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WEST FARMERS TO ASK IRRIGATION

Big Meeting Will Be Held at Holdrege October 21 to Boost Project.

PROPOSE TO DAM THE PLATTE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—A \$2,000,000 irrigation project to increase the productivity of Cooper, Unkapa and Kearney counties by \$3,000,000 a year will be laid before congressmen and senators of Nebraska at a huge meeting in Holdrege, Oct. 21, in which 2,000 landowners will participate.

The organization, known as the Tri-county Irrigation project, with C. W. McConaughy of Holdrege as president, will ask the national representatives in Washington to bring before congress a plan to develop the region through a system of irrigation almost as large as the Pathfinder project of western Nebraska and Wyoming.

Water will be taken from a thousand dam in the Platte river, according to the plan, so that the rainfall will be supplemented with an acre-foot of water during the irrigation closed season, from October until April, according to State Engineer Johnson, who returned today from Holdrege where he was called in an advisory capacity in the planning.

Experiments have been conducted with the cooperation of the University of Nebraska for the last six years that have demonstrated that the production of the soil at the present time will be trebled with an acre foot of water on account of the retentive qualities of the soil in the vicinity.

Under the proposed plan of irrigation more than 4,000 more farmers would be needed in the three counties to take care of the crops.

Johnson Back from Geneva. State Engineer Johnson has returned from Geneva, Neb., where he was called in consultation with officers of a 3,000 acre drainage district who are seeking to compel Fillmore county to pay \$3,000 for the reclamation of six miles of the road which formerly was under six feet of water. They were advised to take action if they could show benefits to the road.

Payment on Memorial. Guy E. Reed, secretary of the Bessey memorial endowment association, has deposited with State Treasurer Hall, treasurer of the association, \$250.00 to apply on the \$15,000 fund the association is attempting to raise to provide an income for the support of two scholarships in Botany in the university.

Commercial Club Complaints. The Lincoln Commercial club has filed a formal complaint with the Nebraska railway commission against the Missouri Pacific railroad attacking the non-absorption of switching charges in the Lincoln yards.

Omaha Case to Test "Loan Shark" Law

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—An Omaha suit to test the validity of the "loan shark" law passed by the last legislature has been appealed from the district court of Douglas county to the Nebraska supreme court.

The defendant is Jules Althaus, who is charged with loaning without taking out a required license with the secretary of state. His alleged victim was Alonzo H. Winslow, 177 Cass street, who he is alleged to have charged 300 per cent interest after taking assignment of his salary and his pension.

Althaus charged that the act is illegal in that it legislates by class, putting a fine on professional lenders. A similar law passed by the 1913 legislature was knocked out by the supreme court on the same ground.

Thus far W. C. Frampton of Lincoln is the only loan agent in the state who has taken out the required license.

SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—The Topeka branch of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary society of the Methodist church, including six states, voted \$77,000 for the coming year, all to go to the foreign mission field. The money was pledged from the states represented.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mrs. F. M. Bristol, Omaha. Vice president, Mrs. Alma Platt, Wichita, Kan. Corresponding secretary, Miss Ella M. Watson, Lincoln. Recording secretary, Mrs. E. L. Madison, Topeka, Kan. Treasurer, Mrs. B. M. Davis, Topeka, Kan.

WARDEN FENTON CHANGES RULES AT PENITENTIARY

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Warden Fenton announced a change in guard rules as the result of the escape of John Sanford, a life termer from the penitentiary last Wednesday. Hereafter guards will be maintained on the walls until after the second count is taken and the men locked in their cells.

DRIVE FROM TACOMA TO WEEPING WATER IN BUGGY

WEEPING WATER, Neb., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Colbert, who are visiting relatives here, have a record of overland travel that is unique and interesting. Their record is that of having just recently traveled by team overland from Tacoma, Wash., to this place, a distance of 2,500 miles. It took them three and a half months to make it, and it was a hard trip for them and for their team. They traveled in a spring buggy and camped along the road.

