

# INQUIRY INTO BAKERY PROFIT BROUGHT TO END

### Referee to Transcribe Testimony That Will Eventually Reach Hoover, Who Will Pass Judgment.

The inquiry started by the food administration to find whether Omaha bakers are profiteering was concluded yesterday. Referee Henely will have the testimony transcribed and turn it over to State Food Administrator Wattles, who will make his recommendations and forward them to Food Administrator Hoover, to pass final judgment.

The hearing Wednesday was short. Louis J. Gregerson, expert accountant who audited the books of the Petersen & Pegau Baking company, testified they showed in the bread baking department of the bakery, for the month of December, last, a loss of \$1,044.32. His data far arriving at the conclusions all came from the members of the company and the expenses took into account the salaries of Messrs. Petersen and Pegau, charged against the business at \$5,000 each per annum.

### Book Books as He Found Them.

Gregerson did not make up the books of the company, but took them just as he found them, and of his own knowledge, knew nothing of their correctness.

P. T. Petersen of the Petersen & Pegau company was recalled and testified as to his plant, asserting that it is the most complete in the city and is run in the most economical manner. He insisted that he is making the best bread produced in Omaha and that it is due to this fact that enables him to sell it at 9 cents a loaf, "when bread of inferior quality is sold at 8 1/2 and even at 8 3/4 cents," said Mr. Petersen.

### Claims the Best Bread.

"We bake better bread than any one else and owing to this superior quality, my partner and myself feel that we have a right to take out the salaries that we are getting. However, this is the only way that we receive and the only returns that we get on the money invested in the business."

It developed that on bread sold outside of Omaha, the Petersen & Pegau company is preparing all charges and selling at the Omaha prices.

Petersen asserted there is "plenty of cheap bread on the Omaha market," but was not certain whether it was of as good a quality as that turned out by his bakery. He had not sampled it. At any rate, he knew that with flour at the present prices, bread cannot be sold cheaper than it is quoted, at least not if the baker expects to come out even.

## Father Corboy in Omaha

### On Furlough From Funston

Rev. W. J. Corboy, S. J., formerly athletic director at Creighton university, has arrived in Omaha on a furlough from Camp Funston, where he has been stationed as chaplain. Father Corboy has been commissioned by the government as a first lieutenant. He has been ordered to report at the chaplain's training camp to be held at Fort Monroe, Va., beginning March 1.

Father Corboy says both the government and the soldiers have realized that the number of chaplains now in service in the army is inadequate and the government will begin calling on the clergy in greater numbers soon.

## Springfield Pioneer is Dead; Came From Germany

Henry Gottsch, 66 years old, pioneer resident of Nebraska, died Tuesday at his home in Springfield. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and emigrated to this country in 1870.

He is survived by his widow and eight children, Mrs. Frank Zimmerman, Mrs. Julia Ruff, Mrs. Edwina Snider, Mrs. John Leschansky, Carl Henry and George Gottsch, all of Springfield, and Mrs. Will Roberts of Ravenna.

## Burgess-Nash Store Choir To Give Patriotic Program

To commemorate the birth of George Washington, the Burgess-Nash choir of mixed voices will give a patriotic program Friday from the balcony of the main floor at 12:15. Among the songs will be "America," "Red, White and Blue," "We're Tearing Tonight," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "When Sammie Comes Marching Home," "The Star Spangled Banner" and the French national hymn, "The Marseillaise."

## Former High School Boys Now in the Army and Navy

E. E. McMillan of the high school faculty has compiled data showing a number of former Central High school graduates and students who are in the military service. He has found that there are:

In the army: Two lieutenant-colonels, nine majors, 15 captains, 108 first and second lieutenants. In the navy: Nine lieutenant commanders, one senior lieutenant, one junior lieutenant, three ensigns.

## Washington's Birthday Observed at the Library

On Washington's birthday the library will be open from 2 to 6 p. m. No books will be exchanged. Among the new books at the library are two on live stock, "Manual of Farm Animals," Harper, and "Western Live Stock Management," Potter. Among the other new books are, "Rainbow's End," Beach; "Stories Children Need," Bailey; "Universal Military Education," Howe; "Secret Trails," Roberts; "Wild Animals at Home," Seton; "New Pocket Dictionary of the English and Russian Languages" and "Composition," Dow.

