

SCOTTSBLUFF SCHOOL PLANS INADEQUATE

State Engineer Says Drawings for Proposed \$60,000 Structure of No Value; New Prints Necessary.

From a Staff Correspondent.
Lincoln, March 17.—State Engineer George E. Johnson has notified the school board of Bayard, Neb., that plans for a new \$60,000 school, prepared by Architect G. C. Gott of Scottsbluff, Neb., were structurally inadequate. Mr. Johnson says a new set of plans will be necessary. The state engineer, who had one of his agents visit the site of the school and bring the plans to Lincoln for his examination at the request of State Superintendent W. H. Clemmons, found that the proposed building would not sustain its own weight, he says. The school board has wired State Superintendent Clemmons for instructions, after contractors had refused to bid on the building on the basis of the architect's plans, according to Mr. Johnson.

Fire at Syracuse, Neb., Causes \$16,500 Damage

Syracuse, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—Syracuse suffered her most severe fire loss since 1911 when the Independent Battery Service building burned down. The building is owned by M. R. Ingersoll and situated in the DeLong block. The fire originated in the battery charging room and that part of the building is a total loss. Twelve cars that were stored in the building, most of them new, were badly damaged and the building was so badly damaged that it will have to be practically rebuilt. Loss to the building will be \$3,000; Mr. Ingersoll, \$1,000; Pickering Auto company, \$9,000; A. C. Stover, \$3,500. Besides this several individual cars in the building were damaged by smoke and heat. Benjamin Wilkins, a veteran of the civil war and a pioneer resident of Syracuse, died after an illness of two weeks. He is survived by his aged wife, two sons, Calvin B. Wilkins of Kansas City, Mo., and Melvin J. Wilkins, publisher of the Syracuse Journal-Democrat, and one daughter, Mrs. Charles Dean of Palmyra. Funeral service was held Monday afternoon from the home, with interment in Park Hill.

Legislative League Banquet Is Postponed for one Week

By a Staff Correspondent.
Lincoln, March 17.—(Special.)—One week's postponement of the Nebraska Legislative league banquet from March 20 to 27 has been decided upon because of so many matters pressing upon the house and the senate this week. It will be at the Lincoln Commercial club instead of the city Auditorium, as planned. The state university band will furnish the music and a vaudeville stunt from the Orpheum theater will be arranged for.

Will Make Artificial Ice

Fairbury, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—The Fairbury Ice company, successors to the Mendenhall Ice company, will begin the manufacture of artificial ice Tuesday. The capacity of the plant is 25 tons a day.

Beg Pardon

The bad, had thirteenth. On the thirteenth day of this month, The Bee received a telegram from its correspondent at Norfolk, Neb., telling that J. E. Haase was elected mayor of Norfolk. M. Haase is not elected mayor, but merely nominated candidate for the mayor's race.

Beatrice Firm Ships Ice to Various Small Towns in the State

Beatrice, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—Ray Ward, one of the first young men of Beatrice to enter the army, returned home yesterday from France, where he spent more than a year. He was in the aerial service and while in France made a number of flights, but escaped injury. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ward of this city. Two gold watches and a \$50 Liberty bond were stolen Friday afternoon from the home of Frank Thimm, a farmer living west of the city, during the absence of the family. The officers here are working on the case.

The Beatrice Cold Storage company is shipping a carload of manufactured ice daily to small towns in this section where it is being stored for summer use. There is a general shortage of river ice here, and it is predicted that the price will be around 50 cents a hundred the coming summer. Members of the Beatrice Farmers' Co-Operative Grain company met here yesterday and voted to adopt the union plan organization. The company will either buy or build an elevator. The organization has a membership of 140.

Charles W. Hagerman of the Filley vicinity has sold his quarter section farm to Carl Sorenson for \$35,500, or approximately \$225 per acre. Gasoline land is gradually climbing skyward in price. Farmers of the Liberty vicinity have organized to make war on gophers the coming season.

Supreme Court Hears Omaha Detention Home Habeas Corpus Case

From a Staff Correspondent.
Lincoln, March 17.—The Nebraska supreme court Monday afternoon heard the habeas corpus proceedings involving the right of city officials in Omaha to segregate and quarantine those afflicted with social diseases, on application of Margaret Brown of Omaha, who was committed to the Omaha detention home January 27, on orders of city authorities.

The action denies the constitutional right of state and local health authorities to make rules and regulations that require the accused to submit to medical examination for the procuring of evidence against him or herself.

"When accused is himself made to produce the incriminating evidence, such evidence is irrelevant and inadmissible," contends the petitioner.

The Brown woman, held under the name of Margaret Harris, was committed to the detention home, after she had been sentenced to a jail term for being an inmate of an ill-governed house, according to a stipulation filed in the habeas corpus proceedings.

