

### DOWNPOUR OF RAIN IS BOOST FOR CROPS

Grain Belt of Nebraska Gets Good Soaking — Kansas and Iowa, Too.

#### ALL CROPS GET BENEFIT

Rain Tuesday night was a steady downpour and general over all that portion of Nebraska lying east of Long Pine on the Northwestern, Kearney on the Union Pacific and Benkleman on the Burlington. It covered a large portion of the extensive crop-growing area of the state, extending from far up in South Dakota down to the southern part of Kansas, according to the morning reports to the railroad headquarters, which indicated that it was still raining and indications were that it would continue during the day.

Throughout the area visited by the rain station agents reported that the precipitation ranged from one-half to an inch and that it was falling so gently and slowly that it was all soaking into the ground. In a number of localities in eastern and central Nebraska rain alternated with snow. Through western Nebraska and far out into Wyoming and Colorado there was light rain during the night, continuing in the morning, yet nowhere was the precipitation so great as through central and eastern Nebraska. Grain men are of the opinion that while the rain may not save the winter wheat crop in all portions of Nebraska it will be of great benefit to the fields where the roots of the plant were not killed. In addition, they assert that rain coming just at this time will assure a crop of oats and will push forward with great rapidity the spring wheat recently sowed.

The rain puts the ground in the best possible condition for preparing for corn planting and, although rather early, grain men are of the opinion that the precipitation now, if followed by seasonable rains later, will make certain a corn crop.

### War Department May Send Bedford And Gang to Front

The War department has taken notice of County Commissioner Jeff Bedford's plan to organize a regiment of bullwhackers and has written him asking if he could pass a physical test. A letter from Washington inquired as to just how many bullwhackers the commissioner could recruit in case their services were needed.

"Sure I can pass a physical test," replied the commissioner, "and I can also show the younger generation something about how to command bullwhackers." The commissioner has real, war-like moustaches and these get fiercer looking with each late dispatch from the east.

In case he is called into service as a bullwhacker commander he intends to give commissions in his regiment to Commissioner O'Connor, chairman of the county board, who says he would go to a minute's notice; Probation Officer Miller, County Clerk Dewey, Clyde Sundblad of the county court and "Cupid" Stubbendorf, marriage license clerk.

All professional bullwhackers see Commissioner Bedford at the court house.

### Basinger Finds Slackers In East as Elsewhere

General Passenger Agent Basinger of the Union Pacific is back from New York with the idea that the people of the central west are just as patriotic as those of the east and that they are just as willing to show their patriotism.

Mr. Basinger asserts that while the people of the east decry the idea of going to war, they are unanimous, or almost unanimous, in their support of President Wilson and his war measures. He says there are slackers there, as elsewhere, but generally they are ready to rally to the colors if called upon.

### "Millionless Millionaire" Runs Amuck When He Gets Out of Coin

With Blonde On One Arm and a Brunette On the Other, He Heats Up Windy

#### WOUGHT TO READ PAPERS

Verne E. Oeschger, 22-year-old Valparaiso (Neb.) lad, who was dubbed the "millionless millionaire" by the police of Chicago, where he went in search of the gayety and excitement that thrives under the bright glare of the midnight incandescents, was returned to Omaha from the Windy City in custody of Detective Jack Pisanowski yesterday and was bound over to the district court on a forgery charge under bonds of \$750. Verne wasn't in Chicago very long, but he attracted plenty of attention while he was there. He hit Chicago with \$107 cash in his pocket, a stunning blonde on one arm and a dashing brunette on the other. Thus entrenched Verne proceeded to fulfill an ambition to "see the sights," and earn the title of "millionless millionaire."

But the \$107 ran short and Verne needed more money. He tried to cash a check and that proved his undoing. He was captured by the police when he made the attempt.

The "millionless millionaire," in telling his story, said he was visiting in Lincoln when he made the acquaintance of Mrs. Theresa Dove, 21, of Oregon, Ill., the stunning brunette, and Miss Catherine Lofing, 20, of Lincoln, the dashing blonde. He started his spree by bringing these fair creatures to Omaha. He put up at the Castle and Keen hotels here.

But Omaha wasn't swift enough for Verne. And he had never been to Chicago. So he packed up and, accompanied by Theresa and Catherine, set sail for the Illinois metropolis to have a real time.

Verne is accused of passing \$145 in worthless checks in Omaha and



VERNE E. OESCHGER.

Omaha National bank, the Howard hotel bar and Laverty Bros. of the South Side.

Neglect to read the papers brought about Verne's capture, he said. The Saturday morning Chicago papers carried stories about the "millionless millionaire," but Verne didn't read them. And Saturday afternoon he tried to cash the check and was caught.

"Don't put my picture in the papers," said Verne, "I'm not so very respectable, but my folks are."

While in Chicago Verne rented a suite of rooms at the Morrison hotel, for which he paid \$7 a day. Mrs. Dove was registered as his wife and Miss Lofing as his sister.

"I don't like those Chicago cops," volunteered the luckless lad. "They

took my new suit, five shirts and a lot of collars and socks in my suitcase."

Oeschger's wife, with whom he is said to have quarreled and who is living in Colorado, will prefer divorce charges against her sight-seeing husband. His mother, he says, is worth about \$120,000. He got into communication with her when he arrived in Omaha and says she has promised to come to Omaha to help him. "It will be all right when mother gets here," he confidently said.

### College Men to Hold Big Annual Banquet Thursday

Omaha college men will hold their annual cyclone of feasting, fun and frivolity at the University club Thursday evening, April 12. A brand new spasm of entertainment is being prepared by Bob Manley, Chick McLaughlin and Frank Latenser, and the promoters guarantee that the affair will be a credit to its mythical namesake. Mr. Adam Goodtyme, the dinner will be served at 6 p. m., and over 200 college men are expected to attend it and the subsequent novel entertainment. Tickets are now in the hands of Chairman R. A. Van Orsdel and this committee:

Wayland Magee, Chicago; C. F. McLaughlin, Columbia; Allen Tukey, Dartmouth; Dr. L. T. Hall, Iowa; R. M. Crossman, Michigan; Herbert Smalls, Oberlin; Lloyd N. Osborne, Wisconsin; James Richardson, Cornell; Dr. L. B. Bushman, Creighton; Alan McDonald, Harvard; Dr. E. T. Manning, Knox; Vincent Hascall, Nebraska; Dr. H. L. Akin, Princeton; Harold Everts, Yale, and Frank Latenser, Columbus.

### Chimneys Smoke Too Much, Landlords Are in Court

Representatives of over a dozen Omaha industries and building were haled before the police magistrate by Smoke Inspector Crisman, who charged violations of the city smoke ordinance. Among those who faced the police judge were representatives of the Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific, City National Bank building, University club, Burgess-Nash, M. E.

### Lawyers of Two Towns Guests of Barristers

The Barristers' club is planning a dinner at the Fontenelle April 21, at which Lincoln and Council Bluffs barristers will be entertained. This will be the first affair of its kind for the Barristers' club, which is made up of the younger men of the bar.

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