

Greatest Sounding Board in the World Is Tested



More than 3,000 persons were present in the immense natural amphitheater at the sheer side of Stone mountain, near Atlanta, Ga., the other day to hear a theater orchestra test and prove the adaptability of the site for producing orchestra music for audiences of great size. The perpendicular pile of granite, several hundred feet high, forms the world's greatest natural sounding board, according to the musicians. The test precedes the construction of an amphitheater which will be terraced to accommodate an audience of 100,000 persons.

State Bonuses for Illinois Vets



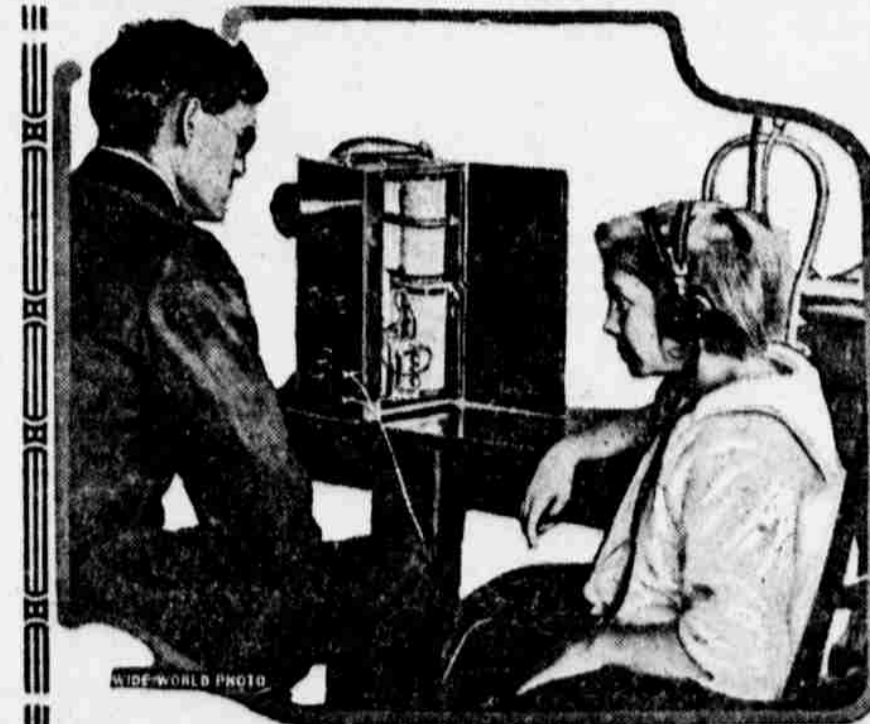
The ceremony of drawing the first names of those to benefit by the state bonus of Illinois for World war veterans was attended at the state capitol in Springfield by the governor and chief functionaries of soldier organizations throughout the state. The first petition drawn from the heap by Governor Small was for Richard F. Synwolt of Chicago, whose portrait is inserted. The main photograph shows Mrs. Alice Voltinina, a Springfield gold star mother, drawing the name of the sixth soldier.

Cleveland Honors George Arliss



George Arliss planting a tree in the street named for him in Cleveland, Ohio, in the presence of Mrs. Arliss and friends.

Radio Enables the Deaf to Hear



By means of powerful radio amplifiers, deaf and dumb children in the public schools of Cincinnati are hearing the human voice for the first time in their lives. The radio waves have opened up tremendous possibilities in the teaching of these children, according to Walter Alken, supervisor of music in schools, who is in charge of the new undertaking. Mr. Kilgour, radio expert, is shown here talking to a child who had never heard a sound before.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA IN CONDENSED FORM

Recent Happenings in Nebraska Given in Brief Items For Busy Readers.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Dickerson of Curtis recently celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary. The new \$200,000 school building at McCook has been formally opened with appropriate ceremonies. Dubois will vote at the spring election on a new water system, and but little opposition is looked for. A chicken hatchery with a 33,000 egg capacity will be established on a seventeen-acre tract near Hobron. Indianola won their fourteenth consecutive basket ball game last week, when they defeated Minden, 21 to 15.



