

LUTHERANS OF STATE MEET AT NORTH PLATTE

Synodical Brotherhood Formed With M. G. Leamer of Allen President; Raise Charity Fund.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram).—North Platte was chosen the meeting place in 1919 by the Nebraska Lutheran synod at the closing session here today.

The benevolent fund for the coming year was increased by \$1,200 making the total to be raised \$15,000. A synodical brotherhood was organized with the following officers:

M. G. Leamer, Allen, president; James Seligman, North Platte, secretary-treasurer.

Last evening, three young ministers, W. H. M. Stevens, Oshkosh; Earl A. Evers, Lincoln; and W. C. Klee, Wilber, were ordained. W. W. Livers of Allen delivered the ordination sermon.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the synod in the closing session of its convention elected the following officers: President, Mrs. O. D. Balty, Omaha; Mrs. C. H. Lewis, Emerson, first vice president; Mrs. S. H. Yeran, Omaha, second vice president; Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Omaha, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. C. Heck, Allen, recording secretary; Mrs. D. M. Weissinger, Dakota City, treasurer; Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Beatrice, historian.

Son of Table Rock Woman Back from Battle Front

Table Rock, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special).—Two more deaths were reported here of influenza, bringing the number up to 10. Louis J. Chilin, section foreman, died Wednesday, and Miss Mary R. Kubis died Thursday. Nothing has yet been heard from the relatives of the first named, whose mother is supposed to live in Denver. Mr. Chilin had been here for several months. The father of Mrs. Kubis, who lives in Wyoming, has been heard from. There are no more serious cases in town so far as known.

William H. Wert, son of Mrs. Ann Wert, who was recently wounded in France, was in town Wednesday shaking hands with old friends and neighbors. He was wounded in the arm and will leave shortly for Rochester, Minn., where he will receive surgical treatment.

William Bettenhausen of Lyons Fatally Wounded

Lyons, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special).—E. Bettenhausen, a brother of John Bettenhausen of the west side, was fatally wounded on the battlefield in France and died November 7, 1918. The last letter received from him was written October 20, and he was well and feeling fine then. Funeral services for the dead soldier were held in the Cuming County Lutheran church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schuler received word that their nephew, Carl Kroger, was killed in the great battle of Bellefleur, France, September 19, 1918. He enlisted about a year ago.

Judge Isaac Powers, Nebraska Pioneer, Dead

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram).—Judge Isaac Powers, for 35 years prominent in politics and framer of the state constitution, died at 11 o'clock today.

He was once a member of the board of regents of the University of Nebraska, formerly attorney general of Nebraska and district judge. Intestinal trouble, from which he had been suffering for a number of years, followed by complications was the cause of death. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the family home.

Omaha Overlooked When State Funds Are Deposited

Lincoln, Dec. 6.—(Special).—State funds of Nebraska are deposited in 104 banks of the state, according to a statement issued by State Treasurer George E. Hall today.

No Omaha banks are represented in the list while four Lincoln banks are credited with sums ranging from \$3,668 to \$27,718. The largest amount in any one bank is given \$27,718, while the smallest amount is \$2,000 deposited in two different banks. Sixteen banks have \$10,000 or more while the balance seems to run between \$5,000 to \$8,000, which appears to be the popular figure.

Buffalo County Reports Much Cornstalk Disease

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special).—Federal veterinarian Francis Kearney received numerous reports during the past few weeks of cornstalk disease prevailing in Buffalo and adjoining counties. Many deaths of both cattle and horses are reported and the veterinarian, assisted by County Agent Stewart, is making every effort to check the disease.

Alliance Man Pays Fine for Milk Below Standard

Lincoln, Dec. 6.—(Special).—Daniel R. Lawrence of Alliance has been found guilty of selling milk below the standard of three per cent and fined \$20 and costs. A food inspecting sleuth got next to the matter and Mr. Lawrence pleaded guilty and paid his fine.

