

### Washington's Welcome to Visiting Shriners



As the Shriners arrived in Washington for their great convention they first saw this welcome sign. In Shrine colors and studded with thousands of electric lights.

### NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

#### STANDING OF BALL TEAMS AT END OF WEEK.

WESTERN LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Wichita	26	16	.619
Omaha	27	19	.587
Tulsa	27	20	.574
Oklahoma City	23	19	.548
Des Moines	22	20	.524
Sioux City	17	21	.445
St. Joseph	18	26	.409
Denver	15	31	.326

NEBRASKA STATE LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Lincoln	20	8	.714
Fairbury	17	13	.567
Beatrice	16	15	.516
Norfolk	12	14	.462
Grand Island	13	18	.419
Hastings	8	18	.307

William Blank, 13, won the annual four mile bicycle race held at Norfolk under the auspices of the Cycle Trades of America.

Orval Sauter, who was graduated from the Arnold high school last week, had a perfect attendance record for the last eight years in school.

Three thousand people are expected to attend the fifty-sixth annual state Sunday school convention which will be held at Kearney June 12 to 14.

Three-fourths of the winter wheat crop has been ruined in Cass county by the Hessian fly, according to Byron H. Swenk, state entomologist.

Scott Bennet, a farmer near McCook lost seven milch cows recently when a high voltage electric wire fell, instantly electrocuting seven of the animals.

Damage to amount of over \$200,000 is reported to have been caused by floods waters which have inundated the land in the Beaver valley in Furnas county.

Conservative estimate places Hessian fly damage in the neighborhood of Stella at 20 per cent. Some farmers are plowing up as much as 25 acres of wheat.

A hail storm visited a small section near Nebraska City and considerable damage is reported to growing crops and fruits.

Levi Van Valkenburg, 87, pioneer of Holt county, was instantly killed when he was struck by a Chicago and North-western train on a crossing near Inman.

Luther Frye of Lincoln, a member of the railway brotherhoods, has been appointed by Governor Bryan to be Secretary of labor, succeeding Frank Kennedy of Omaha.

The Elks club of Hastings is searching the ranches of the west for the best riders, ropers and outlaw horses in preparation for the rodeo to be held in that place June 20 to 23.

Four hundred Omaha school children will present a pageant, "The Enchanted Year," at the Auditorium November 2 during the meeting of District No. 2 of the state teachers' association.

Ak-Sar-Ben activities commenced at Omaha last week and will continue till the close of the season in the fall, out-of-town visitors to the city are invited and are welcome at the den on any Monday evening.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the Old Queen City Driving Park association and the Gage County Agricultural society have been dissolved and will be succeeded by a new Gage County Fair association with a capital stock of \$25,000.

The largest Boy Scout camp in the middle west will open at Camp Gifford near Child's Point, southeast of Omaha June 14. Six camps, each of ten days, will be conducted there this summer, and all the 35 troops of the city will enjoy ten day's outing.

A heavy rain of between three and four inches fell in Custer county in about an hour. The rain fell so rapidly that it did considerable damage to the corn, and many fields are under water. Some hail also fell which did some damage to the grain.

With the assurance of 1,000 soldiers in Omaha in October to participate in the pageant "Patriotic Historic America," John Lee Webster says he has assurance to justify the statement that the pageant will be "the greatest display ever presented on the streets of Omaha." It is also possible that the secretary of war will attend the presentation.

The state banking department has issued a charter to the Security State bank of Muskogee.

Dates for Cheyenne County Harvest festival to be held at Sidney, have been set for October 4 and 5. A full agricultural, livestock, poultry and fancy work display will be shown.

The State Bank Guarantee commission has announced that a special assessment of one-half of 1 per cent has been levied to enrich the guarantee fund. This assessment, it is said, is expected to raise a million dollars. There will be no special assessment in July.

William S. Leyda, 59, eleven times mayor of Falls City, and who was probably more closely identified with the growth of this city than any other man, is dead after an illness of more than a month.

