

Care of 5,000 State "Children" Costs Huge Sum

Task of Commissioners More Arduous Than Any Other - Purchases for Nebraska Made on Large Scale.

Lincoln, Nov. 14.—The housewife with five children may think she has a troublesome task in buying food and clothing for her offspring, but the job of the board of commissioners probably is 1,000 times as arduous. They have 5,000 "children" to feed, clothe, nurse and shelter. The board of commissioners has direct supervision over the 16 state institutions.

Instead of buying sugar by the 25-pound sack, as does the thrifty housewife, the board of commissioners purchases sugar in lots of from 25 to 30 tons. Butter is ordered in lots of 20 tons, meats in lots of 100 tons and other foods in proportion. As for clothing, it is not unusual for the board to order 3,000 yards of shirting, or an equal amount of dress goods for the "children." Shoes usually are ordered in lots of 2,500 pairs.

Cost Is Enormous. Of course feeding and clothing so many "children" costs a lot of money. L. C. Oberlies, chairman of the board, who approves all items purchased for the 16 institutions, is now preparing his biennial report to submit to the legislature when convenes in January. He says the report will show that the cost of caring for the state's dependents during the last year will be slightly more than \$1,500,000. Until recently, the cost of supporting these wards was on the increase, but Mr. Oberlies says that during the last few months there has been a decline in the cost of commodities that will save the state thousands of dollars.

The board is composed of four members, Mrs. Oberlies, A. E. Allan, Carrie M. Peterson and E. B. Fairfield, secretary. They exercise the same care and judgment in buying supplies for these "children" as does the thrifty housewife.

Quality and Price Considered. Quality and price are the determining factors in all purchases of the board. Whether it is hairpins for the Girls' Industrial Home, smoking pipes for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, or a play for the Hospital for the Insane, the board views samples and considers bids from representatives of a number of firms before making a decision. "We always select articles that will give the most value in the end," Mr. Oberlies said.

Supplies of a perishable nature are purchased four times a year. Non-perishable goods are purchased but twice a year. When it comes time to buy groceries, the superintendents of the various state institutions send in requisition forms, showing how many pounds of flour, meats, etc., will be needed to run their respective institutions during the next three months.

Bid for Contracts. Ordinarily the board commissioners do not find it necessary to shop in the market as a housewife. They advertise that on such and such a day, the state of Nebraska will be in a receptive mood to receive agents, representative or salesmen of firms or companies desiring to do such and such a commodity. The representatives come to the board's offices in the state house from all parts of the country to bid for the contract. They bring along samples of the goods they have to sell and pit them against competitors.

The board looks the samples over, hears the prices of each firm and then goes into consultation. If it is found that the goods of the Boston firm are cheaper and that the quality is satisfactory, the Boston firm gets the contract. The same practice is followed on all supplies.

SPEEDING THE PARTING AND WELCOMING THE COMING



Omahans Show Marked Interest In Fruit Show

Unusual Display of Honey Products on Exhibit at Midwest Horticultural Exposition in Bluffs.

Nebraska cars predominated in the many parked around the auditorium building Sunday afternoon, indicating the interest Omahans are taking in the Midwest Horticultural exposition in Council Bluffs, which will open its doors this evening and continue the center of public interest for the week.

Hundreds of exhibits were delivered at the building yesterday and all day, despite the being Sunday, crowds of workers were engaged in installing them. The Iowa State Bookkeepers' association will hold its annual meeting here during the week, and Iowa and many other states will have interesting exhibits of honey and things incident to bee keeping.

The display of honey and honey products will prove a surprise to exposition visitors, as many wonderful exhibits will be on hand. These exhibits will be from various points throughout the midwest.

The following officers and demonstrators arrived yesterday: Prof. C. V. Holzinger of Ames, superintendent of vegetables; Harry Lantz of the Ames experiment station, in charge of a wonderful display of seedling fruit, especially apples; Mr. W. C. Kocken, in charge of the orchard pruning and spraying work; and F. L. Paddock, state apiarist, superintendent of honey.

