

LANCASTER JURY DROPS CHARGE AGAINST STEELE

Governor Neville Says Investigators Found No Ground for Accusation He Defrauded State.

Lincoln, May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Although weeks have passed since the Lancaster county grand jury adjourned, it now has been found that the charge against Major Walter Steele of Omaha, former adjutant general of the Nebraska National Guard, accused of participation in an attempt to defraud the state by raised vouchers, was not sustained and that the case against him has been dismissed. The governor announces that the attorney general was instructed to press the charge and that he did so, after consultation with the county attorney of this county and an indictment because there was no evidence against Major Steele save the testimony of E. F. Wright, who profited by the raised voucher and who has since been found guilty and sentenced in federal court.

Former University Boy Killed in Training Camp

Lincoln, May 23.—(Special.)—A message was received in Lincoln today that Lloyd Davis, 30, a member of the university class of 1918 and one of the fastest members of the track team of that institution, had been accidentally killed in a California training camp while boxing. Mr. Davis was a well known school man, having been connected with the schools of Grand Island and other cities, filling in as athletic instructor with his other duties. He was born in Pawnee City. His grandfather Davis was starved to death in Andersonville prison during the civil war. His grandfather on his mother's side was W. B. Raper, a captain in the civil war of a Nebraska company, while his father was also a civil war veteran. He was a nephew of Judge J. B. Raper of Pawnee City.

CANCEL NEBRASKA DATES OF STEPHENS

Rush Pershing Soldier to Montana, His Home State, for Speaking Tour Beginning Sunday.

Lincoln, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—Instructions which Prof. M. M. Fogg received this morning from Adjutant-General McCain of the War department direct him to recall to Lincoln Sergeant James L. Stephens, one of the Pershing soldiers touring the state, and get him to Montana, his home state, by May 28. Sergeant Stephens' itinerary in western Nebraska is thereby cut off Saturday noon at Sutherland.

A meeting at Kearney for Sergeant Stephens was arranged last night with Edgar A. Hale, chairman of the Four-Minute men. It will be held Saturday evening. Kearney is to deliver the sergeant to the 9 o'clock Burlington train at Minden Sunday morning.

Substitute for Stephens. In place of Sergeant Stephens, the War department is sending Nebraska next week Private John M. Andrews, another of the 50 returned Pershing soldiers, who is to report at Lincoln May 27. He comes here from Alabama. His itinerary next week, which will be in central and southwestern Nebraska, May 28-30, will be announced Friday.

Continuation of the itinerary of Sergeant Paul A. Havenstein, who is speaking this week in northeastern Nebraska, ending at Blair Saturday afternoon and at West Point Saturday evening, from which he goes to North Bend for a Sunday evening meeting, was announced this morning.

Appointments for Andrews. The towns where he speaks and the persons in charge of the arrangements are as follows:

Monday, May 27.—Evening, Albion, F. M. Weitzel.
Tuesday, May 28.—Morning, 10:30, Greeley, J. R. Swain; afternoon, 1:30, North Loup, W. G. Rood; afternoon, 4:30, Ericson, J. H. Overturf; evening, Ord, Horace M. Davis.
Wednesday, May 29.—Morning, 9, St. Paul, R. A. Haggart; afternoon, 2, Loup City, R. H. Mathew; afternoon, 4:30, Mason City, John T. Wood; evening, Broken Bow, M. S. Eddy, N. T. Gadd.
Thursday, May 30.—Morning, 10, Merna, Frank Jacquot; afternoon, 2, Arnsley, W. L. Hadsell.

Lincoln County Farmer Bids High for Wilson Wool

Lincoln, May 23.—(Special.)—A newspaper man was the first one to make an offer for the two pounds of wool off the back of President Wilson's White House sheep being held by Governor Neville. E. E. Wolfe, state house reporter for a Lincoln daily paper, went down in his jeans, made the wonderful discovery that for once a common every day reporter had \$10 over from his last week's salary, and staked it on the wool.

But what's the use, Fred Peterson of Lincoln county came to the front with an offer of \$50 for the wool and this settles any question of a Wolfe appearing in sheep's clothing.

State's Corn Field Near Norfolk Covered With Sand

Lincoln, May 23.—(Special.)—Forty acres of corn out of a 100-acre field at the Norfolk insane asylum was entirely destroyed by being covered with sand during the hard winds of last week, according to Commissioner Mayfield.

Five acres of garden truck looking nicely was also covered by the sand. The corn will be replanted again with such seed as will have time to mature. Commissioner Mayfield estimates that probably 500 acres of corn around that locality suffered the same fate because of sand.