The spring races are on in full swing at Ak-Sar-Ben field, Omaha, and from all indications promise the biggest bunch of sport in racing lines held on that track. A number of the best mounts in the country are entered, and the contest for worth while purses will continue till the last heat on June 23. Crowds in attendance so far have been very large.

Sam Stone of Omaha was overcome by the heat Sunday while working on his auto in the alley at the rear of his home.

Arrangements have been made for a summer school under the direction of the Auburn board of education and the superintendent of schools.

Louis Callahan, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Callahan of Kearney, was drowned in the Central Power company canal while in bathing.

The old Omaha elevator at North Loup now owned by the Farmers' Grain and Supply company was destroyed by fire during a severe rain storm.

At the O'Neill place near Stapleton 47 ewes are the mothers of 84 lambs, and in the bunch are two sets of triplets, 33 pairs of twins and 12 singles.

Gas was struck in the oil well on the place of Henry Klein, in Stamford, and J. L. Peterson, a well driller, was overcome by the fumes while putting a curb in the well.

A field meet and demonstration by the Custer county boys' and girls' pig clubs, with a picnic dinner at noon and a banquet at night, will be held at Broken Bow on June 20.

While the family of Lew Hunziker of Table Rock was absent from home, thieves broke into the house and stole a radiophone outfit, seven hams and a small amount of change.

A total of 129 dead hogs were taken from \$42 carloads that arrived at the Omaha stock yards in one week recently. Overloading of cars was given as the main cause of the mortality in the shipments.

Secretary George E. Hall of the state department of finance has appointed Ora L. Ogg, to be chief clerk of the department, a place formerly filled by Mrs. Maud Butler, who is now accountant for the state board of control.

Fifty-four reptiles belonging to a carnival troop headed for a Nebraska encampment were discovered to have escaped their cage between Sterling, Colo., and Bridgeport, Neb., but were finally captured by trainmen at Scotts-bluff.

Victor B. Smith of Omaha was elected president of the Nebraska Alumni association at Lincoln at the conclusion of the second Cornhusker round-up. He is a graduate of the class of 1907 and a member of the Alpha Theta Chi fraternity.

The date of the Nebraska national guard encampment at the state rifle range at Ashland has been announced by Adjutant General H. J. Paul from August 6 to 20. Colonel Paul is awarding contracts which will place the camp in good condition.

Usually at this time of the year, the Grand Island Canning Co., has completed all contracts for the growing of sweet corn for the canning period. This year no contracts have been entered into, and the factory will be idle, because of unsettled conditions.

Three carloads of corn have been shipped from Byron, the first shipped for practically two years nearly all of it having been fed from storage. The farmers also show a disposition to clean up on their wheat which has been stored, and orders for cars have increased.

Fred W. Lunsman, Lancaster county farmer who refused to halt at the command of two possemen, who believed he was Fred Brown, Omaha chain man, and was shot by the possemen, last summer has filed suit in district court for \$18,000. Gus Hyres, former state sheriff; Lloyd Gettys and Howard Morris are defendants.

Joseph Cornelius of Richardson county has recently placed in the hands of the trustees of the Christian church the sum of \$10,000 in government bonds the interest of which amount is to be used by them and their successors, to assist young men who desire to prepare themselves for the ministry.

Dedication of the rural fire truck took place in Central City with an appropriate program. The truck was purchased by funds subscribed by residents of the rural community adjacent to Central City and will be manned and maintained by the city. It is thought that this is the only fire truck in the state to be used for rural service only.

John H. Piper, regional Boy Scout executive of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado, formerly stationed in Kansas City, has moved Scout headquarters to Omaha. Mr. Piper is responsible for scouting in the above states with a membership of 62,000 men and boys. The number of Boy Scouts in the district, as well as in the United States, is much larger than ever before.

Cecil Pearce of Arnold, captured a centipede three inches long in a clay bank near Arnold. It is the third one found there this spring.

Four-year-old Bruce Crowe, of St. Paul, supposed to have been bitten by a snake while playing barefoot in the yard, died in convulsions while being taken to a physician's office.

