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INDIANS RAISE GOOD CROPS

Winnebagoes Are Developing Into Successful Farmers.

MANY THOUSAND ACRES IN CORN

Members of This Little Tribe Will Harvest Two Hundred Thousand Dollars' Worth of Grain This Fall.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Assistant Attorney General Edgerton returned a few days ago from a trip into Thurston county and says that the Indians up there are going to have good crops this year and are developing into very successful farmers. On his return home he took up the matter of having the Indian farmers make an agricultural exhibit at the state fair this year with Secretary Mellor of the State Agricultural board, with the result that Mr. Mellor has asked A. H. Kneale, superintendent of the Omaha and Winnebago agencies to take charge of an exhibit which will be made.

Speaking about the success the Indians have made along agicultural lines, Mr. Edgerton said:

"Can an Indian farm? Will an Indian farm?

"For a quarter of a century the Indian office has been asking these questions and has been anxiously listening for an answer.

"The Winnebagoes in Thurston county are answering this year. With 12,000 acres of waving corn growing on their own land, the product of their own labor, the braves of this little tribe answer in the affirmative.

"Yes, an Indian will farm. He will work and sweat in his fields like a white man. And when the Winnebagoes harvest a corn crop this fall worth $200,000 white men will admit that an Indian can work.

"The Winnebagoes have a reservation of corn land. No part of the state has in past years had a more plentiful supply of rain when needed by the growing corn than Thurston county. The soil is rich in the ingredients that produce the golden crop. But only within the last two or three years have the Winnebagoes cared to farm their own land. They preferred to lease it to the white men. The lease money was small, but it came without sweat.

Experts Teach Indians.

"About three years ago, the Indian office decided to make a determined effort to get the Indian at work on his own land. Commissioner Valentine and his assistant, Fred H. Abbott of this state, set out seriously to convince the red man that he ought to make his own living on the fertile land still left to him. The first step was the appointment of expert farmers on the reservations. The agricultural schools of the country were scoured for men learned in expert and practical farming. The Indian office wanted men for this job who knew how to buy horses for the Indians; men who knew how to select seed and how to plant it; men who could show the Indian how to care for his crops and harvest them, and, with it all, men who could enthuse these wards of the government into believing that they really wanted to work and make their own living.

"Albert H. Kneale was superintendent of the Omaha and Winnebago agency. He had made good with the Sioux and with the Shoshones before he came to Winnebago. He caught the spirit of the Indian office, and set out to get every ablebodied Indian on his own farm and working it.

"This year, there are 184 Winnebagoes farming. Of these, just three have complete failures. The corn and small grain of the other 181 Indian farmers average every bit as good as that of their white neighbors in Thurston county. The cornfields of some of the white men show failures. This is because of poor seed or laziness.

Yellow Cloud Has Best Crop.

"The best field of corn in Thurston county belongs to Anson Yellow Cloud, a full-blood Winnebago. He has 100 acres of corn, all of it averaging up to that of his white neighbors. Walking Priest is farming 400 acres this year, some of it being leased land. Willie Sun has a splendid field of corn. John Hunter has raised good crops for several years.

"For years, the Winnebagoes liked best to live in the brush and woods along the Missouri river. Their best land lay in the western part of the county, but it was open prairie. But, under the encouragement of the Indian office, the Winnebagoes are settling on their good farm land. In the last year, good improvements have been built for them on about sixty farms and the families have moved in. The improvements are gauged by the amount of money the Indian has on deposit with the government. The ordinary set of improvements consists of a three or four-room house, a barn, corn crib, wood house, frost-proof cave, and a well. No cellars are put under the houses. These improvements are built under contract, and only the best of material and work are accepted.

"The trust period on the land patents of the Winnebagoes expires in a few years and it is the dream of Superintendent Kneale to have every family living on a good farm by that time.

"The Dutch Reformed church has a mission church at the agency at Winnebago. So many of the Winnebagoes have moved onto their farm land in the western part of the county that a second church is now being built there to accommodate the people.

