

AERIAL SERVICE IS PUT SQUARELY UP TO THE CITY

Omaha Must Decide When System Shall Be Extended West From Chicago, Official Says.

"It is up to Omaha to decide when the air mail service shall be extended west from Chicago," said Col. John A. Jordan, special representative of the postoffice department air mail service and superintendent of the western division. The plan for constructing exhibition buildings on the present landing field on the Ak-Sar-Ben grounds on West Center street is delaying the government in extending the mail service. Original plans called for the use of these grounds for a landing field. Colonel Jordan, accompanied by Harley Conant, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce air transportation committee; J. E. George, W. A. Ellis and Postmaster Fanning inspected all available fields in the vicinity of Omaha Tuesday, but reached no definite conclusion which field to use.

Field Found Suitable.

A field on West Dodge street near the peony farm was found suitable, and if a long-time lease can be secured will probably be selected. The Redick field in East Omaha also was found suitable, although considered a little small for a city that will be used as a terminal point.

Fort Omaha landing fields were found too small to be used in full service. The Happy Hollow, Field and Country clubs grounds were inspected for use as temporary landing fields in case a permanent field was not ready for use when the service starts. Colonel Jordan says Omaha will have to start at once to prepare for the coming of aerial transportation if it expects to take advantage of the opportunities offered. The mail service requires that the city secure the landing field and construct hangars. It will be impossible to complete the necessary arrangements this year, but if Omaha completes its share this winter the government is ready to start a daily air mail service early next spring, Colonel Jordan says.

Three Engine Planes.

Three engine planes with a wing spread of 105 feet will be used in the Omaha service. They will have a carrying capacity of from 1,500 to 3,000 pounds of mail.

Hangars to house these planes will have doors 110 feet wide and be 18 feet high. The necessary equipment for the machine shops will be installed by the government. When the service is started Omaha will have a 12-hour mail service from the Atlantic coast. Colonel Jordan says the practicability of daily service has been proven on the Cleveland-Chicago route. Storms that tied up mail boats on the Great Lakes and delayed trains three and

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—Beacon Press Elec. Fans \$8.50—Burgess-Granden Omaha Gasoline and Oil—"Best in the Long Run"—Adv.

"The American State Bank at 15th and Farnam pays interest upon time deposits and savings accounts."—Adv.

"Your deposits in the American State Bank are protected by the guaranty fund of the state of Nebraska."—Adv.

Dead Hero Honored.—Pvt. Ray Martin, Ashton, Neb., who was killed in action while fighting with the Fifteenth Field Artillery in France, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre with bronze star.

New Bid Requirements.—City Commissioner Roy Towler says all contractors, when submitting bids to the city council for city building or improvements, must accompany each bid with a check for 5 per cent of the amount of the bid.

Waives Preliminary Hearing.—James Land waived preliminary hearing before Commissioner Neely in federal court and was bound over for trial and bonds fixed at \$2,000. He is charged with raising the denomination of a bank note.

Aviation Notes.—W. C. Brooks of the Blue Star Aviation company flying the Blue Bird, will carry a number of passengers Friday evening at the Blue Star aviation field on West Dodge street. For flight reservations, call Tyler 1572.

Face Drug Charge.—Victor Lopez and Lacy and Violet Williams were arrested yesterday by Deputy U. S. Marshal E. J. Quinley charged with illegal possession of narcotic drugs. They will be given a hearing before Commissioner McLaughlin today.

Returns From Overseas.—Rev. J. H. Stitt, formerly pastor of the McCabe Methodist church, and for the last several months engaged in Y. M. C. A. work overseas, has arrived in New York. He is not returning to this city that he would return to Omaha in a few days.

Asked to Clear Title.—Herbert W. Drexel, son of the late John C. Drexel, has asked the district court to clear his title to two lots willed to him and his brother, John H. Drexel, and to order his brother to fulfill an alleged written agreement to pay him \$2,000 for the two lots.

