

Nebraska REED GETS HOST OF DRY BILL QUERIES

Attorney General Devotes All His Time to Answering Them.

SOME ARE REAL POSERS

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, May 4.—(Special.)—Attorney General Reed is burdened with inquiries from men who have liquor in their possession and do not know how to let go.
A station agent at Plymouth wanted to know today what he should do with a consignment of liquor which had come from inside the state.
The attorney general is putting in all his time in an effort to decide what the requirements of the new prohibition law are.
In the case of the Plymouth incident where the liquor is strictly an interstate shipment, he has not yet made up his mind.

Council of Defense

Will Meet Next Week

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, May 4.—(Special.)—Members of the State Council of Defense will meet in the office of Governor Neville next Tuesday at 10 o'clock a. m. to organize. One member must yet be appointed to represent the agricultural interests. The board stands as follows:
George H. Harries, Omaha, for the manufacturers.
T. P. Reynolds, Omaha, for the laboring men.
C. A. McCloud, York, for the bankers.
George O. Brophy, Omaha, for the railroads.
Gertrude Keating, Columbus, for the Red Cross and nurses.
Dr. E. O. Weber, Wahoo, for the doctors.
George G. Johnson, state engineer, for the civil engineers.
General P. H. Hall for the military forces.
B. L. Metcalfe, Omaha, and R. M. Joyce, Lincoln, for the citizens.

Board of Equalization

To Take Up Rail Valuation

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, May 4.—(Special.)—The State Board of Equalization will meet next Monday to begin the work of valuation of railroad, Pullman car and car company property and will probably remain in session most of the week for that purpose.
The expenses of the state will be over \$2,000,000 more this biennium than the last. For four years the board has made much campaign material out of the fact that it lowered the levy.

Ornithologists' State Union is in Session at Lincoln

Lincoln, May 4.—Eighteen years ago a small group of men interested in the bird life of the state formed the Nebraska Ornithologists' union. Each year has witnessed an increasing membership of the organization and an expansion of its work until the annual meeting of its society this year, which opens in Lincoln today, will bring together scores of persons from over the state who are interested in the scientific and popular study of the state's birds.
The union will open its meetings here late this afternoon, with Mrs. Lily Ruegg Button of Fremont scheduled to give an address on "Bird Songs." As a musician Mrs. Button has made a study of this phase of bird life and her talk will show the relation between bird music and the music of human beings.
Following a banquet tonight, John T. Zimmer, an alumnus of the University of Nebraska, who has recently completed more than three years' service as assistant entomologist in the Philippine bureau of agriculture, will make an address.
Tomorrow, weather permitting, the annual field day will be held. Parties will scour hill and dale near Lincoln in search for bird types, and at the end of the day a comparison of the bird fauna collected will be made. Among those scheduled to speak during the two days' session are Dr. R. W. Wolcott of Lincoln, the retiring president; Rev. J. M. Bates of Red Cloud and C. E. Hickel of Lincoln.

Rousing Patriotic Rally

Is Held at Seward

Seward, Neb., May 4.—(Special.)—A rousing patriotic meeting was held at the Young Men's Christian association last night. Superintendent of Schools R. D. Moritz, Americanized German, spoke for the loyalty of the Americans of German descent.
E. K. Frye, ex-principal of the Syracuse, Neb., schools, has been elected principal of the Seward schools. Miss Josephine Richard of Tecumseh will teach commercial training.
Percy Peterson and Miss Hazel Bennett of Pleasant Dale were married on Thursday.
Six hundred guests witnessed the marriage of Miss Tillie Procheska to Amel Melichar of Pleasant Dale Wednesday.

Minister of Chile to Germany Asks Passports

London, May 4.—The Chilean minister to Germany has demanded his passports, according to a Central News' dispatch from Amsterdam.

CHANCELLOR URGES STUDENTS ENLIST

Nebraska University Men Going in Numbers to Farm and Ranks.

FIVE HUNDRED OFFERED

Lincoln, May 4.—Urged by Chancellor Samuel Avery to "fight or farm," 1,000 of 2,200 male students of the University of Nebraska will go direct from school work on farms in the middle west. Of this number 500, attending the School of Agriculture here and the branch agricultural school at Curtis, Neb., will be trained scientific farmers.
The university will close early in June. There will be a summer school, but very few if any boys will attend. Students who enlist or go to the farm have been promised full credits for the year if it is necessary to leave before the school year closes.
Nearly 500 of the 1,000 students who will not farm have enlisted in the various branches of the service. A number have passed examinations and been admitted to the officers' reserve training camps.
Altogether, university officials say, "the call to the colors and the call to the farm" will be answered by more than 1,500 of the 2,200 young men at the school.
Chancellor Avery expressed confidence the remaining 700 would give such account of themselves that there would be no occasion to call them slackers.