Stockville Man Badly Hurt. STOCKVILLE, Neb., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Earl Riley, a prominent young farmer living five miles southeast of Stockville, was seriously injured today by a gasoline engine slipping over onto him. They were filling a silo and the engine was used for this purpose.

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Lutheran Synods to Use Same Hymns and Same Rituals

LINCOLN, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—At the business session of the Nebraska Lutheran Synod yesterday afternoon Dr. R. R. Peery, president of Midland college, Atchison, Kan., presented the needs of the college to the synod. Rev. E. Walter made an address before the synod in behalf of Tabitha Home.

Perhaps the most important action taken at the afternoon session was a motion regarding the amending of the constitution of synod, to comply with the whole reorganized missionary operations of the Lutheran church.

The committee on Sunday schools and Young People's societies reported substantial growth in the membership of Sunday schools in the state, and recommended the introduction of teachers' training in the Sunday schools of the synod.

Rev. John F. Seibert, manager of the Chicago office of the Lutheran Publication society, announced that the new Common Hymns would soon be published. In this Common Hymnal the general council, the United Synod, the South and the General Synod will have the same order of service, the same hymns and the same music. Rev. Seibert also announced that these three general bodies would soon have common Sunday school graded lesson series.

The report of the advisory board of Home Missions, read by Rev. L. J. Powell, showed that several mission churches of the synod had become self-supporting during the last year, including, Bruning, Oshkosh and St. Luke's church of Omaha.

This afternoon the synod held a memorial service for the members who have died during the last year, Dr. L. P. Luden of Lincoln and Rev. Floyd E. Blessing of Wayne.

Sterling Man is Under Arrest On Forgery Charge

TECUMSEH, Neb., Oct. 9.—George F. Dorach, formerly of Sterling stands indicted by the grand jury of Johnson county on a charge of forgery. Dorach is under arrest at Hudson, Colo., and County Clerk J. P. Kelley, as deputy sheriff, started for him today and he will be brought back here to face trial. Dorach was in the drug business at Sterling and, following the alleged wrong doing, he disappeared. The forgery is alleged to have been committed in 1912. Dorach secured credit at the Citizens' National bank of Tecumseh, in the renewing of a note in the sum of \$4,500. A brother of Dorach, J. H. Dorach, a Johnson county farmer, was supposed to have signed the note with the alleged offender, but he denies the signature. In funds secured in bankruptcy proceedings in the Dorach matter a small amount has been paid on the note.

Other indictments brought the last day the grand jury in session included one against J. H. Brillhart, a farmer, charging the supplying of intoxicants to a habitual drunkard, Brillhart alleged to have furnished home-made wine, and another is against E. E. Cathcart, a Tecumseh druggist, charging the illegal sale of intoxicants. The intoxicant complained of was a stomach bitters.

All told the jury returned fifteen indictments involving some eight men and the criminal docket of the district court is swelled accordingly. Judge J. R. Raper proposes to hold court late in the month and try some of the cases in case the parties to trial are ready at that time.

Three Omaha People Are Hurt in Wreck in Lincoln Yards

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Oct. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—A Rock Island train, detoured over the Burlington to Omaha, struck train No. 215, from Omaha, at the Burlington crossing here this morning and slightly injured fifteen, three of whom are from Omaha. Those injured were: Mrs. Lillian Bryant, 605 Archer street, internal injuries. E. C. Rose, 2306 Grant street, back bruised. G. W. Todd, second cook diner, slight bruises.

