

Nebraska

PRIZE SPUDS FOR
RED CROSS FUNDS

Unique Contests at Grand Island Will Raise Several Hundred Dollars.

Grand Island, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—An unidentified contributor announced through the local chairman of the Red Cross that in order to promote the culture of potatoes and also to aid the Red Cross he would give \$100 in prizes for the best bushel of potatoes submitted next fall—\$25, \$20, \$15, \$10 and six \$5 prizes—not only the prize winning spuds, but all entries, to go to the Red Cross.

Tom Bradstreet, the founder of the horse business in this city ten years ago, pondered over the matter for a few days and has followed it up with a similar offer for prizes in wheat (husked exhibits) and at the same time guarantees an offer of \$500 to the Red Cross for the potatoes the other fellow brings out.

Mr. Bradstreet declares himself in possession of a nifty hunch that tomorrow another party is going to make a similar offer on king corn and the next few days there will be a like offer as to oats.

The officers and directors are convinced that Grand Island's Red Cross is going to be prepared for as efficient help as any chapter in the state. In the meantime Manager Howland of the membership campaign is burning up the roads with his flivver in perfecting a district organization. The membership goal has been fixed at 2,000.

Oranges for Dandelions;
Kids Take 5,500 Lbs.

Grand Island, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—President David Kaufmann of the Commercial club is the owner of a variety store and buys oranges at wholesale. Kiddies and public improvements also interest him. This led to an offer of the weight in oranges to the kiddies in exchange for weight in dandelions. He thought, of course, of the lawns and some towns are minus dandelions. But Kaufmann indicates that he will be more circumspect hereafter. Within the time set for delivery over 5,500 pounds of dandelions were delivered. It required eighty boxes of oranges. The determination for more definite specifications and definitions in the future is born of the knowledge that resourceful kiddies invaded the lower regions of the city, the sloughs and creek borders, where dandelions are thrifty like-wise, and more numerous and heavier. But Mr. Kaufmann is conceded to be a good sport. Running out of oranges he has assured the boys that they could come again and present the duly signed orange cards distributed.

Scottish Rite Masons

Confer Degrees at Aurora

Aurora, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Scottish Rite Masons of Lincoln to the number of about twenty conferred degrees up to the fourteenth on a class of ten Hamilton county candidates yesterday. Supper was served at the Presbyterian church. The meeting was attended by delegations from York, Central City and Gilman. Several of the members of the Aurora class intend to attend the spring reunion of the Rite in Lincoln next week.

Windsor School Pupils

Pay Visit to State Capitol

Lincoln, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—Accompanied by Miss Harriett Eddy, principal, and Miss Jessie Flynn and Miss Knight of the Windsor school of Omaha and chaperoned by Miss Esther Anderson of Lincoln, seventeen boys and girls of the Windsor school visited the state house today. They called on Governor Neville.

The boys and girls were in Lincoln to attend the state geographical meeting and to demonstrate work with the radiophones.

Falls to Death Riding

Rods to Enlist in Army

Hastings, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Merton, 22, of North Venice, Ill., a steel worker, went to sleep while riding on the bumpers of an eastbound Burlington train at Junonia this morning and fell under the train. Both legs were severed. He was dead when found. Merton was going from Colorado to North Venice to enlist in the army and was beating his way.

Four-Year-Old Girl

Burned to Death in Field

York, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The little 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith, who live one mile northwest of Lushton, was burned to death yesterday afternoon when her clothing caught fire in a burning stubble field.

Commencement Cut Out

Hastings, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—In conformity with the president's proclamation advising economy during the war the Hastings Board of Education has dispensed with the annual eighth grade commencement, which heretofore has always called for considerable expenditure for dress. The juniors and seniors of the high school for the same reason considered dispensing with their formal banquet, but decided to hold the event as in the past, since they have but the one opportunity in a lifetime.

Soldiers' Home Notes

Grand Island, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—John Curry of the Convalescent hospital has requested a twenty-one day leave of absence.