O. S. SPILLMAN, of Pierce, Attorney General of Nebraska.

There will be a number of noted speakers at the annual convention of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers at Omaha February 19 to 21.

The annual convention of the First district of the Federated Women's clubs of Nebraska will be held at Tecumseh on April 2, 3 and 4.

Harold La Fleur, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry La Fleur of Calaway, fell under his father's car while attempting to jump on the running board, the rear wheel passing over his leg.

Counterfeit \$10 federal reserve notes have appeared in many sections of Nebraska, according to secret service men. They are made with zinc etched plates and numbered B1065232B with face plate 63B.

A trade-mark to be placed on all manufactured products of the state showing that they were made in Nebraska is required by a bill introduced in the legislature by Representative Bock of Butler county.

Attempts of bank robbers to rifle the vault of the Holmesville State bank, near Beatrice, were frustrated by their fear of a burglar alarm, according to a discovery made the next morning by R. E. Sherman, assistant cashier.

For the first time in the history of the state university, one of its buildings was used for a public funeral, when thousands of students and members of the university faculty and alumni paid their last respects to Jack Best, veteran athletic trainer of the university.

The family of Will M. Maupin, of the Gerling Midwest, is certainly entitled to a seat in the front row, numerically. Mr. Maupin comes of a family of eight children, his wife from one of twelve. They are the parents of ten children, five boys and five girls, eight of whom are living, four boys and four girls. All of the Maupin children were born in Nebraska, and seven of the eight are still living in this state.

"Cap," a dray horse belonging to Fred Prentice at Elmwood, has been faithfully engaged in the dray business for the past seventeen years. This horse was brought from the west with several others, and his mate, "Cay" and his mate were sold to L. B. Cunningham seventeen years ago. His mate passed on long ago, but "Cap" has been faithfully at it for seventeen years without a day off.

The board of regents of the state university has elected John R. Webster of Omaha as president and Frank W. Judson of Omaha vice president.

An eagle weighing sixty pounds and measuring seven feet from tip of one wing to other which escaped from Riveley Park at Omaha and attacked a young elk, was killed in a tree at the park by attendants.

Gustav Beschornier of Lincoln, who was called by the National Lutheran council in January of last year to go as a relief worker in Russia, has returned to Nebraska, after a year's work in the Volga district.

William Maha, farmer, near Table Rock, is in confinement after having fallen down stairs and being seriously injured while taking a somnambulistic ramble about the house.

H. M. Wheeler, field secretary and lecturer of the U. S. Forestry service, in a speech delivered at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce recently under the auspices of the Nebraska Forestry association, declared that the timber supply of Nebraska was going fast and urged the planting of trees and forest in waste and cut-over lands, as one means of preventing a lumber shortage in the future.

Farmers of Burt county have petitioned the legislature to pass a law removing the necessity of a license fee on farm trucks.

Mrs. A. J. Robertson of Burwell stepped on a nail while cutting kindling wood and died from the effects a few days later.

Nebraska was first inhabited by man about 40,000 years ago, according to the expressed opinion of Dr. Poynter of the state university.

Nebraska City will have a rousing Fourth of July celebration this year, and is the first city in Nebraska to announce its plans.

Jacob Bohl, a fifteen year old Lincoln boy, is dead from heart trouble, which attacked him while engaged in a game of basketball.

Lin Ricketts, Arnold high school basketball player, suffered a broken leg and possible internal injuries during a game with Eddyville.

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Ayr Grain & Supply company elevator, causing a total damage estimated at \$10,000.

The big banquet hall at Hay Springs belonging to Frank Nance was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. The damage is estimated at \$25,000.

E. C. Sallisbury, pioneer and prominent Mason of the state, was found dead in bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Paul Marvin, at Hastings.

Fathers and Sons of Omaha established a new record when 1,800 of them gathered about the banquet tables in thirteen churches one evening last week.