"The last census of the Winnebagoes shows about 1,080 persons in the Nebraska branch of the tribe. This is an increase of about twenty for the year. For years, a decrease in numbers has been apparent each year. If the families go out on their farms as rapidly in the next two years as they have in the past, the entire tribe will be farming."

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Soldiers' Reunion Begins at Central City Tomorrow

CENTRAL CITY, Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The fifteenth annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic begins here Monday and it is generally believed that the attendance will be a record breaker. The programs arranged for each afternoon andn evening contain the names of Governor Aldrich, George W. Norris, General Cole, Dan V. Stephens, Judge Hoagland, Captain Adams, Colonel John P. Ehrhardt and Mrs. Mary Morgan.

D. W. Brinkerhoff has leased to Henry Oliver and William Porter his livery barn in the western part of the city. They will not continue the livery business, but will utilize the barn as a sales stable.

At the Methodist Episcopal parsonage Friday afternoon was solemnized the marriage of Thomas Lucas and Miss Emma Wetterer, Rev. Dr. Tindal officiating. The contracting parties have resided in Central City the greater part of their lives, and are members of highly respected families. The groom is a university man and possesses exceptional abilities. As county judge he made a good record, relinquishing the office at the end of his first term that he might continue his studies. For the last few months he has been on his homestead in Thomas county, and has erected a home for himself and wife.

The territory east of town covered by rural route No. 3 has been enlarged and now Harry Meredith, mail carrier, makes a daily drive of thirty-two and one half miles.

A party headed by Will Benson is busy at Silver Creek, this county, surveying the land adjoining the Platte river, and the islands that have been built up and altered by the currents in recent years.

Churches Object to Taxes on Parsonages

MADISON, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The St. Leonard's Catholic church, Trinity Methodist church, Trinity Lutheran church and the Evangelical Emanuel Lutheran Gemeinde of Madison, Neb., have filed suit in the district court of Madison county, Nebraska, protesting against and appealing from the action of the County Board of Equalization assessing for purposes of taxation properties owned and used by these societies for church parsonages.

The result of this suit interests, either directly or remotely, not only a large majority of the citizens of Madison adherents of these societies, but every other municipality in the state.

The county assessor and the Board of Equalization construed the law to mean what it plainly says and assessed this property because they felt it was required by law, and they are glad to know that the courts will have an opportunity to pass on these assessments and determine the exact meaning of the law governing the assessment of such properties.

VALUABLE HORSES DIE FROM EATING WHEAT

KEARNEY, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—While the threshing hands were at supper tonight at the Frank Lowenstein farm, four miles north of town, eight large and valuable horses in a lot gained access to a wagon load of freshly threshed wheat left standing in the yard and ate a considerable amount.

The thresher men discovered the animals on their return from the meal, finding them apparently suffering from the effects. A veterinary surgeon was called, but before he had arrived four of the largest and best had died and it was with difficulty that he brought relief to the others, all of which are expected to recover. The loss is estimated at $1,000.

Notes from Table Rock.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Alvia N. Aylor of Humboldt has again filed his petition with the village clerk of Table Rock asking that a license be granted him to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors in the Purcell building.

The vacancy in the village board of trustees caused by the resignation of Dr. W. S. Cherry was filled at the last meeting by the appointment of M. H. Marble, who refuses to qualify and announces that he positively will not accept.

L. M. Billings, who has been the manager for the Table Rock Telephone company for the last seven years, has resigned and will soon move to his farm near Humboldt. He is succeeded by O. H. Barnes of the Table Rock Argus, who entered on his duties yesterday.

Wednesday afternoon at the German Evangelical church, seven miles northwest of Table Rock, occurred the marriage of Fred Rinne, jr., and Miss Regina Bartels, prominent young people of that neighborhood.

Knox Democrats Pleased.

MULLEN, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The democrats of this city and community are most highly gratified over the outcome of the democratic convention at Grand Island. They are most pleased with the election of William H. Thompson as chairman of the state central committee. They are also extraordinarily well pleased over the magnificent endorsement that Hon. William J. Bryan received for his great fight for real progressive democracy at the Baltimore convention.