GOVERNOR TAKES SHOVEL AND WORKS UPON ROAD

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Governor Morehead showed the twenty-eight convicts working on permanent roadway near Lincoln how to shovel dirt when he visited Camp Morehead yesterday. The governor took a shovel and worked with the rest of the gang. The convicts established a new record for the week when they completed 1,500 feet of curbing. Warden Fenton is working the first gang of convicts in permanent road-making and if the experiment proves a success, it will be tried out in other sections of the state.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mosiman Celebrate Their Golden Wedding

FALLS CITY, Neb., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Relatives gathered from far and near to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Mosiman, of Falls City, which occurred today. The celebration began with a dinner at the noon hour Friday, which included the members of the family and the relatives, who had gathered in the city. The dinner was served in the Christian church dining room by a large party. The afternoon was spent in the church parlor with visiting, taking pictures of the party, etc. Saturday their home at 240 Harlan street was open to friends at a public reception from 2 to 4 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Mosiman are among the most respected citizens of Falls City. They have resided here seventeen years and in Richardson county forty-seven years. They have nine children, Mrs. Christina Kemmer, Morgantown, W. V.; Fred Mostman, Mrs. Mary Reynolds, Will Mostman, John Mosiman and Henry Mostman, all of this city; the vicar, Mrs. Katie Bowman, Scio, Ore.; Mrs. Annie Heiser, Reserve, Kan., and Mrs. R. Johnson, Superior, Neb. There are thirty-one grand children and one great grandchild, all of whom were present at the celebration excepting Mrs. Kemmer and her daughter, Mrs. Hayes of Morgantown, W. V.

TWO FORGERS PLEAD GUILTY AT FAIRBURY

FAIRBURY, Neb., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Judge L. M. Pemberton held a short session of district court here and disposed of several equity and criminal cases. Two forgery cases occupied the attention of district court and both parties pleaded guilty and received indeterminate sentences in the penitentiary. H. C. Bolster, alias L. G. Sterling, who worked for C. J. Friesen a few days, forged a check for \$10 and got the money at the Cressey & Son shoe store. He pleaded guilty. R. J. Tuttle tried to pass a bogus check for \$10 at a local bank and used the name of Frank Gage. Instead of cashing the check the bank phoned for the sheriff. Two divorces were granted, the first being Laura T. Templin and Bradford M. Templin, the other Daisy Landes from Martin Landes.

BIG PINEY RANCHMAN KILLS SELF AFTER WRITING NOTES

BIG PINEY, Wyo., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—After writing letters of farewell to his sister, the coroner and a friend, Albert McNish, a veterinarian placed the bullet between his saddle and his horse's back, turned the horse loose and blew out his brains. The suicide occurred at a lonely point on the Dry Piney along which McNish had been hunting a strayed horse. Later in the day Walter Vickery, observing a saddled and riderless horse running at large, captured the animal and drove it to the Thornton ranch. Unsaddling the animal there, he saw McNish's letters fall to the ground, read the message to the coroner and notified the official. McNish's body was found reclining against a fence with half the skull blown away. The automatic pistol used by the suicide lay on his breast. In his messages McNish stated that he had been driven to suicide by financial worries. McNish at one time was considered wealthy, but he lost his property through litigation. An adverse decision in a land contest which he brought against County Commissioner Thomas O'Neil was rendered a few days ago, and this is thought to have been the reverse which finally broke his courage and inspired suicide.

TWO REPORTS CAUSED BY SHOT FROM SINGLE GUN

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) BERLIN, Oct. 9.—One of the curious phenomena connected with the sounds of flying bullets is the apparently double report from the shot of a single gun. This is observed with special frequency by the Austrians fighting in the Alps against the Italians. They were disposed to believe the second report was the echo of the first, but the curious fact remained that the second report was louder than the first. Moreover, the German soldiers fighting in Belgium, where the land level is a table, often heard two reports. The explanation now put forward is that the flying bullet compacts the air in front of it, and that this produces sound waves which, when they first strike the ear, give the effect of an explosion. As the small-calibre bullet of the modern rifles flies considerably faster than sound travels, the main report arrives later, and is naturally louder than the first.

Plan Steamer Line. GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Oct. 9.—There is a movement afoot to start a passenger line of steamers between New York and this port, and while it is not an opportune time to build or buy ships the promoters of the venture are appealing to Swedish pride to help the plan, which calls for a capital of ten million kronen (about \$2,500,000).

