

## TWO COMPANIES OF NEBRASKA MEN GET HOME ORDERS

Field Hospital No. 1 and Company A, Signal Corps, Fifth Infantry, to Return From the Border.

## MANY OTHERS TO COME

Twenty-Five Thousand Men Will Be Moved North at Once.

## FUNSTON GIVES REASON

Washington, Jan. 21.—More than 25,000 National Guardsmen now on the Mexican border, have been designated by Major General Funston for return home and muster out of the federal service.

All these organizations will be started homeward as soon as transportation facilities can be provided. Their departure will leave between 45,000 and 50,000 men of the Guard still in the federal service, doing border patrol.

**Nothing On Withdrawal.**  
War department officials continue to withhold comment on reports that the movement of General Pershing's regulars out of Mexico soon will be under way and the statement announcing the Guardsmen are designated for relief does not connect these orders with the withdrawal plans in any way. The understanding has been however, that with the return of the expedition in Mexico and readjustment of the border patrol, all of the state troops gradually would be sent home.

**Follows Old Rule.**  
The department's statement said: "General Funston has selected these organizations chiefly in accordance with the rule of returning first those longest in service on the border. To some extent, however, this rule could not be followed without unequal weakening of the border guard and the departures from it are so explained. The total strength of the organizations selected is 25,000."

## Those Come Back

The Guardsmen designated for return and muster out follows:

- Arkansas—First Infantry.
- Delaware—Two battalions, infantry.
- District of Columbia—Bathory B. field artillery.
- Illinois—Brigade headquarters and Third Infantry.
- Indiana—Second Infantry, Ambulance Company No. 1, Brigade headquarters.
- Iowa—First squadron cavalry, Field Hospital No. 2, Ambulance Company No. 1, Brigade headquarters, Third Infantry.
- Kentucky—Second Infantry.
- Louisiana—First battalion field artillery, Field Hospital No. 1, 2, 24th Infantry.
- Maryland—Fifth Infantry.
- Massachusetts—Ambulance Company No. 2, Field Hospital No. 2.
- Minnesota—First Infantry, First Field Artillery.
- Missouri—Fourth Infantry.
- Montana—Troop A, cavalry.
- Nebraska—Field Hospital No. 1; Company A, Signal Corps; Fifth Infantry.
- New Hampshire—First Infantry.
- New York—Seventy-fourth Infantry, Field Bakery company, supply train, Ambulance Company No. 4.
- North Carolina—First Infantry.
- Ohio—Fourth Infantry, Fifth Infantry, Third Brigade headquarters, First Squadron cavalry.
- Oklahoma—First Infantry, Troop A and B, cavalry, Field Hospital company, Company A, engineers.
- Pennsylvania—Second Field Artillery; Company C, engineers; Sixth Infantry, Eighth Infantry, Third Brigade headquarters.
- South Carolina—Troop A, cavalry; Company A, engineers; Field Hospital company.
- South Dakota—First Infantry.
- Utah—Second Squadron, cavalry.
- Tennessee—Ambulance Company No. 1, Field Hospital No. 1.
- Virginia—Second Infantry.
- Wisconsin—Second Infantry.

## Hungerford Sales Even Exceed Expectations

Sales of tracts of land in western Nebraska by the Hungerford Potato Growers' association, have exceeded expectations, according to Arah L. Hungerford, president and general manager. "I had an unusual interest in the association," he said, "and we have made more sales than we expected. We are really very gratified."

## Bank Cashier at Kamar, Ia., Victim of Apoplexy

Webster City, Ia., Jan. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—While playing in the town orchestra last night, Fred H. Alexander, cashier of the Farmers' State bank at Kamar, was stricken with apoplexy and died. Mr. Alexander had spent most of his life in various banks in Hamilton county and was one of the strong men in this community.

