

County Officials, in Meeting Here, Talk Good Roads

Unanimous in Their Desire to Promote Better Highways in Nebraska; "Gas" Tax to Come Up.

County officials attending the convention of the Nebraska Association of County Commissioners, Supervisors, Highway Commissioners and Registers of Deeds, which opened Tuesday morning at Hotel Castle, are unanimous in their desire to promote better highway systems throughout the state, according to C. A. Holmquist of Wausa, secretary of the association.

Secretary Holmquist indicated that considerable time will be spent discussing the best means of rapidly improving Nebraska roads during the three-day meeting.

For "Gas" Tax.

It was generally predicted by the visiting officials that the association will favor, by resolution, a gasoline tax, the proceeds of which shall go to road-building.

There seemed to be more division of sentiment on the proposal of the Nebraska Good Roads association to use half of the money collected by counties from automobile license fees to build state highways under the supervision of a state highway commission.

Some county commissioners voiced an objection to having "the control of road-building taken from the county boards and placed in the hands of a state committee." Many commissioners, however, said that a state roads commission would be beneficial, but indicated a desire to have money collected from license fees spent on highways within the county where the money is collected.

Now Spent by Boards.

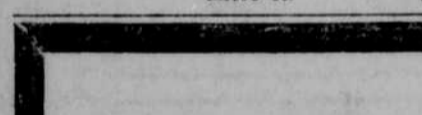
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Somebody Works Old Badger Game, But Who, When and Why a Mystery

Two Under Arrest but Police Not Quite Certain What It's All About; "Other Man" Claims He Was Black-mail Victim.

This story reads like fiction. But it isn't. Or maybe it is. Nobody knows. The police don't know. They'd like to.

It seems somebody worked the old-fashioned badger game on somebody else Monday night. Just who did it isn't known. Just who got "stepped on" is known; but it's a secret. Police think it's better so.

But for maybe it's Harry, nobody is quite sure. Sinclair (who is not the oil man, police hardly think, but aren't sure) is under arrest. Just why, isn't clear, but police think he was the "indignant husband" who burst into a room to find his "erring wife" in another man's arms.

Mary Carlson (who is his wife, maybe) is also under arrest. Nobody knows just how that happened, either. At first somebody thought she might have been the "erring" wife. Then it turned out that she wasn't. But she is still held.

Now police are looking for the "wife" who erred, if she did. Police don't know who she is, but they think maybe she lives near Traynor, Ia. That is, if she hasn't gone to Kansas City, which they think likely.

Anyway, the police were called Monday to the state; a per cent of it for the maintenance of state highways within the county, the amount to be determined by a state division engineer and the county board, and the remainder to maintaining county roads.

The discussion on the road problem is likely to begin Wednesday morning, when State Engineer R. L. Cochran is to speak on "Future Road-Building for Nebraska."

John L. Kennedy of Omaha was one of Tuesday afternoon's speakers, discussing the roads problem. Nearly every county in the state has sent officials to the convention.

Rites Held at Falls City for Mrs. E. E. Mendenhall

Falls City, Dec. 9.—Funeral services were held this afternoon at Salem for Mrs. E. E. Mendenhall, 70, for 45 years a resident of Richardson county, who died Sunday evening of paralysis. Had Mrs. Mendenhall lived until February 23, 1925, she and her husband, E. E. Mendenhall, would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1875 and came the same year to their homestead, just south of Salem, where they resided until 15 years ago, when they came to Salem to spend the rest of their days. They had seven children.

Camp of DeMolay Boys Instituted at Kimball

Kimball, Dec. 9.—Carl Leadbetter of Sidney, acting as installing officer, instituted a camp of DeMolay boys here Monday evening. More than a dozen boys took the DeMolay oath. The local Masonic lodge, through Master F. E. Reuter, sponsors the organization.

Steinauer Hunter Kills 49 Rabbits in One Morning

Table Rock, Dec. 9.—Rabbits seem plentiful in this vicinity, and following the snow a few days ago, rabbit hunters report remarkable success. Mike Ullman of Steinauer shot 43 rabbits in one morning.

Potato Growers in Competition

Dix and Bushnell Clubs Give Demonstration at Gering Convention.

Gering, Dec. 9.—With a wider range of territory included in the attendance and a bigger and better display of exhibits than ever before at a similar show in Nebraska, the 1924 Nebraska Potato Growers' convention was the most successful and instructive yet held by the association.

There were nearly 200 delegates and people interested in potato growing from seven states, including Louisiana, attended at the three days' meeting, which closed with election of officers.

James Phelps was chosen president, Jake Pedoret, vice president; H. O. Werner, secretary and treasurer; W. L. Hawk of Holdrege and M. G. Wilson of Minatare, members of the board of directors.

