

### NEBRASKA CROP OUTLOOK NEVER BETTER THAN NOW

#### Maupin Makes Tour of State and Upon Return Makes Prediction of Bumper Yield This Season.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, May 17.—(Special).—“Prospects were never better and prosperity was never more apparent in western Nebraska than now,” said Will Maupin, after returning from a ten days' tour of inspection of that section.  
“I note that the government crop estimates report a decrease of something like 400,000 acres in the wheat acreage of Nebraska this year. I will not dispute the correctness of the figures, but I fail to see evidences of the decrease, except in a limited area within 50 miles of Lincoln. The reported abandonment of 10 per cent of the fall sown acreage is not at all unusual; indeed, that is about the average abandonment. But did the government crop experts take into consideration the vastly increased acreage in Nebraska from Kearney westward?”

“West of Hastings I drove over portions of Adams, Kearney, Buffalo, Dawson, Lincoln, Keith, Deuel, Cheyenne, Kimball, Banner, Morrill and Box Butte counties, and everywhere heard reports of increased wheat acreage ranging from 15 to 50 per cent. And this year's increased acreage is not a matter to be taken next year's increase will be, judging by what I saw of tractors at work, breaking up preparatory for fall sowing.

“Never Saw Better Wheat.”  
“I never saw finer wheat in my life than I saw in Lincoln, Deuel, Cheyenne, Kimball and Banner counties. They have had plenty of rain and the wheat growers are sure of a big crop.  
“Banner county's bottom lands are being broken by the thousands of acres. Tractor dealers have been working day and night trying to obtain enough of them to supply the demand. The traveler along the railroad can see tractors at work by the dozen.

“The prospects for wheat between Lincoln and Hastings and between Lincoln and Grand Island are not flattering, although rain within the next two or three days will insure a half yield, or better.

**Corn Planting is Done.**  
Corn planting is progressing rapidly in the corn-growing sections. Nebraska is going to raise more than 65,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, and three times that many bushels of corn. The rye and barley acreage has been increased, too, while alfalfa never looked better than now.

“Land buyers are flocking into the western counties and there is a veritable land boom. The towns are building up at a marvelous rate. I never heard politics mentioned on my entire trip. All I heard was war and Nebraska's part therein.

“If food production is the vital thing in bringing victory, then Nebraska is going to take the lead in that just as it has in all other war activities. You may count on Nebraska producing mighty near 10 per cent of the wheat of the United States this year.”

### NEBRASKA GALES UNROOF BOX CARS AROUND NORFOLK

Norfolk, Neb., May 17.—(Special).—A terrific south gale has been blowing all over northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota during the past three days. Roofs from box cars on the Northwestern railroad have been blown off and outbuildings on farms have been damaged. The dry wind has played havoc with crops. Pastures are drying up rapidly and some fields which have been replanted in wheat are damaged, especially where the soil is light. In these cases the wheat has been either covered up or blown away. Spring wheat, which was reported in excellent condition a week ago, is suffering, in some places turning yellow.  
Alfalfa is in dire need of moisture and unless rain comes, there is some danger that the first cutting of alfalfa will be short. Farmers are making good headway in corn planting.

### Third District Republicans Meet at Norfolk Friday

Norfolk, Neb., May 17.—Politics in the Third Nebraska congressional district is warming up. A joint meeting of the Third congressional district republican committee and chairmen, held their meeting here tonight and discussed probable candidates for the Third district representative race. Congressman Dan Stephens, democrat, will be up for renomination, his friends say.

State politics is not as interesting, except the office of attorney general, which republicans in this vicinity declare becomes important this year. W. L. Dowling, former county attorney of Madison county, is said to be a republican candidate for that office. Dowling won considerable reputation while county attorney in the prosecution of former County Attorney Art J. Koenigstein.

### Rodman of Kimball Files For the Legislature

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, May 17.—(Special).—J. A. Rodman, Kimball, has filed with the secretary of state for the republican nomination for the legislature from the Seventy-sixth representative district, composed of the counties of Banner, Kimball, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden, represented by William L. Batis, republican, in the two last regular sessions.