### Department Orders.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Postoffice at Eagle, Albany county, Wyo., discontinued, mail to Garrett. Rural letter carriers appointed in Nebraska: Aurora, Albert D. Johnson; Bayard, Harry E. Lamster; Blue Springs, Harley L. Trump; Nebraska City, Ray R. Gump; Osceola, Dolmar W. McFadden; Scribner, John E. Steil; Gering, Frank G. Foster; Mitchell, Altona B. Emery; Sweetwater, John G. Roberts.

## Brief City News

### Have Root Print It—New Beacon Press.

Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Granden. West Farnam modern house, \$40. 323 N. 38th Ave. D. 2947.

### Scouts to Entertain—Boy Scouts will entertain at the Central Park school tonight.

### Robt. C. Drusedow & Co., stocks and bonds and local securities, \$60 Omaha Nat. Bank Bldg.

### Thrift is the handmaid of prosperity, the enemy of waste. Start right with Nebraska Savings & Loan Ass'n, 211 S. 18th St.

### Creston, Ia., to Have Station—Major A. J. Frith sent a request to Washington that a recruiting office be opened at Creston, Ia.

### Booth in Shoe Store—The Douglas shoe store has installed a private orthopedic booth, where women may go for foot comfort in privacy.

### Linden Checker Champion—Yonder Linden won the checker championship at the Young Men's Christian association Wednesday, the last day of the tournament.

### Whist Players to Meet—Beginning February 22 the Prairie Park Whist club will hold its weekly meet in the philosophical rooms on the seventh floor of the Bee building.

### Marine Service Popular—The local marine recruiting office has more applicants for enlistments than it can take care of with the present force, and a request has been sent to Washington for another officer to help with this work.

### Navy Needs Stenographers—A large number of stenographers are needed in the navy for work in recruiting offices, as well as in ship yards and other places. Those enlisting in this branch will hold the rank of yeoman second class.

### State Bank of Omaha, corner Sixteenth and Harney streets, pays 4 per cent on time deposits; 3 per cent on savings accounts. All deposits in this bank are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska.—Adv.

### Print "Rolls of Honor"—The Fester Printing company lays claim to being the first Omaha concern to print "Rolls of Honor" for names of employees of companies or members of organizations in the service of their country, in large quantities.

### Forsander to Speak—Quarterly rally of the Baptist Young People's unions of Omaha and Council Bluffs will be held at the First Baptist church, 22nd and First streets, at 8 o'clock, Tuesday evening, February 22. The speaker will be Rev. J. Phillip Forsander of Council Bluffs.

### Drive on For Recruits—The recruiting station for the army at Omaha is starting a drive to get the names of all the young men in Nebraska, eligible for enlistment and to those under draft age. Information will be sent concerning life in the army and the possibilities for a young man in the services of the United States.

### Fine fireplace goods at Sunderlands.

## BOYS OF 41ST SHOW SCENES OF CAMP LIFE

A large and well pleased audience cheered the Forty-first infantry presentation of "A Day of Military Life" at the Auditorium last night. A complete program of drills and incidents of training in an infantry regiment was given. Music was furnished by the band from Fort Crook.

Soldiers were shown first in their quarters, tents, an account of lack of space, a skylight. At the sounding of "Reveille" the camp awoke and the early morning scenes around a camp were depicted.

The calisthenic drill, arranged to develop every muscle of the body, was shown, followed by the favorite call of the soldier "mess." Military drills and pastimes slightly shortened on account of time were carefully shown.

Bayonet, grenade, gas mask, litter and rescue and machine gun drills pleased the large audience of civilians, many of whom had never witnessed these drills. Camp singing, bugle calls and the word parades were demonstrated by the "doughboys." An indoor athletic period was demonstrated on apparatus as used in the camp gym.

