

# MEDICS PLAN TO FIGHT ANOTHER "FLU" EPIDEMIC

More Virulent Outbreak is Anticipated in This Country Within Next Two Years.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Plans for combating another influenza epidemic which is expected to sweep the country in 1919 will be considered by health authorities from all parts of the United States, Canada and South America at the forty-third annual convention of the American Public Health Association which opens here December 9.

Members of the association say that all the influenza epidemics since 1729 have been recurrent for from two to three years after the initial outbreak. For this reason leading authorities feel convinced that the visitation of 1918 will be repeated in 1919 and probably in 1920. Also it is pointed out that in previous epidemics the second and third outbreaks have been more virulent and attended by a higher mortality rate than were the initial manifestations.

It was early in 1913, according to Dr. W. A. Evans, formerly health commissioner of Chicago, that the now so-called Spanish influenza made its appearance in Spain. Now Spain is having its second outbreak, according to Dr. Evans, more virulent in form and attended by an alarming death rate.

During the three-day meeting, the methods used in combating the 1918 epidemic in the United States will be thoroughly considered and plans outlined for meeting any future emergency. Among those who will present papers and take part in the discussions are Major W. H. Welch, of the National Medical Corps; Dr. E. C. Rosenow of the Mayo foundation; Dr. Herman Biggs, commissioner of the New York State Department of Health; and Dr. A. J. McLaughlin, assistant surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service.

Besides consideration of influenza, many subjects of general interest pertaining to public health during the reconstruction period will be taken up. There will be discussions regarding proper precautions in the care of children to reduce mortality rates, rural sanitation, the effect of fashions on health and the use of narcotics in war times.

### Soldier from Fort Riley Killed in Kansas City

Kansas City, Nov. 30.—Private William Bray, Company A, 26th battalion, United States guards, found under a viaduct here yesterday with a crushed skull and a bullet wound in his side, died last night at a local hospital and was identified by L. E. Murphy, orderly to Capt. George Flock at Fort Riley, who said Bray was transferred from Camp Dodge, Ia., or Fort Crook, Neb.

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# Little Journeys to Nearby Towns

By Edward Black

## Nebraska City—Continued

Nebraska City occupied a prominent place when slavery was a political issue before the civil war, and it was the only town in Nebraska where slaves were owned. There were only a few slaves held there, and the circumstances were, perhaps, extenuating, but the general subject of slavery became a prolific subject for discussion in public meetings and in the legislature. John Brown, since famous in song and story, tarried in Nebraska City on several occasions during the days of his "underground railroad."

The ownership of slaves in Nebraska City is corroborated by several present day residents. Frank J. Carson recalled that Stephen F. Nuckolls owned the negro men who were known as "Shack" and "Slade," who were observed by him on numerous occasions. The Nebraska City News of November 27, 1888, printed a statement that two negro women had been enticed away from Stephen F. Nuckolls, and that a reward of \$200 had been offered for their return. Nuckolls is said to have gone with a party of men to Tabor, Ia., a strong abolitionist center, to apprehend the fugitives. The Chicago Times-Herald in 1860 carried an article in which it was stated that Nuckolls brought suit in the district court of Nebraska City against Reuben S. Williams, George B. Gaston, Lester D. Platt, and 13 other citizens of Civil Bend, Ia., on charges of having taken two of the Nuckolls slaves to Iowa. During 1860 an advertisement appeared in a Nebraska City newspaper, announcing that Sheriff Butterfield, by reason of an execution in favor of William B. Hall against Charles F. Holly, would sell at public auction "One negro man and one negro woman, known as Hercules and Martha." There is said to have been more or less of politics in that affair.

### John Brown Rendezvous.

John Brown's "underground railroad" from Kansas during 1858, left Nebraska at Nebraska City, whence it proceeded to Percival, Ia., and thence to Tabor, Ia., where Brown maintained one of his rendezvous. Iowa at that time was a "free" state, but Nebraska was a territory and there was a mooted question of whether a territory could legislate on the subject of slavery. A Nebraska City newspaper item of February 11, 1859, reads: "Old John Brown of Osawatimie passes through Nebraska City with a troupe of niggers and horse thieves." As early as 1855 John Brown was in Nebraska City with fugitive slaves enroute to an underground stopping place in Falls City. During the winter of 1855 Charles F. Holly, one of the earliest slave holders in Nebraska City, was chairman of a mass convention in St. Joseph, Mo., held for the purpose of sending to congress a memorial. "That emigrants in the territories should receive the same protection to property that they enjoyed in the states from which they emigrated."

