

STATE EXECUTIVE GIVES OUT LIST OF JUST FOOD PRICES

Publishes Recommendation of Price-Fixing Committee Which Public Is Urged to Use as Basis for Purchases Of Commodities in Douglas County; Nebraska's Average Price Relatively Low.

Food Administrator Wattles has issued the first recommendation of fair staple prices for food commodities in Douglas county, as herewith shown, based on suggestions of the price committee for Douglas county. This is the first authoritative act in this direction by the food executive for Nebraska and is declared by him to be a fair return for the commodity under existing conditions.

Prices Recommended For Foods in Douglas By Administrator

- Sugar, per lb. 9 cents
Flour (Nebraska No. 1 Patent) 24-lb. sack \$1.50
48-lb. sack 2.90
Cornmeal, per lb. 6 cents
Potatoes (best Nebraska) 1-lb. 3 cents
Butter (per lb.) Creamery, No. 1 51 cents
Creamery, No. 2 48 cents
Eggs (per dozen) No. 1 (storage) 42 cents
Bread (wrapped, U. S. food administration standard) 16 oz. loaf 9 cents
24 oz. loaf 13 cents
32 oz. loaf 17 cents
48 oz. loaf 25 cents

Prizes Fair in Nebraska. The cost of living in Nebraska in comparison with the other fellow throughout the United States is perceptibly less, according to figures compiled by the United States food administration and made public by Gurdon W. Wattles, federal food administrator for Nebraska.

On 18 fundamental foodstuffs throughout the United States, Nebraska is lower than the general average on 13 and on five it is higher.

Standardize Bread. The standard 16-ounce loaf of wheat bread is fast assuming a standard price, the retail figure varying less in this community than in any other.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity, U.S. Average, Neb. Average. Lists items like Flour, Wheat bread, Corn meal, etc.

Of 30 commodities, decreases are shown 11; increases are shown on 10, while the remainder are the same as before.

Admiralty to Investigate Big Halifax Disaster. Its steeple leaning like the tower of Pisa.

When the 8-year-old daughter of John Burns of Granville street was on her knees by her cot saying her morning prayer. The house collapsed.

Child Found Praying. Hours later Lola was found in the midst of the wreckage, hemmed in by fallen timbers and surrounded by broken glass, but unharmed, still on her knees and praying fervently.

Others gave him a hand and presently from under a kitchen stove, the protruding ash pan of which had protected her, was revealed Henneberry's 18-months old baby Olive.

At one hospital children were listed as negroes from their general appearance. Later it was discovered that they had been white before the flames reached them.

Killed, six; missing and presumed dead, 27; badly wounded, 141; slightly wounded, 96; unaccounted for, 44; total 314.

In the married men's quarters 160 men and children were reported missing and badly wounded.

Commander James A. ... but recently appointed...

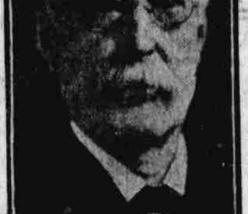
hands, including Captain Blakeley. A small tug with a crew of four men was tossed clear over pier No. 8, and all on board were killed.

J. H. M'SHANE WELL KNOWN PIONEER ANSWERS CALL

Helped to Build Telegraph Line Across the Plains and Was Contractor in Building Union Pacific.

James Henry McShane, pioneer resident of this city, who had been prominent in affairs of Omaha for many years, died yesterday afternoon at 3:30 at his residence, 1906 Chicago street, surrounded by his immediate family.

Mr. McShane was one of the host of constructive pioneers who in manhood's prime followed the star of empire and opened the west to civilization and settlement.



Freighted Across Plains. In 1864 McShane struck out from the Overland trail and conducted a freight caravan to Virginia City, then the first and liveliest of the mining camps of Montana.

Had 13 Children. Mr. McShane married Ann Elizabeth Taggart at New Lexington, O. Thirteen children were born of the union—Edward C., James H., of Miles City, Mont.; Arthur J., John A., Thomas S., George F., Leo F., Robert C., Margaret, Mary, Alice, Elizabeth and Catherine. All the children are living.

