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CHICAGO AUTO SLEUTHS LIKE M'KELVIE PLAN

Peace Officers Meet in Lincoln to Discuss Way to Prevent Wholesale Auto Stealing.

Lincoln, July 11.—(Special)—"The biggest thing that has ever been done and the talk of people all over the country," said E. L. Rickards of Chicago this morning in speaking of the action of Governor McKelvie in calling the meeting of sheriffs and peace officers of Nebraska and adjoining states to meet here tomorrow.

Mr. Rickards is manager of the automobile publicity and information bureau of Chicago and his work is principally in investigating automobile losses by theft and the apprehension of the thieves. He is accompanied to Lincoln by his assistant James P. Coen who has been connected with the police department of Chicago for more than 20 years and is now confining his work entirely to the apprehension of automobile thieves.

The ease with which thieves can dispose of stolen cars especially in the agricultural districts is the big problem they say. Thieves go out into the country and interview a farmer and find out the kind of car he prefers. He will then say that he has a friend who is leaving the country who wishes to dispose of his car and will do so at a sacrifice. Usually the victim falls for the story and puts up about one-third of what the car is worth.

Generally the number of the engine has been defaced and the license number changed, and thus identification of the car is difficult. The second trouble which the authorities have is the general soft-heartedness of the judges who conduct the trials. Most of the work of automobile stealing is done by organized forces. Burglars, porch climbers, bank thieves and the higher class of criminals have found automobile stealing much easier and safer than any other line, and so they are organized. Each city of any size has its headquarters. A car is spotted on the street, "headquarters" notified and some kid is given a small sum to steal the car and leave it on some side street. If he is caught he generally makes the plea that he took the car just for a joy ride, and the judge listens to the story and, with the plea of the parents of the boy, he is let off, or if he is sent up he is soon paroled.

The ease with which a stolen car can be sold is remarkable according to Mr. Rickards. The average victim would like to know when a stranger comes around and offers

him a \$2,000 car for \$300 that the car must have been stolen, but the buyer thinks he can get away with it and so takes the chance. According to the Chicago men, the situation is growing worse all the time and something will have to be done. They believe that the action of Nebraska's governor in calling the meeting tomorrow is a big thing and that similar action will be taken in other states.

Award Compensation for Accidents Under State Law

Lincoln, July 11.—Compensation Commissioner Kennedy this morning gave out the following awards in compensation matters over which he has jurisdiction: In the case of Glen Taylor killed while working for the Omaha Flouring mills, the mother of Taylor, living at Ames, was given \$5 a week for 350 weeks and \$100 for funeral expenses.

Max Cacklen, who received a hernia while working for the Imperial Sash and Door company of Omaha, was given \$48 compensation and \$107 for hospital and medical treatment. Mrs. A. B. Felton of Lincoln, who sustained a broken arm while working at the Lancaster county detention home, was given \$8 a week for 10 weeks and \$36 for doctor bills.

Soldier Loses His Trunk When Whisky Bottle Breaks

Lincoln, July 11.—(Special)—In the office of State Agent Gus Hyers reposes a little green trunk. Some soldier boy thought he would have a good time has been compelled to postpone the good time or have it without the contents of the trunk. The trunk was confiscated at the baggage room of the railway station here because an aroma of very peculiar but popular odor prevailed around the little receptacle. The trunk was opened and disclosed a practically new army uniform, a coat having three service chevrons, a hat, new pair of army shoes, two women's hats and other feminine fixings and the foundation for the aroma in a coat which had held a quart bottle of "Sunnybrook," but which had become broken. How it came there were three or four other "Sunnybrooks" which still retain their contents.

Fire Frightens Officers in Nebraska State House

Lincoln, July 11.—Fire was discovered in the basement of the state house this morning in a pile of papers and other material awaiting disposal in the furnace. The fire was put out before any damage was done, although smoke filled the upper corridor of the building and made Chief Clerk Harry Lindsay hold his breath.

Assessment in Hamilton County Shows Decrease

Aurora, Neb., July 11.—(Special)—County Assessor Bergeson's report shows a reduction of \$1,487,970 in the taxable wealth of Hamilton county. Real estate shows a gain of \$1,131,520, but personal property is \$2,619,490 less than last year. This is attributed to the crop failure, which left the county with very little grain and live stock on hand April 1. An investment of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 in Liberty bonds and other tax exempt government securities also contributed to this condition.

Jeffers Obtains Annuity for Widow of Col. Swope

Washington, July 11.—(Special Telegram)—Representatives Jeffers, who has been devoting considerable time ironing out difficulties in connection with war risk insurance and helping beneficiaries thereunder was informed today by Director Jones of the War Risk Bureau that his efforts in behalf of the widow of the late Lieut. Col. Thomas Swope of Omaha had resulted in the Bureau awarding Mrs. Alvina S. Swope a \$5,000 life annuity, payable at the rate of \$28.75 per month. Net content with this Congressman Jeffers believes that Mrs. Swope is entitled to a pension under present pension laws and he has called upon the board of pension appeals to look into the matter in view of Colonel Swope's record in the Civil and in the Spanish-American wars.

Hamilton County Wheat Yields 20 Bushels an Acre

Aurora, Neb., July 11.—(Special)—Discouraging reports have been heard from the wheat fields ever since harvest began, but the first threshing returns sound better. L. F. Stowell, just outside of Aurora, began threshing a large field yesterday, and says it promises to make 20 bushels or better of fairly good quality.

