

## UPLAND HIGHWAY NEW AUTO ROAD THROUGH STATE

Representatives of 20 Towns  
Form Organization at Madison—Stanton Man  
President.

Madison, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—Delegates from 20 towns in north Nebraska perfected the organization of a new east and west highway across Nebraska at a meeting here. The new highway, which was named the Upland highway, has as its object the shortening of the route for transcontinental tourists across the state.

By leaving the Lincoln highway at Dunlap, Ia., passing through Onawa, Ia., and crossing into Nebraska at Decatur, this highway passes through Bancroft, Wisner, Pilger, Stanton, Madison, Newman Grove, Albion, Spalding, Greeley, Ord, Comstock, Sargent, Anselmo, Gandy, Stapleton, Tryon, Arthur, Broadwater, Bridgeport and Scottsbluff, cuts off the big bend in the Lincoln highway caused by following the Platte river and takes the traveler over Nebraska uplands. The new route provides more satisfactory traveling conditions in wet weather and gives a better idea of the vast agricultural resources of Nebraska, its exponents say.

A branch from this new route will connect with the Lincoln highway at North Platte and meet the Potash highway at Anselmo. After an all-day conference the above route was settled upon and following a banquet served by the Madison Community club the organization of the Upland Highway association was perfected.

J. H. Pieper of Albion was elected

president and J. R. Kinder of Madison secretary-treasurer. Each town along the highway is to select a representative who will be a vice president of the association.

The official mark adopted was a black letter "U" on a yellow background. Nearly half of the mileage on this new route will be over federal aid and state aid roads which in addition to the routing over the higher table land in the western section, provides a trail free from the objections commonly voiced by tourists traveling other routes across the state. The road will be logged and marked within the next 30 days.

## Hastings to Have Base Ball Team—Park to Be Built Outside City

Hastings, Neb., May 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Independent base ball was assured for Hastings today by the action of the board of supervisors, permitting Sunday games to be played in Adams county outside the corporate limits of cities and towns. A park will be built just outside the city limits. Stanley Gay is organizing an independent team and the scheduling of games is to start soon.

## North Platte Rotary Club To Organize New Bodies

North Platte, Neb., May 6.—(Special Telegram.)—A delegation from the North Platte Rotary club went to Scottsbluff Thursday where they will assist in the organization of a new club. They will also assist in the organization of clubs in Gering and Chadron on this trip.

## Complete Beatrice Paving.

Beatrice, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—The work of resurfacing West Court street, this city, is finished at a cost of \$20,000. Paving the road between the city and the Feeble Minded institute will start immediately.

## BIRTH RECORD IS BLAMED FOR PERU SUICIDE

Innocent Letter From State  
Physician Causes Farmer  
Fearing Insanity to  
Take Own Life.

Peru, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—Evidence at an inquest into the death of Juste Teppex, wealthy Nebraska county land owner, showed that he took his own life, probably through fear of the contents of a letter containing the birth certificate of his cousin's son.

William Savillon, cousin of the dead man and tenant on his farm, a few days before his death quarreled with Teppex over the pasturing of a cow. Teppex is said to have become violently angry and told Savillon, who was armed with a cow whip, to go to the house and get a shotgun and they would fight a duel. Instead the cousin went for neighbors in an endeavor to calm Teppex, who he said he feared was losing his mind.

Witnesses testified that Teppex brooded and was despondent after the Peru State bank told him that Teppex asked him twice in one day if it was possible to have a man sent to the hospital for the insane on the testimony of two witnesses and was advised that he was in no danger. Teppex testified that he had told them that he feared for his life, as enemies would try to kill him by poisoning.

The postmaster at Union gave him a letter for Mrs. William Savillon from Dr. R. H. Dillon, chief of the health bureau at Lincoln, containing a birth certificate of her son. The evidence indicated that he feared it was a communication to have him sent to an insane hospital and fearing to open the letter he took his own life by shooting.

He has several distant relatives in this country and a sister living in Italy. A will dated April 26 was found on the table beside the dead body, but it is not believed it will be recognized by the court. Cashier Kelly will be administrator of the estate which will pay a large inheritance tax.

## Union Pacific Brakeman Is Killed in North Platte

North Platte, Neb., May 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Glen Crow, 23 years of age, a Union Pacific brakeman on the Northport and Gering run, was instantly killed here when he was caught between the engine and a car on the train.

## Mother Takes Stand Against L. H. Lackey

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the last sentence stricken from the records.

Continuing his testimony, the witness stated:

"On the day of the girl's funeral, Lawrence came to my home and threatened me. 'If you would have kept your mouth shut, there wouldn't have been any suspicion about Pauline's death,' he said."

Other witnesses for the state were Miss Vere Spencer, the little girl's former school teacher. She testified that 15 minutes after class was called on December 11, the Lackey girl suddenly screamed, then went into convulsions.

The trial continued throughout the afternoon. Expert testimony of Dr. Irving S. Cutter, dean of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine at Omaha, and his assistant, Dr. John T. Meyers, expert chemist, featured the afternoon session yesterday.