### Obituary Notes

MRS. JOHN BEHLER, aged 50, died Sunday at Brainard, Neb. She leaves her husband and two children.  
MRS. FRED STOLL died at her home in Salem at the age of 70 years. The surviving children are a daughter, Mrs. Joe Umland of Stella, and two sons.

### DROUTH BROKEN AT FREMONT BY HALF-INCH RAIN

Fremont, Neb., May 17.—(Special Telegram).—The worst drouth for this season of the year in this vicinity was broken by a rain of half an inch this afternoon. A light shower fell early this morning, following two days of high, dry winds that worked havoc with small grain and garden stuff. Pastures had begun to dry up and hay, both tame and wild, was badly in need of moisture.  
Business houses of Snyder closed at 10 a. m. for the day while two flags were being dedicated and a Red Cross sale was on. Mayor John Bolte of Snyder introduced Rev. M. Hoffman of Snyder and T. L. Mathews of Fremont, who spoke at the dedications. A squad of Fremont guards took part in the parade and the flag-hoisting exercises. The Red Cross sale netted \$2,250, the stormy weather keeping down the attendance. Two carloads of hogs donated by farmers of the Snyder vicinity were sold on the Omaha market for \$3,787, making a total of over \$6,000 that Snyder and vicinity raised for the Red Cross.

The new Fitz hotel was formally opened at Valley when the Commercial club held its annual banquet and meeting. Plates for 60 were laid. The new hotel is two stories high and is modern. John Fitzgerald is the proprietor. R. D. McFadden, proprietor of Hotel Pathfinder of Fremont and president of American Grangers, and George F. Wolf, president of the Fremont Commercial club, were among the speakers.

### NEBRASKA WOMEN GIVE PERSHING 3 AMBULANCE CARS

Three ambulances, one major type and two Ford types, soon will be sent to France by the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps of Nebraska.

The money to purchase the ambulances, \$3,500, was raised by the Woman's Relief Corps. The machines have been ordered and the government has authorized they be sent to France immediately. On each ambulance the following inscription will be made: “To Lieutenant General John J. Pershing, commanding American armies in France, from the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Nebraska.”

Several hundred dollars for the Red Cross was netted at the state encampment at Seward. Residents of Seward opened their houses for the 1,000 or more delegates attending the encampment and every cent of the money received from housing and boarding these delegates was donated to the Red Cross.

A resolution to take over relief work incident to the American army, such as caring for indigent and crippled soldiers returning from the war, was passed at the encampment. Another resolution endorsed the candidacy of Captain C. E. Adams of Omaha, past department commander, for commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

### Four Teachers in School for Blind Are Discharged

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, May 17.—(Special).—The state board of control, with memories of the recent Geneva school for girls in mind, now proposes to lock the stable before the horse is stolen and as a result one male teacher and three female teachers in the school for the blind at Nebraska City have been discharged because they visited each other in their rooms during evenings. According to the board there was nothing to indicate immorality, but “rules are rules,” and as they had been broken, there was nothing else to do but fire the offending parties.

### Avoca Holds Patriotic Rally

Avoca, Neb., May 17.—(Special).—A patriotic Red Cross rally was held at the city hall with Mrs. L. J. Marquard, Red Cross president, in the chair. Many loyal speeches were made and a service flag was presented by Mrs. Margaret Graham, which was accepted by Mayor Tefft.

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### AURORA GIVES FINE WELCOME TO PERSHING'S MEN

#### Haverstein and Stephens Are Arousing Patriotic Enthusiasm in Many Nebraska Towns.

Lincoln, May 17.—(Special).—Tremendous enthusiasm is greeting Sergeant Paul A. Haverstein and Sergeant James L. Stephens, the Pershing front-trench soldiers who are touring the state. At Aurora the home guards and citizens formed an escort for Sergeant Haverstein from the station. “The sergeant was given a rousing welcome—in fact, an ovation,” reports Charles M. Grosvenor, four-minute men chairman; “and he expressed his great gratitude at the evidence of patriotism in this county.”

