

BUMPER CROP IN NEBRASKA, FIELD AGENT PREDICTS

Small Grains Are Reported in Flourishing Condition, With Small Damage to Winter Wheat.

Indications are that Nebraska will harvest a bumper crop of small grains this year, as crop conditions are reported favorable in all parts of the state.

"Wheat has come through the winter with not over 10 per cent damage," said F. A. Howard, field man for the Uplike Grain company. "Owing to the high price of seed wheat and the scarcity of spring wheat seed, together with the abnormal scarcity of farm labor, not much more than the normal acreage of wheat has been planted in the state."

"There is a lack of moisture in the eastern half of the state and the sub-soil is pretty dry, but the farmers are not alarmed and it is not yet time for the 'city farmer' to become pessimistic."

Vast Crops in Sight.

"The precipitation of moisture during the winter shows an abnormal deficiency for the eastern part of the state, but with well distributed rains from now on a great crop will be assured. In the western parts of the state there have been heavy snows and rains this winter and spring and more than the usual amount of moisture."

"In the semi-arid sections around North Platte and Alliance the farmers have planted a large acreage of virgin soil in spring wheat and durum and big yields are indicated."

"I was talking with a banker from South Dakota and he said that an enormous acreage has been sown to oats in Tripp and Meyer counties. Tenant farmers and settlers who have located there have had limited capital to work with and high priced seed wheat, that requires a bushel and a peck to the acre in sowing, was out of their reach and they have gone in for oats. There will be an enormous yield of that cereal and it will bring in a new territory to the Omaha market."

"This has been an ideal spring for corn. Seed corn was more generally tested than ever before in the history of the state, a precaution whose wisdom has been shown in the fine stands that are already up in the eastern part of the state."

"There has been little complaint of cut worms or ants and the stand so

far averages far above the normal. With a good distribution of rainfall on ground in the highest till that it has been at this season of the year for many seasons there should be a great corn crop.

CUT IS LIMITED IN REFERENDUM TO 7,000 NAMES

Request of state woman suffragists to strike out more than 7,000 names from the referendum petition filed with the secretary of state has been denied by the district court at Lincoln.

It was contended that 5,000 of the names on the petition were those of unregistered voters who were, therefore, not qualified to sign the petition. John Lee Webster, in support of the petition, argued that registration of voters was merely a means of identification and had no bearing on their qualifications to vote. The court sustained his contention.

Mr. Webster further argued that 2,161 withdrawals of names appearing on the referendum petition could not be considered by the court, since the filing and acceptance of the petition by the secretary of state constituted an official act and no withdrawals could be considered thereafter. The court again concurred with Mr. Webster, and ordered the plaintiffs to file an amended petition with these two claims omitted. This will be the second amendment to the original petition ordered by the court.

Valley County Sheriff Holds Omaha Lads and Automobile

Flight of two alleged automobile thieves, giving their names as Don Ramsey and George Penner, was terminated at Ord, Neb., and a new machine stolen from Arthur Storz, 3708 Farnam street, Sunday night, was recovered, Omaha police were advised Tuesday.

The sheriff of Valley county apprehended the lads upon advice from the central police station. Detective Van Deussen has gone to Ord to bring back the prisoners and the car.

Ak-Sar-Ben to Stage Big Show in Omaha Den, Monday, June 3

The new show which will be staged at the Ak-Sar-Ben Den on the opening night, June 3, was the principal topic discussed at the regular meeting of the board of governors Monday night. It is announced that this will be the funniest bit of comedy ever shown in Omaha.

All members who wish to join the initiation crew are asked to report to Gus Renz at the Ak-Sar-Ben Den at 8 o'clock Thursday night.

OMAHA LEADING BEEF BREEDING CATTLE CENTER

Alberta, Canada, Firm Places Order for Carload of Fine Yearling Shorthorn Bulls.

Omaha is now recognized as the distributing center for breeding stock of the beef centers and orders for young bulls are coming in to the firms at the Live Stock exchange, which specialize in this branch of the business.

Gillespie & Steffen of Alberta, Can., placed an order this week for a carload of fine yearling Shorthorn bulls to place on the range in their section.

Quarantine Fear Passes.

It was thought for a time that the ruling of the state veterinary board, regarding the restocking of breeding animals shipped to Nebraska from other states for tuberculosis and the 60-day quarantine necessitated by the reinfection would hurt the Omaha breeding animal market and there was talk at the time that Iowa would retaliate. Nothing has come of it and the local market has not been detrimentally affected.

Nebraska took the step for the reason that owners of high priced bulls or cows would "plug" individuals they wanted to get rid of with tuberculosis, which prevented an infected animal responding to legitimate tests until the effect of the inoculation worked off, which takes about 60 days.

It has been recommended that the federal government, through representative veterinarians all over the country, take over the supply of bovine tuberculosis and make the tests on the stock farms where the animals are owned or raised, 60 days previous to shipment, so that the purchaser will be protected with a standardized federal test. Advocates of this say it would be an effective means of doing away with the pernicious practice of "plugging" and would be fair to the seller and buyer.

