

INVESTIGATION OF HAIL DAMAGE CLAIMS BEGINS

Losses Aggregating \$6,000 to Wheat Fields in Adams County May Be Cut by Department.

From a Staff Correspondent.
Lincoln, June 27.—(Special.)—Hail losses aggregating about \$6,000 claimed by Adams county farmers who hold state hail insurance policies are being investigated by the insurance department with the expectation that some of the claims will be reduced.

Some of the farmers who have claims pending called on Insurance Commissioner Eastham Thursday morning to announce that they were fearful that J. F. Anthes of Sutton, second adjuster sent out by the board, was going to cut down their loss allowances.

The allowances were granted by W. J. Bobbitt, Adams county adjuster, but the department considers the same too large. Some of the men insisted that they had suffered practically a total loss. It was admitted by several that their wheat, which was reported as a total or nearly total loss, might produce something after all.

The first adjuster awarded amounts to the Hastings claimants as follows: Louis E. Udon, \$7.50 to \$10 per acre, \$537.
J. H. Gilchrist, \$7 to \$8.50 per acre, \$500.
H. R. Burnham, \$8 to \$10 per acre, \$500.

George A. Munroe, \$5 to \$10 per acre, \$1,120.
W. Munroe, \$10 per acre, \$400.
W. R. Wisner, \$10 per acre, \$810.
J. C. Wisner, \$5 to \$10 per acre, \$1,080.
R. R. Doty, \$1 to \$9.50 per acre, \$673.50.

The maximum amount which can be paid to farmers for the loss of their crops is \$10 per acre, under the state hail insurance law.

Governor Neville to Keep Card Index of Nebraskans in War

Governor Neville's office is endeavoring to establish a card index system which contains data concerning every Nebraskan now in the service.

This information is gathered primarily for the purpose of giving to Nebraska soldiers and sailors an opportunity to exercise their voting privileges. It is Governor Neville's desire, however, to make the record kept in his office such as will not only enable the men to vote, but will act as a source of information in co-operating with the federal government as well as serve as an authentic record of the men enlisted from Nebraska.

The law passed by the special session of the legislature provides for a direct "voting by mail" system. Under this plan it will be an exceedingly simple matter for the soldier to exercise his right of franchise, if the governor's office is able to secure the information necessary to forward him a ballot. While the department in Washington objected to the plan of establishing election commissions and polling places abroad for the gathering of the soldier votes, they have, since the simplicity of the Nebraska plan has been presented to them by Governor Neville, agreed to co-operate in every manner possible in assisting Nebraska soldiers and sailors to vote.

The requests that every person having a relative or friend in the service forward all information obtainable concerning that man, either to the governor's office or to the County Council of Defense. The governor also requests that when it is learned that a man has been transferred, a friend or relative notify his office of the change so that the record may be kept up to date. In forwarding this information direct to the governor's office, address it "Gov. Keith Neville, Nebraska Soldiers' Bureau, State House, Lincoln, Neb."

Use the following form:
County of.....
Soldier's name.....
Home address.....
Date of birth.....
Date of enlistment.....
Nearest relative.....
Address.....
Organization and rank.....
Present address.....

Nebraska News Notes

erson county, has filed for the office of state treasurer on the republican ticket.

George Shaffer, wealthy Riverside township farmer who failed to pay his quota of the Red Cross and Liberty loan, and who was called before the defense council, has given a check to Chairman Hevelone for \$75, \$25 more than the amount of his quota.

Martin Weiss, a young soldier stationed at an army post in Arizona, and Miss Bessie Thomas of Filley were married Wednesday at Beatrice.

At a meeting of Rawl lodge No. 138, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Oxford, officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: W. M., W. A. Rhynalds; S. W., J. W. Anderson; J. W., E. E. Duryee; S. D., Fred Nissen; J. D., E. A. Luke; secretary, Charles Rhynalds; treasurer, H. L. Lee.

Oxford is now facing an ice famine, the Holdrege plant which has been supplying ice being unable to furnish same on account of the shortage of labor.

Blaze in York Gas Plant.

York, Neb., June 27.—(Special Telegram.)—York's gas plant was discovered on fire this morning at 4 o'clock. No serious damage was done to the machinery and it is thought the plant will be again in operation in two or three days. Cause of the fire unknown.

Mead Leghorn Deserts Nest and Kidnaps Flock Of Unoffending Kittens

Fremont, Neb., June 27.—(Special.)—A white leghorn hen on the farm of Albert Gibson, near Mead, deserted a nest of eggs and adopted a family of five kittens in a nearby stall in the barn where she was setting. The removal of the kittens three times by the mother cat failed to discourage Mrs. Biddy and she persists in hovering over the cats.