With a fund of \$25,000 furnished by the United States department of agriculture, A. F. Thiel, state leader of the federal barberry eradication activity in Nebraska, is planning to deal a knockout blow to black stem rust this season.

The Omaha National bank, through Walter W. Head, president, will give \$500 for the promotion and encouragement of work in the Nebraska Dairy Club clubs. The extension department of the state university will direct the awarding of the prizes.

A dynamite bomb placed on the front porch of County Attorney Ely's house at Alnsworth exploded, leaving a hole through the wall and into the sitting room where Ely was lying on a couch. It knocked an end of a book case and tore off a few shingles from the roof but otherwise no further damage was done.

**Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale**  
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#### BIRDS

"I like to sit up high and sing," said the cardinal bird.



"Sit Up High."

"I'm rather fond of a high perch myself when I'm singing," said the tufted titmouse. "I'm larger than a chickadee," said the tufted titmouse, "and my suit is of a simple gray, while I have a pointed crest upon my head."

"And I am red," said the cardinal bird, "and I am a good-sized bird, almost the size of a robin."

"I believe some one was very much excited when she saw me the other day. It seems this person saw me when I was flying through the underbrush and green shrubs, and she said that the flash of red through the green was so beautiful. And then I perched myself upon a branch and sang and she was so delighted. But you haven't spoken, Carolina Wren. Tell something about yourself."

"I," said the Carolina Wren, "am larger than most wrens, and if you look at my forehead you will see a white line. I wear a rusty brown suit and look a little bit like Mr. Brown Thrasher. I am like the rest of my Wren cousins in the way I sit with my tail held up over my body."

"When I sing my tail is down, but that is the only time, for when I sing I think only my song should be noticed and that it would not be noticed entirely if my tail was up in its usual saucy little fashion."

"They say that my song is so loud and so curious that it is impossible to describe, but now I will tell you some of the words I've been using lately in my songs. Of course if people want to know them, they will have to translate them into their own language."

Now, Billie Brownie was near by just then, so he has translated the Carolina Wren's words into words we know.

I am a Carolina Wren. I sit about like a fussy old hen. But I'm not really fussy. I'm only gay, and happy every single day. Once I was a speckled white egg. And couldn't have stood upon either leg. Nor jerked my jolly, good natured tail. Nor traveled about over hill and dale. But now I'm a grown-up bird, you see. And not an egg nonentity. Which is a word so very big. But means so little I'd not dance a jig in honor of a word so small. No, I'd never do that at all, at all.

Billie Brownie wrote down these words in his birchbark note book and then hurried away, for he had an engagement with the Brown Thrasher Bird.

The Brown Thrasher was a big, big bird, with a reddish brown coat, and his waistcoat was of white with black spots. He sang for Billie Brownie and oh, his song was so glorious. Of all the songs Billie Brownie had ever heard he thought the song of the Brown Thrasher was the most beautiful. And then the Brown Thrasher whistled a long, clear whistle which sounded like this:

"Whee-u-u, whee-u-u."

Billie Brownie told the Brown Thrasher that he had heard that not only did people love his beautiful voice and his original ways, and his own way of singing what he pleased without copying other birds, but that people said he was so useful and did so much good. And that made the pretty Brown Thrasher very happy, for he was such a nice bird, so eager to be liked, so eager to do good.

He said he had been away for the winter, unlike the other birds Billie Brownie had been talking to who had not gone away, but who had stayed where it wasn't exactly warm, but where it wasn't very cold.

Before Billie Brownie went back to Fairyland and Brownland that evening the Brown Thrasher sang for him the most glorious of songs, and then the Brown Thrasher went to bed, but Billie Brownie traveled home slowly, for he could not go quickly when he was thinking so hard of his day.

"Birds," he said to himself, "what joy you do give to the world. You don't know how much you add to the world's beauty and glory."

#### Meteors and Steel.

A study of the great collection of meteorites in a European museum has led to the interesting conclusion that meteoritic iron, as it falls from the sky, and the various steels produced in our modern steel works are the results of essentially similar chemical and physical causes. One of the most striking characteristics noted in meteoritic iron is the presence of a considerable quantity of nickel.