Mrs. Neuhil has returned from a sixty-day furlough.

Mrs. Crumb visited two days with friends in Grand Island this week.

Mrs. Jones, in cottage No. 3, is very ill. A consultation of the home physicians was held yesterday morning.

The office force in the administration building yesterday morning was somewhat disturbed, when a letter was read to the effect that all officers of state institutions must give a daily report of their absence from their regular duties.

State Engineer Martin of Lincoln, Neb., was at Burket Monday inspecting the spring work accomplished by Mr. Catton and his force.

R. P. Stewart, the home orderly, has returned after a short visit to Wisconsin, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Woods expect to spend the summer in Colorado on a ranch, the property of their son.

Federal Labor Director
Co-Operates With Norman

Lincoln, Neb., May 11.—The government at Washington has appointed H. F. Williams of the Department of Agriculture a "director of labor" for Nebraska to co-operate with George E. Norman, state labor commissioner, in organizing labor bureaus in every community in the state to supply help to farmers and furnish jobs to laborers. If plans go through as outlined, laborers will be so mobilized that shortage of farm labor will be met promptly, if there are idle men in the state.

Headquarters have been established in the state house, Lincoln, and the work will start at once under a system prepared by Prof. C. W. Pugsley, director of the extension work of the college of agriculture, University of Nebraska. In brief the plan is this: Each community will select a labor leader. The service of this leader should be patriotic and without charge. Any public-spirited citizen will be satisfactory to the state bureau. In towns it is suggested secretaries of commercial clubs should do this work, and in rural communities secretaries of farmers' organizations, preachers or other persons. With these leaders will be listed all calls for labor and all labor available. The statistics will be forwarded to the state bureau.

New Auditorium of
Kearney Normal Opened

Kearney, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—The first program given in the new Normal school auditorium was staged last night and nearly a thousand citizens of Kearney accepted the opportunity to visit and inspect this beautiful \$60,000 building.

The program was given as a benefit for the recently formed Buffalo county chapter of the Red Cross. The music club of the Normal school was in charge of the entertainment. This was not a formal dedication of the building, those exercises being booked for a later date.

Since organizing a Red Cross chapter here over thirty young women of Kearney have volunteered their services in this work. They would be nurses, but learned upon making their application, that only expert trained nurses are used in the field work and that they will have to confine their energies to making of bandages and the like. The chapter has over 100 members and new members are being enrolled daily.

Nine Young Men Join Army

And Navy at Lawrence

Lawrence, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—Nine young men have enlisted in the army, navy and National Guard here since the call for volunteers. Lawrence has a population of only 500, and this is believed to be the best showing made by any town in Nebraska. The names follow:

National Guard—Fred Zacharia, Edmond Clifford, Elmer Clifford, Henry Jicha and Fred Jensen.

Navy—Harry Zeller and Mike Gerhart.

Regular Army—Tony Fonger and Jack Kallay.

Insanity is Defense in

Phillips Assault Case

Aurora, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The trial of Leo Phillips for assault with attempt to murder Mrs. J. F. Davies was concluded today and submitted to the jury. The only defense was insanity. Evidence was introduced by the defendant showing Phillips to have been mentally defective from birth. Dr. B. F. Williams of Lincoln and Dr. F. E. Coulter of Omaha, together with eight other physicians, testified that in their opinion Phillips was insane when he committed the assault. Dr. Aiken of Omaha and Dr. Bailey of Lincoln, for the state, declared Phillips knew the difference between right and wrong when he committed the acts. They also state that his actions showed a defective mind.

Flag Raising at Gretna

Gretna, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—Gretna citizens contributed \$100 for a sixty-foot steel flag pole which has been erected on one of the most important street corners in town. A patriotic program was given at the flag raising Thursday afternoon. Fred Oberst, mayor; Rev. Mr. Day of the Methodist church, Father Wallace of the Catholic church and Quartermaster Zimmerman of Omaha all gave short talks. The Gretna band played. The school attended in a body and a flag drill was given and the national songs were sung.