Sunday Closing Quoted Generally Observed Here. With but two or three exceptions, Omaha groceries and meat markets yesterday observed the new city ordinance requiring such establishments to close Sunday, officers of the Retail Grocers' association report.

Postmasters Named. Washington, Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—South Dakota postmasters appointed: Grandfellow, Hanson county, Patrick J. Pennington, Hanson county, Lewis, Pennington county, Leon L. Matson, vice John A. McAllum, resigned; Minnehaha, Fall River county, Edward G. Giddens, vice M. E. Skelton, resigned.

PITIFUL CASES CONF. ONT XMAS CHARITY FOLKS

Through The Bee the Associated Charities Is Helping the Worthy Poor of Omaha.

"I am a widow with six children. I did washing now and then, but it is hard to make both ends meet during this cold weather. Won't you please help us have some Christmas cheer? The children need warm clothing and I am sure they would appreciate a little candy, for they will not get any candy this year unless somebody sends them some. But they are willing to go without candy, if they can get some warm garments."

Those words were written by a woman to Mrs. G. W. Doane, general secretary of the Associated Charities. She is receiving many appeals from widows and orphans and some from women whose husbands have gone away, either through necessity or choice.

Mrs. Doane and her assistants investigate every family reported to the charities office. The needs are noted and at Christmas time, or sooner in some instances, relief is given as far as possible.

A package of garments and shoes brought to The Bee office here for forwarding to the Associated Charities. A check for \$5 from C. Hansen of 910 South Twenty-sixth street has been similarly transmitted.

Money, clothing, shoes, toys or other donation may be sent to the Associated charities offices, 519 Farnam building, Thirteenth and Farnam streets, or to The Bee.

Two Typical Cases. Two typical cases have been referred to by Mrs. Doane's office in the following language: Ten—An old couple—he at one time very large and strong, but now broken in health and lacking strength to earn the living—she very small, cheerful, patient and industrious. They have worked all their lives, but to no purpose. Dependent on friends for rent, medical care, fuel, groceries and clothing. She has had two paralytic strokes, and he has had a serious operation. She asks you to fill her lamp and turn over her mattress and you do it cheerfully—what other way could it be done? She follows you to the door and begs you to come again and gives you a flower or two to carry away with you. And you gladly send in a sack of flour, or a pair of felt slippers for her, or something for their table.

Sometimes you find her trying to knead the bread with the one arm she can use, or she sits reading her Bible printed in her native language because she cannot read English. He had to hustle for himself. He will tell you: "My own dad died—my second dad was called to the door and shot down during the war, when I was a little boy and my mother married the third time and died and I just drifted away from home and had to work, mostly in the timber and on the river, and that is the reason I never learned to read and write like the rest of you folks." No children to do for them— and still he talks about going to work in the spring "when he's able."

Eleven—This is a real old couple living in their own home. They raise a few chickens in the summer time, sell a few eggs, have a little garden—not a great deal for an income, is it? Have taken an orphan granddaughter to share this little world. The old man simply is not able to work—you don't get very far when you are asthmatic and stiff with age—and sure they are glad to see you when you go there. We think they would greatly appreciate some coal and a Christmas sort of basket filled with groceries.

Former Saloonkeeper Asks Colleagues to Lend Aid. William F. C. Poppenhaeger has filed suit to compel the Nebraska Liquor Dealers' association to indemnify him in the amount of \$1,400, which he says it cost him to settle a suit for damages for the death of a customer. He alleges that the purpose of the association, of which he is a member, is "to defend and save from harm any member who may be sued for damages under the liquor statutes of Nebraska."

He says that he paid \$25 initiation fee and \$24 dues yearly in the protective association and that they refused to make good when he was sued for \$34,000 by a Mrs. Bessie Juckett for the death of her husband from exposure while drunk. She recovered a judgment of \$1,700, he says, and he settled for \$1,300 and costs, which he claims the Liquor Dealers' association are obliged to pay him.

That Settled It. Bessie had been told many times that she was pretty, but she wanted to find out just how pretty the man who mattered, thought her. "Do you think any of the other girls in the office are as pretty as I am?" she questioned. "No," he answered judiciously, "and I don't think one could assemble enough features from the entire crowd to make a girl as pretty as you are."

