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### ITEMS OF INTEREST

**FROM THE SUN.**  
Belle Newman and Janet McAllister of Columbus came down Monday morning to attend teachers' institute and to visit their friends Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dowell and family.

The funeral of Peter Caha, aged 87 years, grandfather of Charles Tony and Joseph Kasper was conducted by undertaker Kohn last Sunday. He had been a paralytic for 12 years. Interment was in the Schuyler cemetery.

Mr. Williams, who carries rural route No. 5, tells us that Mr. Cannon presented him with two tomatoes (not rotten ones) that measured 13 inches in diameter. That sounds pretty big and they may have been pumpkins, but nevertheless those are some tomatoes.

**ALBION.**  
Did you see that 15 foot stalk of corn standing in front of Ruddy's office, 8 1/2 feet up to the first ear? It was raised by Pat Malony on the Pittenger place. Pat says he has 30 acres of it. It is the Iowa Gold Mine. It was planted May 9.

Mrs. Katherine Lewis, who lives with her daughter Mrs. A. Green, of Middletown, in Des Moines county, Iowa, has just reached the remarkable age of 101 years. Mrs. Lewis came with her husband to Iowa in 1841, settling down on the farm on which she is now spending her last days. The trip into the unknown west was made on a raft on which Mr. Lewis had erected a log cabin, and sailed down the Allegheny river. In 1875 they moved to Nebraska, where in 1887 Mr. Lewis died, and a few years later Mrs. Lewis returned to the old home to spend the remainder of her days with her daughter.

**LEIOL.**  
Relatives at this place have received news of a sad accident which has befallen Ernest Staud, a son of John Staud of Berwyn, formerly of this place. Through some accident Ernest has lost one eye and is at present in an Omaha hospital.

A few of the farmers on this route are summer following, that is, plowing very shallow to kill the weeds and catch and hold all the moisture. In the spring they will plow the same fields from 6 to 8 inches deep which will leave the ground in splendid condition for corn and not so apt to get hard and lumpy.

The Farmers and Merchants bank received a telegram yesterday apprising the management of the fact that the National Banking board had just granted them Charter 9831 which authorizes them to do business under the name of the First National bank of Leigh. The First National bank and the Maple Valley State bank. Its capital is \$50,000. The National Bank examiners made a thorough investigation of the records of the present institution and finding everything in first class condition, issued the charter.

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**PLATTE CENTER.**  
From the Signal.  
Fred Schulte arrived here Monday evening from Washington, where he went a year ago. This is Fred's second try in Washington in the last five years, and he thinks he has now come back to Nebraska to stay.

Ed Roberts has rented his farm land joining the village on the east to Dr. Hentzack. He has also rented all his other cultivated land. Mr. Roberts has lived on this farm over forty years and he thinks he has earned a rest from managing it.

Misses Agnes and Gertrude Lynch who had spent the week with relatives and many friends at this place, left Monday for Columbus, where they will make a short visit with friends before returning to their home at Minden, Ia. These young ladies formerly resided here with their parents, and are better known as the "Lynch Twins."

An accident rather painful but not serious is responsible for the absence of Miss Stacia Cronin from her post of duty in the Bruckner store. Last Saturday night, during the storm, Miss Cronin arose to close a window, and being in the dark she struck her right foot with such force against a trunk that the nail on the large toe was torn almost completely off.

A stalk of corn something over twelve feet high is on exhibition in front of the Glodowski hardware store. It grew on Eiler Bros. farm, west of town, and is a new variety here. It must have been propagated especially for the Eilers, as the ears grow seven and a half feet from the ground, and anyone of less length than they couldn't reach them without something to stand on.

Monday morning a small band of dirty greasy looking gypsies drove into town and the women, as usual, started out through the town soliciting fortune telling, and the children to begging. Marshal Oarrig soon approached one fat old gresserous, who was apparently the boss, and in a few well chosen but impressive words informed her that they had best move on. They moved.

Mrs. Ernest Arndt, whose illness we reported last week, submitted to a serious surgical operation last Friday, by Dr. O. Allison, of Omaha, at her home northeast of town. The work in this case by the noted surgeon involved the removal of a tumor, or abscess from the right kidney. At this writing the patient is slowly gaining, and an early recovery is hoped for by her many anxious relatives and friends.

