

Nebraska

CHOBAR'S TRIAL FOR MURDER TO START AT YORK

Farm Laborer, Accused of Killing Wealthy Bachelor Land Owner, May Uncover Sensational Details.

York, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special)—Louis W. Chobar will go on trial for the murder of Albert A. Blender, tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock before Judge Good. He is charged with first degree murder.

Chobar, when arrested, admitted the crime, alleging as a reason illicit relations between Blender and Mrs. Chobar. When arraigned before Judge Corcoran January 19, however, he pleaded not guilty to murder in the first degree.

Story of Crime.

Albert A. Blender was murdered on his farm home, two and one-half miles northeast of the village of Benedict, on the night of November 28. The tragedy took place, it is believed, between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock.

Employees of Blender.

Blender was a bachelor, 40 years old. He had hired Mr. Chobar to husk corn and Mrs. Chobar to do the house work. Upon arrival at the scene, the officers found Mrs. Chobar, who had given the alarm, present in the neighborhood, while Mr. Chobar was absent.

At the inquest evidence was given establishing the belief that Chobar knew more about the murder than any one else. This belief was based upon the testimony of Mrs. Chobar, who stated that on the night before she had heard the sound of voices in a room adjoining the one occupied by her, then the report of a gun or pistol, followed by the appearance of her husband, who with halter ropes bound her fast to a bed, from which she was unable to release herself until 6 o'clock the next morning.

Chobar was arrested December 15 on a cattle ranch near the Rosebud Indian reservation in South Dakota, 12 miles north of Valentine. He was returned to York and placed in the county jail.

Nebraska Men and Women Interested in New Party

York, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special)—Arthur G. Wray of this city, state chairman of the new national party, has received a copy of the call for the national convention of the new party to be held in Chicago, March 6, and plans are under way to send delegates from Nebraska.

Among the well known men of the state who are interested in the new party in Nebraska are Dr. Addison E. Sheldon and Will S. Jay of Lincoln; D. C. Van Deusen of Blair; Dr. Harold Gifford, G. P. Porter, and Fred Carey of Omaha; J. P. Gibbons of Kearney; Hon. James Pearson of Moorefield; J. H. Currier of Bradshaw; and others.

Mrs. L. S. Corey and Mrs. Jeannette Nesbit of Lincoln and Mrs. Frances R. Heald of Osceola have signified their willingness to join in the new movement.

The new party proposes national suffrage, national prohibition, national initiative, referendum and recall, short ballot, proportional representation, site value taxation, the public ownership of public utilities, the full program of the farmer, and the full program of organized labor.

Flags Lowered in Honor of Boy Who Died in Camp

Ravenna, Neb. Feb. 17.—(Special)—Flags were flying at half mast in Ravenna today, a tribute to Walter Bales, who died in a southern camp. The body was buried immediately on account of the nature of the disease from which he died—spinal meningitis. Memorial services were held at the Congregational church this afternoon. The young man was a son of W. S. Bales, a Burlington engineer. He leaves a young wife. He had been in the military service since last summer.

Rail Commission Hears From State Delegation

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special)—In answer to the protest of the Nebraska State Railway commission against the basis of compensation to be given the railroads for the use of the roads by the government, sent to all representatives of this state in Washington.

Sells Old Walnut Logs To Makers of Gunstocks

Stella, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special)—E. J. Patton has been following the course of Muddy creek, getting out walnut logs which he buys from the owners of timber along the stream. Mr. Patton has a contract to furnish walnut logs for the manufacture of gun stocks, and ships to a firm at Kansas City. He expects to have about 25 car loads more.

Papillon

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Feb. 16.—(Special)—Land Commissioner Grant Shumway, poet "Lariat" of the state house, has ground out the following little dedication to the town of Papillon and the origin of its name:

Singing France—land voyagers In the good old trapper days Saw the valley of wild flowers Dancing in the sunset haze.

All the air with life was teeming. Butterflies of golden hue Danced across the valley, streaming Over meadow, marsh and slough.

"Butterfly creek" for a million Flitting wings so made it known; We've called it "the Papillon," Frenchy said, "Da-pi-til-re-own."

West Point Boy Leaves for Eastern Training Camp

West Point, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special)—Ivan Emley, son of the late Daniel C. Emley and grandson of Judge Edgar N. Sweet, founder of the West Point Republican and now of Oklahoma, who has been meter superintendent of the Central Power and Electric company of Grand Island, left that city last week for Cambridge, Mass. to enter the officers' training camp at Harvard university, having enlisted in the signal service of the aviation corps.