## The Weather

For Nebraska—Cold wave.

| Hour     | Temp. | Dir. |
|----------|-------|------|
| 6 a. m.  | 29    | W    |
| 7 a. m.  | 29    | W    |
| 8 a. m.  | 29    | W    |
| 9 a. m.  | 29    | W    |
| 10 a. m. | 29    | W    |
| 11 a. m. | 29    | W    |
| 12 m.    | 29    | W    |
| 1 p. m.  | 29    | W    |
| 2 p. m.  | 29    | W    |
| 3 p. m.  | 29    | W    |
| 4 p. m.  | 29    | W    |
| 5 p. m.  | 29    | W    |
| 6 p. m.  | 29    | W    |

## Comparative Local Record.

| Year | High | Low | Mean |
|------|------|-----|------|
| 1917 | 31   | 11  | 21   |
| 1916 | 32   | 11  | 21   |
| 1915 | 32   | 11  | 21   |
| 1914 | 32   | 11  | 21   |
| 1913 | 32   | 11  | 21   |
| 1912 | 32   | 11  | 21   |
| 1911 | 32   | 11  | 21   |
| 1910 | 32   | 11  | 21   |
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| 1902 | 32   | 11  | 21   |
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| 1900 | 32   | 11  | 21   |

## MANY OMAHANS DO GOOD BY STEALTH

One Act of Charity Qualifies for Membership in Society of Modest Samaritans.

## WHAT ONE WOMAN DID

By A. R. GROH.

The Omaha Society for the Concealment of Good Deeds. There isn't any such society, but it seems we are always running across people here who would be qualified to belong to it, people who "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame."

A little girl came to a Sunday school in the north part of the city recently without an overcoat or mittens. The day was bitter cold and the sight of the child wrung the heart of her teacher, Mrs. R.

She learned that the girl's mother is a widow and has four children. When she arrived home Mrs. R. couldn't eat her dinner for thinking of the widow and her children.

She called up several friends on the telephone and within a few minutes had promised of some warm clothing for the children. Next day, when the clothing came, she set to work repairing it. She put new velvet cuffs and collar on the little coat and there was a nice muff and several pairs of mittens and some shoes almost as good as new and other things.

## Widow Weeps.

Down to the home of the widow went Mrs. R. and another woman with the clothes. The widow wept at the sight of so much goodness and human kindness while her children danced with joy as they put on their coats and mittens.

The widow's husband had formerly been a prominent commission man. He had been taken sick and all the family savings had been used up in caring for him and in making a trip to Florida, where he died.

## Then the widow and her brood returned to Omaha, where they took a dilapidated little cottage. They rented out three rooms, which gave them enough to pay the rent of the whole house. The widow had been earning about \$4 a week and last summer the oldest girl (who had attended a boarding school before their misfortune) worked in a bakery.

Mrs. R. and the other woman emptied their pocketbooks, leaving \$6 in the widow's hands.

## Kind Commission Men.

When she came home Mrs. R. called up a prominent commission man whom she knows on the South Side and asked him whether he remembered the widow's husband.

"Why, I should say I do," he exclaimed. "And do you mean to tell me that his family has come to such straits? My, my, I must see what we can do for them."

The commission man took up a collection among his fellow commission men. It amounted to \$112. He got a bank check for this because he is too modest to sign his own name to the check.

When Mrs. R. called a few days later the widow showed her a check for \$112.

"I just can't imagine where it came from," she said. "Why, this will help us out fine so that we will get through the winter without any trouble."

Mrs. R. knew where it came from, but she didn't tell. For those commission men at the stock yards are so busy that they haven't time to receive the thanks of widows and orphans. All they've got time for is to help them.

## Railroad Watchman Shot to Death; His Murderer Unknown

Neil Cross, special detective for the Northwestern railroad, was found shot to death early yesterday in the railroad yards at the foot of Cumming street.

When found he was clutching his flashlight, which was still burning, the death pressure of his stiffened fingers serving to hold down the push button. His pistol was gone from his holster, and so was his pocketbook.

The bullet that ended his life was fired apparently from a range far enough away to prevent his being powder burned. It struck him squarely in the mouth. From the position he was found in, apparently he went to his death calmly. A cigar which he was smoking was still clutched firmly between his teeth.

Paul O'Leary, messenger boy with the watchman, said the officer had just arrested three men charged with robbing a car. One of them shot the officer. All three then ran.

## Pair of Skates for First Omaha Kid Who Sees Robin

Here is a good chance for Omaha youngsters who belong to the Junior Audubon society to get a pair of free roller skates.