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NEW PAPERS FOR DOWNING

Requisition for Sheridan County Man Must Be Changed.

GOVERNO RFORWARDS PAPERS

State Making Preparations for Celebration at Unveiling of Statue of Abraham Lincoln—Inspection of State Troops.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—On July 26, last, Governor Aldrich made application to the State department at Washington for a requisition to be made on the authorities at Alberta, Canada, for Joe Downing, wanted in Sheridan county for obtaining money under false pretenses. The papers were returned for the reason that the bank from which Downing received the money had not made the proper affidavits.

On February 3, 1912, Downing went to the Union bank of Rushville and borrowed $1,500, representing that he owned eighty head of cattle on which he gave a mortgage. He pulled out for Canada and was later located at Edmonton. The papers will be returned to the authorities of Sheridan county for correction when a new application will be made through the Department of State in Washington.

Governor Aldrich delivered an address yesterday at a picnic at Firth and will deliver another address at a picnic at Shubert this afternoon.

Fire Commissioner Charles Randall will go to Basin, Wyo., next Saturday to take a short vacation.

No Layoff for Royse.

"Speaking about vacations," said Secretary Royse of the banking board, "I have taken only one vacation in twelve years. The last one I took was in 1902, and when I got back to the office I discovered that thre banks had gone to the wall while I was away. I don't know as my absence had anything to do with it, but outside of visiting state meetings of bankers I have stuck to the office pretty regularly since that time."

Umpire in Phone Scrap.

The railway commission was holding a session this morning and presiding over a conference between officials of the Lincoln Telephone company and citizens of Johnson county in an endeavor to get a satisfactory adjustment of rates in that county. J. C. Moore of Tecumseh, C. L. Rothel of Crab Orchard, E. L. Hitchcock and J. D. Stuthert of Sterling and other citizens of the county, represented Johnson county. Mr. Michael, local agent of the telephone company at Tecumseh, was also present.

Improvements at Fountain.

Improvements still continue to be made around the Lincoln monument. A cement walk is being put down leading from the circle walk around the monument on the back to the state house front door. The old cement balustrades at the entrance on Fourteenth street have been demolished and the driveway will be on the sides several feet north and south of the cement walks on each side of the monument. The statue was unveiled this morning for a few moments that Abraham might get a little fresh air.

Test as Inspector.

The First Nebraska regiment of guardsmen in camp at Pole mountain with regular troops will be inspected for the government by First Lieutenant Frederic C. Test of the Twenty-second United States infantry. Lieutenant Test is the newly appointed instructor for the Nebraska National guard and after the camp at Pole mountain breaks up he will be on duty in Nebraska. The detachment of the hospital corps of the Nebraska National guard at Pole mountain will be inspected by Captain Howard McC Snyder of the medical corps. Adjutant General Phelps of the Nebraska guard has gone to Pole mountain on official business.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state by L. J. Nelson, A. M. Sullivan and Ellery H. Westerfield, representatives of a new company at Omaha to be known as the Veneer Pail and Machine company, with a capital stock of $150,000, divided into 1,500 shares, of which 1,000 are common stock and 500 preferred stock. The same incorporators also filed articles of incorporation of another company to be known as the Veneer Barrel and Machine company, with the same amount of stock and divided in the same way.

There was $14,775.74 taken in at the office of the secretary of state in fees during the month of July. This was divided as follows: Articles of incorporation, $1,933.50; notarial commissions, $87; motor vehicles, $63; certificates of record, $75.94; corporation license fees, $12,435.30; corporation penalties, $100, and brand fees, $81.

State Treasurer George has bought a residence at 1600 South Seventeenth street and has been making improvements therein. He is moving in this week, having sold the place in which he has resided since coming to the city.

State Auditor Barton has been appointed a member of the executive committee of the Natnonal Association of State Insurance Commissioners.

Notes from Beatrice and Gage County

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Louie Yockel, for whom the officers have been searching the last week for assaulting James Carpenter at a keg party northwest of the city in company with Edward McCabe, gave himself up yesterday. He and McCabe appeared before Judge La Selle and agreed to pay the costs in the case if Carpenter would drop the matter. Carpenter consented and the two men were released after squaring matters with the court.