Will Pay November Draft Men for Trip to Fremont

One day's pay will soon be forthcoming to men from this district who were ordered to Camp Kearney the day the armistice was signed and who got only as far as Fremont when the order was countermanded. This announcement was made Friday by Capt. Walter L. Anderson, acting provost marshal of Nebraska.

Dec Wait Ads Produce Results.

16,000 Major Casualties Remain to Be Reported

Washington, Dec. 6.—The War department announced today that 16,000 major casualties, including killed in action, died of wounds, died of disease or other causes, severely wounded and missing, have not yet been finally reported to the next of kin. The arrears in minor casualties is much larger, it was added.

From cable reports how expected, the department hopes to clear up the arrears in major casualties within a week, except for a few names with respect to which identification has not yet been completed. The minor casualties not yet reported to the next of kin represent slight wounds involving relatively brief disablement, and in most cases the men sustaining them already have been healed. The total in this class also includes many duplications, the same soldier having been slightly wounded two or more times.

The official statement issued today shows that of the total major casualties reported by General Pershing on November 27, 50,228 have been reported to the next of kin, with 7,550 still to be reported. Of the 14,565 missing and prisoners of war sent in by General Pershing, 14,093 have been reported to relatives, but of the 189,955 total wounded only 69,841 have been cleared up finally.

The statement gives the following:

Brief City News

CHARLES BUCK BOUND OVER ON FRAUD CHARGE

Election Inspector is Bound Over to District Court on a Charge of Tampering With Ballots.

Charles Buck, election inspector, was bound over to the district court Friday on the charge of tampering with election ballots of the 19th district, Third ward, in the last election, November 5.

Buck crossed names on the name of Michael Clark, republican candidate for sheriff, and made crosses after the name of John M. Hotel, democratic candidate, of the same ballot sheet, according to charges made before Judge Bryce Crawford.

The defendant is employed as a bookbinder in the court house.

M. M. Robertson, manager of the Evans Laundry, was the first witness called to testify against Buck. H. D. Walker, W. R. Rance were other witnesses.

Living With Wife Again; Asks Divorce Set Aside

George Jan asks the court to set aside the divorce decree recently granted his wife, Franciska. He says a reconciliation has been effected between him and his wife and that he was living with her at the time the divorce decree was signed. He cannot read English, so was not able to understand the letters addressed to him by his wife's attorneys. He says he had a memorandum of defense to the divorce suit, and further asserts the alimony order is exorbitant.

Miller Elected President of Nebraska-Iowa Greeters

After an elaborate luncheon at the Henshaw hotel the Iowa-Nebraska Greeters adjourned to the Fontenelle hotel, where they held the last meeting of their fifteenth annual convention Friday afternoon.

A resolution was passed whereby Dave Olmstead, a former member of this charter, but who recently moved from its jurisdiction, was made an honorary member of the charter.

Workers to Meet at Lincoln

A conference of Nebraska workers for Armenian-Syrian relief will be held at Lincoln Sunday, December 8, at First Congregational church.

The conference will be conducted by William B. Millar, national campaign director, and Frank C. Jackson, director field organization. The speakers will be Dr. Charles F. Aked and Charles V. Vickrey, secretary of the national committee at New York. An Omaha delegation will attend.

Asks Big Damages for Injuries by Street Car

William Anderson, 15, Friday brought suit against the street railway company for \$35,000 damages for injuries sustained November 29, 1918, when the express wagon he was driving on Twenty-fourth street, near Cass, was struck by a street car. Artemus W. Anderson, his father, is prosecuting the suit for the minor.

NEBRASKA LEADS IN ALFALFA AND HAY PRODUCTION

Wrests Distinction from New York and Kansas, According to Latest of Figures.

Nebraska has wrested the distinction of being the leading hay producing state of the nation from New York, according to statistics presented by the Chamber of Commerce. It was this product of the fields that placed New York in the lead as a dairy center.