The Nansel ranch, consisting of 1,800 acres and located near Logan, was recently sold at auction to H. J. Whitman of Broken Bow for \$8,65 an acre.

Mrs. Mary E. Hellman, 74, widow of Ernest G. Hellman, usher at the state penitentiary, who was killed in the Shorty Gray outbreak in 1912, is dead at her home in Lincoln.

Grace Abbott, of Nebraska, chief of the children's bureau, United States Department of Labor, has been appointed a director of the newly-formed American Child Health association.

Dubois plans to install a complete water system next spring, the proposition to be voted on at the spring election. Two recent disastrous fires almost wiped the town from the map.

Earl B. Gaddis, 38, former private secretary to Senator G. M. Hitchcock, and perhaps the best known newspaper man in the state, is dead at Omaha following an attack of pneumonia.

Reduced rates to Omaha on the certificate plan, will be in force for the Nebraska retail hardware association convention, February 6 to 9. The convention usually draws about 350 delegates.

Progressive legislators won a decisive victory in the house of representatives when by a vote of 63 to 2 the Osterman-Mears bill to remove the party circle from the ballot in Nebraska was approved.

Miss Margaret Houghawout, who has served as county superintendent of schools at Geneva for the past four years, will go to Lincoln as assistant in the department of education at Cotner university.

More than 1,000 families have emigrated from Germany to points in Nebraska during the past fourteen months, according to the Val J. Peters Co. steamship agency of Omaha. It is declared that fifty-nine families have arrived in Nebraska since the first of the year.

Every farm should have an abundance of fruit especially fresh fruit. The strawberry is one fruit which can and should be grown on every Nebraska farm, says the State Agricultural college. It is adapted to wider extremes in soil and climatic conditions than any other cultivated fruit.

More than ninety Nebraska farmers, scattered over 33 counties, have pooled their orders at the State Agricultural college and now have enroute from Ft. Wingate, New Mexico, a carload containing twelve and one half tons of picric acid which they will use in blowing out stumps, blasting drainage ditches, and other agricultural uses. Picric acid is a high explosive of which the government had 12,500,000 pounds left on hand at the close of the war. This material has been put up in six-ounce cartridges suitable for agricultural use and is being given away free to farmers who will pay the cost of cartidding, packing and shipping from storage depot to the state agricultural college.

Omaha packers are loading an average of fifty cars of product every day for Europe, and they kept doing this all during the month of January. The stuff is not consigned to any particular European port, but is pretty well scattered to all ports.

The house committee has stamped a favorable recommendation to the \$12 per week minimum wage working girl bill with an amendment attached to the effect that a girl not working by the week should not receive less than 25 cents an hour after she had worked three consecutive months at the same labor.

Thousands of acres of valley hay land in Cherry county, which have hitherto been swampy wastes, will be rendered valuable this summer by the construction of a large drainage ditch in the Boardman Valley, southeast of Valentine, one of the richest valleys in the state, according to Engineer A. B. Green, who is making a survey of the project.

The Chamber of Commerce of Scottsbluff will ask the legislature to broaden the course of instruction at the school of Irrigation in Scottsbluff, so as to include courses in agriculture and animal husbandry.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 11

THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

LESSON TEXT—Luke 13:1-14. GOLDEN TEXT—The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise—Psalm 51:17.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Matt. 6:3-13; Luke 11:20-21; John 4:23, 24.

PIJMARY TOPIC—How Two Men Prayed. JUNIOR TOPIC—How to Pray. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Prayer that God Answers. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Secret to Prevailing Prayer.

I. Men Ought Always to Pray (v. 1).

Prayer is absolutely necessary to the spiritual life. It is to the spiritual life what breathing is to the physical life. Men ought to pray under every variety of circumstance—in times of sorrow and burdens for strength to endure; in times of joy and success for grace to behave aright. Prayer ought to be persisted in even when the answer is not immediately seen. God does hear and answer prayer even when we do not understand the mysteries of delay.

