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COLLECT DATA ON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Census of Commerce High Shows 63 Per Cent of Students Fail to Receive Preferred Instruction.

Superintendent Beveridge submitted to the Board of Education last night a detailed statement showing that 63 per cent of the attendants of the High School of Commerce do not receive instruction along the lines of their preferred vocations.

This information was obtained from a vocational census taken by Principal Porter of the school and is used as an argument in favor of a vocational high school in connection with the commercial training of its institution.

Some of the members of the board have informally expressed themselves in favor of submitting to the voters next spring, a limited bond proposition for erection of a new High School of Commerce, which they regard as a necessity.

Christmas holiday period for public high schools will be from December 18 to January 2; for elementary schools, December 21 to January 7.

Resignations of Merle Hookstra, Gretchen Boeck and Alta J. Anderson, were accepted.

Equipment was ordered for the new Yates, Field, Bancroft, Druid Hill and Park schools.

CANDLELESS DAYS URGED BY WOMEN AS WAR MEASURE

That women should give up candy as a counter conservation concession to smokeless days for men was urged by Mrs. D. G. Craighead at the Monday meeting of the political and social science department of the Omaha Women's club.

Lessening the hours of retail shopping from 10 to 5 o'clock, a daylight saving measure, was advocated by Mrs. Craighead.

Mrs. Benjamin S. Baker, department leader, will give a tea for the members in Metropolitan club house, December 17.

Auto Club Asks School Board to Preach Safety

A request that the school board take measures to warn school children of the danger of carelessness in crossing streets has been sent to Superintendent Beveridge by Randall K. Brown, vice president of the Omaha Auto club.

Reopen Case of Swift's Alleged German Son-in-Law

Washington, Dec. 4.—The case of Count James Minotto, son-in-law of Louis Swift, Chicago packer, suspected of being an alien enemy, was ordered reopened today by the bureau of immigration and was referred back to Chicago for the taking of additional testimony.

A searching inquiry has been made into the count's connection with German financial institutions and his claim that despite long residence in Berlin he is a subject of Italy.

FUGITIVE GAS BAG LANDS NEAR TRENTON, NEB.

Cable of Runaway Balloon Becomes Entangled in Bridge; Another Balloon Carrying Two Officers Escapes.

Two United States army observation balloons that were unfastened by accident and shot unguided into the air were brought to the ground Monday night.

The bag of the new French type, which escaped from students at Fort Omaha late Sunday, and, trailing 6,000 feet of steel tethering cable, traveled a spectacular course through Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma and thence back into southwestern Nebraska, where it was captured at Trenton.

Cable Catches in Bridge. The large French type balloon took a northerly course yesterday afternoon and hovered lowly across Hitchcock county, Nebraska, until the dragging cable became entangled in the beams of an iron bridge and the bag gently came to earth.

Two army officers, who had followed the escaping monster to its landing place, opened the outlet gas valve of the bag and let the gas escape. The observation balloon was not damaged.

The officers wired Captain Leo Stevens at the Fort Omaha balloon school, who left late last night for Trenton, Neb.

Stevens Follows in Car. Captain Stevens was in the army balloon that followed the aerial fugitive Sunday to a point 15 miles from its final landing place. There he lost sight of the bag and returned, arriving here yesterday noon.

The fact that the balloon descended with ease was due to the calmness of the atmospheric breezes in that locality," said Captain Stevens.

The fugitive bag will be returned some time today.

Twenty-four Hours in Air. The Fort Omaha balloon, inflated with 35,000 cubic feet of gas, for nearly 24 hours played a gigantic game of hide and seek with Kansas cities and towns as strong winds wafted it back and forth.

Thousands of feet of heavy cable dragged the ground throughout the course and left a trail of destroyed telephone and telegraph wires in its path. Whole blocks of wires were torn down and poles broken off or uprooted.

At Newton, Kan., much damage was reported done to residences and business blocks when the bag dragged its "tail" in a criss-cross path across the town.

Fort Sill Fugitive. The flight of the Fort Sill fugitive while less spectacular than that of the Nebraska stray, created the more apprehension among army officers and others because two officers were carried aloft with it.

The officers, however, brought the gas bag to the ground in safety. Neither man was injured and the balloon was not damaged, reports said.

The balloon was of a smaller type and carried two army officers when an airplane broke its anchor line and was brought down by the men about thirty miles from Fort Sill, Okla., where it had broken away.

The airplane that crashed into the cable that controlled the Fort Sill balloon was slightly damaged and fluttered one hundred feet to the ground. The pilot was not seriously injured.

Did Much Damage. The army balloon that started out on a joy ride, going down into Oklahoma and then turning and starting back home, wrought considerable havoc along the Kansas lines of the Union Pacific.

On its out trip the balloon zigzagged across the Union Pacific lines at several places, and each time it did so the long, swinging cable put the telegraph lines out of commission.

In several places the poles were torn out and the cable, hooking itself to the telegraph wires, scattered them over the country for miles.

During the return trip the balloon crossed the Union Pacific no far from Colby, Kan. There the cable

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pulled out, or broke off, some thirty poles and carried off miles of wire, dropping tangled masses of it along the route that was taken to the north.