ORPHANS TESTIFY AGAINST CLEAVER

Elkhorn Man Placed Under Bond on Charges of Whipping and Overworking Wards of State.

Fremont, Neb., June 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Ora Cleaver, Douglas county farmer, was bound over to district court at his preliminary hearing here on a charge of assault with intent to do bodily harm. Cleaver was arrested last week for mistreating two orphan children whom he took from a Lincoln institution.

The girl, Ada McConnell, 12 years old, testified that she and a boy, Bernard Haag, were required to arrive at 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, and after helping with chores, work in the onion field all day. Both children testified that Cleaver whipped them severely and the boy showed a cavity where a tooth had been knocked out when he said Cleaver struck him in the face. Cleaver did not make defense. Cleaver resides in Douglas county near Elkhorn, but the alleged assault was committed in Dodge county. The children have been taken back to the Lincoln home. Cleaver gave bond.

Mrs. Henry Frederickson, who is visiting her mother in Fremont, when informed of the arrest of her husband at Buffalo, N. Y., on a charge of stealing a glass of jelly, said that there must be a mistake somewhere. "It is ridiculous to believe that Henry would steal a glass of jelly," Mrs. Frederickson said. "I can't imagine how it comes about they have him under arrest. I received a telegram this morning from Henry saying he would be in Omaha Friday."

The sheriff received word that Earl Morris, member of the Dodge county draft contingent that left Fremont yesterday, is in jail at Eldorado, Kan., on a charge of vagrancy. Morris is one of five selects who failed to appear in response to the call here.

Council Bluffs Printer is Wounded in Fight at Front

Fremont, Neb., June 27.—(Special Telegram.)—John M. Stacy, named among the wounded in today's casualty list, never lived in Fremont, but visited his sister, Mrs. Jack Sleicher, at Fremont. Stacy was a printer, 20 years old, employed at Council Bluffs, Ia. Mrs. Sleicher and husband moved to Council Bluffs six months ago.

Obituaries

GUS GRAFF, formerly a resident of Beatrice, and at one time mayor of Wynora, Neb., 60 years of age, died in Pasadena, Cal.

MRS. O. L. STEWART died at Beatrice, aged 45 years. She is survived by her husband and seven children, ne of her sons, Glen Stewart, is in France with the American expeditionary forces.

JOHN STONE, 2606 North Thirty-third street, 53 years old, died at a local hospital Tuesday night after an operation. He is survived by his wife, Augusta. He was in the employment of Crane & Co., and had lived in Omaha 33 years. The funeral will be held at Swanson's chapel, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the Forest Lawn cemetery.

REPORT 3,404,815 BUSHELS GRAIN IN STATE JUNE 22

Corn Was Greatest in Total Amount in Elevators, With 1,308,274 Bushels; Oats, 1,308,394.

Nebraska had in its elevators throughout the state on June 22, 3,404,815 bushels of cereals of all kinds, announces the food administration for Nebraska. The totals do not include Omaha or South Omaha.

Corn was the greatest in total with 1,308,274 bushels in storage; oats came next, 1,308,394 bushels; wheat was third on the list, 149,274 bushels; barley fourth, 118,087 bushels, and rye fifth, 23,667 bushels.

Burden of Proof on Widow To Prove Husband's Death Was Caused By Accident

From a Staff Correspondent.
Lincoln, June 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Gertrude M. Grosvenor cannot recover the amount of an insurance policy on her husband's life issued by the Fidelity & Casualty company of New York unless she proves by affirmative evidence that the death of Walter B. Grosvenor, her husband, from drinking carbohic acid, was accidental and not a case of suicide, the state supreme court rules in reversing its own previous findings and also overruling the judgment of the Douglas county district court.

The widow contended that Grosvenor mistook the poison for something else. Since the policy barred recovery in case of self-destruction it is incumbent on her to show that it was not taken with suicidal intent, the opinion by Judge Cornish holds.

War Savings Society to Be Organized at Capitol

From a Staff Correspondent.
Lincoln, June 27.—(Special.)—Organization of war savings society at the state capitol to include the officers and employes of all offices and departments located there will be completed at the meeting Friday morning in representative hall. The preliminary steps were taken Thursday morning at a meeting held in the supreme court room.

C. A. Fulmer is temporary chairman and Miss Anna O'Donnell temporary secretary. State Treasurer Hall outlined the plans of the organization. Weekly meetings will be held and talks made by different speakers.