Jonathan Weaver, an old resident of the Diller neighborhood, died at the home of his son, Henry Weaver, after an illness of a few hours from acute indigestion. He was 61 years of age. The remains were interred at Ellis yesterday.

J. J. Skow, a pioneer resident of Beatrice, was stricken with paralysis yesterday, and little hope for his recovery is entertained. He was in the meat business here for many years and later engaged in farming south of the city. He sold his farm a few years ago and removed to the city where he has since resided.

A valuable horse belonging to Gustaf Esaw, a farmer living northwest of Beatrice, had its tail pulled off the other day by getting it caught in the pulley of a separator while a party of threshers were at work on the Esaw farm. Mr. Esaw had but recently refused $400 for the horse and its mate.

Accident at Wahoo Carnival.

WAHOO, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—During the carnival last night, Fred Smith while riding on the human roulette wheel, had the misfortune to be knocked down and fell on his right leg ,injuring it quite severely.

Mrs. W. B. Johnson of the Carnival company playing here this week lost $130 from her purse during the show last night. It is thought it was taken by some one in the crowds.

LONG HIKE TO WAR COMRADE

An Incident of the Civil War and a Meeting Fifty Years Later.

On June 26, 1863, a second lieutenant of C company, One Hundred and Seventy-fourth New York volunteers, was in command of the picket line covering the front of the third brigade of General Augur's division, a part of General Banks' command then besieging Port Hudson, La. The line extended about half a mile to the right and left of the main road leading into the town.

After placing the men on their posts, he took his place with the reserve, which was located about 100 yards to the rear on the main road. At this portion of the line the road led up a little hill to the pickets.

All posts were relieved every four hours from the reserve, except those that were placed in such positions (principally outposts) as could not be approached in the daytime without drawing the fire of the rebel sharpshooters, who, posted in the tops of trees, were ever on the lookout to pick off the unwary.

One of these posts was a rifle pit located in the outer edge of a garden, the house and outbuildings to which it was attached having been burned by the enemy in order that there could be a clean sweep for their artillery. A hedge concealed the location.

Six men were placed at this post in charge of a noncommissioned officer with instructions when in need of water to send in one man with all the canteens, with the caution to go in behind the hedge that skirted the road and to return the same way. At about noon one of the men, John Kellogg, was detailed for this duty. He came in all right and the lieutenant saw him on his return to the post.

When he reached the top of the slope he passed out to the road, as the walking was easier. A rebel sharpshooter got him at once and he fell to the ground calling out that he was shot. On the spur of the moment the lieutenant ran up the hill to his assistance. He found that he was badly wounded in the thigh. After much difficulty he got him on his feet and half carried him to the reserve under a continuous fire from the enemy, which was a surprise to him, as when a soldier is occupied in such work he is generally respected and fire withheld. The lieutenant sent him back to the camp of the regiment, and from there he was sent down the river to a hospital, and from there in time he was sent home.

John Kellogg never returned to the regiment. At the time the lieutenant did not think enough of the affair to have it entered in the daily report book of the company. In fact he said nothing about it to anyone. Every day something of this kind was done by some soldier and it was looked upon as a part of their duty.

Many years after the lieutenant applied to the War department at Washington, D. C., through Congressman J. Wayne Parker, for one of the medals given by congress for such actions. He accompanied his application with a letter voluntarily written to him by John Kellogg and sworn to by him before a notary at Chanceford, near Wrightsville, Pa., where he lived. It was of no avail as there was no official record of the occurrence. His request was declined.

About the year 1902 John Kellogg called at his home in Newark, where he was living at that time. He, hearing that his old commander was living in Newark, walked from Wrightsville, Pa., about 600 miles. At the time the lieutenant was absent in New York on business. When he reached home his daughters informed him that an old soldier had been there, had gone away and would return in the evening. He had given them a full account as to how their father had saved his life, as he expressed it, and was most anxious to see him before they went to the last camping ground.