**CECIL RAPIDS.**  
From the Outlook.  
Mr. Wheeler Lyman, an old and highly respected citizen of Primrose, met a very sudden and peculiar death last Sunday while enjoying an outing at Freeman creek. From the reports we have at hand, Mr. Lyman had drove to Freeman creek Saturday afternoon with the intention of fishing that evening, also part of the next day. When he got ready to return home his team ran away. He then telephoned home for another rig to come to his assistance. While waiting for the rig evidently he decided to continue fishing, and dropped his line in the steam off from the bridge, which crosses the creek on the main road. The bridge is rather a rickety affair, and in leaning over the railing it gave away, and he fell headlong to the water below, striking his head on an old piling protruding from the water. This, no doubt, is what the post mortem examination revealed as not a drop of water was on the unfortunate man's lungs. The water at this place is seven to fifteen feet deep.

**BELLWOOD.**  
From the Gazette.  
It is said that cattle have been disappearing from some of the pastures around Bellwood and that a close investigation is being made.

The Nebraska law relating to automobiles makes it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$25 for any person to operate an automobile at a rate of speed faster than one mile in six minutes in the close, built up portions of town or village, or at a rate greater than one mile in four minutes in other portions of the town or village. The safety of the public demands that this law be obeyed.

A pocket book containing about \$50 in notes and paper money disappeared from Jim Jackson's pocket one day last week. He hunted high up and low down in his little cabin for the missing money and also telephoned to Columbus, thinking it dropped out of his pocket while over there previous to its disappearance; but the missing pocket book and contents finally turned up between the screen and the door of his cabin. How it got there, he is at a loss to know.

**MONROE.**  
From the Republican.  
Ralph Hollingshead of Arcadia, Neb., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. R. Smith.

W. L. Smith left last Saturday for Illinois, called there by the serious illness of J. F. Irwin's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Durham and children returned home Tuesday, after a two weeks visit with relatives in Kansas.

Misses Ada and Mary Hendryx, who have been guests at the Chas. Kelley home, left Tuesday for their home in Kearney.

Not near so much fall wheat will be put in this year as last. "A number of farmers say their land blows away when fall plowed.

Miss Jeanette Burris, who has been spending the summer in Oregon, California and New Mexico, arrived Wednesday evening for a week's visit with her sister Mrs. F. A. Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Moore returned last Saturday from their trip to Jonesboro, Tenn., where they were called by the sickness of Vesta's mother. When they left Tennessee Mrs. Moore's health was improving.

During the heavy electrical storm last Saturday evening lightning struck the home of Mrs. L. D. Smith, in the east part of town, and her daughter Lydia received a shock, as she was in the act of putting down a window.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gerrard left Tuesday for an extended trip in the east, including Auburn, N. Y., the home of Mrs. Gerrard's sister, Mrs. Weeks. They will also visit with Mrs. Shepherd, formerly Miss Fannie Weeks. They expect to be absent from four to six weeks.

Wednesday of this week T. N. Womack, who has been Union Pacific agent at Monroe for the last several months, was transferred to Yutan, Neb., and Robt. Daugherty, formerly agent at Tarnov, checked in as agent. Mr. Daugherty has moved his family here and is living in the John Smith building for the present, but will move into a dwelling as soon as one is available.

**CENTRAL CITY.**  
From the Nonparcell.  
The new Union Pacific freight depot is completed and ready for occupancy. Agent Tom Costello received a telegram Tuesday instructing him to make the change, but as there is no furniture in the new building he will not be able to do so for several days. Mr. Costello's office will be in the freight depot although he will still have general charge of the work at the passenger station.

Sheriff Her was called to Salt Lake City Saturday night to take into custody Othello Evans who is charged with having recently acquired too many wives. Evans and Miss Grace Gorman, of Grand Island, were united in marriage in this city on August 3d. Rev. C. G. Williams performed the ceremony and at the time the couple gave their place of residence as Jackson county, Missouri. It has since developed that Evans has another wife living in Kansas City. J. H. Gorman, father of Miss Grace, came down Saturday and filed a complaint in the district court, charging Evans with bigamy.



## AK-SAR-BEN IS NEBRASKA SHOW

### Enchanting Festival of the North Attracts Wide Attention.

#### STORY OF ITS ORGANIZATION.

**Sixteen Years Prove Value of King Ak-Sar-Ben to Trans-Missouri Country—Writer in Hearst's Papers Gives State Big Boost for Its Enterprise.**  
By Will A. Campbell.

When Mark Twain wrote thirty years ago that no such an enchanting festival as the Mardi-Gras of New Orleans could live in the practical north any longer than it could live in London, one season—the distinguished journalist did not know what kind of men and women the future citizens of the middle-west would be; did not imagine that a foundation of business fraternalism would continue a festival in the north just as surely as the love of romance would sustain such a festival in the south.

On the practical foundation of business, Ak-Sar-Ben has been built and has flourished. The festival is about ten years old, and for the first time membership has been limited because of the growing popularity of the enterprise.