Members of National Grange Hear Reports. Boston, Nov. 14.—Reports from state masters and a banquet to the national and state officers and their wives by Somerville Grange marked the fourth day session of the 54th annual National Grange convention. William Bowck of Southwold, Wash., master of the Washington Grange, in reporting for his state, asserted that "we look forward confidently to the near future when the workers who produce all the useful things in the world shall come into complete control of the state and nation."

Over 1,000 to Be Initiated Into Lodge of Elks

Grand Exalted Ruler Guest at Ceremonies; Building Plans to Be Announced at Close of Membership Drive.

Officers of Omaha lodge No. 39, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, are preparing for the initiation of a class of more than 1,000 members next Saturday night in the Auditorium. They say this will be the most important event in the history of the local lodge.

William M. Abbott of San Francisco, grand exalted ruler, will come to Omaha for the occasion and will be the guest of the lodge for two days. The initiation of this large class is in connection with a membership drive. Indications are that the class will number nearly 1,200. A month ago a class of 500 was received.

Elks are requested to be in the Auditorium before 7 o'clock next Saturday night and to enter through the west entrance. Candidates will enter through the northeast door and should be present not later than 6:30. The program of the evening will include numbers by a double quartet and solos by Harry Hann and John Saltzger. Judge A. C. Wakeley will read a memorial resolution on the death of Judge Leo Estelle. Judge A. C. Troup will read an eulogy on the absent brother, John McCreary, who will sing the "Vacant Chair."

The members will continue the drive until the objective of 5,000 has been attained, after which an announcement will be made of the building plans for a club house and hotel, which will cost \$1,000,000.

Japan Papers Declare Agreement Is Reached With U. S. On Exclusion. Tokio, Nov. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Newspapers of this city report the Japanese and American governments have reached an agreement in principle relative to the exclusion of Japanese laborers from the United States. It is asserted, however, that there is a disagreement regarding the methods to be employed.

Harding Party Kept Indoors by Stormy Weather

Norther Makes Fishing or Golf Impossible for President-Elect; Better Conditions Promised Today.

Point Isabel, Tex., Nov. 14.—Cut off by an unseasonable storm from recreation on land or sea, President-elect Harding spent Saturday in Point Isabel fishing and making preliminary preparation for the speech he will deliver next Thursday at New Orleans.

The president-elect and his party virtually were marooned for the day, the cold northerly holding sway over the fishing grounds off Laguna Madre and a downpour of rain making the winding dirt road into Brownsville practically impassable. He had hoped at least to go in for golf at the Brownsville Country club, but automobile drivers pronounced the trip impracticable.

Wants Another Tarpon. Mr. Harding wants to remain here and get one more try at tarpon fishing off Point Isabel, if possible. It is about 20 miles to Brownsville along a road that is little more than a trail through cane and mesquite, and for 15 miles of the way there are no houses visible from the roadway. An old style narrow gauge railroad train of two cars hauled by gasoline engines makes the trip each way once a day, and it was used in preference to motor cars by two or three members of Mr. Harding's party who took permanent leave of Point Isabel and started for home.

Harry M. Daugherty, close adviser of the president-elect, was one of those who departed, having been called to Columbus, by the death of a sister-in-law. Senator Elkins of West Virginia, who has been Mr. Harding's constant guest, is on a fishing trip here, also left for his home. It is expected that Edward B. McLean, the Washington publisher, will leave the party Thursday at New Orleans before the departure for Panama. Mr. Harding has invited Will H. Hays, the republican national chairman, to make the Panama voyage as his guest, but no definite acceptance has been received.

Unable to either fish or play golf, President Harding visited for the first time, the office set up in the Point Isabel hotel by his secretary, George B. Christian Jr. He also called on a number of members of his party in the unheated rooms of the hotel, which was erected for summer accommodation and not to shelter guests against a norther such as that which has swept the coast the last two days. He found most of his fellow adventurers clustered close about a small stove that had been erected hastily in the large room that serves as a hotel lobby.