At the annual business meeting of the society yesterday it was announced that the first boy or girl to see a robin from today on will be given a pair of skates, providing a witness to the red-breasted song bird comes along too.

The society also announced a reward of \$10 to anyone furnishing information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone illegally destroying song birds in Douglas or Sarpy counties.

## Congressman Steele Takes Lead in Recount

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 21.—Congressman Steele, democrat, made an important gain in the contest with Congressman-elect George C. Scott, republican, for the seat in congress from the Eleventh Iowa district today. The unofficial recount in the Second Sioux City precinct wiped out Scott's lead of 151 in this precinct, and gave Steele a lead of fifty-four in the precinct. This apparently gives Steele a lead of fifty-four in the Eleventh district.

## NORTHWEST HIT BY BLIZZARD; COLD WAVE ON THE WAY

Portion of Nebraska Covered by Heavy Storm That Is Reflected by Sleet Storm Here.

## TEMPERATURE DROPS FAST

Trains Running Behind Time, With Storm Conditions Growing.

## GLARE OF ICE OVER OMAHA

While the wind blew a gale all yesterday and snow fell at intervals, the bad weather here was not a marker to what was experienced to the north and northwest. Advances received by railroads late last night indicated a storm that set in Saturday continued over into Sunday and that, in northern Nebraska, portions of Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas, the worst blizzard of the winter was general.

Here the snow that fell Saturday night, was held down by a heavy coat of sleet that fell early Sunday morning. This sleet was a full half-inch in thickness and made streets and sidewalks one sheet of ice.

All Sunday the light snowfall was driven along by a high wind, but here there was not enough of the snow so that it drifted and impeded travel to any extent. During the day the mercury ranged around 10 to 20 degrees above zero, but in the early evening it commenced to drop and by 9 o'clock was down close to zero.

## Trains Running Late.

In Union Pacific territory the storm was not so severe as farther north. There were flurries of snow during the day, but not enough to drift badly. The wind was high and during the afternoon, all the way from Omaha through to Ogden the temperature commenced to fall. Last night, below zero was reported all the way from Fernmont to Cheyenne and beyond.

Trains operating into Omaha were all running late, due principally to the strong wind, the engines being unable to make steam.

St. Paul, Minn., reports the worst blizzard in recent years, with all traffic tied up, or greatly delayed.

Sioux City reports the snow drifting badly and local and train traffic in bad shape.

Reports from Pierre, S. D., indicate that most of the trains have been annulled and that the storm that started Saturday night has reached the proportions of a blizzard.

## Drifts in Northwest.

The Northwestern offices last night reported a foot to eighteen inches of snow all the way from a little this side of Sioux City well toward St. Paul and out over South Dakota. It was still snowing and below zero weather was reported from the entire section.

Along the Northwestern Nebraska line there was a heavy fall of snow from a point 100 miles northwest of Omaha all the way through into the Black Hills and Wyoming. The wind was blowing a gale and a regular old-fashioned blizzard was raging. Temperatures were below zero and still going down.

The Burlington reported heavy snow all along its northwest Nebraska and Wyoming lines, the fall being estimated at three to eight inches and still falling. Temperatures were at zero and below. In the storm belt train service was all shot to pieces and freights were heading in at stations and being tied up for the night.

## Fear For Stock.

While no reports were received last night from the range country, fears were expressed that there might be considerable stock loss on account of the heavy fall of snow and the known shortage of feed. However, one thing favoring that section was the fact that the sleetstorm did not extend that far to the west and northwest. Advances were to the effect that the sleetstorm did not extend to exceed seventy-five to 100 miles back from the river. Beyond that it was snow that fell a greater portion of Saturday night and most of yesterday.

Iowa was in the path of the sleet storm, and according to Northwestern and Burlington reports, a sheet of ice covered the state from the Missouri to the Mississippi rivers.

Reports to the railroads last night indicated that there was little fear of the blizzard striking this section. It appeared working east, its south line extending through South Dakota and southern Minnesota.

## Zero Weather Coming.

The cold wave flag was hoisted on the Federal building yesterday afternoon.

