

South Side POTATO CROP IS BELOW PAR THIS YEAR IN STATE

Scottsbluff County Leads in Production With 135 Bushels Per Acre, According to South Side Report.

According to information received at the Exchange building there is a decided falling off of the commercial potato crop for the past year in Nebraska. The yield was only 44 per cent of normal and the state has at this time but a 1,547,000 bushels surplus.

The total revised estimate of acreage from 10 counties, Box Butte, Cherry, Dawes, Sheridan, Brown, Garden, Kibb, Morrill, Scottsbluff and Sioux, is 44,825 acres, as compared to 47,475 acres last year. The total production of those counties was 3,895,541 bushels, or slightly more than 69 bushels to the acre. Scottsbluff county ranks highest with 135 bushels to the acre and Sheridan county lowest with 40 bushels to the acre.

The commercial potato crop for the entire United States is estimated at 93,186,000 bushels for this year as compared to 106,608,000 bushels last year, or 87 per cent of last year's crop.

Eastern Automobile Man Tells of Industries Growth

"Two million passenger automobiles were produced during the past year in the United States," said George Moorcroft, an automobile representative of an eastern firm at the Exchange building Saturday, where he was visiting.

"There were 400,000 motor trucks and 200,000 tractors. This estimate is said to be conservative," continued Moorcroft, "and just think, 20 years ago the horseless car was a joke, an alleged dream. Today the manufacture of automobiles is the third largest industry in the world."

Cattle Shipments Depend on Hay Supply, Says Stockman

Albert Morin of Sturgis, S. D., was a visitor at the local market Friday with a shipment of five cars of cattle, and he said it depended greatly on the hay supply in that section, whether there would be many more cattle from there this winter. He said there were fully 30 box cars in the train he came on, that were utilized for shipment of cattle, caused by the scarcity of stock cars.

South Side Brevities

Salisbury Wanted—Apply Wig Brothers, Twenty-fourth and N streets. The women of St. Agnes Court of Trustees will meet Sunday afternoon at St. Agnes hall.

The Bee's Free Shoe Fund

"We are two little girls, 10 and 8, of a family of seven. We would like a pair of shoes for Christmas. So we can go to school."

Just another scrawled little letter, such as comes to The Bee's fund every day. Every case is carefully investigated and if it is found worthy the fund is drawn on for the shoes, which are fitted right at the shoe store.

Some of these little ones haven't received their Christmas presents of SHOES.

Send in a contribution for those who, perhaps, didn't have as merry a Christmas as you did. Address The Free Shoe Fund, care of The Bee.

friend—it's a fine thing to do at this holiday time. South Omaha Savings bank corner of Twenty-fourth and M streets.

The regular weekly dances of the South Omaha Social Club will be held Saturday evening for children from 7 to 8:30 p. m. and from 8:30 to 11 p. m. for grownups.

Mrs. D. G. Stewart and son, Lyle, of Aberdeen, S. D., on their way to Pasadena, Cal., stopped off Christmas and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hartz, 1323 Missouri avenue.

Start the year 1920 right with a savings account in the South Omaha Savings Bank, Twenty-fourth and M streets. It draws interest compound semi-annually while you sleep—get the habit.

Mrs. Cora Gessner Stahl, a former resident of the South Side, who has been teaching in the public school for several years, is spending the holidays with relatives in South Omaha.

Our Economic Club makes it so easy to save. The small amount you pay in weekly installments is deducted from your pay before it is put into the bank.

Stanley Badnarz, 418 K street, was arrested Saturday morning by Officers Nier and Johnson, on a charge of assault and battery on his wife, who alleges her husband beat her. The case will be tried Monday.

Mrs. Marie Howell and son, John Philip, returned Saturday from Chicago, after a four-day visit with Mrs. Howell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton L. Koloratek, who for a number of years were former residents of the South Side.

It's a good time to play safe—your money put in the government savings bank. It's mighty comforting to know you have a nice savings account. The savings bank in Omaha at Twenty-fourth and M streets.