Chairman Fulmer has named the following committees: Nomination of officers—Acting Governor Howard, chairman; H. C. Lindsay, W. H. Smith, J. G. Woodard, Miss Reye Merrill; rules and by-laws—George Hall, chairman; Thorne Browne, J. J. Tooley, G. W. Ayres, Miss Alice Florer.

America Before Germany, Slogan of Rev. C. Bartels

Bruning, Neb., June 27.—(Special.)—Rev. C. Bartels, Evangelical Lutheran pastor, delivered the address at the dedication of the service flag here, speaking on the topic, "America, My Country." Rev. Mr. Bartels contrasted Germany, his birthplace, with America, and mentioned how he had induced his relations in Germany to come to America.

Fremont Draftee Takes His Life in St. Joseph, Later Reports State

Fremont, Neb., June 27.—Jess W. Hayden, Fremont traveling salesman, committed suicide by shooting himself at St. Joseph, Mo., according to word received by Sheriff Condit. Hayden, employed by the Dreibus Candy Company of Omaha, had been notified to report to the draft board at Fremont, yesterday. Early in the day a telegram was received, saying he was shot at St. Joseph. Details were not given. Sheriff Condit received a telegram late yesterday from Chief of Police Morse, at St. Joseph, saying that Hayden shot himself. E. A. Hayden, father of the young man, left for St. Joseph to take charge of the body. It will be taken to Dorchester, former home of the Haydens, for burial.

Columbus Presents Road Tax Claim to Supervisors

Columbus, Neb., June 27.—(Special.)—A claim for \$20,510.34 was presented by the city of Columbus to the Board of Supervisors, representing one-half of the total of the road taxes collected by the county from the people of Columbus during the period of 38 years.

The city figures that from 1880 to 1917, inclusive, property owners within its limits paid the county \$41,020.68, and it claims that under the state law the municipality is entitled to one-half of the money. No part of the funds thus collected by the county has been used for maintenance of the streets within the city.

Being too busy with equalization matters, the board laid the matter over until its July meeting. On account of the large claim filed against the county the board will probably reject the claim and then the matter will be threshed out in the courts.

Commerce Chamber in Favor of Retention of Fling and Mrs. England

Retention of Prof. F. M. Fling and Mrs. Minnie T. England on the university faculty is requested by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce in resolutions deploring the action of the Nebraska university regents in calling for explanations from these two members because they had given information to the state council of defense which resulted in the recent "loyalty" investigation.

The organization says that to retain Prof. Fling and Mrs. England would show that university instructors who have taken patriotic attitude toward the war are not to be punished for doing so. Dr. Fling's patriotic example and utterances have been an inspiration and example to the whole state, the chamber says. The resolutions have been sent to Governor Neville.

List of Judges Appointed For Thayer County Fair

Deshler, Neb., June 27.—(Special.)—The following judges will place awards at the Thayer county fair to be held in Deshler, August 27-30: Cattle and hogs, Robert Mousel, Cambridge; horses, John Dalton, Lincoln; agriculture and poultry, A. H. Smith, Lincoln; educational, Miss Aurel Scott, Lincoln; women's department, Mrs. John Hopper, Superior.

500 Mobilize at Beatrice.

Beatrice, Neb., June 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Contingents from Otoe, Johnson, Pawnee and other counties in this section of the state, numbering about 500 men, mobilized here today, en route to Camp Funston. They were served with dinner by the Christian church women, leaving for camp this afternoon.

Aurora Bank Contends Liberty Bonds Nontaxable

Aurora, Neb., June 27.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the board of equalization of Hamilton county today R. J. Hainer of Lincoln appeared for the First National bank of Aurora and protested against the taxation of certificates of indebtedness of the United States, war stamps and Liberty bonds, held in good faith by the bank as an investment. The record was made up showing that the First National owns and holds \$75,000 of these securities and Justice Hainer contended that these securities are not taxable by the state.

Carey High School Praises Work of Weber and Placek

Fremont, Neb., June 27.—(Special.)—Resolutions commending Dr. E. O. Weber, member of the State Council of Defense, and E. E. Placek, chairman of the Saunders County Council of Defense, were unanimously passed by the Carey High school home guards for their endeavors along patriotic lines. The resolution pledges undivided support of the guards in the enforcement of any orders the council may issue in carrying out patriotic endeavor. The Carey High school has a membership of 100.
Dr. S. A. Preston returned from Pilot Mound, Canada, where he was called by the death of his mother.



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