The entertainment closed with the most beautiful of military exercises, formal guard mount. As the sun goes down and daylight fades the duties of the day are ended and the flag is lowered while the band plays the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," "Tattoo" and "Call to Quarters" brings the men to their tents and they go to sleep to the lingering strains of "Taps."

The receipts of the entertainment will be placed in the regimental fund. All details were handled by officers and men in the Forty-first infantry stationed at Fort Crook.

## Chicago Board of Trade Hits Speculators in Oats

Chicago, Feb. 21.—In an effort to check speculation in oats, which today sold at the highest prices ever recorded, the directors of the Chicago Board of Trade in special session adopted the following resolution: "That no contract or purchase or sale in oats for any delivery shall be made during a day's session between members of this association at a price greater than 2 cents a bushel over the previous day's quotation."

Cash oats today sold at 95 1/4 cents, the highest previous quotation before 1918 being 90 cents in June, 1867.

## Soldier Boy's Plea Gains Pardon for Old Father

Columbus, O., Feb. 21.—A single word, "pardoned," was cable to a boy with the American expeditionary forces in France by Governor Cox today. It is an answer to a letter just received from the Ohio soldier, who asked that his father be pardoned from the penitentiary.

"I am willing to die for my country and I would be happy if I could but know he is free to care for my mother," wrote the boy.

The man had been convicted of stealing and had almost a year more to serve.

## None Equal to Chamberlain's

"I have tried most of the cough medicines and find that there is none that equal Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has never failed to give me prompt relief," writes W. V. Harner, Montpelier Ind.

## FACTORY OWNERS SPREAD FEAST OF OMAHA MADE FOOD

### Manufacturer, Enjoy Dinner at Chamber of Commerce and Give Away Samples of Their Products.

More than \$3,000 worth of Omaha-made products were given as prizes at the annual dinner of the Omaha Manufacturers' association at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce last night. Four hundred men and women were present in colored clown hats and high spirits.

Wagonloads of goods made in the factories of Omaha were piled high on a platform in the banquet hall, and bushel bags full of other products were distributed, slung to every chair in the house before the banquet opened.

The banquet was served of Omaha-made products, even to the extent of Omaha cold storage turkey. Omaha-made soft drinks on the table took the place once held with such distinction and conspicuousness by a drink with larger "authority."

When the last course had been served the distribution of the prizes began. Al Scott and Howard Goulding took turns in talking the merits of the products handed out right and left to those present.

J. T. Luscombe was the first favored. He drew a fine black overcoat. Major John G. Maher drew a heavy pair of fur mittens and Colonel F. A. Grant followed closely after, drawing a 10-pound can of breakfast syrup.

George Eggers drew a waffle iron and F. S. Knapp a milk-fed chicken fresh from the cold storage house. John W. Gamble drew a can of malted milk and "Exemption" Frank Kennedy got a chicken.

So the cheerful evening wore away, while Herbert Hoover, had he been present, might have seen enough pancake flour, macaroni and noodles given away to take a regiment.

And how the people did appreciate these gifts in these days of toplevel prices! Those who felt themselves luckless! Still stuck to the ship in the frenzied hope that before midnight should strike they might at least win a pound of slapsacks. And they did. For there were enough good things to go around and more, so that no one at the banquet had to go without his prize.

When the crowd surged down the elevator and out on the street, they looked as "Exemption" Frank Kennedy remarked, "like a lot of porch climbers coming in from a raid."

## Shamp Says Packers Yielding to the Unions

C. L. Shamp, 3615 North Twenty-fourth street, returned Wednesday from Chicago where he has been attending the arbitration council on the dispute which culminated in the packing house strike last Christmas.

Mr. Shamp attended the convention as representative of the stationary firemen and oilers and was optimistic concerning the labor unions' demands. They are, in substance, the establishment of a basic eight-hour day and \$1 a day increase in all salaries.

The conference convened February 11 and is scheduled to adjourn about March 10, but it is Mr. Shamp's opinion that the officials will come to a settlement without further arbitration.