Third Bank in Town

Of Four Hundred

Beatrice, Neb., May 4.—(Special.)—The State Banking board has granted a charter to the American State bank, which will soon open for business at Liberty, this county, with a capital stock of \$15,000. C. L. Rothell of Crab Orchard is president and Joe Lang of Beatrice, vice president. Liberty, which has a population of about 400, already has two banks.
The annual district convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church will be held at the Methodist church in this city on May 5 and 6.
Conrad Bartels, an old resident of Plymouth, died at that place yesterday after a brief illness, aged 63 years. He leaves a family of six children, five daughters and one son, his wife having passed away about a year ago. Eight young men enlisted in Company C here yesterday, four being from Crab Orchard. The company now has a membership of eighty-seven, and Captain Brewster hopes that the full war strength of 100 men will be reached soon.

THIRTY DESERTERS OF FOURTH SOUGHT

Comrades Hunt for Men Who Left Without Permission.

DEATH OR IMPRISONMENT

Thirty deserters from the Fourth Nebraska National Guard are being hunted by their comrades in the ranks, under orders of Colonel W. E. Baehr, commanding the regiment.
Colonel Baehr says this number of men have deserted from the Fourth Guard since it was called into federal service March 26.
"These yellow-streak soldiers evidently are afraid of war service," says Colonel Baehr. "They do not realize the seriousness of their offense. When arrested they will be court-martialed and punished. The law provides death or imprisonment as the penalty for deserting from federal military service in war time."
Some of the deserters are so recorded on the books of their companies, because they have not reported for duty since the call was issued. Others resorted to enlisted as recruits since the call and have disappeared since then.
A majority of the desertions are said to be from the Omaha battalion, which received a number of enlistments of men of the "floater" class. These are believed to have volunteered under a wave of temporary patriotism, which wilted when the work and discipline of camp and guard life showed them that there is something beside glory and excitement in warfare.
The Fourth regiment comprises about 1,300 officers and men. The percentage of desertions is therefore over 2 per cent.
"We are glad to get rid of the few cowards and fakes in our ranks," said Colonel Baehr, "but they will not go unpunished if we capture them."

Labor Commissioner

To Place Men on Farms

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, May 4.—(Special.)—Farmers who want help will do well to write to Commissioner George Norman, who may be able to supply their wants.
Mr. Norman has received several applications for this sort of employment, several being received this morning from the labor bureau in Chicago. These men have had experience and some of them have families. Some of them say they formerly lived in Nebraska.

Columbus Guards

Elect Officers

Columbus, Neb., May 4.—(Special.)—Forty-eight of the seventy-seven members of the local company of the National Guard attended a meeting Tuesday evening.
Lee Rolin was elected captain; Fred Lanz, first lieutenant; Ed Kavanaugh, second lieutenant; Herbert Hahn, first sergeant; Christy Gass, quartermaster sergeant; William J. O'Callaghan and Jake Levine were made duty sergeants. The four corporals are Julius Brock, Robert Kent, Claire Patterson and Paul Pfeiffer.
Judge W. N. Hensley, a veteran of the civil war, made a short address to

the boys. The judge said good habits are the main essentials to the life of a good soldier.

Omaha Man Addresses

Grand Island Salesmen

Grand Island, Neb., May 4.—(Special.)—A new feature was added to the social and community side of the big Wolbach store in this city when 125 employees were banqueted by the proprietors in the Liederkranz annex and listened to addresses by M. T. Cogan of Omaha and Larry Altmayer of New York City on salesmanship and store service.
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District Meeting of

Rebekahs at Wymore

Wymore, Neb., May 4.—(Special.)—The district convention of the Rebekah lodge was held here Thursday afternoon and evening. About forty delegates were present from Beatrice and other points in the county.
Mrs. Cummings of Lincoln instructed the delegates in the afternoon, and in the evening there was a literary and musical program, followed by a banquet.
Mrs. Eunice Brown of Blue Springs won the banner for the best secret work.

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How the Kaiser United the World Against Germany

The Kaiser's eligibility for the Nobel peace-prize occurs to one editor as he contemplates the burning away of old distrusts and hatreds among the once hostile peoples now banded together in a spiritual as well as a military alliance against the Central Powers. England and France forget their ancient feuds, England and Russia their territorial jealousies, Russia and Japan their quarrels in Asia, while the United States, brushing aside old wrongs and recent suspicions, steps into line beside England and Japan in the great alliance whose dominant purpose is to make the world "safe for democracy."

As visible symbols of this new spirit of international brotherhood among former foes, he sees the flags of the Allies flying side by side in the various capitals, and the Stars and Stripes beside the Union Jack above the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa and Westminster, where no foreign flag was ever before unfurled.

In THE LITERARY DIGEST for May 5th, the feature-article presents the consensus of American public opinion upon the visit of the British and French Commissions and the far-reaching results which the conference at Washington will develop.

In addition to this complete description of one of the greatest events that has taken place in the history of the United States, and of the world, other articles that should be read in this number are:

The Arguments For and Against Such Regulations

Should the Government Fix Prices For Food?

America's First Shot in the War Sense and Censorship
No Separate Peace for Russia
Japan's New Chinese Policy
The Value of Food Tests Doubted
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Safety First in Movie Lessons
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