

Nebraska ENGINEER WARNS VALLEY DWELLERS OF SPRING FLOODS

Thickness of Ice in Rivers Likely to Cause Trouble When Break Comes After Thaw.

Lincoln, March 1.—(Special.)—State Engineer George Johnson is worried over the prospects for heavy spring floods. Ice in the rivers is four feet thick in many places, says Johnson, due to the fact that the ice first froze two feet and then came a warm spell in which the water ran over the ice and when the cold weather came again the two feet of water on top froze solid, making the ice four feet thick.

He believes the new bridges built of cement will be able to stand the rush, although the valley along the rivers are likely to overflow to an alarming extent. In such a case it stands the people along the river valleys to watch carefully and be prepared for the spring break-up.

Captain Harry Letton Writes of Boat Sinking

Lincoln, March 1.—(Special.)—Captain Harry Letton, who was on board the transport Tuscania when it was sunk by a German submarine, has sent his father, Judge C. B. Letton of the Nebraska supreme court, a letter written from the north coast of Ireland, the day after the sinking, in which he says, in part: "Arriving here about midnight after an exciting night, I won't be able to send any details, but just want you to know that I am perfectly well and safe."

"I had written you a long letter to be mailed, but lost it with all my equipment. Will write more later on, when I know more than now. "I want you to know that our men are fine. They lived up to all the traditions of the American army and not one showed the white feather. "You may have details of the occurrence before this reaches you, but probably not. "This is a beautiful country here and interesting, too. Under other circumstances I think I could really enjoy it. I will leave here today or tomorrow, probably, but don't know for where."

Table Rock Hogs Set Price Record for February

Table Rock, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—Last week Fay Tiller of this county was on the Kansas City market with two cars of cattle and two cars of hogs. His cows sold for a 75 cents top and his 127 head of hogs sold for \$17.10, the highest price ever paid for hogs on the Kansas City market in February.

A farewell reception was given to Prof. Webb at the Table Rock opera house last night by the faculty and high school pupils of the Table Rock schools. A soldier's kit was presented to him.

Some three or four inches of snow fell last night and this morning. The snow was very wet, having been preceded by sleet and rain, and will be of much benefit to future crops. It was the heaviest snowfall that has fallen here at any one time this winter.

Prof. L. R. Trout, superintendent of the Table Rock schools for the last five years, has been elected as superintendent of the Harvard, Neb., schools for the coming year.

Cutright's Associates Give Banquet for Him

Lincoln, March 1.—(Special.)—John W. Cutright, retiring editor of the Lincoln Daily Star and for 40 years in newspaper work, most of the time in Nebraska, was tendered another farewell banquet at the Lincoln hotel last night, this time by his associates on the paper, both in his editorial and business office. L. B. Tobin, managing editor, was toastmaster and short eulogistic talks were given by J. E. Lawrence, assistant managing editor; Homer Johnson, editorial writer, who succeeds Mr. Cutright; L. Becker, who takes Mr. Johnson's place as telegraph editor; Roy Hilton, E. E. Wolfe and Henry Allen Brainerd of the reporterial brigade. Mr. Cutright was presented with a half-pint of gasoline—to run his new jitney presented him this week by his friends. Mr. and Mrs. Cutright will leave for his home in Wyoming next Sunday.

Hartington Patriots Send Message to Wilson

Hartington, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—The biggest patriotic rally held in this city since the outbreak of war was held at the court house Sunday afternoon. Mayor Harm of Bloomfield was the principal speaker. Other speakers were: Rev. Ferd. Schnuettgen of this city, Rev. Joseph Bosbeck of Crofton and Jacob Ruger of Hartington. W. S. Weston, chairman of the County Council of Defense, presided. Music was furnished by the Hartington band and a quartet, and the Home Guards attended the meeting in a body. The court house was crowded to the doors and an overflow meeting was held at the Lyric theater. Great enthusiasm prevailed and at the close of the meeting a telegram of encouragement was sent to President Wilson, pledging him the undivided support and loyalty of the people of Hartington.

Valley Grain Men Get All the Cars Needed

Lincoln, March 1.—(Special.)—C. Herbert Coy of the Coy Seed company of Valley, called at the state house to see Governor Neville today, but the governor was out of the city. He would not state his mission. In speaking of the car shortage Mr. Coy said at Valley there had been little trouble to get cars for shipment of grain when needed. "Sometimes we had to wait a day or two," said Mr. Coy, "but generally we were able to get cars as fast as we could dry the corn out so it could safely be shipped."

STATE EXPENSE NEARLY DOUBLE IN SIX YEARS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The total amount necessary to pay the running expenses of the state has nearly doubled since 1912, according to figures compiled by Secretary O. A. Bernecker of the State Board of Assessment, the total amount with the levy being as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Mills, Total, Year, Mills, Total. Rows for 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.

