# YERS REFUSES Deaths in State Show TO ENTER DEBATE ON NEW CODE LAW

Quotes Many Authorities in Effort to Justify Holding Up Statute; Republicans Ready to Sign.

Lincoln, May 9.-Fred C. Ayers, 1,398. Of these 1,344 deaths were general director of the plan to in- from the flu in Douglas and in Lanvoke the referendum on the new code law, rather than allow the people a chance to try it out and see for themselves whether it has merit, has refused the challenge of the governor to a series of joint debates and quotes scripture. Shakespeare, Hoyle and a few other authorities in an effort to justify his act of holding up a law passed by the last legislature in the interests of a better system of running the business

of the state. Mr. Ayers says he has found 30 republicans who have been willing to put their names to a petition to hold up the new code law and prevent the putting in operation a platform pledge of the republican party which it promised the people. and which a republican legislature, true to its promise, enacted into

Can Not Take Time.

He charges that he will be too busy trying to get enough names on his petitions to hold up the law and can not accommodate the governor in a series of debates, but thinks he could find some fellows who would be foolish enough to run up against the governor's buzz

He says he will furnish a list of subscribers to the fund backing the referendum move at a later date.

The principal argument in the

statement follows: After the petitions are filed with the secretary of state, it will be more than a year before the code bill can be voted upon, and do you not think that the people will have plenty of time to discuss and digest this law? In the meantime a constitutional convention will have been called to decide the matter of a state constitution. Then why go to the expense of the many thousands of dollars of the people's money that will be required to put this law into effect, besides the duplicating of all the present state offices which are fearfully crowded as it is? Why not allow the convention to decide what kind of a government we ought to have, and not leave this question to yourself alone? You have had so little experience in state government that the people, I think, would be more willing to trust the hundred men who will be elected to that convention to solve this problem than to who is apparently so untried."

# Wynot Man Would Make Germans Use English Over Telephone Lines

Lincoln, May 9 .- The State Rail way commission has received a communication from E. F. Ferber of Wynot in which it is stated that German subscribers on the mutual farm telephone line out of that place south are holding secret meetings and are trying to work up a new company to establish a line over which they can talk in the German language.

Considerable objection has been made to the use of the German language over the lines of that ex-change, and some of the subscribers have insisted that it must be stopped. Mr. Ferber is of the opinion that the time has come to talk ir the language of an American citizen, and closes his letter with the

following paragraph:
"Why is it the Germans are allowed to domineer over us Americans so, now that we have won the war over Germany?"

#### Omaha Street Railway Company Applies for an Increase in Fares

Lincoln, May 9.—Claiming that the company has spent its \$1,500,000 depreciation fund for the purpose of extending its lines and that it has nothing left to build up its equip-ment, the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company appeared in supreme court today and through its attorney, J. L. Webster, asked

The company says that its revenues are not sufficient to bring in funds to run the lines and that it is necessary to have an increase in fares to meet the emergency. There is no money to pay interest or divi-dends and the limit has been reached in the issuance of bonds. It is simply a proposition to get more revenue to meet conditions, the company says.

# Must Rebate for Length of

Time Phones Were Broken Lincoln, May 9.-The Lincoln Telephone company will be required to rebate to its subscribers for exchange rental on phones which were out of commission because of the storm in April. The company will be allowed to have seven days credit, but where phones were out of com-mission longer than that time the company must make good the loss to its phone subscribers. This is the order of the State Railway com-mission, issued Friday.

#### Governor Talks on "Good Government" at Hartington

Lincoln, May 9.-Governor Mc-Kelvie was at Hartington yester-day and delivered an address to the people of that town. When asked if he talked on the code bill, he replied that his subject was "Good Government" and that meant the

same thing.

He will deliver the commencement address of the Lexington high school Thursday evening, May 15.

# Big Increase in 1918; Flu Given as Cause WHEAT

for the year 1918, according to reports prepared in the office of the state board of health and also 676 stillborn deaths. The record for 1917 was 11,321, the increase being doubtless due to the flu, of which there were 4,332 deaths in the state. In Douglas county there were 3,534 deaths and in Lancaster county

caster, 484. There were 29,736 births in the state, 4,082 in Douglas county and 1,854 in Lancaster.

It is estimated that perhaps a considerable number of deaths were not dan county on the Indian reservation there were about 90 deaths cases did-not make a report.

#### Syrian Soldier Awarded

# Lincoln, May 9.—A total of 15,637 STATE'S HISTORY

Crop Expected to Be 70,700, 000 Bushels Which, at \$2 Per Bushel, Would Bring \$141,000,000.