A competitive potato demonstration between the Dix and Bushnell potato clubs and a moving picture show of the potato industry were among the instructive features of the program. Talks were given by W. C. Edmondson of the Colorado potato experiment station, E. R. Bennett, horticulturist, of the Idaho university and G. L. Tiebout of the Louisiana State college. The meeting closed with a banquet at which A. N. Mathers, speaker of the Nebraska house of representatives, was principal speaker.

VISITING NURSE DIRECTORS MEET

The monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Visiting Nurse association was held in the rooms of the city hall, Tuesday.

Miss Anna Quinlan reported on general district work. A total of 4,887 calls were made during November. Miss Florence McCabe, superintendent, gave a talk on generalization of the work.

Divorce Decree Annulled

Columbus, Dec. 9.—Because she continued to live with her husband two days after her divorce was granted, Mary Novichka's divorce from George Novichka was set aside by Judge Louis Lichtner in district court. With the divorce the woman was granted \$35 a month alimony, custody of the children and ownership of the home.

Monroe Principal Resigns

Columbus, Dec. 9.—Miss Gertrude Fredrickson, principal of the Monroe (Neb.) high school, has resigned because of illness and has gone to her home at Exter, Ia. Her place is being taken by Miss La Verna Hoffman, of Fremont, former teacher at Hooper, Neb.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.
Thrice blest is he, whatever his fate, Who doth possess a loyal mate. —Reddy Fox.

Mrs. Reddy Proves a True Mate

The clever trick Reddy Fox had played by running ahead of an automobile on a sandy road and so breaking his trail had given him a good long rest. He had needed it. But for that rest those dogs would surely have caught him soon. He had even begun to hope that those dogs would not be able to find his trail again,

and that his troubles for that day were over. But in this he was mistaken. One of those hunters who had helped smoke him out of his home in the Old Pasture was wise in the ways of Foxes. He had taken note of the direction in which Reddy had gone away. He knew that Reddy might go straight away for a long distance, but that sooner or later he would turn and work around in a big circle. He was not likely to run in a country with which he was not familiar. So this hunter with his terrible gun had cut across to lie in wait where he thought Reddy would be likely to appear. He had come out onto the road where Reddy had played his clever trick, and he had met that automobile.

The driver of the automobile had told the hunter of how a Fox had run ahead of the machine and finally had leaped into the bushes at one side of the road. The hunter had asked:

"Turn to the Laughing Brook and wade across," said she sharply.

Just where Reddy had done this. Then he hurried on down the road until he had come to where Bowser the Hound and the other dogs were vainly trying to find Reddy's trail again. He had led Bowser back up the road to the place where Reddy had leaped into the bushes, and there Bowser's wonderful nose soon found the trail. At the sound of Bowser's voice the other dogs had hurried to join him. So once more Reddy had had to run.

Now all this time Mrs. Reddy had been listening to the voices of those dogs in the distance, and waiting for Reddy to begin to circle back as she knew he would. As soon as the sound of those distant voices began to sound louder, Mrs. Reddy started swiftly toward a certain place where she knew Reddy would be likely to pass. Meanwhile, she had found out where most of those hunters with terrible guns were waiting.

Mrs. Reddy laid down on a certain flat rock, which she was sure Reddy would pass. The sound of the dogs drew nearer. Then, coming down a hill, she saw Reddy. Poor Reddy! His big trail was almost dragging on the ground. He was running as if so tired



that he was ready to drop. As he drew near she saw in his eyes a look of despair. He didn't even look up on the rock as he passed. Mrs. Reddy leaped down behind him. "Turn down to the Laughing Brook and wade across," said she sharply.

Reddy did as she commanded. As he entered the water he turned to give her a grateful look. Then he splashed across and threw himself down behind an old log. Mrs. Reddy waited. She waited until those dogs

were in plain sight. Then she started off without appearing to hurry. The dogs saw her, and away they went after her.

Behind the old log beyond the brook Reddy panted and panted as if he never would breathe easily again. He trembled with weariness. He was safe now. Mrs. Reddy was fresh, and those dogs were tired. If she kept away from those hunters with terrible guns she would be quite safe. She had proved a true mate.

She had saved Reddy's life. Reddy was thinking of this when, from the direction in which Mrs. Reddy disappeared, there came the bang, bang of a terrible gun!

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The next story: "What happened to Mrs. Reddy."

Alliance.—Mrs. Chris F. Matz, 78, a resident of Box Butte county for more than 35 years, died at her home here after short illness.

Good Thing to Know about stopping a cold

At the first sniffle take a stiff dose of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, expel the congestion and avoid a cold

THE commonest afflictions of mankind are constipation and colds. Combined they indirectly cause the majority of untimely deaths. It is when constipated that you are most subject to colds, so keep the bowels open.

Sneezing is almost always the first warning of a cold. Don't wait; don't hope that it will go away of itself. Take a spoonful of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, cleansing the intestines of accumulated poisons, bundle up warmly and the cold will be gone by morning. Colds cannot "run their course" when stopped at the outset. That spoonful of Syrup Pepsin may stop it.

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