a resource was adequate and available to supply that need. This vision Paul saw: through it God called him to Macedonia. "We" (the first use of that pronoun in the book of Acts), Paul and Luke, immediately essayed to obey.

III. The Open Door, v. 14, 15. On what seeming trifles does history turn! An outcast wandering Jew coming to help a proud, cultured, influential foreign city, but he bears the Gospel which alone can be of help to them. Paul did not wait to "investigate the field" nor to establish a working organization. He knew a better point of contact, and that was to find those in that city who knew God even though ignorant of Christ. He began by preaching Jesus, not comparative religions, nor did he seek to found "community centers" with soup kitchens and social uplift. Paul knew that to elevate the individual by establishing him in the faith of Christ would soon result in community uplift. On the other hand, a faith which evaporates in words and does not give tangible, concrete evidence in works may well be challenged as to its being genuine. There was no supernatural direction as to what part of Macedonia Paul was to visit, and exercising his common sense, Paul went at once to the principal city. He did not begin at once to preach the Gospel (v. 12 R. V.), but waited and watched for an opportunity, doubtless praying much for a favorable opening (Ch. 13: 14; 17:2; 18:4).

The "man of Macedonia" seems to have been a woman unless we consider the Philippian jailor. This open-air meeting was one of the most notable in history. The Lord opened the heart of pious Lydia and it was the turning point of the evangelization of Europe and America and the world. God must open the hearts of men and women (John 6:44, 45; Eph. 1:17, 18; Luke 24:45), and this he is willing and glad to do. The steps of this woman's conversion are clearly marked and present a good type. (1) She went out to pray (v. 13). (2) She heard the word (v. 13, 14; see also John 5:24). (3) She had her heart opened by the Lord (v. 14). (4) She gave heed to the things which were spoken" (v. 13 and Mark 16:16). (5) She made public confession of her newly-found faith by baptism.

(6) She carried with her the whole household, perhaps children, workers in her business and servants (v. 31-33; I Cor. 1:16).

The use of the word "constrained" in verse 15 indicates a heart hunger to be helpful by being allowed to serve.

The Philippian church often helped Paul subsequently and doubtless Lydia was a leading spirit in such service.

The history of the Christian church relates many illustrations of the leadership and prominence of women of wealth and culture.

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