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A county food administrator in Nebraska, with power to effect his own committees, will be named by Gordon W. Wattles immediately upon his return from Washington. This administrator will be the chief executive of the county and will be as supreme in his district as Mr. Wattles is in the state. His duties will be that of seeing that the provisions of the food control act are carried out. All county administrators will be called in to Omaha for a conference, when they will be given information of the working of the department.

The Government will not fix the price of cattle and sheep at the present time. That decision came from Joseph Cotton, meat director, and was made public Saturday.

In order to stimulate the production of hogs, a minimum price of \$15.50 per hundred for hogs farrowed next spring has been established, this based on a ratio of 13 to 1, with price of corn as a basis of the price.

The Food Administration commits itself to a policy of keeping hands off in the matter of price fixing of cattle and sheep as long as prices are fair and the producers secure a fair profit, according to E. L. Burke, chairman of the Nebraska live stock committee.

"Patriotism and the prospect of fair prices should stimulate cattle and sheep feeders to renewed efforts to increase production," continued Mr. Burke, who is one of the largest cattle feeders in the state.

#### The Knocker's Prayer

(The Docket.)  
 In the case of Bloodworth vs. Times Publishing Company, 193 Southwestern Reporter, 527, Judge Wood of the Arkansas supreme court, said, in substance, that where defendants in one part of its paper referred to plaintiff as a "knocker," and it was alleged that he was the person specifically meant, it furnished the necessary colloquium to show that the following prayer published in the same paper applied to the plaintiff:

"The Knocker's Prayer: Lord, please don't let this town grow. I've been here for many years and during that time I've fought every public improvement. I've knocked on everybody and everybody. No firm or individual has established a business here without my doing all I could to put them out of business. I've lied about them, and would have stolen from them, if I had had the courage. I am against building a new church, even though I gave nothing. I am against the electric light franchise being granted to George Booster, George Washington, or Jim Tom. It pains me, O Lord, to see that in spite of my knocking the town is growing. Then, too, more people might come here which would cause me to lose some of my pull. I ask, therefore, to keep this town at a standstill that I may be one of the chiefs. Amen!"  
 —Hastings Tribune.

#### Much Nebraska Corn Being Cribbed Before It Is Cured

Letters to the Food Administration from all parts of the state say that corn is being cribbed before it has been thoroughly cured and that in many instances corn is spoiling and has been thrown away.

These letters further suggest that husking and cribbing should be delayed where the corn is not cured until the moisture has been eliminated. Soft corn with great moisture in the cob is the statement of those who have written.

When the live stock committee met in Omaha recently it was stated that a great amount of soft corn was in the Nebraska fields, and that this corn should have immediate attention.

#### A Royal Neighbor

Kensington for the benefit of the Auxiliary of the Red Cross Chapter was held at the home of Mrs. J. M. Burgess, Nov. 21, 1917. The hostess was assisted by Mesdames Glen Walker, Tress Harwood and Walter Warren.

During the afternoon the company was entertained by a ladies quartette consisting of Miss Hazel Saladen, Mesdames Hallie Thomas, Ed Garber and S. C. Ellis, also by little Miss Thomas Saunders, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

A luncheon was served to a large number of ladies and gentleman, consisting of ice cream and cake. The proceeds taken in was \$11.00 and was turned over to the Auxiliary of the Red Cross.—ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Annual Benefit Dance will be given at the Masonic Hall on Thanksgiving evening. Proceeds to be given to the War Relief Club, for Red Cross Work.