At Auburn Thursday afternoon all the business houses were closed in honor of Sergeant Stephens. The home guards and other organizations met him at the train. The members of the high school and of the seventh and eighth grades attended in a body the meeting. The civilian speakers were Judge Kelligar and Rev. Dr. A. Allen Randall.

**New Stephens Appointments.**  
To Sergeant Stephens' itinerary three additions were announced this morning by Prof. Fogg, Dawson, which through Fred M. Dewese requested a meeting, has him Saturday morning at about 10 o'clock; Pawnee City at 11. On his auto trip to Tecum-

### RAILROAD TAX AGENTS BEFORE STATE BOARD

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, May 17.—(Special).—Colonel Seibert, St. Louis tax commissioner for the Missouri Pacific railway, made his annual pilgrimage to Lincoln today and appeared before the State Board of assessment in behalf of the road.

Tax Commissioner Purvis of the St. Joe & Grand Island, who appeared before the board with the opinion that that road was taxed too high, taking into consideration the fact that it was not paying expenses. Mr. Purvis said that the increase in revenue the past year had been about 10 per cent, but that the expenses had run us about 60 per cent, due to increase in cost of material. Railroad ties were costing 122 per cent more while the taxes, owing to a higher valuation of the road, had increased 22 per cent.

R. W. McGinnis, superintendent of the Lincoln line of the Northwestern road, informed the board that the road's tax commissioner, Mr. Polleys, desired to call attention to land values along the road before the board made its decision.

seh he will make a brief stop at Steinauer, and on the way from Tecumseh he will speak at Cook.

Brunswick is making big reparations for Sergeant Haverstein's meeting Wednesday morning, May 22.

At Guide Rock Sunday evening, Sergeant Stephens will be met at the station by the home guards and the Guide Rock band. The civilian speakers will be Fred Planbeck of Bostwick, Father Fitzgerald, chairman of the County Council of Defense, and Frank J. Munday, chairman of the Red Cloud four-minute men.

### DEMOCRATS HUNT FOR POLITICAL OFFICIAL TIMBER

#### Charley Bryan Might Be Induced to Try for Governor, But Candidates Keep Under Cover

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, May 17.—(Special).—The modern political Diogenes with his lantern is out in search of the proverbial honest man who can head the democratic state ticket for governor and with some degree of certainty that he will land.

Charles W. Bryan, Lincoln, thinks he has discovered him. Because of his natural modesty, the former Lincoln mayor will not come right out and say who he is, but in a pronouncement, Mr. Bryan points with unerring finger at himself and metaphorically speaking says, “Behold the Man.”

On the other hand W. J. Taylor, Custer, does a little digressing on his own hook and makes the charge that Mr. Bryan is not the man to head the democratic hosts, for the reason that “he is tied up with the potash gang and helped hornwoggle the special session of the legislature into bringing to life potash leases that the supreme court of the state had declared dead.”

Taylor is Modest.  
Mr. Taylor, being an extremely modest man, does not speak right out in meeting and say that he feels competent to head the ticket, but he leaves the impression that he is of the unanimous opinion that the democratic

party of Nebraska could go farther and fare a great deal worse.  
Governor Neville is still posing as the political sphinx of the times. When asked if he intends to be a candidate for renomination he closes up like oyster and will not even smile.  
Metcalf is Silent.  
Private Secretary Metcalf, who is supposed to know the innermost throbbings of the executive heart, says not a word when the question is asked what his chief intends to do. It has even been hinted that perhaps Mr. Metcalf might be considering something of the kind himself, for at times he has that sort of “I-want-to-be” look in his eyes so prevalent

now in the eyes of so many in the state house who are longing for the shoes of their chiefs.

### Burt County Gives \$30,167 In Hogs to Red Cross Fund

Lyons, Neb., May 17.—(Special).—Burt county people are doing their share to win the war. So far they have contributed in hogs alone \$30,167.70 for the Red Cross. The Red Cross drive here for the Lyons school district, No. 20, brought in over \$2,500, although the quota was only \$1,100.

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### Girls' Coats

\$5.75

INCLUDING coats formerly priced up to \$9.75. I sizes 7 to 12 years, in navy and copenhagen, blue serge, also black and white checks. Belted, semi-belted and loose models.

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