Alleged Negro Slacker is Arrested by Federal Agents

Floyd Coulton, negro, 2206 Clark street, was taken into custody by recruiting officers on a "slacker" charge Tuesday morning. He claims that he registered in Kansas City, but lost his registration card. He is being held for investigation.

AT THE THEATERS

Promises of the Press Agents.
Orpheum—Will Oakley, sweet singer, is proving quite a matinee hero over at the Orpheum this week, presenting "Danny O'Gill, U. S. A.," which relates a story of a young American on a visit to the Emerald Isle. His meeting there with a color-blind girl forms the basis of a pretty love story. The stage settings are attractive. Mr. Oakley has a sweet voice and renders pretty love songs and lullabies pleasingly.

Empress—Arthur Angel and Violet Fuller are appearing for the last time today at the Empress theater in a little skit, "A Real Soldier," that is stirring to the point of tears. Sigbee's Acrobatic Dogs go through a drill in which they maneuver in companies of two, four and eight. Every kiddie should see this dog act.

In the Silent Drama.

Sun—Douglas Fairbanks will be offered at this theater again today and Thursday in the Triangle feature "Manhattan Madness." The story is of a cattleman who goes to New York and complains to his friends that there is not enough excitement to satisfy him so they arrange with actors to stage mysterious actions that look real enough to Fairbanks, but he outwits them and turns the tables on them in a sensational and laughable manner. Other good pictures also on the bill.

Strand—Elsie Ferguson in "The Song of Songs," her latest picture for Artcraft, interprets a tremendously emotional part as Lily Kardos, whose tempestuous career presents highly dramatic situations. Followers of the drama will see Miss Ferguson in an interpretation which exercises all of her artistry. In addition will also be a comedy and Strand-Pathé News.

Brandels—Former Ambassador James W. Gerard's "My Four Years in Germany," continues to attract large audiences to the Brandels. Two of the interesting scenes of the picture are Mr. Gerard's visit to the prisoners' camp at Wittenberg, and that in which he is given his passport. The German government, it will be recalled, at first refused to supply Mr. Gerard and his official family with passports until he had signed an agreement whereby America promised to release German boats interned at American ports. Mr. Gerard's refusal to sign on the dotted line and his statement that before doing so he "would stay in Germany until hell freezes over" supplies one of the most exciting incidents.

Empress—For the last three days of the week, the Empress theater has a picture which shows the British tank at Camp Dix, New Jersey, giving a complete demonstration of the uses to which these fearsome engines of war are put at the western front. This tank weighs 21 tons and moves at a speed of four miles per hour; it is eight feet high, 23 feet long and seven feet wide. It is manned by a crew of seven. The picture gives a complete exposition of how tanks are utilized in modern warfare, and will be shown at every performance for Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week.

Muse—At the Muse today and tomorrow Alice Brady will be shown in her latest Select picture, "At the Mercy of Men." The story is laid in far-away Russia, telling of a music teacher having been insulted by three officers of the czar's palace and is forced to marry one of the three men much against her will. The story has an unusual ending.

Hipp—Nell Shipman and Alfred Whitman will be featured at this theater for the final times today in "The Girl From Beyond," a story of romantic love, laid amongst settings that are unique and fit in well with the story. Other good pictures, including a comedy, are also offered in connection.

Festival of Shabuoth Will Be Observed Friday by Omaha Jews

The festival of Shabuoth, or Feast of Weeks, one of the three ancient Jewish harvest festivals, as well as one of the three annual occasions of pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the temple, will be observed Friday in all local Jewish houses of worship, with additional services Saturday in orthodox synagogues.

The holiday is called the "Feast of Weeks" because it occurs seven weeks after Passover, just as the Christian Pentecost, which is of cognate origin, comes 50 days after Easter.

In the modern synagogue, in accordance with a tradition that the Ten Commandments were given on this day, and that by accepting them Israel

entered into covenant with God, children of 13 to 16 years of age are confirmed.

Confirmation exercises at Temple Israel take place Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock, when Phyllis Adler, Mildred Cohn, Victor Eisler, Bessie Handler, Henrietta Kohn, Ely Maggeff, Miriam F. E. Mosher, Beatrice Rosenthal, Erma Wells and Howard George Werthimer will be the confirmands. Rabbi Frederick Cohn's address to the confirmands will be, "Peace Through Righteousness."

Thursday evening, at the first Shabuoth services, Rabbi Cohn will preach on "The Message From Sinai."

Body of Soldier Who Died in East is Brought Here

The body of Emil Olsen, 39 years old, who died of pneumonia at Camp Merritt, N. J., arrived here Monday night. Mr. Olsen formerly lived in Omaha. He enlisted in the army last September. He was a member of the Odd Fellows. His parents and relatives reside in Washington, Neb., where the body will be taken for burial.

64th Balloon Company Gives Farewell Dance Tonight

The 64th Balloon company, Fort Omaha, will give a farewell dance at the Municipal auditorium tonight. The boys will be ordered overseas soon and this may be their last social visit with Omaha friends.

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