

Small Town Residents Enjoy Life

Big Change Is Noted as Result of War and College Life—Golf Is Popular Pastime.

Hospitality Abounds

By PAUL GREER. On Board Chamber of Commerce Special Train.

Ord, Neb., May 25.—If you don't believe the people in the small towns in Nebraska enjoy life, ask any member of the Omaha Trade excursion.

As H. L. Cushing, superintendent of schools at Ord, expressed it today, "we try to get just a little out of our way to make strangers within our gates feel at home."

Service Men's Outlook. Add to this the old characteristic broadened outlook on life brought back by the service men from their contact with the new environments in Europe and the encampments, and the ever-increasing influence of the boys and girls who came back to the home town after attending college, and you have the factors that are improving village life.

Sports Flourish. Baseball and sports of all kinds flourish. Wherever there is a high school, there are teams.

In the old days of Creighton college, Mr. Lannigan won fame as a pitcher, and more recently he was a candidate for Moses Kinkaid's seat in congress.

Eight Nebraska towns, Ord, Greeley, St. Paul, Fullerton, Kearney, Grand Island, Ravenna, and Aurora constitute the central Nebraska golf league.

At Alda, community of 175 persons near Grand Island, the trade trippers were met by a brass band.

A great factor in community life is the schools all along the line. Today graduation exercises were on at Ord, the children presenting a pageant on the high school campus.

Looking over the opportunities for enjoying life in these towns, it is difficult to find any real opportunity for comfortable, decent, and enjoyable living that the cities afford that are not also found in the towns, and there are many others, fishing and hunting among them, where the smaller places out in the state have all the advantage.

Rail Heads, Business Men, Plan Trip to North Platte. Omaha business men and Union Pacific railroad officials will go to North Platte for "Union Pacific day" next Thursday.

Top of Five Captures Heart of Noted Modiste; No Time for Dandies

By Universal Service.

New York, May 25.—It was a top of 5 and not the regular deck chair dandies who captured the heart of Miss Anna Fitzgerald, modiste of this city, as she came back from Europe.

Miss Fitzgerald could have been "dated up" every minute of every day of the entire voyage.

But it was only Rene Inezan, traveling alone from France to California, who occupied the girl's entire attention.

"Let's take a stroll," said a dapper young fellow right after dinner. "I'm sorry, but Rene has to be tucked in," answered Miss Fitzgerald to her cabin, where the boy with the cherubic face was getting into his nightgown.

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U. S. Army Too Small, Weeks Says

Secretary of War Urges Force Be Brought Back to Minimum of 150,000 Men and 13,000 Officers.

Raps Peace Societies

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, May 25.—The standing army of the United States stands 46th on the list of active armies of the world and is "too small to accomplish what is intended for it to do," Secretary of War John Weeks said tonight.

The present standing army "should be brought back at the earliest possible date to the minimum of 150,000 enlisted men and 13,000 officers," the secretary said.

"The extremists who are hoping to promote peace by urgent methods are being led into very inaccurate statements in their endeavors to prove a faulty case. It has been generally repeated, owing to the activity of some of our so-called peace societies, that our government is spending 85 per cent of its budget for military purposes and that we are preparing for a night war.

"The truth of the matter is that we are now spending proportionately less for national defense than in 1915, when we were admittedly unprepared for the war that was coming upon us."

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Chinese Prisoner Sends Will to Outside

By Associated Press.

Tsao Chwang, May 25.—Leon Friedman, one of the Americans held by the Shantung bandits in the hills beyond here, today sent out his will, drawn up in legal form and witnessed by two of his fellow captives.

Friedman's will, which was brought out by J. B. Powell, American publisher of Shanghai, released on parole as a messenger to carry what the bandits say are their "final terms," bequeaths everything he owns to his brother, Max Friedman of Shanghai.

Powell, the bearer of the brigands' "last word," is to participate in an all-night conference with foreign consular officials and Chinese government officials.

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Spring Tonic for the President's Official Family



Capitol Board Deliberations Will Be Public

Commission Agrees to Admit Newspaper Men—Ornamental Fronts Will Be Added to Plans.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, May 25.—Hereafter meetings of the state capital commission are to be open to newspapermen, "excepting when it is decided that an executive session is necessary in the interests of the people of the state," according to a resolution passed by the commission today.

"I made this suggestion," Governor Bryan, chairman of the commission and official spokesman, said.

The commission also instructed Architect Goodhue to change his plans so that instead of one decorated opening to the state house on the north, as originally planned, there will be three.

"I made this suggestion to the commission at our last meeting," the governor said, "but on account of the absence of the architect, no action was taken."

Meantime, a number of interested property owners in Lincoln apparently unaware of the governor's action, appointed a committee which called on the commission this morning requesting ornamental fronts to the east and west of the state house as well as the north.

The governor also announced that considerable stone delivered to the state house grounds had been rejected recently and more specific rules for quality of stone had been decided upon by the commission.

This rejected stone is in addition to stones taken out of the walls after the exposure by George E. Johnson, state engineer. The governor said he was unable to state how many stones had been rejected and sent back to Indiana.