J. Ogden Armour is said to be agreeable to all the changes proposed by the unions. Mr. Shamp said that the unions are very well satisfied with the treatment accorded them by the packers in Chicago, and that the conference was a systematic and fruitful one.

## One Killed, 7 Injured in Explosion on U. S. Cruiser

Washington, Feb. 21.—One man was fatally injured, two seriously and five slightly hurt in the explosion of a cartridge case last Monday on board the armored cruiser Montana, the Navy department announced today. Boatswain's Mate Charles W. Pully, Chicago, died while being taken to a hospital.

Seaman Roy L. Putnam, Phoenix, Ala., and Lawrence M. Ainley, Cawker City, Kan., were seriously hurt. The slightly injured were: Private Richard M. Guion, marine corps, New Orleans; Seaman William T. Friedrichs, Chippewa Falls, Wis.; Charles E. Pyle, Lamar, Colo.; John H. Atterson, Salmons, Ky., and N. T. Leroy, home address not given.

No details of the explosion were announced.

## Fernch Bag Prisoners.

Paris, Feb. 21.—French detachments made a heavy attack on the Germans in Lorraine today, entering the German lines over a large front and capturing more than 400 prisoners, according to the war office announcement tonight.

## 16, Total British Loss To Subs During Week

London, Feb. 21.—British merchantmen sunk by mine or submarine in the past week numbered 15, according to the admiralty statement issued tonight. Of these, 12 were of 1,600 tons or over and three were under that tonnage. One fishing craft was also sunk, making a total of 16.

The arrivals at ports in the United Kingdom for the week numbered 2,322; sailings, 2,393. Eight vessels were unsuccessfully attacked.

The sinkings for the past week show a slight diminution from the previous week, when 19 merchantmen were sunk, 13 of 1,600 tons or more and six under that tonnage.

## FINDS MARKET FOR NEBRASKA POTATOES

### Three Million Bushels of Spuds Wanted in Texas if They Are Properly Graded and Sacked.

If Nebraska potatoes are to be placed in competition with those from other states, they must be graded and sold in conformity with the gradings which govern shipments from these states.

"That will do more to open markets for Nebraska potatoes than any other one thing," says R. F. Howard, secretary of the Nebraska Potato Growers' association. Mr. Howard returned yesterday from a trip through Texas and other southern states, made at the request of Food Administrator Wattles.

The purpose of this trip was to ascertain if there was a market for Nebraska potatoes in the south and under what conditions men there would handle the product.

"I found that Texas, which imports 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 bushels annually, was ready to take Nebraska potatoes," said Howard, in his conference with Mr. Wattles, "if the southern dealers could be assured that the Nebraska potatoes would come to them graded and sacked. The experiences so far have been unsatisfactory because the shipments have not been graded and consequently Nebraska potatoes have suffered."

### Must Learn By Experience.

"The industry has grown so rapidly in Nebraska that marketing of potatoes has not been standardized as it should have been, but we must learn by this experience and then we will be able to compete in the open markets."

"The Nebraska product if shipped graded, with culls, frozen and diseased potatoes eliminated, is as good a potato as any, raised and will keep as well as any of them. However, if shipped ungraded, then the loss occasioned by the ungraded cullings and the diseased potatoes, which spreads fast, is considerable and places the better potato at a disadvantage."

Co-operative tests have been arranged in Texas, Missouri and Kansas, for the purpose of having the Nebraska potato tested for its value as seed. The state experiment stations of these states are also testing Nebraska potatoes in comparison with Minnesota, Wisconsin and Maine potatoes.

### Potatoes for Seed.

"These states use annually about 1,000,000 bushels for seed purposes. At present less than 5 per cent of this is being bought from Nebraska. We should be able to open a seed market in Nebraska which would take from 10 to 15 per cent of our production for seed purposes alone."

After his conference with Wattles, Howard left for the potato district in the northwestern part of the state, where he will confer with growers, urging them to adopt grading methods, which are imperative under United States rulings; for the 1918 crop. According to this ruling potatoes must be graded No. 1 or 2 before they can be marketed this year.