Norfolk Celebrates in Honor of St. Patrick

Norfolk, Neb., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Speaking before half a thousand people attending a St. Patrick's day celebration William Frazer, an attorney of Omaha, was enthusiastically cheered when he announced that an Irish republic had been started, that Irishmen would not rest until Ireland had been given its freedom under President Wilson's 14 peace principles.

Shot at Brother-in-Law

Beatrice, March 17.—(Special.)—As the result of trouble between Oscar Boswell and his brother-in-law, Earl Hayes, the former was arrested today on the charge of attempting to murder Hayes by emptying his revolver at him. Hayes escaped with slight injuries. The men live in separate homes on the same farm south of Beatrice.

Noted Silversmith Dies

Meriden, Conn., March 17.—Cephas B. Rogers, former head of the silversmith manufacturing firm of C. Rogers and Bros., of this city, died at his home here last night of pneumonia.

JURORS FIND BLAZKA BEAT WIFE TO DEATH

Coroner's Inquiry at Valentine Into Death of Woman Results in Accusation of Husband.

Valentine, Neb., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—At the inquest over the body of Mrs. Francisca Blazka held today Deputy Sheriff O'Rourke testified to finding the body at the



Joseph Blazka

scene of the crime and to the voluntary statement by husband, Josef Blazka, before arrest, that he administered a beating with a piece of tug. He identified that article when brought by the son.

Verdict that Francisca Blazka came to her death on or about March 11 caused by a severe beating with a heavy harness tug about three feet long, with an iron cockeye at one end, in the hands of her husband, Josef Blazka, and welded with murderous and felonious intent, was returned by the jury.

Date for preliminary hearing was not set because the prisoner has not secured a lawyer. He is communicating with outside lawyers of Bohemian nationality.

The funeral of Mrs. Blazka was held this afternoon and interment was in Valentine.

Lightning Strikes Two Big Barns Near Fairbury, Neb.

Fairbury, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—Lightning struck two large barns Friday morning near Fairbury. Both were burned to the ground. One was on O. H. Sollenberger's farm and the other on the Charles Higgins farm. The loss included the buildings, 25 tons of hay, 300 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of corn, besides some farm implements, harness, etc.

Spencer to Pave Streets

Spencer, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—At a recent meeting of the business men of Spencer, called by Mayor Nystrom, it was decided to pave the business streets of the city. Petitions have been signed by sufficient property owners to authorize the town board to proceed with the work.

Capt. MacGregor Decorated

London, March 16.—Frank MacGregor, U. S. Medical corps, received the military cross at an investiture held by the king in Buckingham palace Saturday.

TAX RETURNS ON SUNDAY REACHED \$1,500,000 MARK

Returns Made Hereafter Must Be Accompanied by Written Request for Time Extension.

The income tax season is over for another year, and though it will require the remainder of this week to care for the returns mailed in from the different parts of the state prior to the official closing hour Saturday night, some delinquents appeared in the Federal building Monday.

"All returns made hereafter must be accompanied by a written request for extension of time, together with reasons for the delay," said George L. Loomis, chief of the internal revenue department. "If this is not done, they will be classed as delinquents and subject to the fine of from \$1,000 to \$10,000, or imprisonment."

Post All Names.
For the first time income tax lists will be prepared and posted in the federal buildings by government instructions. They will contain a list of the tax payers, the amounts paid and the addresses. This is one of the ways used to locate delinquents.

"It will take the remainder of this week to care for the mailed returns," said Mr. Loomis, "and the floor tax, or tobacco returns, will be considered next. These must be in by March 25. After that steps will be taken concerning tax avoiders."

Receive \$1,500,000 on Sunday.
The returns ran higher than all expectations, and although the average deposit per day amounted to \$1,000,000, the highest deposit of \$1,500,000 was on Sunday. This represented from Saturday noon until Sunday.

The total return for Omaha will not be known until the returns by mail are entirely checked, but according to Mr. Loomis the highest tax paid was for \$100,000.

Among those in Nebraska whose checks registered the highest were C. N. Dietz, E. John Brandeis, that from the Knott estate, from Omaha; the Woods Brothers estate in Lincoln and that of J. A. Monroe of the Union Pacific railroad.

Legislative Body Grills Mayfield in Regard to Coal Bill

By a Staff Correspondent.

Lincoln, March 17.—Resuming its inquiry today, the legislative investigating committee examining into the affairs of the State Board of Control had E. O. Mayfield, a member of the board, on the grill again Monday.

Deputy Attorney General Ralph Wilson, representing the committee, cross-examined Mr. Mayfield with reference to the bogus receipted \$72 coal bill, which the commissioner said in his testimony Saturday had been sent to him before he had settled the account with the National Supply company, which was also furnishing the state institutions with coal.

Commissioner Mayfield told the committee that he had been compelled to allow the bill to run for awhile because he was short of funds. His daughter mailed the letter in which he had enclosed a check to cover his coal account, he said.