Following the meeting of the commission Architect Bertram Goodhue returned to New York city.

Girl Witness in Michigan Cult Case Arrested in Ohio. Toledo, O., May 25.—Ruth Weibel, 21, said to be an important witness in the Michigan investigation of immorality charges against the House of David numbers, was arrested here today on a warrant charging embezzlement.

Michigan authorities, who made the arrest, said Miss Weibel was one of those married in group marriage ceremonies at Benton Harbor.

Army Flyers Reach El Paso on Flight to Washington. El Paso, Tex., May 25.—Lieutenants Oakley G. Kelly and John A. MacReady, army aviators, who established a world record in a nonstop flight across the continent, arrived at Fort Bliss this afternoon at 4:23. Actual flying time between here and San Diego was 7 hours and 55 minutes.

On their arrival here, orders were received from the War department for them to leave early Saturday morning and stop at Kansas City over Sunday. Present orders also stated that the flyers are to report to Washington June 1.

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Powers to Pay for Rhine Army

Cost of American Occupation Forces to Come Out of Reparations Received

Paris, May 25.—An agreement meeting the United States demand for \$250,000,000 for the upkeep of the army of occupation on the Rhine, was signed here late this afternoon. The treaty was signed by the United States and the interested allied powers. The funds will be drawn from German reparations.

Settlement, which has taken three months to negotiate, does not include the clause which the United States delegate, Eliot Wadsworth, objected, namely, that the allies should have the right to abrogate the agreement in case the United States sought to recover war damages direct from Germany. The agreement may be summarized as follows:

The net cost of the army of occupation is to be paid in 12 equal installments without interest, the first of which shall be due on or before December 31, 1923.

For the first four years the annual installments due the United States shall constitute first charge upon all payments in cash made each year by Germany or for the reparation account of Germany up to 25 per cent of such payments.

During each of the first four years the current cost of the allied armies of occupation shall have priority over the annual installments due the United States, as this reparation account is credited with German payments only after the allied army costs are reimbursed and other treaty expenses are met.

For the last eight years the installments due the United States shall constitute first charge upon all cash payments made by Germany on account of reparations up to their full amount and shall have priority over the current costs of the allied armies of occupation.

Police are looking for a man who wears No. 15 collars. A thief entered the room of John J. Rogers, Rome hotel, and stole a dozen collars of that size.

Hitch Develops in Match Race. A hitch has developed in the negotiations for the special race between Barney Google's noble steed, Spark Plug, and Abadane, Charlie Irwin's star galloper, and Adonis, the pride of the William Nesselhaus stable.

A furious battle is raging over the distance of the race and the course over which it is to be run.

Charlie Gardner, rodeo-king of Ak-Sar-Ben, who is representing Google, gave the brawl a start by demanding that the race be run at midnight.

Irwin and Nesselhaus insist on daylight.

Spark Plug is at his best at midnight," said Gardner, in explaining his position. "His milk wagon experience has made him accustomed to nocturnal prowling—I mean running."

Irwin and Nesselhaus pool their assertion.

"At his best at midnight," scoffed Irwin. "Ain't that the cat's whiskers?" He means that Sparky and that short-sport Google are afraid of the sun.

Gardner knows right now his horse is beaten and he wants the race run in the dark so nobody will be able to tell just how bad that knock-kneed skate will be beaten. He can't fool us."

Search Is Made for Woman's Body in Loup River

Farmers Report Seeing Floater in Swollen Stream—Rescue Officers on Guard.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, Neb., May 25.—The body of a woman is floating eastward amid the swirling waters of the rain-swollen Loup river. The police department was notified by farmers living 17 miles northwest of Columbus that they had followed the long-haired, recently clad body of a woman down the river at various distances.

Guards were stationed on the Loup river bridge here by Chief of Police Lehman and County Attorney Otto Walters with County Commissioners Walter Matzen and Hector Blaser directed a group of workers, who are searching the sandbars, islands, islands and wooded shores of the river.

No rescue of the body was at first attempted by the farmers who saw it because the waters of the Loup are so swollen by recent rains that no swimmer could endure.

It is believed that the body has become snagged somewhere in the Loup. The river has risen to such an extent that in a number of places it is flooding the meadows while the stream is filled with driftwood, dead farm animals and debris. Four different people reported seeing the woman's body at four different points, some as close as 25 feet from the shore.

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Riverton Is Cut Off by Floods

Farmers Flee to Higher Ground With Families—No Loss of Life Reported—Harlan County Is Hit.

Bridges Are Washed Out

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Hastings, Neb., May 25.—Riverton, Neb., has been cut off from mail and train service since 5 Wednesday morning, according to word received here. Telephones give the only connection with other towns.

The Republican river is 20 feet deep and still rising. It comes within two feet of the beams on the big bridge about three-quarters of a mile. The Burlington track is reported unsafe and partly out at the riprap four miles west of Riverton.

About 10 families living on farms between Riverton and Franklin have been forced to move with their stock to higher grounds. So far no loss of life or great loss of stock has been reported.

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