

# Lincoln Bureau of The Omaha Bee

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## CROP REPORTS SHOW INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

### Spring Wheat and Potatoes Only Nebraska Products to Fall Below Last Year's Harvest.

Lincoln, Sept. 10.—Nebraska's 1919 corn crop will yield 172,402,000 bushels, it is predicted in an estimate made in the September crop report issued today by the United States bureau of crop estimates and the state bureau of markets and marketing. In 1918 the production of corn was 123,086,000 bushels, but hot, dry weather greatly reduced the yield that year.

During August, this year, says the report, the crop deteriorated 10 per cent, making the September 1 condition 71 per cent of a normal, with an indicated yield of 25.5 bushels per acre.

"Corn is very uneven," says the report, "ranging from a failure to an excellent condition. Parts of south central, central and most of northeastern Nebraska have good corn. The southeastern quarter of the state, with a few exceptions, has a very poor crop."

### Spring Wheat Light.

George A. Williams of Fairmont, recently appointed as chief of the state's bureau of markets and marketing, helped for the first time in preparing the report in conjunction with A. E. Anderson of the United States crop estimate bureau. The report, which reviews conditions of the state's other crops besides corn, is as follows:

"The condition of spring wheat at the time of harvest was 47 per cent, which promises a yield of 8.5 bushels and a production of 6,870,000 bushels compared to 9,663,000 bushels last year. The yield ranges from a failure to a fair crop. Some western and central counties have fairly good yields and with a comparatively larger acreage makes a higher state average than one might expect. Spring wheat ripened too fast in eastern half of the state and black rust was also a factor in reducing yields. The total production of both spring and winter wheat is 55,870,000 bushels compared to 43,141,000 bushels last year.

"The condition of oats at the time of harvest was 85 per cent, which should make a yield of 32.3 bushels compared to 22.2 bushels last year. The production will approximate 74,387,000 bushels compared to 56,188,000 bushels last year. The southeastern quarter of the state has a better oat crop than northeastern Nebraska, which is rather unusual.

### Potato Acreage Small.

"The condition of barley at the time of harvest was 83 per cent from which a yield of 25.7 bushels may be expected, and a production of 7,951,000 bushels compared to 5,660,000 bushels last year. Barley and oats are nearer normal than other grain crops this year. Barley is gaining favor as a grain crop and the acreage has increased considerably.

"The potato crop will be very short this year. The conditions which were generally very promising previous to July has now been reduced to 52 per cent of a crop. The commercial potato crop of western Nebraska, while slightly better than a half crop, may turn out less than half of last year's production as the acreage is smaller. September 1 condition indicates a total crop of 6,458,000 bushels compared to 10,406,000 bushels last year. The western Nebraska crop was very good last year, while the general farm crop of potatoes was very small.

"The average yield of the first three cuttings of alfalfa is 29 tons per acre compared to 21 tons last year.

"The average yield of wild hay is 1.1 tons per acre compared to .88 tons last year. The weather was generally very favorable for harvest and the quality of hay is good. The production should be nearly 2,989,000 tons, compared to 2,285,000 tons last year.

### Sugar Beets Improved.

"Sugar beets have improved despite previous unfavorable conditions and insects and promise a satisfactory crop on an abnormally large acreage.

"There are 15 per cent less swine than a year ago. Last year's swine crop was very large. However, Nebraska probably has as many swine as the short crop of corn will feed this year.

"Estimates of important crops for the United States are as follows: Corn, 2,883,356,000 bushels, compared to 2,582,814,000 bushels last year. Oats, 1,232,559,000 bushels, compared to 1,538,359,000 bushels a year ago. Spring wheat, 204,907,000 bushels, compared to 358,651,000 bushels last year. All wheat, 920,208,000 bushels, compared to 917,100,000 bushels a year ago."

### Railway Commission Will Govern Flying Companies

Lincoln, Sept. 10.—Airplanes used in carrying passengers for hire are held by State Railway commission to be common carriers and therefore under its jurisdiction as to rates and service, as well as passing upon stock and bond issues to finance such enterprises. The commission has ruled to this effect on a question referred to by the state bureau of securities and has so notified attorneys for the Fremont Aerial club. The club has sold \$4,000 of stock. The commission notifies the organization it must first secure permission to sell stock.