Zero weather this morning was the prediction of the local weather office with severe cold tonight.

The sleet storm that followed the snow Saturday night, advances indicate, pretty well covered the state. It was anywhere from a quarter to an inch in thickness and held the snow down so that it did not blow, notwithstanding there was a strong northwest wind all Sunday.

## Theater Watchman, Bound and Robbed, Gets to Telephone

After over two hours of maneuvering to get to a telephone, a few feet away, George Baker, watchman at the Krug theater, who had been bound hand and foot by robbers who took several dollars from him, finally managed to remove the receiver with his teeth and call police headquarters for help.

Police found him still helpless, the ropes which the two robbers had placed on him still holding.

## John and Henry



## "Change Your Name Yourself When You Get Big Enough," Says Salem, Mass., to Salem, Oregon

Salem, Ore., Jan. 21.—Salem, Mass., has refused to change its name at the request of Salem, Ore. Today a negative answer was received from Henry P. Benson, mayor of the New England city, to the request for the change sent recently by Ivan G. McDaniel, manager of the Commercial club of this city.

"I have heard of Salem, Ore.," read the answer. "When your little community reaches a population of 50,000 and a valuation placing it in the same class as small eastern cities, in short, when it reaches the size your manager's nerve has already reported, we will advise him to change your name, for there might be some confusion in having the same name and surely you wouldn't ask the venerable mother of all the Salems to change her name, even at the behest of an enterprising and hustling youngster."

In the request McDaniel said Salem, Ore., was spending large sums for advertising and requested the change to avoid confusion.

## BUILD RIGHT LIFE, IS WORD TO 'GRADS' ARTIST ENDS HER LIFE BY OWN HAND

Rev. Titus Lowe, to Commerce High Class, Tells What Their Aims Should Be. Young Woman Refuses to Be Argued Out of Intention by Friend.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Miss Betty De Jong, a prominent member of the San Francisco art colony and a painter of international reputation, died early today from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head. The police said today they had virtually completed their investigation of the case and examination of Dr. William S. Porter, a well known physician of Oakland, who was in Miss De Jong's studio when she shot herself. After several hours of questioning he was permitted late last night to go to his home.

An autopsy was performed today, revealing, the police said, no new facts. An inquest will be held in a few days.

Dr. Porter told the police that his relations with the young woman were nothing more than those of two persons mutually interested in art. He is president of the Alameda County Art association. He met Miss De Jong, he said, last year during the Panama-Pacific exposition, at which she had several exhibits.

About three months ago, according to Dr. Porter, he began sitting for a portrait by Miss De Jong. He said he was to have had a sitting yesterday afternoon, but was unable to keep the engagement and called at the studio to so inform the artist. Miss De Jong, he said, asked him to return before going home. This he did shortly after 6 o'clock. Almost immediately after his arrival, the physician declares, Miss De Jong began discussing suicide, all the while holding a small revolver. For three hours, the physician said, he tried to persuade the young woman not to think of such a thing and endeavor to have her fix her mind on her art and future. Finally when he was about to leave, he said, Miss De Jong shot herself in the temple.

## John McAllister Killed When Struck by Cleaver

John McAllister, Spirit Lake, Ia., working on the ice for the Cudahy packing company at Seymour lake, was instantly killed Sunday morning when he was struck by a cleaver and his head split in two.

The duties of McAllister were to stand on a platform near the top of the runway that carried the ice from the lake to the storage house. There he manipulated a huge knife, designated as a cleaver. This cleaver when working right, dropped and cut the ice into cakes of the desired size. The pulley that controlled its movements this morning broke, and in some unaccountable manner, the head of McAllister was caught by the cleaver. McAllister was 48 years of age and had been working on the ice since the beginning of the cutting season. It is understood that he has friends in Spirit Lake and the city officials here have been asked for information relative to the disposition of the body.

## May Reject Printing Bid If Same Is Not Reasonable

Lincoln, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Unless a joint bid of all the newspapers in a county is reasonable on county printing, the board may advertise for bids, according to an opinion by Attorney General Reed on a query from County Attorney Kingsbury of Wayne county.

Kingsbury asked what the county board can do when all the newspapers form themselves into an association to bid jointly for the work—and this bid the maximum under the law.