Another Safe Blown in Omaha.—Making nine safes blown and robbed in this vicinity in last few weeks. You may be the next victim. Install a yegginem foe in your safe and protect yourself against loss. It positively prevents anything from being stolen. Testimonials and proofs on request. The Yegginem Foe Mfg. Co., 1218 Harney street.

Salvation Army Drive.—Dr. W. C. Senzabaugh, state director for the Salvation Army in its proposed drive to raise \$15,000,000 for reconstruction work in the war zone of Europe, home service, addressed the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday noon, explaining the plan of carrying on the Nebraska campaign. The sum that Nebraska is expected to raise for the Salvation Army work has not yet been announced, but it will be within the next few days. John L. Kennedy, Omaha, is state treasurer.

Four hours proved no handicap to the planes which sailed above the storms.

Colonel Jordan says airplane factories are swamped with orders for planes for individual and commercial use and the Omaha field should be arranged to accommodate all flyers crossing the continent. The number of planes now ordered proves that the airplane will be used extensively next year and most of the orders are from western cities.

Women's Army Hospital Attention Committee Has Been Discontinued

The Army Hospital Attention committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. S. Wiley, was discontinued August 10.

This committee, consisting of 12 women, was formed during the fall of 1917, to give personal attention to sick boys at Fort Omaha. The hospital was visited once a week, when letters were written to the boys; ice cream, cake, fruits and candy given to them, and music, flowers, books and magazines furnished.

Since it started this committee has written over 500 letters and has served 12,514 boys.

The following were the assistants at Fort Omaha: Mesdames: J. H. Conrad, Herbert Rogers; Fred Piroe, Jay Foster; W. B. Zell, Frank Cook; W. A. Pixley, Sandy Griswold; W. H. Matthews, Frank Judson; W. J. Hynes, Erdman C. Bruner; J. L. Kennedy, Frank Campbell.

The following were the assistants who visited Fort Crook on Thursday of each week: Mesdames: W. H. Tegg, Henry Pike; Everett Buckingham, W. B. Cheek; W. E. Reed, Henry Cox; John Smith, R. E. Schindell; Wm. Bavinger, Elmer Smith.

Man Sees Pickpocket Work In Movies So He Turns Thief Himself

While attending a downtown motion picture show, in which a daring burglar and pickpocket operate, a man became daring himself and seeing in the picture "just how it is done," he made up his mind to do a little dip-work himself and lifted the pocketbook of H. A. Foster, a guest of the Midland hotel. Mr. Foster reported to the police that his pocketbook contained \$20.

County School Districts 15 and 33 Consolidated

Under the provisions of a new law passed by the legislature in July, school districts 15 and 33 of Douglas county have consolidated by a vote of 23 to 0. These two districts are the first to have taken advantage of the new law to rearrange the school districts of Douglas county, according to County Clerk Frank Dewey.

There are approximately 60 school districts in this county and all of them are expected to vote on the matter of consolidation in the near future. This will necessitate the revision of the tax records and levies of the various districts, said Mr. Dewey.

PROFITEERS IN OMAHA KEEP ON RAISING PRICES

No Single Reduction Here, Though Marked Decline Has Taken Place in Other Cities.

Omaha continues to struggle beneath a load of excessive prices, notwithstanding an investigation which has been started by the city, led by Mayor Smith, and in conjunction with the county attorney and the local federal officials.

While Mayor Smith, County Attorney Shotwell and Assistant United States Attorney F. A. Peterson are investigating and talking, Omaha profiteers are running rampant with their saturnalia of high prices.

While federal, county and city officials of Omaha are investigating, sharp advances are being made in prices in restaurants, rents are being boosted and clothing, shoes and even some staple food products are being marked up.

Probe is "Adjourned."

Not one instance of a reduction can be found in Omaha as a result of the investigation started last Monday by Mayor Smith and which was adjourned "subject to call of the mayor."