Dry Weather Is Curling Corn in Fillmore County

Geneva, Neb., July 11.—(Special)—Wheat in Fillmore county is nearly all cut and farmers are turning their attention to the oats crop. The yield of wheat, which promised 35 to 40 bushels to the acre, based on the amount of straw, will be considerably less. The grain dried too rapidly after excessive rainfall, which caused shrinkage of the grain. It was also damaged to some extent by rust. The corn begins to show the need of moisture, as it is curling slightly.

Fremont Prepares Field for Visiting Airplanes

Fremont, Neb., July 11.—(Special)—Fremont has arranged to entertain any airplane pilots who happen to come this way. A landing place in a field of 160 acres southeast of the city has been prepared, with a large T of canvas marking the place to alight. A tall flagpole flies additional colors. The Commercial club has leased the field and will keep it in shape for the use of visiting airmen.

Beatrice Suffering From Water Shortage

Beatrice, Neb., July 11.—Mayor Hefflinger issued a proclamation ordering users of city water to cease using it for lawn purposes on account of low pressure and a shortage of water. The continued dry weather is attributed as the cause of the shortage.

Beatrice Woodmen to Hold Big Celebration Labor Day

Beatrice, Neb., July 11.—(Special)—Beatrice camp, No. 270, Modern Woodmen of America, will hold a log rolling on the Chautauqua grounds in this city September 1.

Mrs. Lillian Paxton Dies

Fremont, Neb., July 11.—(Special)—Mrs. Lillian Paxton, for 25 years a resident of Fremont, died at a local hospital, aged 88. In 1884 she was married at Valentine to George A. Paxton, nephew of the late William Paxton of Omaha. Mr. Paxton died three years later. Mrs. Fred Lee, of Fremont, a sister, and Jess Danielson, of Portland, Ore., a brother, are the only surviving relatives.

State Agent Finds Whisky Worm Hidden on Nebraska Ranch

Lincoln, July 11.—Assistant Chief Agent Melick has found a worm. It is said that the early bird catches the worm, and in this case Melick was the early bird. The worm was one which is a very indispensable part of a moonshine still and is so named because it moves so noiselessly that only the early bird can hear it. This week Mr. Melick went up to Sargent, and, in company with Mayor Lundy of that city, visited the home of a ranchman in the town named Freeman and found a jug of corn and potato whisky. According to Mr. Melick, there had been suspicion that out at the ranchman's farm, about 20 miles northwest of the town, there might be found something of value, so, with the mayor, he went there and discovered a real moonshine still, with worm and everything, and a barrel of the manufactured product standing in the building and one jug filled ready for delivery. A dozen empty jugs of the same make as the filled jug and of the jug taken at the Freeman home in town stood ready to be filled from the barrel, which contained about 50 gallons. The farm was in charge of a man by the name of Wright, and he was also taken in charge. On an analysis of the moonshine it was found to have been made from corn and potatoes and contained about 17.80 per cent alcohol. Freeman pleaded guilty to the charge of having in his possession intoxicating liquor.

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WHEAT CROP IN STATE BELOW NORMAL YIELD

Unfavorable Weather Before Harvest Had Adverse Affect On Crop, Says Agriculture Board.

Lincoln, Neb., July 11.—Nebraska's wheat crop will not meet expectations on yield and quality, according to the July crop report made public today by the Nebraska Board of Agriculture. Both winter and spring wheat are adversely affected. The average condition of spring wheat, the report states, is reduced to 89 per cent, which forecasts 12,141,000 bushels.

Winter wheat a few days before harvest had the appearance of a record-breaking crop, but the latest returns indicate that there will be 25 per cent less wheat than expected. The decrease is attributed to premature ripening caused by a few days of high temperatures during the ripening period, weakened vitality due to rust, the peculiar situation in which wheat turned from green to white suddenly instead of assuming the golden yellow and ripening properly, lodging, stands too heavy and rank, insects and blight.

Corn, the report states, is very uneven both in size and stand, but is improving, while the condition of barley, rye, oats, potatoes and hay is very favorable.

Farms About Superior Bringing High Prices

Superior, Neb., July 11.—(Special Telegram)—Weir Brothers' 800-acre ranch, which sold for \$90,000, was first to trash here, yielding about 25 bushels of wheat to the acre. The J. Thompson farm, across the line in Kansas, has been sold for \$24,000 to Harry Reidler. Thompson paid \$800 for it 30 years ago. E. J. Miller sold a 40-acre farm at the edge of the city at \$300 per acre to E. B. Ellison.

New Zealand telegraph companies are experimenting with cash registers for recording the number of words in messages.

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Advertisement for GUND'S PEERLESS BEVERAGE. Text: 'Hearty appreciation of those familiar with finest flavors'. Includes an image of a bottle and a glass of the beverage.

Advertisement for Victor Talking Machine Company. Text: 'The Victor Talking Machine Company, as well as ourselves, want you and every family in the city to have the best there is in music, therefore Mickel Bros. announce'. Includes an image of a gramophone.

Advertisement for Mickel's records. Text: 'off on all \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6 and \$7 "Red Seal" records by the world's foremost artists. A few of the many hundreds we have in stock'. Includes a list of records and prices.

Large advertisement for Beddeo clothing store. Text: 'Take Advantage of a Beddeo Charge Account and Share in This Great Clearance Sale'. Features 'GREATEST CLEARANCE' and 'Suits--Dresses--Wraps AT LESS THAN HALF REGULAR PRICE'. Includes images of clothing models and a portrait of a man.

Table titled 'REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE CORN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK AT OMAHA, IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 30TH, 1919'. Contains financial data under 'RESOURCES' and 'LIABILITIES'.