In the same year a meeting was held in Nebraska City to discuss whether Nebraska territory should be a slave or free state. In 1855 Brown made his first appearance in this country. Samuel G. Daily, known in his day as "The Moses of the republican party in Nebraska," offered on November 1, 1858, to the legislature a bill to abolish slavery in Nebraska. The political pot then began to boil. One of the paramount questions was, whether slavery existed in fancy or in fact in Nebraska. William H. Taylor, "Handbill Taylor," was a violent anti-slavery man. As chairman of the legislative committee to which the slavery bill had been referred, he reported: "I know of my own knowledge that Stephen F. Nuckolls had three colored persons he claimed as slaves, two escaping during the winter of 1858-9." Taylor mentioned the names of three other Nebraskans as having owned slaves, and he added that Nuckolls had started a suit in district court for the value of two colored persons. T. M. Marquette and George B. Lake of the legislature declared that they were ready to believe that slaves were held in Nebraska. The anti-slavery bill was passed over the veto of the governor.

### Nuckolls the Founder.

Stephen E. Nuckolls was the founder of Nebraska City and he was a man of great vision as well as business acumen. He arrived during April, 1854, and was named as president of the Nebraska Town company. He erected the first brick house, and in 1854 established the first saw mill. The Platte Valley bank, of which he was president, was the first financial institution organized in Nebraska territory and it was the only bank that successfully weathered the monetary storm of 1857, when a choice collection of wild cat banks near Omaha were blown into oblivion. The best information obtainable is that John

Boulevard rushed from Omaha to the Platte Valley bank with \$10,000, and when the cashier began to pass the money right and left, the depositors regained confidence. Nuckolls is said to have been influential in persuading J. Sterling Morton to move from Bellevue to Nebraska City. He was chairman of the board of managers of the first territorial fair, which was held in Nebraska City, and he did much to develop the west. Nuckolls county of this state was named for him. His sister-in-law, Mrs. Heath Nuckolls, still resides in Nebraska City with her daughter, Mrs. Wesner. She stated that the Nuckolls originally lived in Virginia, moving north before the war to Rockport, Mo., bringing slaves with them. From Rockport they moved to Nebraska City. She added that John and Brown took two of the Nuckolls slaves.

The first republican convention held in Nebraska, after admission to statehood, was held in Nebraska City, April 29, 1868. Samuel Maxwell presiding. The following nominations were announced: T. M. Marquette, Louis Allegrwah and J. F. Warner, presidential electors; John Taffe, congress; David Butler, governor; T. P. Kennard, secretary of state; John Gillespie, auditor; James Sweet, treasurer; S. A. Strickland, Alvin Saunders, Richard T. B. Stevenson, R. W. Furnas and Samuel Maxwell, delegates to the Chicago convention. This state convention endorsed U. S. Grant for president and B. F. Wade for vice president.

### Not All Past History.

Proud as Nebraska City may be of its early history, this town does not live in the past, as may be evidenced by a visit to the headquarters of the Business Men's association on Central avenue. Every county seat in Nebraska is required to maintain a business headquarters of its county. Call it a Commercial club, Chamber of Commerce, or Business Men's association; the name does not matter. Any county not already receiving the benefits of such an organization is recommended to go to Nebraska City and see how it is done by the "B. M. A." of that enterprising town. This institution is built for speed as well as for comfort, and it is built for real business, for the business of the town and of the county. It is a clearing house for all matters which pertain to the upbuilding of Nebraska City and the county. It has been the center of war activities of Otoe county. It co-operates with the farmers on matters of labor, markets, roads, return loads and allied subjects. It is a general information bureau for the stranger and the resident. There are 250 live-wire active members, with Dr. P. Cresap as president and Dr. M. Vaughn as secretary. Mr. Vaughn formerly was with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad in Omaha and is known throughout the state as a successful business man.

