

YORK PRESIDENT IS ENCOURAGED BY CROP OUTLOOK

Prof. McLaughlin Takes Trip Over State; Front Yards in Potatoes and Everybody Working.

York, Neb., June 22.—(Special.)—President M. O. McLaughlin of York college made a trip through McCook and other counties in the state, making a special effort to study crop conditions. He writes as follows:

"The small grain will probably make a half crop, with some counties going a little better. The first cutting of alfalfa is nearly all in the stack, and the corn never looked better at this time of the year. The farmers have planted a large acreage of potatoes and the people in towns and villages have nearly every available lot in gardens. I saw several front yards planted to potatoes—a more pleasing sight to the eyes this year than a flower garden.

"While the present hot wave is injuring our crop prospects considerably, yet the outlook for a reasonably rich harvest is still bright, and I am convinced that if the kaiser could see the great army of men and women in the agricultural section of America working early and late, in an endeavor to feed the world, not only his other arm, but his whole body would become withered. With our patriotic, liberty-loving men at the front carrying the one flag of all the earth that has never known defeat, and with an army of food producers at home bending their backs to the task, a decisive permanent victory to ourselves and our allies is only a question of time.

Tradesmen Aid.

"For several years the members of the York County Commercial club have gone out afternoons and evenings during harvest to help farmers shock their grain. I understand the Commercial club and the home guards are already organized for this work this season. The harvest is almost here, and I suggest that in every town and village in the state business men organize themselves to shock the grain in their communities.

"In spite of the thousands of boys that have left the farm for the army those who have remained at home have produced one of the largest crops in all history. It would be a crime on our part as business men to allow a grain of wheat to go to waste. Organizations of business men and home guards in every community to help harvest the grain will serve four distinct purposes. First, it will save the grain at this time when all the world is depending on us; second, by furnishing volunteer labor to the farmer, it will reduce his expense of production and partly make up for the financial loss he would otherwise sustain by the crop shortage; third, it will add red blood and health to the business men who thus get a taste of the blessing of physical labor; and fourth, it will contribute to the better acquaintance and understanding of the farmers and business men and enable them to see that they are not in competition but that their mutual interests and welfare lie in the field of closest co-operation.

"Above all things else let us save the grain crop of the state. If industry makes life worth living, why not make industry worth while."

Nonpartisan League Not Welcomed in Boyd County

Lincoln, Neb., June 22.—(Special.)—The Nonpartisan league has not even got a chance for a look-in in Boyd county, according to Representative Crist Andersen, who visited Governor Neville's office today.

"We don't know anything about the league there and the people of Boyd county are too busy raising crops and helping war activities to give it any time or attention," he said.

Andersen has served three terms in the house and will file again this year.

Four Thousand Men in State for Draft in July

Lincoln, Neb., June 22.—(Special.)—Nebraska will be called upon to furnish 4,000 men in the July draft call according to unofficial reports reaching here Saturday from Washington.

At the governor's office it was stated no instructions had been received and hence the report could not be confirmed. No information could be obtained as to the dates for the movement of the troops.

In June 4,000 selects from this state were inducted into military service.

Boyd County Woman Files For Office of Sheriff

Lincoln, Neb., June 22.—(Special.)—Boyd county has a woman aspirant for the office of sheriff. She is Mrs. Christiansen of Monowi. Her filig has been made for the republican primaries.

The candidate has only one hand, but it is reported she can handle a gun with fair accuracy despite this handicap.

Mrs. Christiansen's husband is dead. She has been a school teacher.

Stromsburg Soldier Dies At Virginia Cantonment

Stromsburg, Neb., June 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Harold McCleery, only son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McCleery, publishers of the Stromsburg News, died at Belair, Va., at 5 o'clock this morning of pneumonia, at the age of 17. He enlisted in the engineer's corps thirty days ago. His father arrived at his bedside before he died. The body will be brought back here for burial. His is the first death among the soldiers from Polk county.

Drouth at Grant Broken.

Grant, Neb., June 22.—(Special.)—The hot spell of the last 10 days has been broken by two very heavy rains. This will insure a very fair crop of small grain, and alfalfa and corn are doing fine.

