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NEBRASKA GETS MORE RAIN

Rain Was Falling in Many Towns in State Yesterday.

CORN IS GREATLY IMPROVED

Rain of the Last Few Days Helps All the Growing Crops—Rule Has the Heaviest Downfall of the Season.

Farmers in some parts of the eastern and southwestern localities of the state are in a joyful frame of mind owing to good rains which fell there Wednesday morning and in some are probably still falling. At Rule the heaviest rains of the season were falling at 7:30 o'clock. At that time two inches of rain had fallen, with prospects for more.

In six towns along the Burlington route, in the Wyoming division, reports of rain were received early this morning. In the McCook division rain was falling generally over the entire division. The Omaha and Lincoln divisions also reported rain falling in a few isolated spots. All over the Alliance division clear skies, with poor prospects for rain prevailed, while in the Sheridan division hot weather and clear skies were reported.

Burlington Rain Report.

Reports received at the homeseekers' department of the Burlington were to the effect that the corn was picking up in almost all parts of the state and that the entire state had been covered with rain within the last five days. Especially in the Wymore division is the corn flourishing and the farmers in that locality are of the belief that the corn crop is to be a bumper and very little damage has been done by the unusual weather of late. Winter wheat is flourishing in all parts of the state. The following towns reported rain Wednesday morning:

Rule,	Brownville,
Nemaha,	Nebraska City,
Syracuse,	Chester,
Norton,	Oberlin,
Wilsonville,	Benkleman,
Plattsmouth,	Lyons,
Seward,	Greasey Center,
Bargent,	Stromsburg.

ANNUAL BUDGET OF BEATRICE

City's Expense Bill Shows Increase of Five Thousand Over Last Year.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of the city council last evening the annual expense bill of $81,825 was adopted. This is an increase of about $5,000 over last year. The electric light ordinance, fixing the rate at 10 cents per kilowat with a minimum of $1 and no meter rent, was tabled. A. H. Kidd, E. J. Bodwell and D. S. Dalbey, were appointed new members of the library board.

Commission form of government was the subject discussed at the weekly noonday luncheon of the Commercial club yesterday. G. A. Murphy of Muskogee, Okl.; Dr. J. S. McCleery, Antoine Hillyer, and W. P. Norcross were speakers.

Frank Vedicka of Fort Selkirk, Yukon, and Miss Sophia Hensel of Virginia, this county, were married here Monday by Rev. L. D. Young. After a visit here of a few days they will leave for their home in the Yukon territory.

The republican county convention will be held July 20 and the caucuses to select delegates to the convention will be held July 17.

Cutting Affray Near Fairbury

Fred McPherson Probably Fatally Wounded by Tramp Whose Money He Had Won in Poker Game.

FAIRBURY, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—A poker game on the Little Blue river was the cause of a ghastly cutting affair between a tramp and Fred McPherson of Fairbury. McPherson in company with three other companions, got mixed up in a poker game with the tramp and the former, who is quite an adept at the game, succeeded in winning all of the tramp's money. The tramp then made an attack on the young man with a razor and slashed him on the forehead and face. The gash started on his right temple, took a downward course on his cheek and wound up under his left cheek. The flesh was cut to the bone. It took twenty-three stiches in the wound. McPherson is lying at his home north of the city park in a precarious condition with little chance of recovery. In case he does recover his face will be paralyzed. Sheriff Chirnside succeeded in capturing the tramp several miles southwest of Fairbury and brought him to Fairbury and lodged him in the county jail. He is a young fellow about 23 years of age and claims he is a harvest hand from Sage City, Kan. He will have his preliminary hearing in a day or two.

GRAND ISLAND MAN FOUND DEAD IN CAR

Report that Chester Holsinger, Who Dropped Dead, Had Been Murdered Causes Excitement.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—Chester Holsinger, for many years subject to epileptic convulsions, was found dead yesterday in a car of coal which he was unloading for the Chicago Lumber company. An iron bar was found near him and the first surmise was that he had been murdered. He was alone at work. His brother has been laid up for nine months with blood poisoning in one of his hands and was not able to get into the car when he went to see if the brother was getting along all right, the latter having only gone to work yesterday. The aged parents are in needy circumstances and a popular subscription is being taken up to help them out of their present difficulty. No little excitement was occasioned for some time, and until it was ascertained that the death was from natural causes.

NEWS NOTES FROM WEST POINT

Cadet Band Buys a Lot on North Main Street for a New Auditorium.

WEST POINT, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—The West Point Cadet band, which has the building of the new auditorium in charge, has purchased the lot owned by the West Point Liederkranz, lying north of the old West Point house on north Main street. The lot is centrally located and the choice gives general satisfaction. The selection was made by the votes of the subscribers. The amount realized by the band from the citizens' subscriptions and donations is $36.65.