Sterling Man at Head Of Group One of Bankers

Lincoln, May 23.—(Special.)—Group 1 of the Nebraska bankers elected the following officers at their session here last night: President, R. F. Frerichs, Sterling; vice president, Charles Smrhr, Milligan; secretary, R. B. Clemmens, Beatrice.

Fined \$100 for Storing Liquor.

Papillion, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—Patrick Ford, who was arrested when a raid was made on his residence and 75 quarts and 22 pints of whisky taken, pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal possession of liquor. He was fined \$100 and costs and the liquor ordered destroyed.

\$2,447 in 34 Minutes.

Benkelman, Neb., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Benkelman subscribed \$2,447 in 34 minutes at a Red Cross meeting Wednesday, with a quota of \$1,200.

Prohibitionists Select State Office Candidates

Lincoln, Neb., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Prohibition workers of the state held a meeting in University Place today to select candidates for state offices and otherwise prepare for the fall campaign.

A nominating committee consisting of J. A. Murray, J. D. Graves, of Peru, D. B. Gilbert of Fremont, and Nathaniel Sullivan of University Place was selected which will report at a future time.

Governor Neville Issues Memorial Day Proclamation

Lincoln, May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Neville today issued a proclamation calling on Nebraskans to observe May 30 as memorial day. In it he says: "I suggest that as far as possible at precisely 12 o'clock, high noon of the day, that all activities cease,

both public and private, for one minute throughout the whole state, and that wherever we may be that we solemnly pause, reflect and lift our hearts in gratitude for the noble acts of those whose graves we decorate, and that we may succeed in all things that pertain to our welfare as a nation."

Mock Trial at Scribner Nets \$295 for Home Guards

Fremont, Neb., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The mock trial at Scribner netted \$295 for the Home Guards. Arthur Schultz, prominent business man, was found "not guilty" by the jury composed of one man and five women of sleeping while on guard duty.

The drive for Red Cross funds in Dodge county up to tonight had netted \$20,000 with reports of committees still coming in. The committee is confident that the county will go far over its quota of \$25,000.

Women's Educational Club Meets at Fremont Saturday

Fremont, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Women's Educational club will meet in Fremont Saturday, when a luncheon will be given at a Hotel Pathfinder, followed by a business session. Dr. Hattie Williams of Lincoln will be the speaker.

A watch held as security for the appearance of W. C. Slyter of Omaha, arrested Sunday for speeding through Fremont, has been redeemed. Five members of the graduating class of the Fremont High school who will give orations were selected at an elimination contest in which 15 students took part. Those chosen are Miss Frieda Funk, Miss Leona Phelps, Miss Helen Kellin, Miss Edith Bacon, and Philo McGiffin. The Fremont Country club will be formally opened with a dinner-dance Wednesday evening, May 29.

Everybody reads Bee Want Ads.

Dentists Elect Officers.

Lincoln, May 23.—(Special.)—Nebraska dentists elected officers as follows at their annual session here: President, Dr. G. B. Baird, Fremont; vice president, Dr. Clyde Davis, Omaha; secretary, Dr. H. E. King, Omaha; treasurer, Dr. E. W. Fellers, Beatrice.

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Everyone contributing cash to the Red Cross War Fund should receive an official receipt for the money they give. Only those solicitors appointed by the Red Cross will have the proper blanks to fill out. If you pay cash be sure you give your money to a regularly appointed representative. The local War Fund committee will appreciate it if you will notify them if you are approached by anyone else for donations. Call Douglas 2216.

In honor of the 3rd anniversary of Italy's entrance into the war, the various Italian societies of Omaha will hold a Red Cross parade Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Sebastian Salerno is chairman of the committee. At the conclusion of the parade a big patriotic meeting will be held at the Swedish Auditorium. Edward G. Maggi of Lincoln and Mayor Ed Smith of Omaha will be the principal speakers.

As a part of the festivities in honor of Italy's entrance into the war, the various Italian societies of Omaha will hold a banquet this evening at 7:30 at the Fontenelle hotel. L. J. Piatti will preside as toastmaster.

This poster should be in YOUR window—either in your home or in your place of business. If you haven't one—WHY?

You Have Your Conscience to Answer

Nothing compels you to give to the Red Cross War Fund except your conscience.

This poster shows that you have helped the Red Cross. A copy of it is given to you to show that you have donated.

The Red Cross is the only organization "over there" upon whom our wounded and sick soldiers can depend.

Is Your Conscience Clear?

YOU can't search deep down into your heart and find one reason why YOU should not give to the Red Cross.

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Tell those boys "over there" with your dollars that you hear them calling.

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