He had not been home long before he saw Kellogg coming up the street. He wore an old straw hat. He had one on when he was shot. A good mark for a sharpshooter. He gave him his supper and a bed for the night. When the family arose for breakfast the next morning John Kellogg was gone. He had stolen out of the house unknown to any of the family. The lieutenant was sorry that he made such a sudden exit, as he would gladly have given him his fare back to Pennsylvania.—New York Times.

MORGAN'S NEW ART TREASURE

A Jasper Drageoir Vase by Cellini Cost the New York Magnate $200,000.

Word has been received from London that J. Pierpont Morgan has purchased from Messrs. Seligmann & Co., art dealers, of New York and Paris, the jasper drageoir by Benvenuto Cellini (1500-1572) bought by that firm at the Baron de Rothschild sale, for $200,000. There is much speculation by connoisseurs in London and New York as to whether Mr. Morgan will bring this precious vase to this country and permit it to be exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum of Art or whether, for the present, it will remain in one of his private collections.

The vase, which is regarded as one of the most beautiful specimens of the work of the famous Florentine artisan, who was both goldsmith and sculptor, is cut from a single block of light red-veined jasper, with a separate stem and foot of the same material. It was obtained in Italy forty years ago by the late Baron Adolphe de Rothschild, who believed it to have come originally from the treasure of the kings of Naples.

The drageoir, including the mount and stem, measures ten and one-half inches in height, nine and three-quarters inches in length and four and one-half inches in breadth. The vase has been cut into the shape of an elongated scalloped shell, the stem forming a circular pillar, decorated with oves and resting on a hemispherical foot, incised with wavy lines. This foot is set in a circular gold border, decorated with inlaid scrolls in red, white, green and blue enamel and studded alternately with pearls and emeralds. At the top of the stem four openwork gold scrolls, set with four rubies and decorated with red, green and blue enamel, support the upper portion of the vase.

From these scrolls start, right and left, two large ornamental gold figures, beautifully enameled and studded with precious stones. At the head of the vase a dragon, at the foot a female torso, a siren, are placed as caryatides.

The dragon has a long, curved tail, which reaches down as far as the stem. The head is blue, the body gray and the tail white, the whole dotted over with small gold spots. The outspread wings are covered with black, white and green enamel. The body is studded with twelve table diamonds and the back with eleven rubies. From the monster's neck hangs a pendant pearl.

At the opposite end of the drageoir is the beautifully modeled figure of the siren. Her tail, which is set with eighteen emeralds, emerges from the jaws of a dolphin. Her torso is enameled white and her hair, studded with two rubies, retains the metallic color of gold. With uplifted arm she supports a highly ornamental blue and green openwork scroll, projecting at the end of the drageoir and set in center with a large diamond. Right and left gold garlands, beautifully chased and enameled, continue the mount, clinging to the border of the shell and forming a vivid contrast with the dull yellowish red color of the precious vase.—New York Herald.

Hints for Housekeepers.

When they apply a coat of oil to the street in front of your premises the proper course of action is to close your house and go away on a two weeks' vacation.

Any resourceful housewife can find use for bound volumes of magazines. One or two of them placed on a chair will enable a little boy to sit at a table and eat his dinner in comfort.

The easiest way to dispose of old parlor rugs is to put them in the back attic and forget them.

If you reside on a poorly paved street, where the residents have no pull with the alderman of the ward, sell out and move away.

In case your next door neighbor keeps a parrot buy a graphophone.—Chicago Tribune.

Teaching Geography.

A local teacher teaches geography in her own fashion. Here are some of her questions:

Where do the Blues play?

What town is represented by the Colonels?

Where do the Pirates hail from?

Where do the Athletics play?

What town is represented by the Senators?

This teacher knows how to teach.—Kansas City Journal.

Not a Highbrow.

"Is it true that your daughter has married a highbrow, Mrs. Rockingham?"

"No; that story was started by some of the girls who are jealous. Daisie's husband is a writer, but his royalties amount to over $40,000 a year."—Chicago Record-Herald.