II. The Urgent Prayer of a Widow (vv. 2-8).

The picture here is of a helpless widow who was being cheated out of her property rights, coming to a godless judge for redress. Her only means of getting help was to prove the justice of her claim by her persistence. Even this did not gain access to his heart, for he feared not God nor regarded men. He complied with her request in order to get rid of her.

The point here is not that God is like this unjust judge and can be teased into compliance, but rather that if such action can be secured on the part of a godless judge by persistence, how much surer will be the help of God to those who cry unto Him day and night.

The helpless widow pictures the church in this age suffering the deprivation of her rights. It is not the church praying for vengeance upon her enemies, but suing for the possession of her rights by virtue of her covenant relation in Christ. The inheritance of the church will be actualized at the coming of Christ. This is why the truth concerning the coming of Christ is so vital to Christianity, and why such disastrous consequences follow the loss of the Blessed Hope.

The apparent delay in the vindication of the church may dishearten some and cause others to mock (II Peter 3:4). Jesus' question should be a solemn warning against allowing the apparent delay of the coming of the Lord to crowd out our praying. Though many may give up we should be assured that genuine faith will abide, and that the divine promise concerning the coming of Christ shall be fulfilled. We can be sure of God.

III. The Prayer of the Proud Pharisee (vv. 9-12).

1. He Took a Striking Attitude (v. 11). The Jewish custom was to stand while praying, but the word "stood" implies the assumption of an ostentatious position. He was self-righteous and trusted in himself.

2. He Prayed With Himself (vv. 11, 12). He used the name of God, but it was really a soliloquy. He pretended to be thanking God when really he was rehearsing his own goodness—complimenting himself. His whole thought centered in himself. He congratulated himself for (1) his morality (v. 11). He thanked God that he was not as other men are, such as extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as the publican who was standing afar off. (2) His Religious Merits (v. 12). He fasted twice a week and gave tithes of all he possessed. He thus informed God that he did more than was required, implying that God was under obligation to him.

IV. The Prayer of the Humble Publican (v. 13).

In striking contrast with this supposed saint stood the publican whose shame kept him from even looking up to Heaven, bowing upon his breast as a sign of anguish of soul, crying out to God to be merciful to him, a sinner. He took his place as a sinner and called upon God for mercy.

V. Christ's Testimony (v. 14).

He declared that the publican went away justified rather than the Pharisee. The one great and urgent need on the part of men is a confession of sin and a willingness to cry unto God for mercy.

The Dull Man.

A dull man is so near a dead man that he is hardly to be ranked in the list of the living; and as he is not to be buried whilst half alive, so he is as little to be employed whilst he is half dead.—Saville.

Loosing Aspirations.

Men lose their high aspirations, as they lose their intellectual tastes, because they have no time or opportunity for indulging them.—J. S. Mill.

Causes Wonder.

I never wonder to see men wicked, but I often wonder to see them not ashamed.—Swift.

Nibbling at the Bait.

I see the devil's hook, and yet cannot help nibbling at his bait.—M. Adams.

WAS FLOGGED BY A MOB



Mrs. R. H. Harrison of Goose Creek, Tex., who arrived in Houston recently to seek justice and the protection of the federal government. She and R. A. Armand, a friend who was visiting her on the night of January 5, were taken out by masked marauders and brutally lashed and Mrs. Harrison's hair was hacked off.

TO TRAVEL TO ARCTIC



This is Miss Dorothy Higbie of Boston and New York, who is abandoning the social pleasures of a debutante for the purpose of traveling to the Arctic regions. She proposes to study certain of the natives of Labrador.

OUSTED BY OREGON



An exclusive photograph of Arch bishop Ernest E. Filippi, papal delegate to Mexico, who was expelled from that country by President Obregon. He was accused of conducting a public religious meeting contrary to law. Mgr. Filippi came to the United States.

Arabia Awakening.

Wenthy land owners in Arabia, heretofore satisfied with old and primitive methods, are beginning to adopt ideas of scientific farming.