### Paroles Five Prisoners.

Lincoln, Sept. 10.—After visiting the penitentiary yesterday Secretary Antles of the public welfare department signed parole orders for five prisoners. They will be released as soon as employment is found for them by Parole Officer Johnson, former secretary of the pardon board.

## Prepare to Fight Against Recurrence of Flu Epidemic

Lincoln, Sept. 10.—Anticipating a possible recurrence of last year's influenza epidemic, the state health bureau is sending physicians over the state copies of a circular letter from the national public health service, requesting the names of 100 doctors in Nebraska who are willing to serve under the direction of the state and federal bureau if such an emergency should arise.

A salary of \$200 per month, with \$4 a day for subsistence and railroad fare allowed in addition, is promised those who may agree to perform such services, if they are called upon. So far as possible the physicians will be kept in their own localities.

### Methodists Retain Old Conference Boundaries

Lincoln, Sept. 10.—A proposal to establish new boundaries for the Nebraska Methodist Episcopal conference, in session at University Place now, so as to apportion a larger number of delegates to the western Nebraska conference, was defeated by a two to one vote.

The question of reestablishing new conference boundaries was brought before the conference by Bishop Stuntz.

Reports from the Hastings and Norfolk districts of the conference showed a fair increase in membership and excellent financial conditions. In each district the centenary pledge has been raised and an oversubscription reported.

### Barnhardt Found Guilty of Swindle by Fremont Jury

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—John W. Barnhardt, alias Henry G. Fisher, was found guilty by a jury in district court of swindling John O'Connor out of \$3,000 in Fremont nine years ago.

The jury was out 15 minutes. Only one ballot was taken. Barnhardt, who was formerly a citizen of Forrest City, Ark., took the stand in his own behalf and denied that he had ever been in Fremont. He said he had never seen any of the half-dozen witnesses who identified him as the man who swindled O'Connor January 23, 1910.

Miss Nellie Pearson of Omaha identified Barnhardt as the man who called at the office of J. P. Cook company of Omaha on the afternoon of January 17, 1910, and placed an order for a notarial seal, giving the name of A. J. Miller of Dodge. The bogus seal was found in the Union station three days after the swindle.

Barnhardt is said to be wanted in several other states on wanted charges. He was brought to Fremont from the Wisconsin state prison. He is 69 years old. Judge Patton will pronounce sentence the last of the week.

### Annual Custer County Picnic Held at Broken Bow

Broken Bow, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The annual picnic of Custer county's old settlers was held here Wednesday. There was a good attendance and a fine program consisting of band and vocal music and talks by pioneers of the county. Secretary of State Amsberry of Lincoln, participated in the program. Talks were made by Judge Humphrey, Mayor Tooley, Judge Rice, E. R. Purcell, Preston Heater, J. J. Tooley, R. E. Brega, Dr. Talbot and Dr. Mullins. The picnic was held in the city park, decorated for the occasion with the American colors. Free refreshments were served during the day. Officers elected were James Stockham, president; John Amsberry, first vice-president; H. H. Andrews, second vice-president; E. R. Purcell, secretary-treasurer; M. C. Warrington, historian; C. H. Jeffords, S. R. Brown, R. J. Mills, Committe.

### Attendance in Fremont Schools Shows Decrease

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The attendance in Fremont schools shows a slight decrease over the number registered on the opening day a year ago. Superintendent Waterhouse attributes the falling off to so many boys of the age of 16 or over being employed. The attendance on the opening day was 1,851, against 1,845 for a year ago. Half of the 65 teachers are new.

### Shaffer in Washington.

Washington, Sept. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—A. V. Shaffer, editor of the Seward Tribune and secretary to Congressman McLaughlin of York, arrived in the capital accompanied by Mrs. Shaffer. They made the trip east by automobile.