Helping Out Mother. A farmer, calling at a dentist's promptly and cheerfully stating business as usual as he entered the operating room. "A tooth to be pulled," he said, "and I'll pay nothing extra for gas, just haul it out if it does hurt."

The dentist smiled. "You're plucky, sir," he said. "Let me see the tooth, please." "Oh, isn't me that's got the toothache at all," said the farmer; "it's my wife, she'll be here in a minute."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Had Was a Feeder. Father and son were having a little heart-to-heart talk. "My lad," said the father, "I hear from various portions of the globe that you are giving to gambling. Now what about it?" "I will speak the truth, father," said the young man. "I do gamble, but only for small stakes." "Oh, well," granted the father, "as long as it's for something to eat I don't mind."—Chicago Post.

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FULLERTON MAN WHO WON LIEUTENANT'S COMMISSION



Albert E. Bryson, Jr., son of A. E. Bryson, Fullerton, Neb., has received a second lieutenant's commission at Fort Monroe, Va., where he has been training in the coast artillery. His assignment takes him to the Canal zone defenses at Cristobal, Panama.

Lieutenant Bryson is a former Omaha boy, and having also attended the University of Nebraska, his friends are scattered throughout the state. He received his commission at the age of 22.

Service Flag Presented to North Presbyterian Church

Services at the North Presbyterian church were of more than usual interest to members and attendants Sunday morning. The occasion marked the coming of Rev. J. M. Wilson to the pastorate and in addition, there was the presentation of a service flag that henceforth will hang on the wall of the church and to the left of the pulpit.

The service flag was the gift of the adult Bible class of the church. On its white ground there were 20 stars, indicative of the fact that that number of young men, all members of the church, have given their services to the army and navy, and are now in Europe or in the camps and cantonments, waiting to be called to war to fight alongside the allies.

The North Presbyterian church was made up of members of women of the adult Bible class and at the Sunday morning services, was presented by D. W. Merrow, teacher. The acceptance was by Rev. J. M. Wilson, the pastor, who spoke in high praise of the young men of the church, "who have sacrificed all that is near and dear to them in order that they may assist in freeing the nations of Europe from the domination of a tyrant."

Following the presentation of the flag, the congregation joined the choir in singing, "God Save Our Noble Men."

Mickey Pays His Bet and Commercial Club Eats

Stromsburg, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The Commercial club held their monthly dinner Friday night at the Scott hall, at which time O. E. Mickey of Osceola paid a wager he had made during the sale of the Liberty bonds. He wagered an oyster supper to the Stromsburg Commercial club that Osceola would sell more Liberty bonds than Stromsburg, and lost the wager.

Judge Campbell was present and gave a talk on war issues, and James Mickey of Osceola gave a short address. Several local men spoke on the issues of the day. This county will soon be organized systematically, so that whenever funds are needed for war purposes of any nature, all that will have to be done is to issue the call and it will come forth, according to the circumstances of the citizens called on. Everybody favors the system.

Secretary Lane Hears Nebraska Delegation

Washington, Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Secretary Lane yesterday heard Senators Hitchcock and Norris and Congressman Kinkaid, in favor of signing the contract under which the government is to take over and operate the Tri-State ditch in Scottsbluff county.

The matter was reopened later on motion of Senator Hitchcock after Secretary Lane had recommended opposite action. L. L. Raymond of Scottsbluff was here for the hearing and the bondholders of New York were fighting stubbornly despite the famous "Omaha agreement," were here in force.