Lincoln, Neb., May 9 .- (Special) the past month and present chances for a record production are excellent. The condition of 101 per cent compared to 97 per cent last month indicates a production of 70,recorded. It is known that in Sheri- 700,000 bushels, which is more than Only 6 per cent of last year's crop twice the production last year. At \$2.00 a bushel this will add \$141.400,from the flu, when but 34 were re- 000 to the wealth of Nebraska farmported. It is reported to the office ers. This is the latest estimate of that the Indians buried their dead A. E. Anderson of the bureau of mmediately upon death and in many crop estimates and E. R. Danielson. secretary of the Nebraska board of

Lincoln, May 9.—Twelve dollars ond week of last October, and can was delayed by numerous rains.

a week has been awarded Samuel be accounted for by a sufficient The mortality of live stock for moisture supply and a minimum of the past year was about the averlisted from Lincoln, by the compen- low temperature since that time, age, except in the case of swine sation commissioner of the state la- Cool, wet weather this spring has where it was lower. The past wintor bureau.

Siam was injured in March while fear has been expressed that the Shortage of feed reduced the vitalmployed as a fireman for the Lin- thick stand may induce rust or that ity of the stock in some sections of coln Traction company which resulted in a hernia. The company had charged that the injury was one of long-standing, but as Siam's discharge from the United States serve will almost settle its moisture results moisture results and the state of the state. The general health of all live stock has been good.

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9.000,000 Bushels Promised. The condition of winter wheat for the United States is 100.5 per cent

compared to 99.8 per cent a month ago. This promises a production of approximately 900,000,000 bushels compared to 558,449,000 bushels the final estimate last year. The condition of rye is 102 per

eent which indicates a production of 7,127,999 bushels. The condition of rye for the United States is 95.3 per

The preliminary estimate of all tame hay is 1,769,000 acres. The increase in acreage is due largely to the ever increasing acreage of alfal-Winter wheat improved during acreage than Kansas. The possible harvest of wild hay may be 2,717, 000, acres. This may vary considable according to conditions. The present condition of all hay is excellent. Alfalfa especially is farther advanced than usual for this date. of all hay remains on farms compared to 13 per cent a year ago. The condition of pastures is very good.

Spring Plowing Complete. About 55 per cent of the plowing for spring planting was completed May 1. It was delayed by contin-Syrian Soldier Awarded

The abandonment is practically negligible this year. This is an unusual record in view of the extremely adverse conditions until the section of oats and spring wheat

ce declared him to be in perfect quirements as dry weather is prefer- reports indicate that farmers are

condition is preferable to the small, subsoil was practically dry. The spindling growth produced by a dry, corn acreage may be increased this unfavorable season. Last year's year at the expense of the acreage harvests were very light and this should leave an abundant supply of available plant food for the heavy and farmers will be very busy plant-stand of wheat. In view of this, ing corn as soon as conditions bethere is little room at present for come more favorable. The alfalfa Table Rock, Neb., May 9 .- (Speharvest may begin a little earlier this year than usual.

#### Soldiers' Home Notes.

Grand Island, Neb., May 9.—(Special)—Decoration day is being spoken of with much interest this year, as all feel it to be their duty to show their respect to their comrades in arms.

The husky old vets who have charge of the autos that ply between Grand Island and the home, in the passenger business, are growing quite polite, so much so that it has attracted attention. The drivers can be found standing by the side of their cars ready to assist any passenger in or out, cleanly shaven, shoes polished, and coats buttoned; in fact, they are an inviting bunch to ride with.

Clarence Hopkins has taken r trip to Sterling, Colo., to visit with a brother. Mrs. Hopkins has accepted a position in the home laundry.

Postmistress Miller returned last evening from her visit in Colorado, and is receiving a hearty welcome from the Burkett membership. Her outing appears to have been very beneficial to her health. An accident occurred about noon Thursday on the farm, in which one of a team of runaway mules suffered a fractured leg.

Washington, May 9.—(Special Telegram.)
—Charles E. McNally has been appointed postmaster at Inez. Holt county, Nebraska, vice Michael B. Higgins, resigned.

## Women's Clubs Hold Annual Convention at Table Rock

cial.)-The 16th annual convention of the women's club of the first district convened at Table Rock Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Hugh LaMaster of Lincoln. The address of welcome, for the city, was given by F. A. Stech, and for the club by Mrs. E. D. Wood. The response was given by Mrs. Judson Douglas of Tecumseh. Tuesday evening a banquet was served at the Lincoln hotel, at which 122 plates were set. Wednesday morning Mrs. T. J. Doyle of Lincoln gave a talk on "Common Sense in Dress," and reports of committees were read. Wednesday afternoon the state president, Mrs. A. E. Shel-den, gave an address on "Poetry of the Great War." Mrs. J. R. Pierson ci Table Rock read a paper on Music in War Times." Wednesday evening Miss Ida Johnson of the I need public school, talked on the art of story telling, and told the story of "The Whistling Mother." Mrs. W. L. Morrill of Sterling was elected president and Mrs.

Waitie Charlton of Palmyra, vice

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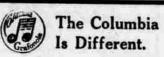
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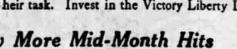
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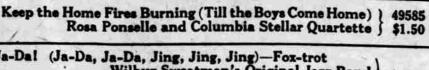
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