Former Residents of Nemaha County Organize Association

A number of former residents of Nemaha county, Nebraska, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rainey, 616 South Twenty-seventh street, Friday evening and organized the Omaha Nemaha County association. Edson Rich was elected president and J. H. Kearnes secretary of the organization.

It was decided to hold a basket picnic and reunion of former residents of the county at one of the city parks on Saturday, August 10. It is estimated there are nearly 1,000 persons living in Omaha and Council Bluffs who formerly lived in Nemaha county, some of them having been pioneers.

The following committees were named:

Attendance and Membership—J. D. Rainey, Mrs. P. Dykstra and J. H. Kearnes.

Picnic Grounds—Thomas Jones, Hal Rainey and Mrs. J. D. Rainey.

Arrangements—Helen Hitt, Mrs. P. Dykstra, Mrs. Ed Lowman, Mrs. Winkelman and Mrs. Hal Rainey.

Finance—J. W. Barnhart, T. W. Blackburn and C. W. Buck.

T. W. Blackburn was selected to make an address on "Early Days in Nemaha County."

All former residents of Nemaha county living in Omaha and vicinity are requested to register with the secretary at the editorial rooms of The Omaha Bee.

Lieut. B. F. Hurless of Fairbury Is Seriously Injured at Ft. Sheridan

Fairbury, Neb., June 22.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurless of Fairbury left for Chicago upon receiving an official report that their son, Lt. Bernard F. Hurless, had been seriously injured not fatally injured Thursday at Fort Sheridan by the explosion of a trench mortar. Mr. Hurless, in company with another officer, was trying out a three-inch trench mortar when the gun bagged exploded, injuring both. The report states that the unfortunate boy has lost a portion of one hip and that he is injured internally.

Lieutenant Hurless graduated from the Fairbury high school in 1914 and was a student at the University of Nebraska. He graduated from the first training class at Fort Snelling and was commissioned lieutenant at that time.

Use of German Tongue Forbidden at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., June 22.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the defense council a resolution was unanimously adopted forbidding the use of the German language in stores, on the streets and at public gatherings.

One hundred and sixty draft registrants from Gage county will leave Beatrice next Monday evening for the Union Pacific Camp Funston and Fort Riley. About half of them will go to one place and half to another. The registrants will mobilize at the camp house.

A sample of wheat cut on the Judge Hazlett farm, southeast of Beatrice, was left in the city. The grain is well filled and it is estimated that it will yield 22 bushel to the acre.

Obituaries

ALBERT COLBY, formerly a well known stockman of Nebraska, died at his home at Los Angeles. The deceased served during the civil war as a member of Company F, 92d Infantry, Illinois volunteers. After the war he settled near Endicott, this state, and engaged in raising fine stock.

MRS. AMELIA SWEETMAN, aged 70 years, for 20 years a resident of Omaha, died Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, 2511 Jones street. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. W. Mace and Miss Margaret Sweetman. The funeral will be held Monday morning at 8:30 from her home to St. Peter's church at 8. Interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

MRS. JUDITH GERIG died at the home of E. R. Straub, near Avoca, Neb. She was born December 9, 1822. She came from Fritlinger, Germany, in March, 1866, locating in Nebraska City. In the early 70s she moved to a farm east of Avoca, where she had since made her home. Funeral services were held at the Holy Trinity Catholic church Saturday.

Omaha Car With "Wet" Cargo Seized at Papillion

Papillion, Neb., June 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff Charles Hutter seized a Paige roadster containing 216 pints of whisky and 10 bottles of beer at La Platte. The man who was driving the car attempted to speed up when ordered to halt, but something went wrong and he abandoned the car and got away. August Staraski, 3024 Valley street, Omaha, claims to own the car and also claims the driver was Anton Malacey, and that he had taken the car without permission. The car and liquor were brought to Papillion.