Feeding the Bird. Mike had seen nearly every clock in the shop, but had discarded all of them as not being good enough for his purpose. The weary shopman had exhausted his whole stock except a few cuckoo clocks, so he brought these forward as a last resource. So he wired he would do his best to sell one or know the reason why. "Do the clocks strike the hours?" asked Mike. "I'll show you what they do," said the shopman. And he set the hands of one to a few minutes to 12. When the little door flew open and the cuckoo thrust his head out cuckooing away for dear life, Mike was thunderstruck. "But when the bird disappeared he looked grim and pondered in gloomy thought for a moment. "Well, how do you like that?" asked the shopman. "That's a staggerer for you, isn't it?" "Faith and begorra, I should think it is," declared Mike. "I trouble myself to remember to wind it without having to think of feeding the bird."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Wise Precaution. The country solicitor had not a brain of the most intelligent order, and was somewhat absent-minded in the bargain, and the door flew open and the cuckoo thrust his head out cuckooing away for dear life, Mike was thunderstruck. "But when the bird disappeared he looked grim and pondered in gloomy thought for a moment. "Well, how do you like that?" asked the shopman. "That's a staggerer for you, isn't it?" "Faith and begorra, I should think it is," declared Mike. "I trouble myself to remember to wind it without having to think of feeding the bird."—Philadelphia Ledger.

CHARLES W. BRYAN SCORES FOR RACE AGAINST TAYLOR

Announcement of Candidacy for the Gubernatorial Nomination Is Expected to Shortly Be Made.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Santa Clause is getting ready to hand the Hitchcock-Mullen-Corey triumvirate in the democratic party a Christmas present in the shape of an announcement from Charles W. Bryan that he will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor next year.

Everybody remembers how pleased these men were a year ago when Brother Charlie got into the fight and would have been nominated but for the hunting party which was organized by the men, who for some reason or other do not like him, and who searched the state high and low, finally discovering the present governor. The rest is a matter of history.

To The Bee today, Mr. Bryan was very reticent. He would neither deny the allegation, nor defy the allegator. He smiled and asked if The Bee representative thought the non-partisan league was getting pretty strong.

Is a Real Farmer. "I don't belong to the league," said Mr. Bryan, "but I am a real farmer. I own a farm south of Lincoln and have owned it some years. I go there every summer and get right into the harness and, believe me, I know what it is to earn my bread by the sweat of my horses."

It has been known for some time that brother Charlie, like his brother William, was a farmer. Everybody remembers how Bill used to pitch hay and there are pictures in some of the files in the offices of eastern democratic papers which show brother Bill, in 1890, pitching hay to beat the band. There were no hay pitching stunts pulled off under the eye of the camera man in 1890 nor 12 years later, when Mr. Bryan was asked to climb the rocky hill to the White house, so that the efforts of Brother Charlie to qualify for the hay pitching brigade go to show that their is still considerable hay fever in the Bryan family and that the ill success of William has not discouraged Brother Charles.

Will Ben in the Fight. While not exactly admitting that he would be a candidate, close friends of the former mayor of Lincoln say that when the flowers bloom in the spring and the birds lift their voices in joyous song, Brother Charles will be in the fight up to his neck and this time with the backing of the Non-partisan league.

In the meantime what is to become of the gentleman from Custer, W. J. Taylor? He is asked in the rocky hills in consultation with Mr. Evans, head of the Non-partisan league in this state. He was frank to admit that he would like to be governor and that the support of the Non-partisan league was a "mighty good thing to have."

Mr. Taylor is nothing, if not as ambitious and aggressive as the best of them. That he belongs to the Non-partisan league is evidenced by a cancelled check for \$16 in his possession showing he paid his fee some time ago and is entitled to all the privileges of the organization. Being a member in good standing in the organization, he can be said to be on the ground floor and just a trifle to the good over the ex-mayor of Lincoln, when it comes to getting started.

Is a Good Starter. Mr. Taylor is acknowledged to be a mighty good starter, but has a record for getting winded on the home stretch, although from the standpoint of oratory, his wind is of the hurricane caliber. He has twice been a candidate on the democratic ticket against Mose Kinkaid. Both times it looked as if Mr. Kinkaid was going to get lost in the democratic bull rush, but before election day pulled around, Taylor appeared to be losing ground and while he was each time able to cut down the usual big leads of Mr. Kinkaid, he was never quite able to get under the wire in the lead.

In the last two sessions of the legislature Mr. Taylor has looked like a winner in the early stages of the session and his bills have received favorable consideration, but somehow before it came to the third and last call they lacked the power to win, and only once has he been able to win out on any scheme of importance he has fathered, and that was in his efforts to defeat the building of a new state house. This was accomplished at the last session of the legislature with the help of other propositions which became tied up with the state house bill.