Omaha, through its duly constituted officials, is "resolving to resolve," while reports from Chicago, Kansas City and other cities show a marked decrease in prices since the searchlight of investigation was turned upon the profiteers.

This city continues to stand in its own light as a city which suffered the highest average increase of prices during July, the government figures showing a decided increase in Omaha on a list of staple articles compiled in 50 cities.

Other Cities Get Results.

The federal officials in the various cities have been vested with almost unlimited powers in striking at the heart of the high cost of living problems. These officials, in other cities, with the co-operation of state, county and city officials, have already brought some relief. They have struck down in St. Louis at the heart of the situation. In Omaha nothing has been done as yet except "investigate" and talk. The effect of the local investigation seems to be reflected in continued advancing prices.

Even the sale of government surplus stocks in Omaha has not moved the profiteers to see the "handwriting on the wall."

City Attorney Weaver has received information from Falls City, Neb., showing that the market price for eggs a few days ago was 30 cents. On the same day eggs sold in Omaha for 48 and 50 cents retail.

Samuel Winters of South Side reported at the city hall yesterday that on three recent occasions he bought butter in Papillon at 30 cents a pound at a store. He said the same butter was retailing in Omaha for 58 to 62 cents a pound.

Potato Prices Way Up.

County Attorney Shotwell in investigating a report found that potatoes were retailing in Minneapolis for 40 cents a peck and on the same day Omaha stores were charging 60 to 75 cents a peck, according to the store.

Mr. Shotwell has another report that an Omaha man bought a shipment of lumber in Sioux City because it saved \$600 on the deal.

Within the last few days a popular brand of coffee which is packed in two-pound cans and sold by a local wholesale house, was advanced from 90 cents to \$1 a can. Three years ago this coffee was sold at 60 cents a can, the advance being 66 per cent in three years.

Plenty of Talk.

"It is my opinion that these profiteers are getting wise to the fact that the people are not going to stand for profiteering any longer, and the dealers will act accordingly," said City Attorney Weaver, who is conducting the mayor's investigation.

"I think these investigations will make the people think. The people should work harder and save more and be more careful in their buying. Why, I have never worn a silk shirt in my life, and yet I see a lot of fellows wearing silk shirts on week-days," said City Commissioner Towler.

Mayor Marks Time.

Mayor Smith announced that he will not resume his formal investigation until he shall have opened four municipal stores.

"I am going to get these stores opened first, and then we will resume the investigation," the mayor said. "I believe these stores will have some effect on reducing prices."

"City Attorney Weaver has been directed to obtain from the local railroad officials a complete statement of all cars of fruits and veg-

ables received in Omaha during July and August, and to indicate complete records of these cars, from the time they were received here, to their final disposition."

The mayor stated that he had definitely decided that the municipal store will be located in the South Side city hall, Auditorium and in fire engine houses at Twenty-second and Lake streets and Eleventh and Dorcas streets. The first store will be opened Saturday morning on the South Side, and the others will be opened next week, according to a schedule which will be announced.

Hal Hal Say Profiteers.

"The statement that prices in Omaha are higher than in other cities is absolutely true," said the county attorney. "I wish the mayor would obtain schedules of prices from Minneapolis and Sioux City and then compare them with Omaha. I don't believe that the producers and wholesalers are as much to blame as the retailers would have us believe. This investigation is putting the fear of God into the hearts of the profiteers, who will realize that the people mean business. This investigation will have the effect of reducing the prices of some commodities and of preventing contemplated advances."

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North Platte, clear	56	90	00	
Omaha, clear	58	88	18	
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During the summer canning classes have been maintained in 25 public schools, under the direction of Mr. Ihm, who announces that \$200 in prizes will be distributed to the winners of the exhibit. Each school will send a team of three members to compete for the city championship, and out of the winners two teams will be selected to go to the state fair.

Three hundred and fifty boys and girls have been taking the canning instruction this summer.

"So you are going to let your cook go?" "Yes, can't afford to keep her. I don't mind the salary, but her larder in food are out of my reach."—Washington Star

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