Socialist Lecturers Tell of British Aid

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, Oct. 9.—In order to remove doubts among the French working people regarding the part England is playing in the war, the British socialists have by the consent of the French government arranged a series of lecture tours covering the great industrial cities of France and lasting for the period of two months. The speakers selected are Adolphe Smith, a well known writer with the French during the siege of Paris in 1870, and John Hodge, M. P. Mr. Smith speaks French like a native, but Mr. Hodge's speeches will be translated.

In a trip to France to arrange these meetings the two "organizers of fraternity" were received by President Poincaré, Minister of Munitions Thomas and other ministers and deputies. These officials gave not only full consent to the meetings, but also arrangements, as the object is to combat the propaganda of the small minority of British peace party socialists, who have given the French workmen an erroneous idea of the attitude of British labor toward the war.

Adolphe Smith will give a general account of the British effort and Mr. Hodge will tell what the British working classes are doing. The first meeting will be held in Paris, attended by workmen and socialists. The second will be before deputies, French government officials, university professors and representatives of the press in the ministry of public works, Lyons, Bordeaux, Marseilles and the manufacturing cities will be covered by these speakers.

SCHOOL GIRLS UNDERSTAND WAR BETTER THAN BOYS

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, Oct. 9.—Lord Kitchener seems to be the only cabinet minister who has impressed the imagination of the English children, according to an examination of fifteen-minute impromptu essays written by 188 school children in the instance of Dr. C. W. Kimmins of Southwark. The war word was constantly referred to, but not a single other minister was mentioned.

The essays, classified, showed the girls reached the pitch of warlike feeling at the age of 10 and the boys at 11 years. From the age of 11 onwards the pupils began to show anxiety on such questions as the cost of food and the Dardanelles operations, connecting the forcing of the narrows with a plentiful food supply from Russia. Girls at 13 manifest a maturity in their views of the war at least as great as the boys. Curiously enough, the advance on Paris and the retreat from Mons made little impression on the children.

A little girl, aged 11, wrote: "The origin of the war was this: That when the German emperor was at Windsor he insulted Queen Victoria, and so King Edward attacked him." Another girl, aged 12, wrote: "The advantage of the war is that the men have learned to knit," another boy wrote: "The main disadvantage of the war is that girls must remain old maids because there will not be any men left."

GREAT BANKS OF BERLIN DO EXTENSIVE BUSINESS

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) BERLIN, Oct. 9.—The great banks of Berlin appear to have had fairly satisfactory results during the first half of the current year. The Deutsche bank even reports that its business was remarkably good, but the sources of its earnings were partly different from those of last year. An Essen bank attached to the Deutsche bank, had even larger earnings than for the first half of 1914. The Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, another of the big institutions of the city, also did comparatively well, the reduced earnings from brokerage operations and stock and bond fluctuations having been counterbalanced by interest receipts on loans and discounts. Good profits were made by financing the manufacture of war supplies, and surplus deposits could also be put at a fair profit into the treasury bills of the empire. The leading director of the Dresdner bank says that the business results of that institution have been very good. He mentions the fact that many foreign securities were sold for the bank's customers. He mentions Scandinavian securities as an example, but says that still more Rumanian bonds were sold.

KING PECK CLOTHING STORE advertisement featuring illustrations of men in suits and the slogan 'DRESS-UP BOYS'. Text includes: 'The Week of October 10th is the Time All Omaha Men should emphasize the prosperous conditions of our City, our State, our Country-by donning New Clothes.' and 'Freshening up, radiating a spirit of confidence in yourself and in present business conditions.'

OMAHA FURNITURE NOW AT HALF PRICE advertisement featuring illustrations of a dining table, a dresser, a library table, a rocker, and a chair. Text includes: 'A GREAT SAVING Half Price Sale Creates Much Enthusiasm MANY OMAHANS PROFIT' and 'The great values we are showing at our great half-price sale, comprising about 2,500 pieces, manufactured in the United States, are offered to you at the special liberal discount.'