While coming out of the postoffice on Thursday evening Miss Ella Wilding, employed in the local telephone office, suffered an attack of heart disease and died before she could be revived. She was 21 years old. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilding, old residents of this city.

At the Spenner auction sale, held a few days ago, ordinary cows with young calves at their sides brought \$350. Julius Radebach, for many years foreman of the Republican plant at West Point, has accepted a position with the Norfolk News. His place has been filled by H. H. Grunke.

Coupland Receives Message From Reynolds

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Vice Chairman Coupland of the state council of defense has received the following message from D. M. Reynolds of the emergency fleet corporation at Washington. He says:

"Ships, ships and more ships is the call of the hour. We must have them to carry our armies to Europe and to keep our troops and our allies supplied with food and munitions. General Pershing calls for a bridge of ships across the Atlantic, and that is what we are sending every effort to furnish him. We must have more ships to win the war. We must have them for the great merchant marine that will carry America's commerce under the American flag to all the world's ports after the war. Every vessel that is turned out in this country counts for the defeat of Germany. Every worker in a ship yard can feel that he is doing a part toward winning this struggle only less important than that of the men on our ships or in the trenches. Let Americans who are not called for military service enlist in the army of ship builders and work for the flag which our soldiers and sailors are fighting to uphold. Victory ships is a good name for the vessels built for the government. Each one brings nearer the defeat of autocracy and victory for democracy which will usher in a new era of peace and prosperity for the world."

McLaughlin Club Membership Roll at York Reaches 300

York, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special)—The "McLaughlin for Congress club" now numbers more than 300. Bishop Stuntz will speak in York Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Snow celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary at the Odd Fellows' home February 15th.

John H. Tipton, aged 80 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. W. Miller, of Benedict, Saturday morning.

Tuesday will be bankers' day in York. The bankers of the county will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to form an organization to address and work with the bankers of the district and state in the promotion of the Liberty loan which will be called by the federal government soon. Addresses will be made by T. C. Byrne, chairman of the Nebraska Liberty loan committee and O. T. Eastman of the Federal bank of Omaha and E. F. Folda, secretary Nebraska Liberty loan committee.

Bankers from all over the Liberty loan district of which C. A. McCloud, president of the First National bank is president, will be at the meeting and attend the banquet which will be served at 6:30 in the evening.

Rev. Emmanuel Bittner and Mrs. Sarah Ellen Coan were married on Friday at the United Brethren parsonage. The pastor, Rev. L. F. John, officiating.

Hold Many Farm Sales.

Stella, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special)—Never were so many public farm sales held in this part of Nebraska as during the present season. Some farmers are retiring from the farm and moving to town, others are moving to cheaper western farms, and some are merely having a sale of surplus stock. The country is full of live stock, and everything commands the best of prices. Where sales used to amount to hundreds, now they are in the thousands.

McLaughlin Club Formed.

Swanton, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special)—At a meeting of a few of the representative republican voters of Swanton, a "McLaughlin for Congress club" was organized and the following officers were elected: L. F. Ellermeier, chairman; James O. Stanley, secretary. This organization endorses the candidacy of M. O. McLaughlin for congressman of the Fourth district and pledges its support to him.

Rally at Niobrara.

Niobrara, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special)—A patriotic rally was held at the city hall last night. A J. Wilcox presided. Dr. W. H. Mullen of Bloomfield delivered a patriotic address.

Nebraska Poet Will Lecture In West Coast Universities



John G. Neihardt

STATE AND FEDERAL AID FOR HIGHWAYS

Nebraska Engineer Prepares Statements of Amounts That Will Be Given Various Districts.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special)—State Engineer Johnson has prepared a table showing the amount each of the 19 districts of the state will receive for the five-year period from the state and federal government for road construction with also the amount divided and allotted to the counties.

The list shows the amount for the five years and also the amount each district will receive in 1918:

Table with columns: County, Five Years, 1918. District "A": Johnson \$2,000, Nemaha \$2,500, Pottawatomie \$2,500, Richardson \$2,500. Total: \$9,500.

Table with columns: County, Five Years, 1918. District "B": Butler \$2,500, Cass \$2,500, Douglas \$2,500, Saunders \$2,500. Total: \$10,000.

Table with columns: County, Five Years, 1918. District "C": DeWitt \$2,500, Kearney \$2,500, Lincoln \$2,500, Nemaha \$2,500. Total: \$10,000.