### Posed as Officer; Tricked Woman



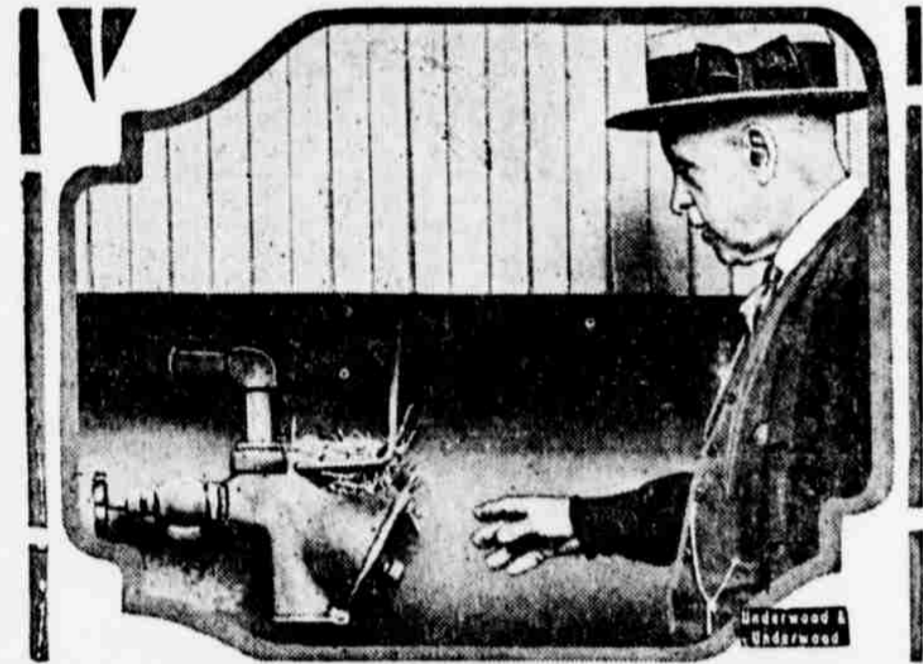
"Col." Edmund James Black, whose engagement to Mrs. Eva Cramer Bresler, society matron of Los Angeles, was recently announced, is in the city jail there following his arrest by federal and city officers on charges of impersonating a government officer.

### HE LEADS THE BAND



Already, at the age of five years, Robert Phillip Carpenter wields a baton and 60 children, members of the kindergarten band at Pueblo, Colo., obey his waving commands. All members of the band are from four to six years old and are true artists in every sense.

### Pennsylvania Robin Was Up to Date



Every day at noon a United States mail coach on the Philadelphia & Reading railway leaves New Hope, Pa., bound for Philadelphia, and returns to New Hope later in the day. For days a mother robin at the New Hope end of the line has waited anxiously for that train as the other people in the town have for their mail. When the train reached the station brakeman Leon Nugent sent away all the curious onlookers and the robin hopped down from a nearby tree and disappeared under the mail coach to a nest on the warm steam valve. The little mother perched on the edge and looked inside on the five blue eggs warmed by the steam, waiting for the day when their shells would be broken by five little bills. This photograph shows Brakeman Nugent and the robin nest.

### STRENUOUS WALTZING



Miss Bernice Fetsch, seventeen-year-old St. Paul society girl and a student of esthetic dancing, demonstrating her "hurdle waltz," a dance which it can be readily seen requires great strength and endurance. Miss Fetsch got her idea for the dance from watching a University of Minnesota field meet in which were included some hurdle events.

### Burbank Honored by Santa Rosa



Santa Rosa, Cal., where Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, has made experiments in plant life for the past fifty years, recently did honor to this great man. The entire country for miles around turned out and joined in a mammoth parade. The photograph shows Mr. and Mrs. Burbank reviewing the parade.

### ASKS AID FOR ARMENIA



Mrs. Carrie Jacobs Bond, song composer, has just returned from a trip to Armenia and urges Americans to do all they can to aid the people of that country, especially the orphan children.