## GOVERNOR NAMES SEPTEMBER 17 AS CONSTITUTION DAY

### Asks People of State to Give Thought to Principles.

Lincoln, Sept. 10.—Wednesday, September 17, is to be "Constitution day" in Nebraska, by virtue of a proclamation which has been issued from the governor's office, and the people of the state are asked to give thought on that day to the principles of American self-government.

The document says: "The ability of people to govern themselves depends first upon a knowledge of the laws by which they are to be governed. Thus, knowledge becomes a prerequisite to good citizenship.

### Law of the Land.

"The constitution is the fundamental law of the land. It comprehends the nation's ideals and forecasts the national future. It defines the scope of government and guarantees the rights of freedom to those who act within its scope. It is the great law of liberty in which an observance of the Golden Rule becomes the central purpose of government."

"Many talk of the constitution, but few know what it contains. It is quite natural, then, that there are violations of this law, and it is not surprising that there are those who do not have a proper appreciation of the principles that make it vital.

### Proud of Record.

"Ours is a young nation, the youngest and yet the most powerful of all the nations of the world. We may well be proud of our national record, but we cannot afford to depart from the paths that have led us into this happy state. With the world about us in a condition of general unrest and disorder, this is a good time to study the lessons of the past. Every good citizen should be fully informed regarding the principles enunciated in the constitution. It has served us well for nearly a century and a half, and its potency remains unimpaired.

"Therefore, in order that attention may be directed to this subject, I hereby designate September 17, 1919, as Constitution day, to be observed throughout the state by a careful study of the fundamental law of the land. The home, the office, the shop, the platform, the pulpit, the press, the schoolroom and the public meeting place should constitute a state-wide forum in which every individual, without regard to class, race, color, sex or any condition whatsoever, will become imbued with the knowledge and the inspiration of the principles of free government 'of, for and by the people.'

### Farmer Wants Curb Placed Upon Bears in the Corn Market

Washington, Sept. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Jefferis has a hard nut to crack growing out of a telegram received from Charles Cameron of Herman, Neb., one of the largest farmers in the Second district. Mr. Cameron, on behalf of the farmers of his immediate vicinity, requests that immediate action be taken to prevent the big speculators in Chicago and New York forcing the price of corn any lower than present prices.

Within the last 30 days, he says, speculation by big interests who are not producers has forced the price of corn down nearly 40 cents a bushel, causing enormous losses to the farmers.

"We will be compelled to pay as high as \$7 per day for farm labor to harvest our corn and some action should be taken by congress to save us from further loss," Mr. Cameron says.

Appreciating the conditions under which the farmers are laboring, Mr. Jefferis is lying awake nights trying to solve the intricate problem.

### Midland College Opens With an Attendance of 350

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor McKelvie and Rev. O. D. Baltzly of Omaha were the principal speakers at the formal opening of Midland college here Wednesday. A number of leading educators of the state were in attendance. Members of the Fremont Commercial club attended in a body.

The attendance Wednesday reached the 350 mark. Robert Weidensall, "father" of the Y. M. C. A., and one of the organizers of Midland college at Atchison, Kan., made a short talk. Mr. Weidensall came to Fremont from Chicago to attend the opening. President E. E. Stauffer and members of the faculty are highly enthusiastic over the prospects.

## WILL OF MUDGE TELLS OF GREAT LOVE FOR GIRL

### Wife Gets Court Order Tying Up Property of Her Runaway Husband.

Letters and a will throbbing with love for Miss Frances Reeme and signed by Clifford C. Mudge, runaway husband, were exhibited by Mrs. Edith Mudge of Chicago, deserted wife of Mudge, in District Judge Sears court yesterday in her suit to get possession of her husband's effects, abandoned when he and Miss Reeme, "the other woman" took flight August 8 on learning that Mrs. Mudge had discovered their whereabouts and was about to have them arrested.

Mrs. Mudge testified that her husband deserted her and their two daughters, Delta, 19, and Alfa, 17, in 1913.

"He had gone away before," she said. "This time I learned he was in Omaha. I came here, but because he was using another name I had difficulty in finding him. I learned of his whereabouts through a telephone girl and went to the place, apartment 101, St. Regis.