Howard is in communication with 1,300 growers and will urge them to join the state association, where cooperation will be secured in the grading and marketing of potatoes.

## JEWELERS TO GO TO LINCOLN FOR NEXT MEETING

### Old Officers of State Association Re-elected and Convention Comes to End, Ku Ku's Recognized.

Wednesday afternoon officers of the Nebraska Retail Jewelers' association were re-elected. They are: A. H. Hastings, Arcadia, president; F. A. Hannis, York, vice president, and Ed B. Fanske, Pierce, secretary-treasurer.

The convention will go to Lincoln next year. When a Lincoln delegate promised that Lincoln would produce more delegates than ever before, and assured the convention that the Lincoln people have a strong jewelers' organization, T. L. Combs, Omaha, moved that the convention go there.

"We may be able to have more fun in Omaha," he said, "but fun is not all we are after, and if we can help to encourage the Lincoln jewelers to stronger association work by meeting with them, we want to go there."

Fred Bryan, Scottsbluff, Charles Edwards, Oxford, and Louis Borsheim, Omaha, were elected on the executive committee.

The Ku-Ku club, the organization of traveling men which annually entertains the jewelers with a grand initiation one evening during each annual convention was officially recognized, and a committee of jewelers was appointed to co-operate with the traveling men in staging this event which B. R. Greenblatt characterizes as "gigantic."

### Little Alcohol Starts Andy's Motor and Carburetor Working

South Side police say that Andy Tarback, 5222 South Thirtieth street, gave a new alibi when he was arrested Wednesday afternoon charged with drunkenness.

"You see, gentlemen, it's this way," explained Andy, "it's so cold my navigation was freezing and so I put alcohol in my alimentary canal to keep my carburetor in working order," and Automobile Andy placed his hands on his stomach and said, "the motor is working fine."

### Illinois Faces Flour Famine, Says Food Head

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Harry A. Wheeler, Illinois food administrator, today admitted that the flour famine in this state has reached an acute stage, with no prospect of immediate relief.

"I could name 50 towns in Illinois that have no flour," he said. "The wheat is in the hands of the farmers and as long as congress juggles with proposed increases in the price of wheat, so long will the farmers continue to hold their wheat."

Mr. Wheeler also said that complaints had been received from bakers that they are facing a shutdown and are only running on a day to day supply of flour.

## COMMISSIONS FOR CREIGHTON CADETS

### Permanent Drilling in Army During Winter Has New Rifles and Plans Competition.

Permanent commissions have been issued to officers of the Creighton University Cadet regiment by Prof. M. J. Phee, faculty military director. They are as follows: Lieutenant Colonel, Ben Stern, Major, first battalion, James McGan.

Captain Adjutant, Louis Alaska. Company A, Captain, James Russell; First Lieutenant, Wilbur Ash; Second Lieutenant, Leo Rader.

Company B, Captain, Frank Munnick; First Lieutenant, Ralph Kastner; Second Lieutenant, William Adams.

Company C, Captain, Paul Duffy; First Lieutenant, Harry Burkeley; Second Lieutenant, Kenneth Roper.

Company D, Captain, Lyle Doran; First Lieutenant, Elias Camel; Second Lieutenant, Harry Collins.

Company E, Captain, Harold Dwyer; First Lieutenant, B. Sedlacek; First Lieutenant Battalion Adjutant, Emmett Randolph.

Company F, Captain, Harry Robinson; First Lieutenant, Ralph Swoboda; First Lieutenant Battalion Adjutant, James Lovely.

The Creighton cadets have been drilling in the Creighton gymnasium during the winter months. Two weeks ago a consignment of 100 standard Springfield army training rifles were received and the cadets have been drilling in the manual of arms.

In two weeks Flag day will be observed at Creighton. This will consist in raising a service and national flag with the whole regiment in uniform. A regimental review will follow and competition between the various companies of cadets.

## 110 Persons Perish When French Steamer Torpedoed

Paris, Feb. 21.—One hundred and ten persons perished when the steamer L. A. Dives was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on Feb. 1, according to an official announcement. The attacking submarine was not seen.

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