Four boys from Gretna have enlisted, Lyman Moyer, Wilford Lawrence, Walter Day and Joe Langdon.

STUDENTS OF HIGH
SCHOOLS TO LINCOLN

Annual Fete Day Draws Host to Capital City for Debate and Track Competition at State Uni.

Lincoln, May 12.—Preparations have been made to entertain today more than 1,500 visiting high school students at the annual fete day held under the auspices of the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska State High School Athletic association. A varied program of athletics and debating has been prepared.

This morning the tenth annual state debate of the Nebraska High School Debating league, the largest organization of its kind in the United States, will be held in Memorial hall. In it will participate the picked representatives of the twelve schools that won the championship of the twelve districts in the contests held early in the spring. The question to be debated is, "Resolved, That the United States Should Abandon the Monroe Doctrine." Prof. M. M. Fogg of the University of Nebraska is president and Superintendent W. F. Davis of McCook is secretary-treasurer of the debating association.

General Colby to Form Gage

County Defense Council

Beatrice, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—General L. W. Colby of this city has been authorized by Governor Keith Neville to organize a county defense council here. The general has called a meeting at firemen's hall in this city on Saturday of all residents of Gage county to perfect such an organization which will work in conjunction with the state council.

Mrs. Hettie Campbell of Wynore was refused absolute divorce from George Campbell by Judge Raper yesterday, but was granted temporary separation and temporary alimony of \$25 per month until differences can be adjusted and property rights settled if the couple still agree to disagree. Mr. Campbell is postmaster at Wynore.

Henry Homersham, for nearly thirty years a resident of the Odell vicinity, died yesterday at his home after a brief illness, aged 49 years. He is survived by a wife, two daughters and one son.

Fred Colwell of Canada and Miss Ethel Pierce were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pierce, at Liberty. Rev. J. N. Pennington of the Baptist church officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Colwell will visit for a few days at Liberty before leaving for their home in Canada.

Sells Wool to Fremont Man.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 11.—(Special.)—The Swan Land and Cattle company has sold its 1917 wool clip of 500,000 pounds to W. R. Adams of Fremont, Neb., representing the Cleveland Worsted Mills company of Cleveland, O., for 46½ cents per pound. This is the largest individual clip sold in Wyoming thus far this year and the price received is the second highest received in the state, having been exceeded only by that secured by John Hay of Rock Springs for his 350,000-pound clip, which was 50 cents per pound. The Swan Land and Cattle-Adams deal involves \$232,500. This is the third consecutive year that Adams has secured this big clip.

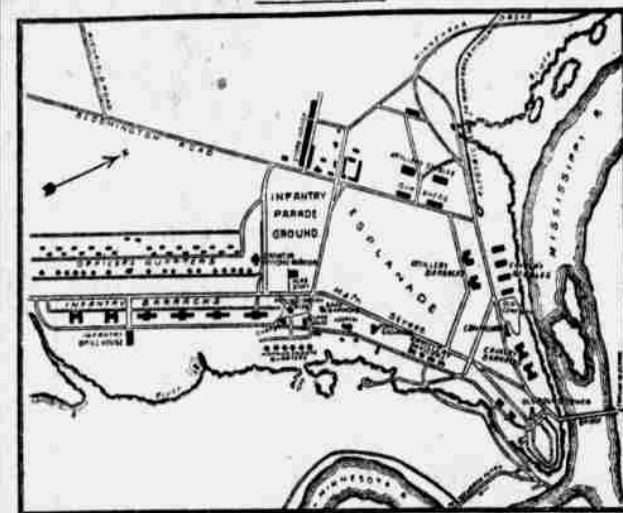
Carload of Autos Falls

Into the Platte River

Louisville, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—Burlington freight No. 77 was wrecked two miles west of here last night. A car loaded with automobiles, about twenty cars from the rear end, left the rails and plunged into the Platte river. The cars and autos were almost completely submerged. Four cars following the auto car were wrecked. The wreckage was cleared last night. No one was injured.