### Girl and Man Disappeared.

"He and the girl had gone. I and the officers waited there, but they did not return. They have not returned yet and I shall have all my work to do over again."

Attorneys Mulhinger, Webb & Rathbord, representing Mrs. Mudge, told of finding the papers and letters in the luxurious St. Regis apartments. One of these papers is a typewritten will and breathes the most intense love for the girl who was living with him at the St. Regis where they went by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wallace.

### "She Reigns Supreme."

The will was written at McPherson, Kan. Miss Reeme's home. It is dated July 25, 1915, and reads as follows:

"In case I should die I want my body and all my personal effects given absolutely to Miss Frances Reeme of McPherson, Kan.

"I am prompted to do this by the fact that the lady referred to reigns supreme in my heart and I have gladly given myself to her in life, body and heart for all time. I ask that this memorandum be turned over to my darling Frances and I wish again to assure her that whenever my life may end my last consciousness thought will be all of love and tenderness for her. My life's desire is to make her happy and I believe my great love for her will live beyond the grave.—Clifford C. Mudge."

Another memorandum, dated at Sioux City, December 25, 1916, was as follows:

"I hereby agree to make the following name possible and God knows it will look mighty good to me:—

"Mrs. Frances Reeme Mudge—C. C. Mudge."

Another letter written at Sioux City, without date, and apparently to Miss Reeme's mother, reads thus:

### Mother Gave Girl to Him.

"Dear Mother: I want to thank you again for the dear daughter you have given me. She grows sweeter to me every day and I shall love her more and more all my life. I can never forget your great sweetness in allowing my darling Frances to come with me.—Son."

Mrs. Mudge says her husband also went under the name, "C. C. Murray."

He lived in Omaha two years, she alleges. He was a security salesman for the Home Security Co., Sioux City, Ia., and is said to have earned \$25,000 a year.

This apparently is borne out by the style in which they lived at the exclusive and expensive St. Regis apartment, 617 South Thirty-second street. The apartment was found splendidly furnished. The attorneys today stated in court that the furniture is easily worth \$2,000.

### To Open Safety Box.

Judge Sears made a temporary order, giving Mrs. Mudge \$75 a month, besides suit money. He appointed Sheriff Clark to open the safety deposit box which Mr. Mudge has in the United States National bank, and to take charge of whatever securities, money and valuables are there and hold them until the further order of the court.

On August 10, just after Mrs. Mudge's arrival here and the flight of her husband and Miss Reeme, the district court granted an injunction to prevent Mr. Mudge from opening the box or taking away any of his other property in Omaha.

Mrs. Mudge's suit is also directed against the Uplike Grain Co., from which firm, she alleges, money is due to Mr. Mudge.

Mrs. Mudge is about 40 years old. She was stylishly dressed in a blue tailored suit and large black hat.

### Mexico's Debt \$500,000,000

Washington, Sept. 10.—Mexico's public debt is \$500,000,000 instead of the \$264,766,042.63, as officially proclaimed in paid advertisements in American newspapers. This new total is admitted in an official statement by Luis Cabrera, secretary of the treasury in the Carranza cabinet, received here.

## PERFECT LOVER CONTEST IS WON BY BLAIR WOMAN

### Bee Contest Shows Perfection in Love Is Best Described by Members of the Fair Sex.

Perfection in love is best described by women, according to the outcome of the Perfect Lover contest, which has just ended. The first three prizes were won by women and the greater majority of the other prizes also go to members of the same sex.

Miss Margaret E. Schlater, 105 Jackson street, Blair, Neb., best described the perfect lover and is awarded the first prize of \$10. Second and third prizes were awarded to Miss Ethel Schmidt, 1518 South Twenty-eighth street, and Mrs. W. M. Gordon, Harley hotel, respectively. Each of these contestants will receive \$5 in cash.

Fourth prize, an autographed photograph of Eugene O'Brien, the supreme lover in filmdom, was won by W. Conkle, Peru, Neb.

To Mrs. K. L. Welch, who submitted the only poem in the entire contest, gets the fifth prize, which is six tickets to the Strand theater.