Dr. Meyers testified that he had made an analysis of the contents of the child's stomach December 18, and had found approximately one-sixth of one grain of strychnine. On cross-examination by Attorney William Mitchell, one of Lackey's attorneys, Dr. Meyers said that amount of strychnine probably was not sufficient to cause death, but that in making such tests the full amount of poison that had been in the stomach was rarely obtained. He explained that part of the poison probably had been absorbed into the body before the autopsy had been made.

Omaha Experts Testify.

Dr. Meyers and Dean Cutter explained in detail the symptoms and effects of strychnine poison on the human system and on frogs and rabbits. Dr. Meyers testified that a frog, which was given a small amount of the contents of the little girl's stomach went into convulsions and died in half an hour. The testimony of the two witnesses occupied nearly three hours. The defense attempted to show that the strychnine found in the girl's stomach might have been part of the embalming fluid used in preparing the body, but this was shattered by the testimony of O. I. Fosterman, local undertaker, who embalmed the body, and who testified that no strychnine was used. The symptoms and effects of the poison as described by the Omaha experts, corresponded in detail to the actions of the little girl for two hours prior to her death.

Dr. George J. Hand, city physician of Alliance, also gave expert testimony along the same lines.

## Lincoln Mayor to Wage War on Cats by Imposing City Tax

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—Mayor Miller of Lincoln has instructed the city legal department to prepare an ordinance regulating the keeping of cats inside the city limits. His ordinance will be along the lines proposed by the Bruner Bird club.

The proposed ordinance will impose a small tax, probably \$1, on each cat kept in the city. Roaming privileges of cats will be restricted from April 1 to October 1 to from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

It is proposed to have all cats wear a collar similar to those worn by dogs bearing a license tag, and any cat found on the premises of the owner with a tag will be arrested. A great protest is expected when the faithful tabbies, whose only adornment has been a brightly colored ribbon, are forced to wear a leather collar.

The ordinance will be similar to ordinances now in effect in Maywood, Ill., and Mount Clair, N. Y.

## Nebraska Leper Refused Admittance to Island Home

Lincoln, May 6.—(Special.)—Charles Young, the leper, being provided for by Madison county and kept in a small house erected especially for him at the county poor farm, will not be transported to the leper colony near New Orleans. Dr. H. H. Wilson of the state board of health has returned from a visit to the authorities in charge of the island in the Mississippi river on which the colony is located and found it impossible to interest them in taking in the Nebraska man.

## Wife of Murderer Will Get Mother's Pension

Beatrice, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—In the county court Wednesday, Mrs. O. W. Langley, whose husband was taken to the penitentiary last week to begin a 20-year sentence for the murder of Justice Chris Pfeiffer of Cortland last August, was granted a mother's pension of \$40 a month to be continued for six months for the support of herself and children. There are 10 children in the family, some of whom are working.

## Proposes Measure for Tax on Newspaper Paper

Washington, May 6.—Chairman Stearnson of the house postoffice committee prepared for introduction a bill levying a tax of five cents a pound on newspaper paper sold by manufacturers and importers at prices other than those listed by them with the federal trade commission. Brokers would be authorized to receive a discount not exceeding one-half of one cent a pound in the list of prices.

## Many Wolves Killed.

Beatrice, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—More wolf scalps have been turned in at the county clerk's office here this spring than in years, nearly \$300 being paid in bounties. J. M. West, living near Pickrell, brought in seven pelts and Ray Thompson, four.

## TWO KILLED BY LIGHTNING IN COUNTRY SCHOOL

Nine Children and Teacher  
Are Knocked Unconscious  
by Bolt Which Hits  
School Building.

Broken Bow, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—Standing in line at the east door of their school building, ready to march in to take up their studies, with their teacher, Miss Emily Stainer, at her desk in the west end of the room, nine children at the school house 30 miles north of Dunlap on Goose creek, were knocked unconscious by a blinding crash of lightning at 1:10 p. m.

Ruth Taylor, daughter of W. D. Taylor, and Ruby Moger, daughter of C. E. Moger, were killed instantly. The teacher and other pupils were revived to consciousness after many hours of effort on the part of Dr. C. H. Williams of Brewster.

## See Sparks Fly.

Just as the Taylor family was sitting down to dinner the lightning flash came, and members of the family saw sparks fly from the cook stove.

They rushed to the back door, which faces the schoolhouse, and saw dust and smoke emerging from the building. Mr. Taylor and his son hastened to the building where they found the 10 prostrate bodies. They were immediately followed by the H. Featherston family, who assisted in removing the injured to the Taylor home, and Dr. Williams was called by telephone from Brewster.

All were soon revived except little Ruth Taylor and Ruby Moger, who were pronounced dead by the physician. The body of the little Taylor girl will be taken to Grand Island for burial and of Ruby Moger to Harvard, Neb.

## Tease Four-Foot Hole.

Investigation of the school building showed that the bolt had torn a ragged hole four feet in diameter, passed diagonally the full length of the building, and tearing another four-foot hole in the rear wall. The school clock stopped at 1:10 p. m. All glass in the building was shattered except a small mirror which hangs on the south wall.

The stove in the center of the room and its pipe is untouched. Every seat and the instructor's desk is overturned.