The rapid development of Nebraska is shown by the following table prepared by the Chamber of Commerce statistician of the tonnage production of all hay in the ten leading hay producing states for the three-year period for which figures are available, viz., 1915, 1916, 1917:

State	1915	1916	1917
Nebraska	19,916,000	20,212,000	19,812,000
New York	19,252,000	18,872,000	18,872,000
Iowa	15,872,000	15,872,000	15,872,000
Missouri	14,752,000	14,752,000	14,752,000
South Dakota	14,552,000	14,552,000	14,552,000
California	12,228,000	12,228,000	12,228,000
Kansas	12,182,000	12,182,000	12,182,000
Ohio	12,148,000	12,148,000	12,148,000

Included in the foregoing figures is the production of alfalfa and in this too, Nebraska is justified in emitting a loud whoop of exultation for a few years ago Secretary Caborn, premier agricultural booster of Kansas, heralded to all the world that Kansas led in the production of alfalfa. Now the tables are turned.

Old Colony Club to Have Headquarters in Omaha

The Old Colony club of New York City, with branches in eleven other cities, proposes to open a branch in an Omaha hotel.

The Old Colony club is an organization for business men who travel. It is not a social club but a business headquarters for out of town men, with conference rooms, stenographers and all accessories of a well equipped office.

A New York business man, for instance, who desired to transact business in Omaha could telegraph ahead, have a conference room ready for his occupancy, appointments arranged and a competent stenographer awaiting his dictation on arrival. He would have at his command a completely equipped information bureau and could cash his checks.

Asks Oil Company Meeting Restrained Pending Suit

Herman Pollack asked the court for a restraining order to prevent the Pollack Oil company and George M. Beck from holding the annual meeting of the company Saturday December 7, or any time until the court shall have determined whether the secretary is compelled to register the transfer of a block of stock, totaling ten shares and to issue plaintiff a new certificate.

Pollack asserts the election of officers will be affected by the transfer of stock.

Union Pacific Will Run Trains During Car Strike

Saturday, Dec. 7 and Monday, Dec. 9, Union Pacific will operate special trains for packing house employees and the public between Omaha and South Omaha (Q street) as follows:

Southbound—Leave Omaha Union station 6:15 a. m., 7:20 a. m., 3:15 p. m. and 5:15 p. m.

Northbound—Leave So. Omaha (Q street) 6:50 a. m., 8 a. m., 4 p. m., 6:00 p. m.

Trains will stop at South Omaha passenger station, Martha and 17th streets. One-way fare 12 cents, round-trip 24 cents.

Gage Soldier Killed.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram).—Robert S. Steidley, of Adams has been killed in action in France according to information received here today from the War department. Steidley was 27 years of age and left Beatrice last summer with a draft contingent from Gage county.

The Bee's Free Shoe Fund To Buy Shoes For Shoeless Children

Many parents have applied direct to The Bee for footwear for their children, to be purchased through The Bee shoe fund. This is wrong.

Applications must be made to the teacher of the school attended by the youngsters. After investigation by the teacher the applicant is sent to Probation Officer Carver at the Board of Education office in the city hall.

There is no red tape connected with the benefits from this fund. Neither are there any overhead or other expenses. Every cent contributed goes right into shoe leather for the needy youngsters of Omaha.

There are a great many of these kiddies who need shoes before Christmas.

Every contributor to the fund now is playing Santa Claus. Previously acknowledged \$802.70 Eleanor Virginia Jeffrey... 10.00 C. O. Hammack... 5.00 Cash, Craig, Neb... 2.50

AT THE THEATERS

Otis Skinner is jubilant over the success that he has scored in his revival of the Balzacian comedy, "The Honor of the Family."

"I love Colonel Philippe Bridan, the hero of this play," he told a recent interviewer. "He is such a wholesome old rogue. No character among the many, many I have played, has a firmer grip on my affections nor a stronger pull at my heart strings. Bridan and I became fast friends 10 years ago. At first I was suspicious of him. When I knew him less well than I do now, I was inclined to look upon him as a more or less unwholesome creature, a braggart, and a flamboyant blusterer, whose chief aim in life was 'money, money, money!'"