Of these amounts the different university funds, normal school, state institution improvement, state aid bridge and state aid road funds received a good share, while the rest went to the general fund, which received the following:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Mills, Total, Year, Mills, Total. Rows for 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.

Hearing Postponed in Wheat Hoarding Case

Beatrice, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—Louie Fellwock, a Beatrice farmer charged with hoarding 16,000 bushels of wheat on his farms in Lancaster county, and allowing it to rot, returned home yesterday from Lincoln, his hearing before the State Council of Defense having been postponed until Saturday.

Mr. Fellwock states he has not more than 8,000 bushels of wheat, and that it is not spoiled as reported. N. G. Hentges and Miss Ethel Thompson, both of this city, were married yesterday noon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Thompson, Rev. Will Thompson, uncle of the bride, officiating.

T. A. meeting of the Commercial club yesterday a committee was appointed to call a meeting at the Commercial club next Tuesday evening to organize a home guard company for the purpose of protecting the business interests of the city against alien enemies.

J. W. Mayer, former mayor of Beatrice, and Will Thomas, jr., filed for the office of city commissioner. The time limit for filing petitions expires Saturday evening.

Mrs. Edgar Brown, an old resident of Blue Springs, died at her home there yesterday, aged about 71 years. She is survived by two daughters, Carrie and Mae Brown.

Gage county will not send its last 15 per cent completing its quota for the first draft. Orders were received last evening cancelling previous instructions to send five men to Camp Funston next Tuesday. Credits have been given the county for enlistments which will more than cover the prescribed quota.

"German Kultur the Foe of American Ideals," was the subject of an address delivered yesterday to the Commercial club by Rev. A. M. Reitzel of this city.

Briefly outlining war conditions in Europe and explaining the food situation there, Oscar Mitchell, who recently returned from the trenches in France, gave an address last evening to a large crowd in the Christian church.

Last Quota of Selects Will Leave Soon for Camp

York, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—Tuesday, March 5, is the date for the last quota of York county boys to leave for the army. Nineteen men have been selected.

A York citizen last Sunday found a certificate of deposit in the family Bible for \$200, which had been issued 14 years ago by a bank in Stromsburg. The certificate bears interest from date.

In district court the case of the state against Dr. Roy Lovell, charged with wife desertion was settled after being almost ready to submit to the jury. The defendant agreed to support his wife and child and pay the costs of the suit.

Mrs. Addie Warnick of York and Charles Green of Aurora were married February 26 at the home of the bride's sister at Lexington, Neb. The welfare board has made a movement toward securing medical inspection in the York public schools.

The German Interdenominational Brotherhood convention of Nebraska will be held at the German Congregational church. The first meeting will be held Saturday evening. The convention will close Sunday evening at the First Congregational church.

Shipments Investigated by State Food Officers

Kearney, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—Persistent work of the food administration officers has brought to light many peculiar conditions which hamper the federal food movements. There was brought to light here a case involving shipment of flour consigned by the Lexington (Neb.) Mills to Europe. The shipment was billed out at Lexington on November 10 for New Orleans, and, according to information filed with the district food commissioner, it has not yet arrived.

There is also a checking up of the stores of grain held by farmers, done under direction of C. G. Bliss, in charge of the work in this district. One farmer is credited with holding 12,000 bushels of wheat. This supply represents the crop of several years back and the farmer has refused a premium price for his grain.

Nuckolls County Couple Celebrate Golden Wedding

Nelson, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Galley, who on Wednesday celebrated their golden wedding, came to Nebraska in the early 70s and took a homestead in Nuckolls county near the county seat. Mr. Galley is a native of Pennsylvania, while his bride was born in Toulon, Ill., from which state Mr. Galley went to serve in the civil war. He was in Andersonville prison for some three months and was reported dead. On Christmas day following his funeral sermon was preached by the local pastor in Toulon. He took for his text, "Thy brother shall rise again."

Bloomfield Is Third in Reserve Registration

Bloomfield, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—According to word received from Lincoln by Postmaster Friedrichs, Bloomfield has the largest registration in the public service reserve of any town in the state, excepting Omaha and Lincoln. Twenty-four registered from here to help Uncle Sam in his ship building program.

LAWMAKERS MUST ORGANIZE AGAIN

Secretary of State Pool Holds It Will Be Necessary to Elect New Officers of Special Session.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 1.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Pool holds that when the special session of the legislature convenes it will be necessary to organize, the same as at the beginning of a new session. "The organization of the last session was made for the session," said Mr. Pool. "When the session adjourned sine die, that ended the session and the term of the officers selected for that session. Of course, the same old officers as far as they are able to attend to their duties will have to be re-elected just as if it was an entirely new session."