Looks Like Pretty Fight. It will be a pretty fight for recognition by the Non-partisan league of these two men for gubernatorial nomination honors in the democratic party.

Mr. Bryan will have all the ma-

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chinery of the Bryan wing of the democratic party behind him, including the backing of the state administration, providing Governor Neville goes to war and Lieutenant-Governor Howard succeeds to the governorship. In fact it has been hinted that already a combination has been formed by which Mr. Bryan will receive the democratic nomination for governor and Mr. Howard the democratic nomination for the United States senate, providing the Hitchcock-Mullen-Corey triumvirate is not able to switch the deal. It has also been hinted that the triumvirate would get behind Taylor rather than see Bryan get the nomination, not especially because they love Taylor more, but because they love Bryan less.

Elvin Friend, Who Cut His Throat, Is Buried at Blair Blair, Neb., Dec. 9.—By the evidence brought out at the inquest over the body of Elvin H. Friend, aged 33 years, who was found Thursday noon near the railroad depot with his throat cut from ear to ear, it was shown to be a case of suicide and the coroner's jury rendered a verdict to that effect.

County Attorney Henry Mencke was in Omaha and investigated several rumors that were afloat here as to some one threatening his life. His wife, who now goes under the name of Cora B. Holderness, and is running a rooming house in Omaha, says that she had not seen him for three weeks, and that he had said he would kill himself, and she also identified the leather razor sheath, found near his body, as one he had made at their home. The landlady at his rooms testified that he had locked his door on the inside, turned on the gas and slid down a rope from a back window, tearing his hand on the rope. His mother dressed the sore for him, making a finger stall for him.

for same, he saying he had hurt it on a rope. There was no other cut or bruise anywhere on his body or head, except the throat. A small sum of money, a watch and chain and other trinkets were found on his person.

His brother, Will B. Friend, a farmer of Pender, Neb., and wife, Cora B. Holderness, attended the funeral, which was held from the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Bartholomew, of this town.

Fire Destroys Live Stock And Barn Near Fairbury Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 9.—The large barn on the William Lardner place, eight miles south of Fairbury, was totally destroyed by fire at midnight last night, four head of horses, several cows and considerable hay and feed was destroyed and the loss is estimated at several thousand dollars. The family was aroused from sleep by the noise of stampeding horses and found the building a mass of flames. With the assistance of neighbors they fought the fire with the thermometer registering 12 degrees below and saved the house and outbuildings. Mr. Lardner had advertised a public sale for next Wednesday.

The Fairbury fire department was called out several times today to put out flames caused by overheated chimneys.

Wanted a Monopoly. A keen temperance advocate was addressing a meeting on his pet subject, "I should like," he declared, "to take every bottle of wine and every bottle of beer and every bottle of spirits and sink them all to the bottom of the sea."

A man at the back of the hall jumped up excitedly, shouting: "Hear, hear! Hear!" The lecturer paused in his remarks to beam delighted approval on the interrupter. "Ah, my friend," he said, "I see you are a good totalitator; a man made of the right stuff."

"Oh, no," said the man; "I am a diver."

—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegram.

Omaha Loan and Building Association SAFE INVESTMENTS The Government is doing everything in its power to encourage the people to save money and invest it SAFELY. The Officers and Directors of the Omaha Loan and Building Association feel that the most important thing today is to assist the Government in every way.

To the South Winter Tourist Fares Jacksonville, Fla. Round Trip From Omaha \$54.56 Tampa, Fla. Round Trip From Omaha \$68.16 St. Augustine, Fla. 58.86 Palm Beach, Fla. 73.06 Pensacola, Fla. 46.91 New Orleans, La. 44.31 Biloxi, Miss. 44.31 Mobile, Ala. 41.56 Charleston, S. C. 54.56 San Antonio, Tex. 41.56 Houston, Tex. 41.56 Fort Worth, Tex. 32.16 Savannah, Ga. 54.56 Augusta, Ga. 52.77 Deming, N. M. 31.10 Fort Myers, Fla. 71.26 Hot Springs, Ark. 31.10 Havana, Cuba, via New Orleans and steamer 95.91 Havana Cuba, via Port Tampa or Key West and steamer 102.56

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