The last assessment of personal property as returned by County Assessor Clatanoff shows the cash in the hands of the Cuming county people to be only $187,511 as against $396,675 returned in 1910. This shortage is accounted for by the fact that the people have been buying automobiles, building houses and adding to those already built and does not indicate any actual decrease of the real wealth of the county.

The eighth grade exercises of the rural schools of Cuming county were held Saturday at the high school auditorium at West Point, with fifty-seven graduates. Colonel J. C. Elliott presented the diplomas.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN JAIL

Tabor Man Accused of Theft Hangs Himself with Rope Made of Bedding.

TABOR, Ia., July 12.—(Special.)—John Reed, a Tabor Everyman, hanged himself in the Sidney jail Tuesday morning with a rope that he made out of the bedding. The jailer found him hanging from the top of the cell door when he took him his breakfast. He was nearly choked to death and two doctors worked over him for two hours before restoring consciousness.

Mr. Reed had driven a commercial man to Sidney and while there stole about $23 from the office of the livery barn. He was pursued and lodged in jail.

Seward County Values Decrease.

SEWARD, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—County Assessor Bernecker has made his report of the assessment of Seward county to the State Board of Equalization. The valuation of personal property for assessment this year is $1,469,770, which is about $27 less than last year. The total assessable property for 1911 is $9,998,767, while last year it was $7,002,469, the loss of about $27,000 being in personal property.

Woman Steals Eighty Dollars.

GRAND ISLAND, July 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Woods, who keeps a rooming house in a down town block, caused the arrest of a young woman named Mrs. Walters, charging her with the theft of $80 from the farmer's room. At first the accused denied the theft, but later confessed and told the chief of police that she had secreted the money in the lavatory of the Union Pacific depot. It was there found.

Nebraska

ONE BLUFFS DEALER PROTESTS

Lonely Lumberman Says Wholesalers Afraid to Appear.

WOULD EXPOSE THEIR DEALINGS

Railroad Men is Standing by Proposed Increase in Minimum Car Weight Point to Residence Outside Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, July 12.—(Special.)—That certain wholesale lumber dealers would be blacklisted by retailers over the state for selling direct to consumers, and that fear of this kept them from registering objections against the proposed increase of minimum carload freight weights, was the charge made by R. O. Miller of the Hafer Lumber company of Council Bluffs, when the hearing on the matter was taken up before the State Railway commission today, he alone appearing to fight the raise.

The Iowa man contended that there were fully a half dozen concerns in Omaha which would be directly injured by the proposed raise, but asserted that these companies were scared and unwilling to attend the hearing because it would lay bare their operations to the retail dealers of the state. All retail dealers, on the other hand, according to statements made by Mr. Miller, would be likewise adversely affected by the change in the rates, but would undergo slight injury because their strongest competitors, the mail order houses, would be greatly handicapped in their fight for business of the direct buyer.

"The Nebraska dealers are not objecting because of their own selfish reasons," said Mr. Miller to the commission, "but they are opposed to such a concern as ours and they hope by this means to curtail our business in this state. The increase, making the minimum on lumber shipments 20,000 pounds instead of 10,000, would work irreparable injury to the company, and though it would hurt the retailers in a way it would be so slight as to hardly be noticeable."

The representative of the Council Bluffs concern was in a difficult position from the beginning of the hearing, the railroad men, a number of whom were present, almost repeatedly calling the attention of the railway commissioners to the fact that it was an out of the state concern objecting to the raise of a Nebraska regulation of Nebraska common carriers.

Lincoln's Expenses Grow.

Members of the city finance committee are still of the opinion that they can make up a budget of next year's expenses for the municipal year which will not call for an increase of the city levy. Councilmen figure that this can be done, though they assert that if the full amount of city bonds which fall due are paid a levy of 25 mills will be entirely inadequate.

Department expenses for the year are in the main in excess of the amount given them last year, totaling almost half a million dollars, all of which must be secured by taxation. The total assessed valuation of the city in round numbers is $9,500,000. If the levy is 25 mills that amount will produce in taxes but $237,500. Of this amount the city is allowed to appropriate but 80 per cent, so that means still less left for the running expenses of the year. The general fund and occupation taxes raise varying amounts, which may be used so that a total of about $40,000 accruing from these will be available to meet the demands of the reconstructed budget.

Hearings in Pardon Cases.

Dates for hearings on the applications of three more convicts of the state penitentiary which have appealed for liberty have been set by the state advisory board of pardons. Calvin Harris, colored, of this city, who was convicted of criminal assault, will come before the board on August 1. Harris in his application does not deny his guilt, but asserts that he has suffered sufficiently and believes that he should be released.