### Strong for Country.

Patriotism is spelled with capital letters in Nebraska City and Otoe county. They changed the name of one of their towns from Berlin to Otoe. Hamburger steak has long been known as liberty steak. They have adopted a system of putting over drives on the unit system, which has been used by Ne-maha and Richardson counties. Under the unit system each person in the county is assessed proportionately and fairly, according to his or her property and income values. Under that plan, during the recent United War Work Fund campaign, the subscriptions in one of the Nebraska City wards ranged from \$1.50 to \$750, the man who was called upon to give the maximum amount having no come-back when he realized that he was assessed on the same basis as the man who was asked to give \$1.50.

A brief resume of who's who in Nebraska City reveals an interest-

### Write a Love Letter--Win a Prize!

In Adelaide Kennerly's serial story "Who Stacks My Cards" the heroine recently received a letter—"a wonderful letter," she calls it—from her soldier-lover in France in which he says:

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"In my blanket at night I lie dreaming of the few evenings we spent together, recalling your ideals, your wonderful high aims, your youthful spirit, so frank and free, your deep, large, blue eyes that mirror a wonderful soul that cannot be touched by life's mud and mire. Always I have, when I picture my country, one face before me—that is my courage."

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Address Contest Editor, Omaha Bee.

by J. Sterling Morton. The first issue of the News appeared on November 14, 1854, and it is still being issued, with C. M. Hubner in charge. Paul Jensen, one of the leading attorneys, holds the honor of being the son of the first school teacher of his town. Frank Carson, who has resided there since 1854, stated that he was one of the pupils of the first school in 1855. C. M. Aldrich, manager of Nebraska City's packing industry, keeps his town supplied with poetry. He avers that there is poetry in pork, pickles, pie, peanuts or anything else if one just sees it that way.

### School for the Blind.

The Nebraska School for the Blind was established in Nebraska City during 1875 by Samuel Bacon, who was totally blind. N. C. Abbott, brother of Keene Abbott of Omaha, has been superintendent of this institution for eight years. Literary, musical and industrial courses are taught to 54 students. The school maintains its own orchestra and has a pipe organ.

Reference to Nebraska City would not be complete without mention of the late M. L. Hayward, who served his state as United States senator. His son, William Hayward, born in Nebraska City, is now in command of a New York regiment of colored soldiers overseas. Rev. William D. Gage, chaplain of the first territorial legislature, was the first Methodist minister serving in Nebraska, his first service being in Nebraska City during 1853.

Among the prominent early-day men of the town were Milton W. Reynolds, who wrote under the nom de plume of "Kicking Bird," Robert Hawke, business associate of Stephen F. Nuckolls; D. H. Irish, editor of the Peoples' Press; August, W. E. and H. L. Harvey;

### Back to Pilgrims.

Several Nebraska City citizens can trace their ancestry to the days of the Pilgrim fathers. W. A. Cotton, a venerable resident, is a descendant of Rev. John Cotton, who lived in Boston nearly 300 years ago. The elder Cotton was vicar of St. Botolph and originally was from Boston, England. It was believed that the city of Boston was named from the home town of the vicar, whose memory was honored in Boston by the erection of a costly monument. W. S. Harding, insurance man, is a native of one of the first families of the town. His father, the late N. S. Harding, wrote the first insurance policy issued in Nebraska territory, August, 1857. His ancestors settled in Massachusetts in 1623. Clarence Hochstetler, another business man, is a son of Jacob Hochstetler, pioneer, and he is a brother of Frank H. Hochstetler, who is in the wholesale grocery business in Omaha. Robert C. Druseadow of Omaha, state representative-elect, is a native of Nebraska City, and is well known in his old home town. J. H. Sweet, editor of the Nebraska Daily Press, is a son of J. H. Sweet, who served as the first treasurer of the state of Nebraska and was prominent in early banking affairs.

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### Man May Die as Result of Fight in Pool Room

Fred Fencil, Prague hotel, was cut in the abdomen by a pocket

knife in the hands of Angelo Pitre, and it is thought by the hospital authorities that he will not recover. Fencil told the police that he was playing a game of pool when Pitre entered and called him names. When Fencil resented these Pitre drew a knife and stabbed him. He was taken to the Lord Lister hospital and Pitre was arrested and held for investigation.

### S. A. T. C. Demobilization Starts at Lincoln Monday

Next Monday the demobilization of the students' army training corps at the university at Lincoln will begin. On that day the Burlington will take out 300 of the boys to their home towns. The movement will continue at the rate of 200 a day until the camp is abandoned. There are 1,900 students in the camp.

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