## MIKE CLARK PUTS LID ON TIGHT IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

New Sheriff Dry Cleans His "Little Yard" and Says He Will Keep It That Way.

## WEEK SPENT ON THE JOB

Places Outside of Omaha Brought Under the Law and Owners Warned.

## NO "MONKEY BUSINESS"

Sheriff Clark is clamping the lid down tight for all of Douglas county outside of Omaha and he has gone on record for absolute observance of the law in the district under his special jurisdiction.

If what he says goes, it will be the tightest lid in the history of the county—and he says it will, regardless of who is involved in violations of the law.

"As sheriff I believe Douglas county, outside of the city limits of Omaha, is my little yard. I'm going to keep it clean as long as I'm in office. There are no ifs, I-didn't-know-such-places-existed excuses, nor any hemming and hawing on my part. The lid is on. It'll stay on. Anyone who thinks he can defy the law and get away with it, had better investigate thoroughly and find out whether he'd be satisfied with living conditions in the county jail."

## Week Spent Cleaning Up.

Sheriff Clark and his deputies spent all last week on their lid-clamping expedition. They visited every place in his little back yard and explained to the slot machine owners, saloon keepers and amusement resort managers what a real lid is.

"I believed in being fair and giving everyone a square shake. It's up to them, now," remarked the new sheriff. "I'll arrest anyone who does not observe the law to its letter."

Sheriff Clark declares he has had information that some of the slot machines operated at Millard before he put on the lid paid their owners as high as \$500 a month.

They might as well use these for kindling wood as far as their operating the same again while I'm in office is concerned," he added.

## Edict Is Comprehensive.

The sheriff's edict is sweeping and takes in all forms of gambling, liquor selling after hours and places of questionable repute.

There are in Douglas county, outside the city limits seven licensed saloons, several road houses, several places where, up until last week, the sports are said to have gathered nightly to while away the hours shooting craps and drawing to "bobtails" and others classed as "divers and sundry."

The sheriff declares that when prohibition goes into effect May 1, bootleggers will starve to death if they try to sell their wares in his territory.

"The lid will be on just as tight a year from now as now," he said, "and will stay on as long as I am in office."

## Fries Would Close Season On Skunks During Summer

Lincoln, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Representative Fries of Howard county would close the season on skunks between February 15 and November 1. Coons and possums come under the same protection and can only be killed when they are destroying property. Otherwise the present precautions will be perfectly lawful, depending upon the judgment of the individual and the distance from the seat of attack.

House roll 217, introduced today by Mr. Olson, makes punishing a penitentiary offense punishable with five or ten years in the penitentiary for the first offense and ten to twenty years for subsequent offenses.

## E. L. Rousseau, Former Omahan Killed in Montana

Edward L. Rousseau of Montdot, Mont., son of the late Napoleon Rousseau of Omaha, who for many years was connected with the American smelters here, was killed in a automobile accident Saturday morning at Judith Gap, Mont. The machine skidded and turned twice completely over, instantly killing him.

Funeral services will be held Monday at his home at the "G. L. Ranch" and a special train will carry the body to White Sulphur Springs, Mont., for interment.

Mr. Rousseau is survived by his widow and an infant son, and by two sisters, Marguerite and Minette of Omaha, who have been spending the winter with their brother.

## Omahans Interested in French Language Organize Society

Le Groupe de l'Alliance Francaise d'Omaha, was organized Saturday afternoon at a meeting at the Blackstone hotel by about seventy-five persons interested in the French language. The following officers were elected:

Dr. F. J. Despecher, president; Mrs. M. M. Burdett, first vice president; Mrs. Charles A. Hull, second vice president; Miss May Mahoney, secretary; C. W. Martin, treasurer.

The board of directors will consist of Mrs. E. W. Nash, Mrs. A. C. Smith, Mrs. Howard Baldrige, Mrs. S. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Frank T. Hamilton and Mrs. J. T. Stewart, 2d.

The first meeting will be held Wednesday evening in the high school auditorium. Louis Delamarre, general secretary of the Alliance Francaise aux Etats-Unis, will come from New York to deliver a lecture.

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