Geneva May Festival.

Geneva, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—A home talent operetta, "Silvia," was given in the city auditorium Wednesday night, the first of the May festival, conducted by Prof. H. R. Grant of Geneva. Thursday night the program was by C. F. Steckelberg, violinist of Lincoln, with the Geneva Military band. Tonight the cantata, "The Golden Legend," was given. Mrs. A. E. Holt took the part of Sylvia; Miss Faith Baber, Betty; Warren Edgcombe, Sir Bertrand de Lacy; Roscoe Mohrman, Prince Tobey.

Here is Ft. Snelling, Where Many
Omahans Go Into Military Camp

Above is a sketch map of Fort Snelling, where some 200 Omaha Young men will take training for officers in the United States army. The fort lies just south of Minneapolis and on the north side of the Minnesota river, or rather in the fork where the Minneapolis flows into the Mississippi.

This military post, as established at the mouth of the Minnesota river in 1819. Subsequently it became Fort Snelling, and has been maintained ever since as a military station. The

Antis to Fight Suffrage

Bill Through Referendum

Referendum petitions on the suffrage bill are being prepared by antis. Mrs. E. P. Peck, president of the Nebraska Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, says petitions will be issued soon and will be circulated all summer. She believes 36,000 signatures will be obtained.

"The men's organization, headed by John Lee Webster, will manage most of the work because it now has become a political matter and we women object to mixing in politics. "We believe the action of the leg-

Isolators in granting partial suffrage to women was undemocratic. It disfranchised the voters," she said.

A special meeting of the Women's Anti-Suffrage society will be called soon, according to Mrs. Peck.

Honor Men at Front.

Crete, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—A special chapel service was held at Doane college yesterday in honor of the Doane men who have been accepted for the officers' training camp at Fort Snelling. The following Doane men have been admitted: Ward H. Haylett, Clay Center; Robin S. Mickel, Crete; H. N. Kinney, Crete, and Walter S. Huxford, Crete.

MEEKER SEES LIGHT
AHEAD FOR A. O. U. W.

Says Arrangements Are Made Whereby Order Will Pay Up Deficit and Raise a Big Surplus.

Charles W. Meeker, Imperial, Neb., lawyer, who was chairman of the rate committee of the Ancient Order of the United Workmen grand lodge, and chairman and a member of the law committee appointed to enforce the so-called Sundean rates, beginning September 1, declares that eminent Omaha counsel have been arranged for and that it is deemed certain that the high rates cannot be collected after September 1.

Mr. Meeker says that it is necessary to collect the old high rates until September 1 to pay deficits existing against the order and that the Sundean rates will yield \$1 surplus for each \$1 used to pay death claims and that the order has been legally placed upon a sound basis by the grand lodge which just adjourned.

He advises all old members to remain in the order and declares that, on the Sundean rate, the members get a good investment from a business point of view.

Funeral of Walter Cassidy,

Who Died from Fall, is Held

Funeral services for Walter Cassidy, who suffered fatal injuries in a fall from a window of his home, were held from the residence, 502 South Eleventh street, to St. Patrick's church at 10 a. m. Rev. P. C. Gannon officiated at requiem high mass. Interment was in Holy Sepulcher cemetery. Pallbearers were: William Bohan, Frank Brodbeck, James Murphy, George Mahoney, Harry Collins, George Framon.

State Senate Banner

Now Flying at Curtis

Curtis, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—At a meeting this afternoon a large flag was unfurled at the depot park. Superintendent Brennan prepared a tall steel pole and balyards for the occasion. Mrs. P. C. Carsten sen spoke and the flag was raised by Captain Ward's boy scouts. The banner was a present to Curtis by the state senate while in session at Lincoln.

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