Yield of all those things which set the world in love with dreams and phantoms; without sham grandeur, gauds and chivalries, Ak-Sar-Ben is really a big "boosters" organization which has done more to put Nebraska on the map and renew the confidence of her people, than any other force in the trans-Missouri country.

This festival has everything which Mardi-Gras has and more. The romance is present; there are kings and knights; big sounding titles go thundering along after the names of its officers, but the soul of Ak-Sar-Ben is the co-operative spirit of the people of the middle-west the eternal effort of the business fraternity to boost for each other and for the trans-Missouri empire always.

Ak-Sar-Ben is more than a relic of the French and Spanish occupation with the religious features knocked out. It is more than a tawdry masquerade of knights and nobles clothed in silken and Paris-made gorgeousness. Ak-Sar-Ben has a reason and has had since its inception back in those hard days when Nebraska and Kansas were thought to be a blizzard cursed western waste in the winter; sun baked prairies—the harbors of cyclones and grasshoppers in the summer.

"We must do something," said the men of Nebraska in 1895 when the veins of commerce had become so sluggish that the state had lost confidence and lay bankrupt at the feet of the national government. What to do was a mystery. Eastern insurance and trust companies became possessed by foreclosing of the most valuable real estate, some owning from fifty to one hundred pieces of property widely separated. Out in the towns and cities of the state homes of men were being moved to the ranches to house cattle and sheep in the winter that the more comfortable quarters might take the place of nourishing food.

Thus the Ak-Sar-Ben festival was born in poverty; planned with the belief that it would bring the people of the state closer together; keep their money at home and working. As they joined hands to hold this festival sixteen years ago, confidence began to return; an opportunity has been given each fall for taking an inventory of the resources of the middle-west and a graphic lesson in the advantages of co-operation has been driven home to the people.

There was something about the selection of the name which increased this business fraternalism. True, the name is Nebraska reversed, but it is more than that. "Ak" is Syrian in its origin and is said to mean "head of a mousehead." "Ben" is good Arabic for "household," and "Sar" in the Hebrew is literally translated as "family" or "brothers of a household."

Thus there is a touch of Oriental enchantment about the word. There is Ak, the head of the household, or the king; sar, the board of twelve governors who manage the affairs of the festival; last there is the family called ben, which embraces the body of knights, and every true Nebraskan is a Knight of Ak-Sar-Ben whether he has been able to journey to the den in Omaha and attend the ceremonial or not.

The same spirits who organized Ak-Sar-Ben made the Trans-Mississippi and International exposition possible in 1898, and this enterprise marked the close of stagnation and opened the era of prosperity in the middle-west; the period of the '90's, dark with industrial gloom and commercial disaster, became history and the star of Nebraska began its ascendancy.

The men who have continued Ak-Sar-Ben for sixteen years and made it the most enchanting festival the north has ever known, are the men who have planted the boom seed deep in the soil and nourished it until Nebraska and Kansas are second to none in the individual prosperity of their people, and in the amount of food contributed annually to help feed a hungry world.

Ak-Sar-Ben has two distinct seasons. The first comes in the summer and is for initiating candidates. The second is festival time in the fall.

king who is to be revealed and crowned in the fall, holds initiations in his great den every Monday evening. Business men of Omaha join each year and pay substantial initiation fees. Some 2,500 contribute thus annually. Every stranger within the state is knighted without paying a fee if recommended or accompanied by some Omaha knight.

The initiations are unique, change each year and are originated and executed entirely by Omaha talent. Some of the ceremonials "would linger in the memories of your great great grandchildren" to use an expression of a distinguished visitor who knows.

Three presidents, McKinley, Taft and Roosevelt, have been initiated and Colonel Roosevelt returns this fall as a private citizen to renew his allegiance to the king. Foreign ministers, cabinet members, senators, army officers, governors of almost every western state and many eastern states, have journeyed to Omaha, been knighted and experienced the mysteries of Ak-Sar-Ben.

All this mystery vanishes in the fall. It is a season of great events. As the carnivals of Venice became famous in history because "no less than seven foreign princes and thirty thousand foreigners" attended them, so have the festivals of Ak-Sar-Ben attracted attention because one hundred and fifty thousand people attend them annually and men more than foreign princes have been guests of the organization.

Last year the event of the festival was the visit of President Taft. This year it is the presence of Colonel Roosevelt.

The electrical parade of King Ak-Sar-Ben is excelled nowhere in the world. The scores of floats, different each year, move through the streets, bearing hundreds of actors appearing as the men and women of song and story or as the oddities and pleasant creatures of fairyland. All these floats are brilliant with tens of thousands of electric lights which from the first succeeded the smoking and flickering torches in the parades.