Table with columns: County, Five Years, 1918. District "D": Adams \$2,500, Boone \$2,500, Cass \$2,500, Hamilton \$2,500. Total: \$10,000.

Table with columns: County, Five Years, 1918. District "E": Boone \$2,500, Hamilton \$2,500, Kearney \$2,500, Lincoln \$2,500. Total: \$10,000.

Table with columns: County, Five Years, 1918. District "F": Boone \$2,500, Hamilton \$2,500, Kearney \$2,500, Lincoln \$2,500. Total: \$10,000.

Table with columns: County, Five Years, 1918. District "G": Boone \$2,500, Hamilton \$2,500, Kearney \$2,500, Lincoln \$2,500. Total: \$10,000.

Table with columns: County, Five Years, 1918. District "H": Boone \$2,500, Hamilton \$2,500, Kearney \$2,500, Lincoln \$2,500. Total: \$10,000.

Table with columns: County, Five Years, 1918. District "I": Boone \$2,500, Hamilton \$2,500, Kearney \$2,500, Lincoln \$2,500. Total: \$10,000.

Table with columns: County, Five Years, 1918. District "J": Boone \$2,500, Hamilton \$2,500, Kearney \$2,500, Lincoln \$2,500. Total: \$10,000.

Table with columns: County, Five Years, 1918. District "K": Boone \$2,500, Hamilton \$2,500, Kearney \$2,500, Lincoln \$2,500. Total: \$10,000.

Table with columns: County, Five Years, 1918. District "L": Boone \$2,500, Hamilton \$2,500, Kearney \$2,500, Lincoln \$2,500. Total: \$10,000.

West coast universities have come to Nebraska to get a man to lecture to them on literature. John G. Neihardt of Bancroft, the epic poet of the west, was in Omaha Saturday afternoon en route to California and the west coast, where he has a number of engagements to appear before university audiences to lecture on the epic material lying in the central west, and to read a number of his selections, among them some parts of the noted series on the northwest fur trade period of America.

Mr. Neihardt's works are now being studied in a number of the American colleges as the last word in technique and as exceptionally rich in the material of which epics are fashioned.

His reputation has reached both coast and the five-year tour he will lecture and read at Leland Stanford university, the University of California, the University of Wyoming, and will fill a number of other engagements before literary and art societies on the coast.

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HOUSTON TELLS OF ROAD BUILDING

Secretary of Agriculture Promises to Give Aid Where Highways Will Be of Military Advantage.

Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture in a communication to the American Association of State Highway Officials, has set forth the policy which he thinks should be followed in highway construction during the war. Secretary Houston says: "So far as it is practicable to do so, this department will urge the maintenance of the highways already constructed; the construction and completion of those highways which are vitally important because of their bearing upon the war situation or for the movement of commodities; the postponement of all highway construction relatively less essential or not based upon important military or economic needs. The department is preparing to suggest to the state highway departments the preparation of a schedule of work for the federal and projects for 1918 in line with this policy."

Call for Information.

In carrying out the policy thus announced the office of public roads of the Department of Agriculture has sent out schedule forms on which the states are requested to set forth their proposed federal aid work for the 1918 working session. These schedules call for a description of each road; the character, quality and rail haul of the materials to be used; the probable cost; the specific purpose of the improvement; its bearing upon the war situation, and what effect a delay of the work until 1919 or later would have. With the information thus assembled and classified, an efficient road construction program is assured. While it is impossible to make definite statement regarding the transportation of road materials, the expectations are that the transportation situation will be improved and that the shipment of such materials for essential projects can be made.

Road construction and maintenance in the United States involve an annual expenditure of \$300,000,000, and there is scarcely a section of the country that is not seriously affected by a marked disturbance in road work.

O'Connor Claimants Have Chance to Fight for Estate

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special)—The state of Nebraska cannot maintain its suit for possession of the property of John O'Connor, who died in Hastings, owning valuable farms in Adams county, and which the state has laid claim to because of alleged lack of proper heirs of the deceased, until all private claimants to the estate have had a chance to present their claims in the probate court of Adams county, according to the opinion of the Nebraska supreme court handed down today.

Much-Sought Professor Fagan Found in Milwaukee

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special)—A message was received by the attorney general this afternoon that Prof. Fagan, the musical instructor at the Geneva Industrial school, who is responsible for the condition of one of the girls at the institution and for whom warrants were issued for his arrest, had been found in Milwaukee. The sheriff of Fillmore county has been sent to bring him to Nebraska.