Employees of the South Side postoffice handled the largest amount of Christmas business in the history of the postoffice. Mr. J. H. Harty, postmaster, is credited to Law Riter, in charge. According to the postoffice statistics, the postoffice handled, aside from the other mail in the office.

News was received Saturday at the Exchange building at the stock yards of the change in the price of Montana wool. Ora Haley, one of the most prominent stock raisers in the Rocky Mountain region, and well known on the local market. He was 77 years old at the time of his death, where the funeral was held Friday.

Miss Anna Redd, assisted by the Misses Anna and Marie Hooper, entertained a number of her friends Saturday evening at the home of her sister, Mr. Charles Hendrick, 4614 South Thirty-third street.

The evening was spent in games and music. Those present were the Misses Cecilia Hooper, Rose Hooper, Francis Hooper, Rosa Hooper, Anna Hooper, Gladys Kerwin and Anna Redd and Messrs. Harry James, Joseph Kerwin, Joseph Zelensky, B. Burke, R. Nighthall, Joseph Merik, Joseph Niewolna, George Querin, J. Wilfong and Albert Radt.

The Swift Get Together club held an entertainment at the Exchange building on Saturday evening. The members, their families and friends at the Exchange building. About 150 people attended and every person was presented with a stocking generously filled with candy, nuts and fruit, with toys for the children. The entertainment consisted of a piano orchestra, solo songs, selections by the Swift Get Together club and a children's play.

George Perdue acted the part of Santa Claus and made a grand entry down the chimney and through the fireplace to the delight of the children.

ALLEGED FORGER REFUSES OMAHA IDENTIFICATION

Secret Service Man Denies Story of Reported Love Affair of Prisoner in This City.

David W. Barrows, former clerk in the bureau of war risk insurance, Washington, D. C., who was arrested here Christmas night on a charge of forging government obligations and padding payrolls, refuses to give federal authorities any information concerning his Omaha identification, according to David Dickinson, United States secret service officer, who made the arrest.

"I positively deny having made the statements attributed to me in the local newspaper Friday afternoon," Mr. Dickinson said. "Nothing has been said about a Christmas wedding or a society woman being connected with this affair. Barrows wouldn't even give us the Omaha address where he lived during the last month. He is smoother than horse-radish. He was here about a month and shaved off his mustache."

"Our department has been looking for him for three months. I arrested him at Twentieth and Farnam streets, on the sidewalk, and identified him from a photograph sent to me from Washington. He immediately told me he was Barrows, the man I was looking for. He has a woman acquaintance here, and I don't believe she knew anything about his alleged misdeeds until after his arrest."

The prisoner gave the name of J. T. Edwards when booked at central police station for the federal authorities.

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Dorcas Club Gives Needy Stockings on Christmas

The South Side Dorcas club met Tuesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Del Green, 4422 South Twenty-first street, and filled 16 pairs of new stockings with candies and fruits for children of needy families, and Wednesday the stockings were delivered to homes on the South Side. During the last year more than 500 new and made-over garments have been turned over to the South Side office of the Associated Charities by the Dorcas club, and every two weeks the club expect to sew for the poor children. The officers of the club are: Mrs. Peter Ault, president; Mrs. C. C. Harlan, vice president; Mrs. J. A. Reh, secretary and Mrs. Del Green, treasurer. Other members of the club are: Mrs. F. Lucke, Mrs. R. L. Laborde, Mrs. Lester H. Scrupe, Mrs. R. Campbell, Mrs. F. L. Furness, Mrs. F. Moran, Mrs. R. Hankinson, Mrs. E. R. Knight, Mrs. F. Patterson, Mrs. J. Murray and Mrs. E. Bradley.

South Side Army Store to Extend Business Hours

The United States Army retail store in the South Side city hall, commencing Monday, will be open for business from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., to give the working people of the city an opportunity to take advantage of the cut prices of goods being sold by the government, which includes canned corn, peas, pork and beans, all of which are sold at 9 cents a can.