The witness said he did not know who had sent him the bogus receipted bill, but declared that as soon as the hearing was over he was going to devote his time to finding out.

Mayor Nystrom, it was suggested that the committee might be looking in the wrong direction to find the guilty party. He called attention to the fact that Mr. Mayfield's files and the office files of the Board of Control had been tampered with.

"You know, and I know, who was responsible for that," said Mr. Nystrom. He insisted that the bogus receipt must have been the work of someone endeavoring to "frame" on both Mayfield and Howell, since the receipt had been sent in an envelope bearing the name of Howell.

George Weidenfeld, former auditor of the Board of Control, was the principal witness at the afternoon hearing.

Weidenfeld branded as false the story told by Miss Anna Yobel that he had taken anything from the office.

He said that the reason Miss Yobel had testified against him was because he had recommended her dismissal.

Criticizing the conduct of the board's affairs Weidenfeld declared that its members had failed to recommend needed legislation, especially since Howard Kennedy had left it. He said that he had attempted to educate the board to some of its business, but had been unsuccessful. He said that outside of Judge Holcomb and Judge Kennedy none of the members of the board understood the bookkeeping. He said the board was most lax in keeping a record of communications and reports and that no formal record of the board's transactions was kept. No contract record was maintained, he asserted.

Former Treasurer of South Dakota Must Pay State \$32,094

Washington Bureau, Omaha Bee.
Washington, March 17.—The supreme court today gave a decision in favor of the state of South Dakota, complainant, against Charles E. Collins, who was the state treasurer of that state from 1903 to 1909. During his incumbency, Collins at a salary of \$1,800 a year, is alleged to have received more than \$10,000 in interest from moneys loaned to banks in Chicago and South Dakota. The constitution of South Dakota provides that neither the treasurer nor any other officer of the state shall "receive any fees or perquisites whatever for the performance of any duties connected with his office." The supreme court sustains the report of the referee and judgment is directed to be entered against the defendant in the sum of \$32,094. Collins, when last heard from, was in Southern California.

OMAHA OFFICER KILLED IN TEXAS AIRPLANE CRASH

Lieut. O. D. Davidson, Known in Omaha Church and Sporting Circles, Dies as Plane Crashes to Ground.

Houston, Tex., March 17.—Lts. Robert E. Morsbach and O. D. Davidson, of the Ellington field aviation personnel, were killed Sunday night near Richmond, their plane



LT. O. D. DAVIDSON.

crashing to the ground as they were nearing the end of a flight from Kelly field, San Antonio. Lieutenant Morsbach, who was piloting the plane, was from Durand

Wis., and Lieutenant Davidson from Omaha. The cause of the crash is being investigated by an official board from Ellington field and as yet has not been announced.

Relatives of Lt. O. D. Davidson of Omaha received a telegram last night acquainting them with the lieutenant's death in an accident at Ellington field, Texas, where he was stationed in the aviation service. Lieutenant Davidson was returning from a flight in an airplane to San Antonio and something went wrong as he was alighting, forcing the machine to crash to the ground. In the smashup the officer was killed.

Lieutenant Davidson was formerly secretary and superintendent of the Omaha branch of the Universal Motor company, since the firm was organized in August, 1916. He resigned to enter the service in January, 1918, and was sent to the Massachusetts Technical college for training. Later he was sent to Ellington field after having received a second lieutenant's commission.

Born in Long Pine. He was born in Long Pine, Neb., 28 years ago. He spent most of his life in Omaha. After graduating from the Omaha High school he entered Ames college where he received a degree in mechanical engineering.

For a year he was a member of the editorial staff of The Twentieth Century Farmer. Then he became secretary and superintendent of the Universal Motor company.

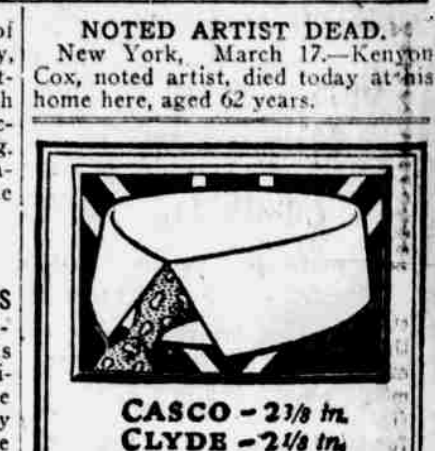
In September, 1917, he was married to Virginia Weller, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Weller. Mr. Davidson was very active in church work. He was a member of the North Presbyterian church and president of the City Union of the Christian Endeavor society.

His wife and 9-months-old daughter, Nancy Lee, were with Lieutenant Davidson at Ellington field. A brother, Warren Davidson, is also stationed at this aviation center. Lieutenant Davidson is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Davidson, 1808 Lothrop street, and a sister, Ruby Davidson, a student at Ames college.