The officers of the last senate elected were: John Mattes of Nebraska City, president pro tem; E. A. Walrath of Osceola, secretary; George J. Dold of Stockville, first assistant; Paul Young of Nebraska City, second assistant; Rev. James Huff of Omaha, chaplain; Thomas Costello of Grand Island, sergeant-at-arms; W. G. McCully of Columbus, assistant sergeant-at-arms; James Crocker of Scribner, postmaster; and Lucius Leslie of Boyd, engraving clerk.

In the house the officers were: George Jackson of Nelson, speaker; George Potts of Dubois, chief clerk; Walter Weis of Hebron and J. W. Kelley of Merna, assistants; Jason Evans of Lincoln, sergeant-at-arms; Judson A. Pierce of Albion, assistant; Rev. Thomas Davis of Seward, chaplain.

Several Seward County Residents Receive Injuries

Seward, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—Ralph Oaks, while doing some plumbing work was terribly burned yesterday when "blower" exploded. Carl Kearis, while feeding a corn shredder on the Vance farm near Milford sustained a crushed arm necessitating its amputation.

George Sweasy of Milford, while returning from Beaver Crossing was injured slightly in a car collision. Prof. J. C. Greenund, former superintendent of schools at Utica has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of County Superintendent W. H. Brokaw, who goes to the University of Nebraska to do extension work.

L. L. Stava, cashier of the Bank of Bee, this county, lost one eye by a blow from a sunflower stalk, while hunting. His other eye is now affected. Miss Hazel Case, who is serving her sixth year as instructor in the seventh and eighth grades at Milford, has resigned her position to accept a place in the War department at Washington.

Building Permits for February Show Decrease

February reports of the building inspector shows a decrease in building permits granted in Omaha. Following are the figures:

Table with 2 columns: Permits, Value. Rows for February 1918, February 1917, Total this year, Same period, 1917.

Pythians to Go to Fremont.

Fremont, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Triumph lodge, No. 32, Knights of Pythias at the regular meeting voted to invite the Grand lodge to meet in Fremont next may. Grand Chancellor H. A. East of Lincoln, called on officers of the lodge a few days ago and informed them that if the local lodge would extend the invitation it would be accepted.

Raise Money for Funston.

Fremont, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The fund for the Nebraska building at Camp Funston has reached a total of \$350 in Fremont, and the committee of home guards has not completed its work. A number of towns in the county have pledged sums. It is expected Dodge county will raise several times its quota.

HYMENEAL.

Herman-Williams. Ralph H. Herman of Nickerson, Neb., and Mabel C. Williams of Fremont, Neb., were married at the Young Men's Christian association Friday afternoon by Rev. B. R. Vandercruff, pastor of the Clifton Hill Presbyterian church. C. J. Cunningham and J. J. Cooke witnessed the ceremony.

Hensel-Frankforter.

Beatrice, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Elmer D. Hensel and Mary Frankforter, both of Tobias, Neb., were married here today by Judge O'Keefe.

Soldiers Home News.

Grand Island, Neb.—(Special.)—Rev. Mr. Hoeman of the First Methodist church of Grand Island officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Colvert, which took place at the Home for Soldiers on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The remains were interred in the Grand Island cemetery.

Charles E. Jones, late of Company A, Third Michigan cavalry, died Thursday. Mr. Jones was 69 years of age at the time of his admittance to Burket on June 14, 1891.

A letter has been received from John Brown at Camp Dodge, stating that M. M. formerly a hospital steward at the home to the effect that he has been promoted to a position in the field hospital, now having charge of the pneumonia ward. William Madden, who sustained painful injuries last January as the result of a fall, is convalescing nicely and is now able to be about with the aid of crutches. The state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Seward, Neb., in May.

A Lesson on Indians.

One afternoon the lesson in a public school related to the American Indian, when the teacher paused and asked if any boy or girl could tell her what the leaders of the various tribes were called.

"They are called chiefs," was the ready response of a bright little girl at the head of the class. "That's right," smiled the teacher, approvingly. "Now can anybody tell me what the women of the tribes are called?"

"For a moment there was an impressive silence. Every little mind was thinking hard. Finally Jimmy Stewart's hand went up. "Well, Jimmy," said the teacher, "what are the women of the tribes called?" "Miss Chiefs," answered Jimmy proudly, if not gallantly.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion.

Druggists refund money if it fails. 25c

Charles W. Bryan Prepares Statement Outlining His Views

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 1.—(Special.)—Charles W. Bryan today said he is preparing a proclamation which will give his ideas of the kind of legislation that should be enacted by the next legislature. He was passing through the state house on his way to his office. "Will it be your platform as a candidate for governor," he was asked. "I am not prepared to say just now what my intentions are," was the reply. "Perhaps in a few weeks or perhaps days I may—" and then his eyes turned cautiously toward the open door through which could be seen the spacious private office of the executive, and the sentence was never finished. "Won't you have a smoke?" said the ex-mayor as he moved over toward the cigar stand. "No, thank you," replied the reporter. "I don't smoke," and as Mr. Bryan continued his journey down the corridor, the newspaper man began his daily grind in search of state house scandal.