The shingles are ripped from the roof in spots, and a piece of tin on the roof is burned black, but the wood around it is not even charred. The school clock stopped at 1:10 p. m. All glass in the building was shattered except a small mirror which hangs on the south wall.

## Western Tractor Dealers To Stage Demonstration

Ogallala, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—Keith and Perkins county truck and tractor dealers will hold a three-day demonstration of these implements at Ogallala, May 20, 21, 22. They plan to make the event the biggest demonstration in western Nebraska this year.

## Shelton Farmer Has Successful Plan for Keeping Boys on Farm

Charles Bonsack, a farmer of Shelton, Neb., has a plan for keeping the boys on the farm and making them immune to the allurements of the city, according to Frank Bonsack, the eldest of his five sons, who was a visitor at the Omaha yards Thursday with a live stock shipment.

"My father has five sons, ranging from 18 to 35 years of age, and he kept the idea of rushing to the city out of our heads by giving each of us a share in his business. Our farm of 580 acres is operated under the name of Charles Bonsack & Sons, with each having an active part of the work."

"Father is 63 years old and three years ago retired from active service, but still retains his home on the farm. I learned the blacksmith trade and intended to strike out for myself, but father gave me an interest in the farm and I stayed home to look after business. My four other brothers are all kept busy at their own particular work."

## Jefferson County School Superintendent Resigns

Fairbury, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—Henry Abrams, superintendent of the schools of Jefferson county, has resigned and will move to California.

## Mr. Abrams has held this position for six years. His successor has not been appointed.

## Gage County Wheat Little Damaged by High Winds

Beatrice, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—R. D. Hemminger, well-known farmer of the Blue Springs vicinity, states that since the late rains, much of the winter wheat, which was thought to have been killed out by the heavy winds of a few weeks ago, has made a wonderful growth and with favorable weather, will make a big yield. Farmers are plowing for corn and a few have begun listing. They expect to have most of the grain in the ground by May 15.

## Beatrice Catholics Start Drive for \$75,000 Church

Beatrice, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—Members of St. Joseph's Catholic church of this city started a drive for a new church, to cost approximately \$75,000. The edifice will be erected on the site of the present building on North Sixth street. Work on the building will be started some time this summer.

## Will Appraise Land.

Lincoln, May 6.—(Special.)—Land Commissioner Dan Swanson left for McCook and Imperial Thursday where he will look after appraisals of school lands under lease in that part of the country.

## Insurance Companies Show Big Increase in Business

Lincoln, May 6.—(Special.)—The increase in taxes paid into the state treasury by insurance companies for the months of January, February, March and April of this year as compared with the same months of 1919, amounted to \$59,027.93, according to figures given out by Secretary Hart.

For the first four months of 1919, based on the business done in 1918, the amount paid to the state treasury was \$184,243, while for the same months this year based on the amount of business done in 1919, amounted to \$243,271.

This does not include any taxes paid to county treasurers by foreign companies doing business in the state, nor does it include any monies paid into the school fund of the state for agents' licenses for either year.

## Johnson Vote Is Not Quite Total of Wood and Pershing's

Lincoln, May 6.—(Special.)—With official returns from Dawson, Garden and Lincoln counties missing, the vote on presidential preference in the republican column shows Johnson, 60,575; Wood, 37,617, and Pershing, 26,811, indicating that Johnson was some short of being the choice of a majority of the republican voters of the state.

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Second Floor

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Hosiery—Main Floor

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A dainty black kid pump cut high over the instep is equally attractive with or without a buckle. The sole is hand turned and the heel a graceful Louis one, \$11 a pair.

North Aisle Main Floor

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—In the Linen Section

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Lot 1—Silks selling for \$3, \$3.50, \$4 and \$4.50  
\$2.49 a yard  
Lot 2—Silks selling for \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3  
\$1.89 a yard

## Haas Brothers The Shop for Women

For Friday  
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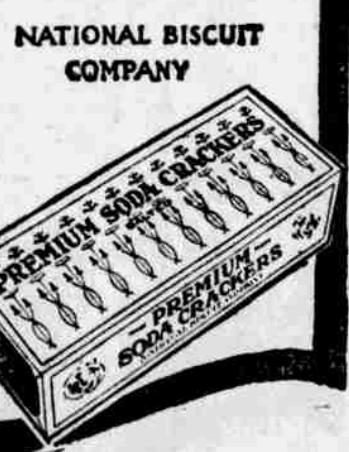
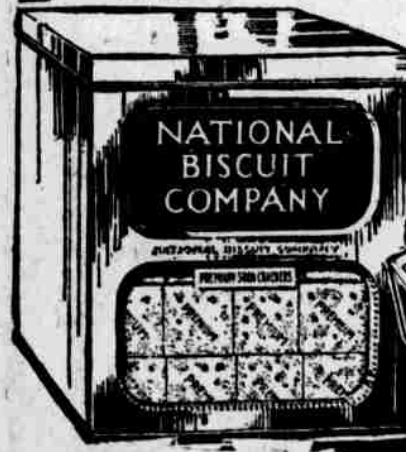
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