Then at the coronation ball comes the cry, "The King, the King," and for the first time in the season the real personality of the king becomes known. He is always a gentleman of position and consequence as the "Rex" of Mardi-Gras, and it is an honor highly esteemed to be selected king of Ak-Sar-Ben, so the mystery with which his personality is hidden all summer is merely for the sake of romance and not an account of the police.

During the summer and fall festival the country west of the Missouri river is referred to as the Kingdom of Quivera. This is explained by Samson, Lord High Chamberlain of the realm. Coronado, a Spanish grandee and adventurer was tempted one time by tales of a wonderful country north and east of Mexico, known as the Kingdom of Quivera and said to contain the seven cities of Cibola, wealthy beyond comparison. Coronado made the journey to the northeast in 1540, crossing Arizona and through the Pueblo Indian villages. He is said by history and truly to have reached Nebraska—truly the Kingdom of Quivera, wealthy "beyond compare," a land of promise and of gold—not that gold which is "hard and yellow, bright and cold," but the gold which is realized from the vast



**A QUEEN OF AK-SAR-BEN.**  
agricultural area when cultivated by an industrious and intelligent people.

Even the colors of Ak-Sar-Ben, the red, yellow and green, are explained as symbolic of the products which make the middle-west great; the red of the beef, the yellow of the corn and green of alfalfa.

All this pomp and display of power; the mixing of progressive ideas with the jejune romanticism of the middle ages; those kings on thrones resembling those in fabled isles of touristy; the knights swearing allegiance to the name of their state spelled backwards, have but one object—to bring men and women of the middle west closer together in a great co-operative movement to develop the country west of the Missouri river.

The success of Ak-Sar-Ben as an empire builder is unquestioned. For sixteen years his armies have battled with the knockers and the grumblers; the prairies have grown tired of producing sage brush and buffalo grass and are giving the world corn, alfalfa and wheat; every town is a bivouac of this army of boosters, and backed

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By a series of successful years in agriculture, the middle-west will realize a record-breaking year when King Ak-Sar-Ben is crowned in Omaha, Oct. 7, 1910.—From New York Journal.

**EVERYBODY MAY HEAR ROOSEVELT IN OMAHA.**  
When Colonel Roosevelt speaks in Omaha Friday afternoon, Sept. 2, it will be to the general public and not to an exclusive few political admirers or members of any social organization.

The great Omaha Auditorium— which the people of Nebraska helped build—has been engaged. It will seat comfortably 10,000 people and as it is fireproof there will be no fire department interfering with those who wish to stand in the aisles.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon Colonel Roosevelt will arrive at the Auditorium and make his address. It will be the only address he will make in Omaha or in Nebraska. While he is going to the Ak-Sar-Ben den later in the evening and while he will be a guest at both a dinner and a luncheon in Omaha, he will speak but once—in the Auditorium, where all who come may hear him.

Only a few seats—150 to 200—have been reserved and all others are free to anyone who gets them. Visitors from outside will have the same chance as Omaha people.

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WEST BOUND.		EAST BOUND.	
No. 11	8:30 a.m.	No. 4	4:32 a.m.
No. 13	1:30 p.m.	No. 12	10:35 p.m.
No. 1	10:28 a.m.	No. 14	5:34 a.m.
No. 9	11:25 a.m.	No. 6	2:46 p.m.
No. 17	2:56 p.m.	No. 10	2:16 p.m.
No. 15	6:23 p.m.	No. 18	3:56 p.m.
No. 3	6:50 p.m.	No. 16	5:57 p.m.
No. 5	4:25 p.m.	No. 2	6:50 p.m.
No. 21	11:40 a.m.	No. 20	1:20 p.m.
No. 19	11:20 a.m.	No. 22	3:40 p.m.
No. 23	6:28 p.m.	No. 24	7:32 a.m.
No. 7	2:35 p.m.	No. 8	4:16 p.m.

BRANCHES.

MORNING.		EVENING & ALBION.	
No. 11	8:30 a.m.	No. 78	4:40 a.m.
No. 13	1:30 p.m.	No. 23	1:30 p.m.
No. 30	1:10 p.m.	No. 32	1:20 p.m.
No. 78	4:40 a.m.	No. 80	4:30 p.m.

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Nos. 26 and 29 are local freight.  
Nos. 9 and 18 are mail trains only.  
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No. 8 dep in Omaha 5:00 p.m.

## C. B. & Q. Time Table

No. 22	Pass. (daily ex. Sunday) leave	7:25 a.m.
No. 21	Fre. & Ac. (d'y ex. Saturday) lv.	5:30 p.m.
No. 21	Pass. (daily ex. Sunday) arrive.	6:30 p.m.
No. 31	Fre. & Ac. (d'y ex. Sunday) ar.	6:15 a.m.

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