### Is it Mere Superstition?

To the Editor Red Cloud Chief:  
 In the Missouri Valley Farmer I noticed a very interesting essay on the influence of the moon, written by Tom McNeal, in which he quotes the sayings of men of literature, men supposed to possess good common sense, most of them being editors of widely circulated papers. He mentions in his essay that many persons attribute most marvelous powers to the moon; some men, he says, will not plant potatoes, build a fence, shingle the roofs of houses, butcher their hogs, trim their whisks or corns unless the moon is right. M. B. Loop of Geneseo, Kas., (who devoted much time and study to this moon question as to its influence on the earth) says there is nothing in it. He quotes from the Christian Advocate, which says that there is no fact to support the moon theory; that it is mere superstition. The Toledo Blade, Harper's Weekly and the Scientific Journal are all unanimous in maintaining that the phases of the moon have no influence on vegetation or the weather and its belief is a degrading and idle superstition, a silly rot, and that no intelligent person should believe. I must say that it affords me very little pleasure or neither does it give me any degree of comfort to read these statements in talking so antagonistic and trying to lessen or defame the great power, influence and reputation of the moon.—The Queen of all the heavenly bodies, our nearest neighbor conferring untold benefits and blessings and throwing light on land and sea at a most opportune time when the eye of heaven deserts us. It does not mean or follow that because the moon is not so big or as rich as our planet that we should disparage or lessen the reputation or popularity of the former, we should not be selfish, give to every one and every thing its dues, give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, neither should we be too radical because she gets full once a month.

Now I wish to state according to my opinion that the quotations or statements of all these learned men are entirely wrong. They are too much isolated in this part of the country to find out or analyze with any degree of scientific correctness the full power and influence of the moon.

There are many reasons that can be adduced to prove the mighty influence of the moon where it plays its part and performs its function on the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdom. Back in the western part of Donegal, Ireland, where I came from, there is an island the name of Inniskel a little over a mile from the mainland where ships of large calibre can pass through at certain times just as the moon will or sees fit. At new moon and more particularly when she gets full this space (about a mile and a half) is as dry as a bone at twelve o'clock, what we term low water mark. Each succeeding day an hour later just the same as when she gets full here she rises an hour later. So you must infer that notwithstanding the fierce invincible and domineering aspect of the Atlantic and other oceans they must all submit unto the laws of nature and jurisdiction of the moon. Again, some say they will butcher when they get ready, paying no attention to the moon. Well sir, I knew many that experimented to their own cost. One man up here in Smith county (an old bachelor) purchased a hog from a neighbor weighing 350 pounds, which he butchered late last spring, paying no attention to the light or dark of the moon. His neighbors instructed him not to butcher until the dark of the moon, but as he was getting meat hungry he did not wish to wait that long, so he went ahead. The weather was getting warm and lest it would spoil, he fried it down. The consequence was that it all turned into lard except the full of a two gallon crock of inferior lean meat. So the old bachelor felt kind of cheap, still he came out all right as he sold the lard for thirty cents a pound which came to the price of the hog and having enough lard left to last him several months. Again I could enumerate hundreds of cases where farmers in good years planted potatoes in the light of the moon and did not realize even the seed they planted. I also wish to mention that I knew a man back in Donegal, Ireland, who trimmed his whisks when the sign was not right. His name was Andy Gillespie, the consequence was that his whisks plus his side locks, never grew again, the stubble and roots began to decay so afterward he looked as pale as a corpse, his whole physiognomy was a barren waste, but by some strange coincidence, the loss he sustained in the one case was equally counterbalanced by a heavy and luxurious coat of hair he received on his apex, the latter occurrence was instrumental in giving the old man much joy, life and vigor.

So in conclusion, I wish to say that I do not wonder one bit for the moon show us a cold shoulder and a dark countenance for our lack of respect, obedience and appreciation.  
 Yours respectfully,  
 Con McCoale, Inavale, Nebr.

#### Baptist Church Notes

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. At a business meeting Wednesday evening, a call was extended to Elder Hasper to fill the pulpit until April 1st. Our motto: "Loyalty to Christ with enmity toward none and charity to all".

The regular W. C. T. U. meeting will be held with Mrs. Alice Pope next Tuesday afternoon November 27th instead of Wednesday the 28th. We hope to begin our bawdage work at this meeting. Topic, Conservation. Leader, Mrs. Clara Smith.

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