Little Girls Badly Hurt When Sled Strikes Truck

While coasting down South Twenty-ninth street on 1 street at noon yesterday, Hazel Brown, 10 years old, 4410 South Twenty-first street, and Ismay Miller, 10 years old, 4407 South Twenty-first street, crashed into the rear end of a Swift Packing company truck, driven by J. Kretzl and received severe injuries about the head and shoulders.

The little Brown girl may suffer from concussion of the brain, police surgeons stated. Both children were removed to their homes. The driver of the truck is held by police for investigation.

Waterproof lap robes have been invented in England for automobile drivers that remain in place should a wearer leave his car.

Omaha Boy Returns After Long Service in British Army



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CONFESSES TO COMPLICITY IN "HIGHJACKING"

Swihart Turns State's Evidence Against "Pals" in Attempted Christmas Robbery of Hamilton Home.

C. P. Swihart, 2710 Cuming street, confessed yesterday in Central police court to complicity in the attempted theft of six cases of whisky from the home of C. W. Hamilton, 1112 Park avenue, at 2 a. m. Christmas day.

H. H. Daniels, 904 North Forty-ninth avenue, and L. A. Young, 111 South Twenty-sixth avenue, alleged accomplices of Swihart, were bound over to district court on charges of breaking and entering. Bonds were set at \$2,500 each.

Swihart pleaded guilty to breaking and entering and turned state's evidence against Daniels and Young, who pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Carl Anderson, chauffeur for the Hamiltons, did not identify Daniels and Young as the two men who pressed their guns against his side when he surprised the burglars carrying liquor out of the Hamilton home.

Swihart testified that Daniels and Young induced him to accompany them on a "little party" Christmas eve. Daniels and Young entered the basement of the Hamilton home while he remained on the outside, Swihart testified.

No testimony was introduced in regard to the three automobiles found by police in the vicinity of the Hamilton home and which are said to have been in the possession of the trio of alleged "highjackers" on that night.

NEITHER PARENT GETS CHILD BY DIVORCE DECREE

Woman Who Yawned During Trial Flits Gaily From Court Room.

Adelaide Short was given a divorce from Thomas Short yesterday by Judge Wakeley after a hearing lasting several days in divorce court, and accompanied by a cataract of oratory by attorneys.

But custody of the child of the Shorts was given, for the present, to Mrs. A. Perkins, Twenty-fourth and Sprague streets, because testimony showed that Mrs. Short telephoned her husband several weeks ago and told him he could have the baby if he wanted it and that he got it and took it to the Twenty-fourth and Sprague streets address.

Mrs. Short, who had smiled and yawned and jested throughout the trial in a most unconcerned manner, flitted and fluttered gaily out of the court room with her bosom friend, Mrs. Pearl Crabtree, a widow about 18 years old.

"You bet, I'll take care of the baby," said Mr. Short. "I'll buy it clothes and milk and everything. I'll pay its way."

He was also ordered to pay court costs and a fee of \$100 to his ex-wife's attorney.

The Shorts were married in April of last year. He alleged that his wife was infidel, moving all the time. They moved 13 times in one year, he said.

"Public dance halls are a bad place for young people either married or single to spend their time," said Judge Wakeley in his decision of the case, commenting on Mrs. Short's alleged frequent attendance at such places. "Acquaintances formed at such places are usually not good and may often be harmful."

Serve Summons On "Johnny" Lynch After Search of One Week

"Johnny" Lynch was served Friday with a legal summons to appear in court after deputy sheriffs had been on his trail since last Monday when his wife, Mrs. Agnes Lynch, filed suit in district court for a divorce.

Sheriff Clark had deputy sheriffs watching the home of Lynch's brother, Frank, Twenty-second and Mason streets, in an effort to get service on "Johnny," but without success. Friday he got a tip that the former county commissioner was working on a plumbing job at 3501 Lincoln boulevard. Deputy Sheriff Christensen found him there and served the papers.

Mr. Lynch was married to Miss Agnes Moran in Idaho, March 29, 1919, just after he had been released from the county jail at Fremont. She returned to Omaha last summer and is now employed in one of the large stores.

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