In a letter to Mr. V. D. Benedict, present manager and treasurer of the Universal Motor company, Lieutenant Davidson said he expected to be discharged within a month and return home. The accident occurred at about 7:45 Sunday evening. The body will be brought to Omaha by Warren Davidson and the widow of Lieutenant Davidson.

NOTED ARTIST DEAD

New York, March 17.—Kenyon Cox, noted artist, died today at his home here, aged 62 years.



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Five Convoys Daily Allotted to the Huns

Basel, March 17.—The inter-allied food commission, which has been conducting negotiations at Vienna, has concluded sessions there and has reached an agreement by which German-Austria will receive five convoys of grain daily by way of Trieste, according to allied advices from the Austrian capital. A credit of \$30,000,000 has been arranged to carry out the agreement. Herbert Hoover, chairman of the supreme food council, will be charged with the administration of the agreement.

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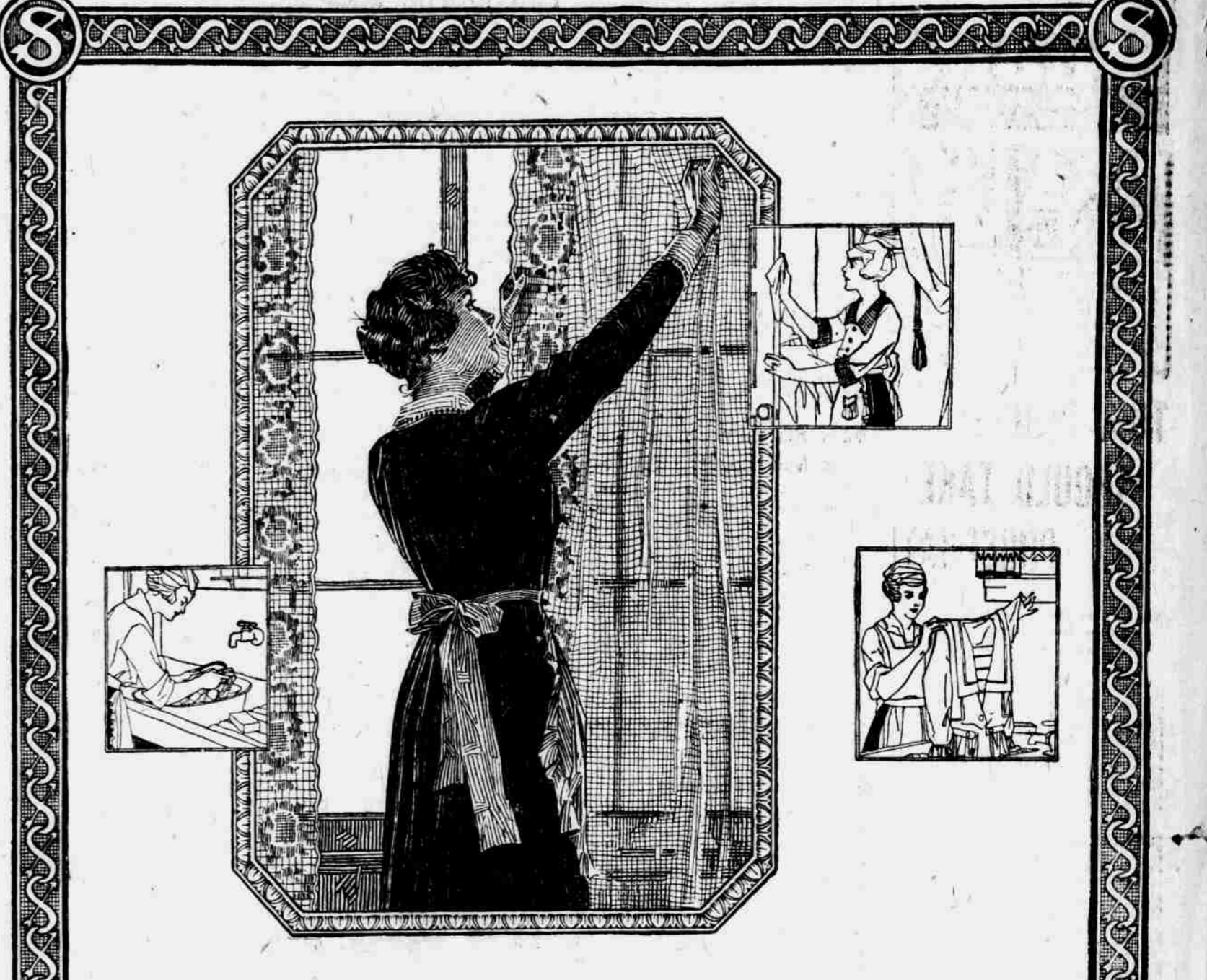
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