

Nebraska

YOUNG FARMER
KILLED IN CAR AT
GRAND ISLAND

Returning Home After Night
in City When Auto Is
Upset; Companion
Narrowly Escapes.

Grand Island, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special Telegram).—Ernest Rice, a young farmer residing near Chapman, is dead and Robert Blevins is suffering from a broken collar bone and exposure as a result of an automobile accident last night three miles east of the city. Blevins' story is to the effect that they had come to Grand Island last night for a time and had been drinking. The automobile overturned on the way home. Rice was pinned under the car. After lying in the wreckage partly unconscious for about five hours. Blevins sufficiently realized his position to make efforts to secure help and walked or crawled to the home of Phillip Sanders, where he arrived at 6 o'clock this morning, summoned Sanders to the door, muttered briefly that there was another man out there, and fell unconscious on a couch. Investigation by a member of the Sanders family discovered Rice pinned under the car. The body was lifeless, but from an examination it is believed death was at least partially the result of exposure. One of Blevins' feet was frozen. Blevins declines to tell where they secured the liquor, saying he had got himself in bad and did not want to involve anyone else.

Bartlett Boy Who Was
Reported as Missing is
Now at Ft. Des Moines

Bartlett, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special).—Private Edward Stewart, son of Charles Stewart of Bartlett, Neb., a member of company F of the Fourth United States infantry, who was reported killed in action, is now in the reconstruction hospital at Fort Des Moines regaining his health.

Stewart, with his company were in the fighting of July 18th about Chauteau Thierry. His company outdistanced the supporting artillery but by nightfall the men were surrounded by Germans without the support of American artillery. "We decided we would fight it out if every one of us was killed," he declared in recounting his experience. "We had a little food and less water. For four days we held out, fighting only when we had to and waiting for a chance to get back or for reinforcements. I didn't get very hungry but the lack of water made it tough. Scouting around the second night one of the men found a well but we didn't dare drink the water for fear the Germans had poisoned it. Most of our casualties were from the German artillery fire. We spread out and took advantage of every possible projection but they had our number and it just naturally rained steel around there most of the time."

Late in the afternoon re-enforcements advancing found what was left of Company F. "We were just about 'Il In,'" said Private Stewart. "Some of the men had attempted to get back but most of them were killed by the artillery fire and we never heard of a lot more that left us there."

Governor Calls on All
to Sing Thanksgiving Day

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Nov. 22.—(Special).—There is still music in the heart of the governor of Nebraska and only a little over two weeks have elapsed since the election. He comes up smiling, turns on the current to his proclamation machine and calls upon the people to lift their voices in song, at "The National Victory Sing," Thanksgiving day. Every community in the country will be expected to pass at least an hour in song.

Son of Secretary Johnson
Is Dead of Influenza

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Nov. 22.—(Special).—Secretary E. M. Johnson, of the State Board of Pardons received news in a cablegram last night from France that his son, Val, had died of influenza. He was a member of the Two Hundred and Forty-second machine gun battalion and assigned to Company B. The young man had been sent to the officers' training camp at Langres, France, the only private picked from the company.

Expects to Start Road
Work Early in Spring

Fremont, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special).—With the ban on improvements lifted by the war industries board, George F. Wolz will make an effort to get work started on the six-mile stretch of road between Fremont and Axtell next spring. The county board of supervisors at a recent meeting voted to make the improvement under the federal aid law.

Two Abie Citizens Are
Victims of Influenza

Fremont, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special).—The town of Abie, in Butler county, is being hard hit by the influenza epidemic. Anton J. Pojar died Tuesday night and his wife and three children are seriously ill. John Dolista, jr., formerly agent for the Northwestern at that place, is dead and his wife and little daughter are also ill.

Janitors Get More Pay.

Lincoln, Nov. 22.—(Special).—Janitors at the state house have received a raise in salaries without having to appeal to Mr. McAdoo. The State Board of Public Funds boosted them from \$76 to \$90 a month.

AMENDMENTS TO
CONSTITUTION
BOTH CARRIED

Seventy-two Counties Show
Propositions Receive 5,000
Votes More Than Nec-
essary to Win.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Nov. 22.—(Special).—That both amendments to the constitution of the state, the first relating to alien voters and the second for a constitutional convention, have carried in the face of unofficial returns obtainable is shown by the fact that 72 of the 93 counties of the state show a total vote on United States senator of 185,573. These same counties show that this is about 5 per cent less than the total vote cast, which would make the total vote about 195,000.

In these counties the alien amendment received 103,347 votes, while the constitutional convention question received 102,058. In order to insure the adoption of the amendments, on the vote shown above in these counties the affirmative vote would have to be about 97,500. The alien amendment has received 5,800 more than necessary, while the other amendment has 4,500 more than required to carry it.

It is not believed that the 21 counties remaining will make any difference to the result.

The returns so far, which include the soldier vote on the above, also show that Douglas county cast a total of 21,463 votes on United States senator, 13,852 for the alien amendment and 14,646 for the constitutional convention. Lancaster county cast 10,966 votes for United States

senator, 7,353 for the alien amendment and 7,251 for the constitutional amendment.

Supreme Court Hears
Lincoln Traction Case

Lincoln, Nov. 22.—(Special).—The state supreme court today heard a case appealed by the Lincoln Traction company from a ruling of the State Railway commission, which in the main part covers a denial of the commission of the application of the Lincoln company for a raise in street car fares, the application being denied until such time as the company paid back into the company treasury \$198,000 paid out in the past nine years as dividends on the common stock of the company. Later the commission allowed the company an emergency raise of from "six-for-a-quarter" to a straight 5 cent fare with an additional 1 cent for suburban travel, which the company, while putting it in effect, declares to be insufficient.

New Dempster Mill Officer.

Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special).—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Dempster Mill Manufacturing company yesterday, Arthur T. Hemler of this city was elected treasurer to succeed the late J. W. Burgess, who died last week in Omaha, and who held the office for 21 years. Mr. Hemler was born and raised in Beatrice, attended Coe college at Cedar Rapids, Ia., and later the Nebraska State university. He has been employed by the company since 1910.

Interurban Asks Rate Raise.

Lincoln, Nov. 22.—(Special).—A hearing will be had November 29 before the State Railway commission on the application of the interurban company which operates the line from Omaha to Ralston and Papillion asking for a raise from 5 to 7 cents on single tickets and on books which now sell for \$7.50 to \$10, and the \$6.50 books for \$8.75.

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