Red Cloud Home Guards To Lead July 4 Celebration

Red Cloud, Neb., June 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Arrangements are being made for a big military celebration July 4 under the auspices of the Red Cloud home guards. Judge E. B. Perry of Cambridge is to be the orator. A competitive drill is to be held, home guard companies from Bloomington, Riverton, Inavale, Guide Rock, Red Cloud and Mankato, Kan., participating. An effort is being made to secure Adit-Gen. H. E. Clapp of Lincoln to serve as judge. There is to be a ball game between Esbon, Kan., and Red Cloud and other amusements.

Shorthorn Breeders Hold Big Picnic at Curtis, Neb.

Curtis, Neb., June 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The cattlemen's annual picnic under the auspices of the Shorthorn Breeders' association at Curtis was a big success. The out-of-town speakers were Dean Burnett and Prof. Grumach of Lincoln; Superintendent Snyder of North Platte, and O. Hall, Frontier county agent. The thousands of visitors inspected the Curtis Agricultural school herds, buildings and grounds and then repaired to the grounds for lunch. The Farnam band furnished music during the afternoon.

Candidates at West Point

West Point, Neb., June 22.—(Special.)—Aspirants for county offices have filed during the week as follows: J. L. Ferguson, democrat, for county surveyor; J. C. Elliott, republican, for county attorney; William Clausen, republican, for sheriff; Miss Emma R. Miller, for county superintendent; Con McCarthy, democrat, for representative from the twenty-first district; and Henry Behrens, republican, for representative from the twenty-second district.

Called to Fremont Pulpit

Fremont, Neb., June 22.—(Special.)—The First Congregational church in a meeting called for that purpose, voted to extend the Rev. Oberstein O. Smith of Ainsworth a call to take the pastorate of the Fremont church. Mr. Smith was formerly pastor of the First Congregational church at Council Bluffs.

ORPHANS FAIL IN TASK, WHIPPED BY FARMER, CHARGE

Ora Cleaver of Elkhorn Held to Answer for Alleged Cruelty to Adopted Children.

Fremont, Neb., June 22.—(Special Telegram.)—On a charge of brutally beating two orphan children when they failed to weed as many rows of onions as their foster father thought they should, Ora Cleaver of Elkhorn has been arrested by Dodge county authorities. The alleged mistreatment of the children occurred just over the county line in Dodge county, where Cleaver has a large field of onions. The children show marks of severe treatment. The little girl, Ada McConnell, 12 years old, told County Attorney J. C. Cook and Deputy Sheriff W. A. Lowry that Cleaver beat her with a leather strap with a buckle on it and struck the boy, Bernhardt Haag, 8 years old, in the face with his fist. The boy was knocked down and one tooth knocked out. The children, who are at the home of Deputy Sheriff W. A. Lowry, will be used as witnesses against Cleaver. Residents of Elkhorn township came to Fremont and urged the authorities to take action at once. The two children are from an orphan's home at Lincoln. Cleaver was released on his own recognizance to appear for trial Monday.

Family Takes to Hills.

The home of Frank Hollenbeck, son of the late Judge Hollenbeck,

postmaster and merchant at Forsyth, Mont., was flooded and the family forced to take to the hills where they are living in a tent during the high water in that section of the country this week. In a letter to his mother in Fremont Mr. Hollenbeck says that all but two blocks of the town have been under water.

The registration of males over 16 years of age in Fremont numbers 2,800, with scores more men enrolling today.

A Red Cross social given by the Everett Red Cross at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long, near Hooper netted \$200. E. R. Gurney and H. W. Collinson of Chariton, Ia., made short speeches.

Word was received in the city of the death at a Denver hospital of J. C. Ferguson, former agent for the Union Pacific at Fremont. Mr. Ferguson died of injuries sustained in a runaway on his farm near Fort Morgan, Colo. He was 66 years of age.

Attorney General Advises Pastors Drop German Tongue

Lincoln, June 22.—(Special.)—Attorney General Reed has again advised pastors and congregations of German churches to drop the German language and conduct their meetings in English.

In reply to inquiry made by Rev.

J. J. Meyer of North Loup, Mr. Reed points out that by continuing the use of German in religious services and Sunday schools the churches employing it are helping to discredit their own professions of patriotism, although it is true no law has been passed as yet in this state prohibiting people from speaking the German language.

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