Harm Dirksen of Boyd county, sent to the state penitentiary for assault upon his stepdaughter, will appear before the board August 2. Dirksen alleges that he is the victim of a conspiracy and that deeds conveying land to his attorney for appealing the case to the state supreme court should be canceled inasmuch as the lawyer forgot to take further interest in the case after he had obtained title to the old man's land.

Charles Pumphrey of Omaha, convicted and sentenced for the murder of a Chinaman in that city, has also applied for a pardon and his case will be heard by the board July 30.

Gift Concerns in District Court.

Though failing to get a restraining order in the federal courts against the enforcement of the Housh anti-free gift enterprise act, the plaintiffs, the Sperry & Hutchinson trading stamp concern of New Jersey and the Magazine and Book company of New York city, today carried the case to the district court of this county and succeeded in obtaining their injunction. The injunction as issued restrains Governor Aldrich and County Attorney Strode from forcing a compliance with the new act. Yesterday's case was thrown out of the federal court because the application for the restraining order was made out against Attorney General Grant G. Martin instead of the county attorney, whose duty it is to enforce the provisions of the new law under the act itself.

Max Rich Case Begins.

The case of Max L. Rich of Grand Island, charged with performing a criminal operation upon Florence Sutherland, a former Hall county school teacher, was taken up by the State Board of Health today in this city, Dr. C. B. Fall of Beatrice, presiding. Arguments and the taking of testimony occupied the entire afternoon.

Attorneys W. H. Thompson and Fred Ashton of Grand Island appeared for the defense and H. H. Wilson of this city was counsel for the complainant, Dr. B. B. McGrath of Grand Island.

The initial clash in the proceedings came when the defendant's counsel objected to the admission of an affidavit made by the young woman in the case, who is now a resident of the state of Oregon.

Lower Assessment Likely.

The State Board of Assessments will meet Monday to equalize values as reported from the various counties. The indications are for a slight decrease in the total amount of taxable property in the state. Considerable decrease is accounted for by a decrease in the number of cattle in the state and bushels of grain.

The following is the comparative assessed valuation of the last counties that filed reports:

	1910.	1911.
Thayer	$ 6,724,155	$ 6,720,304
Saline	7,367,702	7,392,360
Valley	3,961,629	3,922,689
Lancaster	20,295,197	21,902,673

South Omaha Model City.

South Omaha is a model city, according to statements made to Governor Aldrich this afternoon by Commissioner Ryan and other members of the South Omaha Fire and Police board. The packingtown men called to explain to the chief executive that saloons in South Omaha close on Sundays and at 8 p. m. every week day and that there are no other open violations of the law.

Lee Broom Contract Up.

The board of public lands and buildings met this afternoon to consider the renewal of a contract for convict labor with the Lee Broom & Duster company. The contract with the state expires August 1. Clinton R. Lee desires to renew the same contract now in existence. It provides that the state shall furnish 250 convicts to the company, the price to be 55 cents a day for a task or a full day's work. The company also pays $300 a month for the rent of shops, light, heat and power. There are about 450 convicts in the penitentiary. The Platte Shirt company of Chicago has a lease for 100 convicts, which will not expire till November 1, 1912.

Appeal in Wayne Case.

Ben T. White, attorney for the Northwestern railroad company, has written to the state railway commission for a complete record in the matter of the Wayne depot case, indicating that he intends to appeal from the order of the commission direct to the supreme court, under a provision of the new law providing for a direct appeal. The commission has ordered the company to build a new stone or brick depot at Wayne. The railroad desires to reconstruct thje old frame depot, but the city officers have refused to suspend the fire limit ordinance for the accommodation of the company.

Thelen Visits Nebraska.

Max Thelen, attorney for the railroad commission of California, called this forenoon on the Nebraska railway commission. He will investigate the workings of railway commissions in several states and report findings to his own commission. Mr. Thelen was born in Nebraska and during his younger days lived at Rising City, Neb.

Aldrich Back from Pierce.

Governor Aldrich has returned from Pierce, where he delivered an address before the North Nebraska Old Soldiers association. "The crops along the Elkhorn valley," said the governor, "are the finest out of doors. A heavy rain fell before I arrived and plenty of rain has fallen during the entire summer."

Ten Saloons in Gage County.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—The village board of Barneston granted saloon licenses to James Hughes and Joe Zuber last night. Barneston has been dry one year. This makes ten saloons in operation in Gage county.

Serious Runaway at Dawson.

DAWSON, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—Lee Price is suffering from two broken ribs, a broken collarbone and an injury to his lungs as the result of a runaway accident when driving into Dawson on his return from Humboldt. Mr. Price was rendered unconscious by the accident. His team ran from the north part of town to Riley's park, and he was thrown from the rig near the depot.

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