Cousin of Judge Dean, On Tuscania, Rescued

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special)—Judge Dean of the state supreme court received a message from his sister, Mrs. E. J. Yetter, of Denver yesterday stating that his cousin, Warren J. Smith, formerly of Nebraska, but now a resident of Los Angeles, was on the Tuscania when it was sunk, but was rescued. He was an officer in one of the engineering corps.

FOR LUMBAGO

Try Musterole. See How Quickly It Relieves

You just rub Musterole in briskly, and usually the pain is gone—a delicious soothing comfort comes to take its place. Musterole is a clean, white ointment, made with oil of mustard. Use it instead of mustard plaster. Will not blister. Many doctors and nurses use Musterole and recommend it to their patients. They will gladly tell you what relief it gives from sore throat, bronchitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frozen feet, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia). Always dependable. 30 and 60c jars; hospital size \$2.50.



FOR BURNING ECZEMA

Greasy salves and ointments should not be applied if good clear skin is wanted. From any druggist for 35c, or \$1.00 for extra large size, get a bottle of zemo. When applied as directed it effectively removes eczema, quickly stops itching, and heals skin troubles, also sores, burns, wounds and chafing. It penetrates, cleanses and soothes. Zemo is a clean, dependable and inexpensive, penetrating, antiseptic liquid. Try it, as we believe nothing you have ever used is as effective and satisfying. The E. W. Rose Co., Cleveland, O.

Rest and Sleep After Treatment With Cuticura

Orin S. Merrill Company Reports Several Farm Sales

The Orin S. Merrill company reports the following Douglas and Sarpy county farm sales during the last two weeks: The Westphal, 80 acres, 1 1/2 miles southeast of Gretna, to Ernest A. P. of near Papillon, consideration \$200 per acre. Gearhart & Sons, 80 acres, two miles west of Gretna, to Merrill Shamblen of Iowa, consideration \$120 per acre. Eva Kellett, 80 acres, situated in the western part of Douglas county, to William Steen of Gretna, Neb., consideration \$12,000. Also during the week a quarter section near Millard to a Douglas county farmer, consideration \$185 per acre.

News Notes of Table Rock.

Table Rock, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special)—Lieutenant Clinton C. Morris was the guest last week of his mother and other relatives. He was on his way from Camp Dodge to Fort Clark, Tex., having been transferred to a cavalry regiment at that camp.

H. P. Marble, assistant superintendent at the Indian reservation at Keshena, visited here last week. He is a son of M. H. Marble of Table Rock, and former proprietor of the Humboldt leader, and has been in the Indian service for the last 10 years.

A telegram received here Friday brought news of the death of Lee J. Brown of Company E, 127th Field artillery at Camp Cody, Deming, N. M., of pneumonia.

At the recent Lionberger sale, the hog donated by him to the Red Cross brought \$55. Two more farmers of that vicinity who have sales next Tuesday and Friday, John Simon and H. R. Morris, have each donated a hog for the same purpose.

Glad Band Is No More.

Many Geneva people are glad to know of the breaking up of the Girls' Industrial school band. Many did not appreciate the exhibitions in public nor the crowding forward in entertainments in the town and county of girls of the reform school.

War Stamp Sale.

Geneva, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special)—A Liberty stamp sale was held in the city auditorium this afternoon. Attorney J. J. Burk was the speaker. Many war stamps were sold.

United Workmen.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen of Douglas county will hold a joint meeting in the Swedish auditorium Tuesday night. T. W. Blackburn will speak on "After the War."

Royal Arcanum.

Royal Arcanum, Union Pacific council No. 1069, will hold its regular meeting Thursday night, room 301 Crouse block. Lieutenant Charles Giddens, Fort Omaha, will speak.

LODGE ROOM NEWS OF GREATER OMAHA

Hesperian Encampment, Odd Fellows, Lay Plans for Working the Golden Rule Degree on Candidates.

At its meeting Thursday night Hesperian encampment No. 2, Odd Fellows, will work in the golden rule degree. Triangle encampment No. 70 will be present with candidates for that degree.

Monday night the encampments in Encampment district No. 70, comprising Fremont, Ashland, Schuyler and Columbus will hold a district meeting in Odd Fellows hall, Fremont. Degrees and a banquet will be the features. A number of members from Omaha will attend.

Loyal Order of Moose.

The Loyal Order of Moose, Omaha lodge No. 90, located in the new quarters in the old Masonic temple is initiating large classes every Monday night.

Last Monday night a committee was appointed to make arrangements for an open meeting, February 25, when there will be a program replete with songs, music and speaking, followed by the substantial part, "eatings."

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