Miss Martha Oliver, 636 South First street, has been awarded four tickets to the Strand theater as sixth prize.

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## Sure Relief BELL-ANS FOR INDIGESTION

It is estimated that the Mississippi river has added 1,200 square miles to the land area of the North American continent by its deposits.

# Brandeis Stores

SETS THE PACE FOR GROWING OMAHA

THE September Sales events are now in progress in every department in the store. They are the result of our early purchases and present economy opportunities of no little importance.

**Damask, Yard, 55c**  
The mercerized kind in a range of pretty patterns, 58 inches wide.

**Napkins, Each, 15c**  
Hemmed ends, in the 18-inch size, ready to use and these are of the mercerized quality.

**Turkish Bath Towels, Each, 59c**  
Full bleached, hemmed ends with fancy borders, double-twisted yarns, heavy and durable; size 23x40 inches, and an 89c value offered for one day only, at 59c

**Toweling, Yard, 19c**  
Full bleached, fancy twilled toweling with fancy edge, soft and absorbent quality, 16 1/2 inches wide. Special, per yard, 19c

## Featured for Thursday Selling—

### 2,000 PAIRS OF WOMEN'S HOSE OF PURE THREAD SILK

at **2<sup>00</sup> Pair**

THESE pure thread silk hose are full-fashioned silk-to-the-top, double-hemmed tops while some have lisle tops, double soles, reinforced heels and toes in plain colors and black and white, also the popular shoe shades.

In this lot is also offered some fancy hose in the lace boot, and drop stitch effects, embroidered insteps of black with white, black with black embroidery and fancy embroidered clocks.

This especially attractive pricing is accounted for in the fact that these are so-called seconds of the usual 3.50 qualities.

**CHILDREN'S** Hose for school wear, fine ribbed, light and medium weight with double soles, heels and toes in black, white and brown in all sizes. Price per pair, **35c**

**HALF** Sox for Children, fibre silk and silk plaited and fine lisle with double soles and reinforced heels and toes in white with fancy colored rolled tops, in all sizes; a regular 50c value for **35c**

—MAIN FLOOR—

## CORRECT GLOVES—A VITAL REQUISITE TO PROPER DRESS

Among the Many Pleasing Glove Styles for Fall Are the Following

**Women's Kid Gloves**  
for early Fall wear, made of extra selected light weight lamb-skin in all the wanted shades of African Brown, Tan, Oxford, White and Black. These gloves have attractively embroidered backs, overseam sewn, and they come in the two-clasp styles. Priced at **2.50**

**Milanese Silk Gloves**  
Splendid quality pure Milanese Silk, extra heavy, with four-row embroidered backs in contrasting colors, double-tipped fingers, wrist finished with serviceable binding and two-clasp fasteners, in the new shades of Brown, Oxford and also white and black. Priced, pair, at **2.00**

**Women's Pure Silk Gloves**  
Triolet Weave, all with double-tipped fingers, in shades of Navy, Brown, Oxford, Castor, also Black and White. Two-clasp styles and priced at **95c**

**Here is a Brand New Glove**  
The last word from Glove Fashion Land, in a Mocha Slip On with an adjustable strap at wrist, in two-toned embroidered backs, in shades of Field Mouse, Castor, Gray and Brown. These gloves are made with the full P. K. seams which insures them against ripping. Priced at **5.00**

—MAIN FLOOR—

## A SALE OF HOUSE DRESSES

A Quantity of 350—SPECIAL



# At 1<sup>95</sup>

## Values to 4.50

House dresses in all good desirable shades and styles with either long or short sleeves. Some straight lines or waist effects in plain or plaid ginghams. Also fancy stripes made with white pique collar and large patch pockets. Dresses in this lot worth up to 4.50, priced for Thursday selling, very special, each, 1.95

—THIRD FLOOR—



2-Quart Colonial Double Boiler, priced at **3.10**



1 1/2-Quart Colonial Coffee Pot, priced at **3.25**



No 8 Size Tea Kettle, in the plain finish, priced at **6.25**

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