Mrs. McLaughlin Struck And Robbed on Street

While on her way to attend a meeting of the St. John's Dramatic club at Creighton University early last night, Mrs. McLaughlin, 115 South Thirty-fifth street, was held up at Thirty-fourth and Farnam streets by an unrecognized man and struck on the head by a blunt instrument.

The highwayman escaped with Mrs. McLaughlin's hand bag, a valuable monocle and \$5.

She said she saw a man sneak behind a signboard, near the place where she was attacked, as she was on her way to the car line.

She was able to give the police a minute description of her assailant.

Sunderland Teamster Holds Up Office Men

While they were closing the office of the Sunderland Brothers Coal yard, Twentieth and Hickory streets, at 6 o'clock last night, Walter Wilke, superintendent of the yard, Frank Talladino, clerk, and Charles Reed, night watchman, were compelled to throw up their hands at the point of a gun by George Herrman, a teamster in the employ of the company, while the latter rifled the cash register of \$55.

Herrman escaped and the south yard during the week and was not very well known by his employers.

Wattles Makes Plea For Meatless Day Observance

While meatless day is becoming a habit with the great majority of Nebraska citizens, there are those who haven't yet got the habit, according to Gurdon W. Wattles, food administrator for Nebraska. And there is no time as good as the present to initiate the habit and then to cultivate it until it becomes an obsession.

"Today is meatless day, Nebraska's housewives and the men folks too, for that matter, are urged to observe meatless day. 'There is no easier way to do your part in winning this great war than by strictly observing meatless day,' said Mr. Wattles last night. 'The food serving places of the state are conforming to the requirements in a satisfactory way. And I'm sure that the great body of housewives are doing their part. But there are those who have not yet got the spirit of the food administration. Perhaps it is because they have not taken the matter seriously or perhaps they do not realize that there is a shortage in meats which must be exported.'

'Up to November 1, we had exported all the available foodstuffs. Now we must make more for shipment to the other side and one of the best ways is to get more meats for exportation by substituting fish and fowl today. If everyone in Nebraska would observe meatless day, we could send enough across to feed every Nebraskan in the service and a lot of others, too.'

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The only way to permanently get rid of Catarrh is to kill the germs that cause it. The many widely advertised so-called "Catarrh Cures" can not do this. Yet, if it is not done, the coming winter will be like the previous ones, or worse. For the germs multiply like every other living thing. When they become too numerous in the head they often spread down into the chest and lungs. Their invasion of the lungs is only a question of time. Their increase there may mean CONSUMPTION. Why run such a risk? Take your Catarrh in hand AT ONCE before winter sets in. If you don't get rid of it in the fall, you'll meet extreme cold weather with your system terribly weakened and undermined. Hundreds of Canadians have been quickly but permanently rid of their Catarrh by means of Specialist Sprule's scientific method of treatment. Remember he is a Graduate in Medicine and Surgery, Dublin University, Ireland, formerly Surgeon British Royal Mail Naval Service. Take advantage of his generous offer of

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not be heavy with Catarrh. You will find yourself filled with a new energy and ambition, and life itself will look brighter. For all the strength that your system is now wasting in fighting the Catarrh germs will then be yours to use.

Do you feel a dropping in back part of throat? Answer the questions, yes or no, write your full name and address plainly on the dotted lines, cut out and send to Catarrh Specialist Sprule, 192 Trade Building, Boston. He will gladly give you just the information you need. Be sure and write today.

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Do you spit up slime? Are your eyes watery? Does your nose feel full? Does your nose discharge? Do you sneeze a good deal? Do crusts form in your nose? Do you have pains across the eyes? Does your breath smell offensive? Is your hearing beginning to fail? Are you losing your sense of smell? Do you hawk up phlegm in the morning? Are there buzzing noises in your ears? Do you have pains across the front of your head?

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY The Christmas Store for Everybody Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1917 STORE NEWS FOR WEDNESDAY Phone Doug. 137.

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SHOP EARLY! The United States government will thank you to SHOP NOW for Christmas gifts, in order that manpower may be conserved for National Purposes. Women's Silk or Serge DRESSES at \$18.50

A SILK PETTICOAT for Sister She doubtless prefers a "sensible" gift and will be delighted with one of these tastefully ruffled taffeta petticoats that give such a pleasing "set" to the gown, and such a charming finish to the outfit. (Second Floor)

THE GIFT of the Times A carry-all bag for knitting, to help her do her part of the "Take-it-with-you" campaign. THE INFANTS' Wear Section Where hovers the spirit of Christmas to guide all the friends of little folk right in their choosing, suggests a special visit to see the many little things for wee tots to wear. (Second Floor) INSTEAD OF A CARD —a Wee Bit More.

CHRISTMAS Accommodation Desk We have installed for the benefit of our patrons an accommodation desk, where we will wrap or pack your Christmas merchandise for mailing or shipping, without charge; this desk is located across the aisle from the Postoffice. Artamo Sample Line of Hand Embroidered Art Needle Work Offered Wednesday at Exactly Half Price

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