"But as I grew to know him I grew also to understand his eccentricities. Then I began to love him, and now, 10 years later, I find him none the less charming because of the years that have passed, but, on the contrary, more human, more delightful, more lovable that ever."

"Perhaps it is our increased interest and affection for things French that heightens the present day appeal of 'The Honor of the Family.' Here we have a veteran of the Napoleonic wars, a true soldier of France, as valiant as any hero of the present."

"Yes, I love Bridan. It is like drinking old wine with old friends to renew my intimate acquaintance with him."

The prophecy is made that even the lack of street car transportation will not prohibit Max Spiegel's gorgeous "Clear Up, America!" from opening to tremendous attendance at the Gaiety today. The name "Spiegel" means to musical burlesque what "Belasco" means to the drama and insures a first-class article. Today's matinee at 2:30, tomorrow's at 3.

"The Bird of Paradise" will close its stay at the Boyd with matinee, and evening performance today. It is the great play of Hawaii with all the allurements of perpetual summerland. On Sunday "The Little Mother-to-Be" opens to engagement of four night with daily matinees.

With matinee and evening performances today, the bill at the Orpheum this week will finish the week's engagement. The curtain will rise early tonight, 8 o'clock sharp, and during Mrs. Whitman's performance which will be first on the program patrons will not be seated. Of the show opening with tomorrow's matinee, the headline attractions are to be the popular monologist, Julius Tannen, and a grand opera act elaborately produced and known as "Mrs. Dorree's Celebrities."

Impersonations of some of the composers, including Creatore, Wagner, Sousa, etc., are offered by Caesar Rivoli, at the Empress Theater in addition to his comedy sketch "A Scandal in a Restaurant" in which he appears in seven different characters. Wagner and Palmer, in "She's Hard to Get Along With" have one of the best laughing acts of today.

TRUCK FREIGHT BUSINESS FAST GROWING HERE

Good Chance for Company to Establish Regular Routes and Make Money, Asserts Gillan.

No other American city has developed the business of automobile truck freighting as has Omaha, yet the business here is as yet in its infancy and is unorganized, according to Industrial Commissioner Gillan of the Chamber of Commerce.

Hundreds of trucks, owned by individuals, are used to haul live stock from rural points as distant as 50 miles, to the packing houses, taking back loads of freight for the communities.

There are no regular or systematic schedules of operation and there is considerable waste in the methods, due to a lack of co-ordination.

Chance for Big Company.

"The success of the freighting methods, crude as they are, demonstrates the possibilities of this method of transportation," said Mr. Gillan. "There is a splendid opportunity for the creation of a strong corporation, say one capitalized at \$200,000, to put on a fleet of trucks and operate 10 or 11 different routes out of Omaha. These trucks should be equipped with pneumatic tires. The first cost of such equipment might be large, but the prevention of skidding and wear and tear on the machine, and the deterioration of the roads, which are the natural results of hard tires, would justify the expenditure. This has been proven in Ohio and other states."

"Routes should be long ones, say 50 miles. This would develop certain tonnage and serve a number of small towns."

One Route Cited.

"Right now, with the cessation of river navigation from Decatur to Omaha, there is a splendid opening for some enterprising truck owner. It would be a profitable venture for some man to put on a truck that would leave Omaha and haul a complete load of freight to Decatur in a day. As there is also a great deal of freight hauling from Tekamah to Decatur, he could return to Tekamah the same night, get a load for Decatur at that point, deliver it, and the next morning have enough freight accumulation for a full return load to Omaha."

"The daily mileage in both instances would be the same, 77 miles. As the river is unavailing five months in the year, a route of this kind would be profitable all through the year. The roads are good with the exception of one troublesome hill during rainy times, this side of De Soto."

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