Pass Measure Permitting Women Lodge Membership

Grand Island, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—A measure to admit women to membership in the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Nebraska, was introduced Thursday at a meeting of the grand finance committee. The measure carried unanimously, and will be submitted to the subordinate lodges for approval. Reports from lodges in jurisdictions where women are permitted active membership, state the project has proven satisfactory.

State Pays Much Money For Telephone Service

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 1.—It costs the state \$17,848.72 for telephone service last year, according to figures prepared in the office of the state auditor. Of this amount, \$6,346 was from the university and normal schools; \$4,943.34 from the 15 state institutions and the State Board of Control and the balance covering the service for the state house, mansion, etc.

CAR SHORTAGE AGAIN ACUTE OVER NEBRASKA

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 1.—(Special.)—The car shortage in Nebraska has again reached the acute stage, according to the State Council of Defense. Vice Chairman Coupland has sent the following message to Washington to W. S. Gifford, director of the Council of National Defense: "Car situation in Nebraska again very acute. Temporary relief came for about two weeks. At present time scarcely any empty cars arriving from the east. Unless quick relief comes very, very serious loss of foodstuffs will result. Please urge immediate assistance by the government, so as to avoid great loss to the nation. We are urging maximum production in spite of the fact that Nebraska's crops are still unable to be marketed."

S. R. McKelvie Addresses Keith Community Club

Ogallala, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—The Keith County Community club held its annual banquet last evening at the opera house. S. R. McKelvie, editor of the Nebraska Farmer, made the after-dinner address.

Alien Property Placed Where Will Do Most Good

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 1.—(Special.)—Several weeks ago the secret service department of the Nebraska State Council of Defense discovered that an enemy alien, living in Germany, was preparing to collect on a Nebraska farm mortgage and to dispose of a quantity of Nebraska corn owned by this alien. Report of the same was made to A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian at Washington. The State Council has received this letter from the alien property custodian:

"As a result of your letter, the alien property custodian is today in receipt of a report showing \$2,100 in cash and 700 bushels of corn that is property of the alien enemy to whom you referred. Appropriate measures have been taken to put this cash and corn where it will do the most good."

State Warrants Issued.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 1.—(Special.)—Nearly as many warrants were issued in the office of the state auditor in the short month of February as were issued in the previous month, but the amount was only about half as much. Warrants in February numbered 4,528 in the total amount of \$374,351.19, while in January there were 5,686 warrants drawn for a total of \$983,500.08.

Advertisement for Benson & Thorne, 'The Store of Individual Shops'. Features 'Charmingly Modeled Tailleur Suits' with prices from \$25.00 to \$39.50 and up. Includes a list of fabrics, styles, linings, and colorings. Also mentions 'Trimmed Millinery for Maid and Matron' and 'Every Day Finds New Arrivals In the Blouse Shop'.

Advertisement for EMPRESS WILLIE MISSEM & CO. COOK & HAMILTON RAGAPATION FIVE OGDEN & BENSON VIOLA DANA in 'The Winding Trail' ACTION THRILLS AND SUSPENSE

Advertisement for CUPHEUM SUPERIOR VAUDEVILLE Last Two Times Harry Green, Fanchon & Marco, Elizabeth Murray and Current Bill. MATINEE TODAY, 2:15 Early Curtain TONIGHT AT 8 Next Week—RUTH ST. DENIS

Advertisement for Strand 16th & DURIS GERALDINE FARRAR in 'THE DEVIL STONE' FATTY (Reese) ARBUCKLE in 'OUT WEST'

Advertisement for MUSE Olive Thomas in 'Limousine Life'

Advertisement for 'OMAHA'S FUN CENTER' Gayety FRED IRWIN'S BIG SHOW Ladies' Dime Matinee Week Days

Advertisement for BOYD TONIGHT Arthur Hopkins Presents GOOD! GRACIOUS! ANNABELLE!!

Advertisement for Hippo ALWAYS A GOOD SHOW Last Times Today HERBERT RAWLSON in 'The Flash of Fate'

Advertisement for SUBURBAN 24th and Ames Colfax 2841 Today at 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30 'The Birth of a Nation' D. W. GRIFFITH'S Eighth Wonder of the World.

Advertisement for HIPPODROME LAST THREE TIMES TODAY 2:15 7:15 9:15 Entire New Show Tomorrow

Advertisement for BOYD All Next Week Seats Now Selling ROBERT E. MANTELL

Advertisement for LOTHROP 24th and Lothrop Last Times Today EMMY WEHLEN in 'THE OUTSIDER' When Buying Advertised Goods Say You Read of Them in The Bee