Reached Mr. Harding, is an invitation to visit the city and republic of Panama during his week's stay in the canal zone. Despite the hesitancy in his present position to enter the territory of any foreign nation, he is understood to have replied that he would be glad to receive a delegation to formally present the invitation, and to have promised that he would make the visit if he found it possible.

White House Social Activities Indicate President Improved. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Nov. 14.—Social activity at the White House, which has increased since the national election, is regarded here as a certain indication of improvement in President Wilson's health. Just now the president is partying with an entertaining house party, having as guests Miss Margaret Wilson and Mrs. William G. McAduff, the president's daughters, and their cousin, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones. This is the first time in many months that the president's immediate circle has been so nearly complete. Mrs. Francis Sayre Bones being the only member absent.

Mrs. Bones, who used to be a member of the White House, has not visited the president and Mrs. Wilson since their last trip abroad. She is now making her permanent home in New York, and has a responsible position with a publishing company.

Mental Picture of Man Killed Under Auto Is Cause of Suicide

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Nov. 14.—Sleepless nights and long days during which he could not banish the mental picture of a man dying under the wheels of his auto three years ago, caused Clarence W. Burgmann, 32, head of Burgmann & Co., realty dealers, to kill himself by shooting.

He walked to the center of a vacant lot near his home and shot himself through the head, dying instantly. "I was afraid some day he would do something desperate," sobbed his wife. "Ever since the accident he has not been the same. It drove him crazy. He left yesterday in a despondent mood and must have walked the streets all night."

Three years ago he ran down and killed a man named Louis Bacchi. Burgmann was exonerated by the coroner's jury, but the relatives of Bacchi began suit for \$10,000. The suit was tried three weeks ago and resulted in a disagreement. It was set for rehearing next week. Burgmann feared an unfavorable verdict would sweep away all his property. This, and the memory of the killing finally drove him to suicide.

Steamships Collide In New York Harbor; Immigrants in Panic. New York, Nov. 14.—Close to the Statue of Liberty, several hundred immigrants aboard the Spanish Roy-Mail steamship, Montserrat, were thrown into a panic when they rescued and the steamer San Marcos from Galveston, met in collision while they were moving in from quarantine in bright sunlight.

Capt. Muslera of the Montserrat headed his vessel for the Brooklyn shore and leached it before it sank. The San Marcos, a Clyde Mallory freighter carrying no passengers, was able to make the pier with the bow smashed in, but officials of the pier said it would have to be dry-docked. Passengers on the Montserrat were lining the rail when the crash came. Only one man leaped from the Montserrat. He fell on the deck of a tugboat, which dashed to the assistance of the two vessels, and later was taken to the Ellis island hospital. The San Marcos reported no one injured aboard.

Secretary of Woman's Relief Corps Dies. Mrs. W. H. McKay, 71, 5134 North Twenty-third street, for 43 years a resident of Omaha, died Friday.

Mrs. McKay was secretary of the Woman's relief corps of the George Crook post, G. A. R., of which her husband is a member. She was born at Mt. Morris, Ill., and was married in 1870 to W. H. McKay who was formerly official photographer for Fort Crook and Fort Omaha.

She is survived by her husband; three sons, W. A. of Chicago and R. E. and C. R. of Omaha; the latter being superintendent of the department of public improvements; three daughters, Mrs. George W. Craig of Colgray, Kan., wife of former City Engineer Craig; Mrs. Harry White of Lindsay, Cal., and Mrs. R. M. Monroe of Omaha; and two sisters, Mrs. George B. McKosh of Mt. Morris, Ill., Mrs. Emerson L. Stone of Omaha.

Funeral services will be held at the family home Monday afternoon at 2. Burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery. Sons and grandsons will act as pall bearers.

Biennial Moving Day Experienced At State House

Public Works Department Will Occupy Downtown Building—Assistant Attorney General Leaves.

Lincoln, Nov. 14.—(Special.)—The biennial moving day which strikes the state house every time legislature convenes is on. In past years just as soon as the legislature got out of the way the state board of public lands began scheming to find a place for the smaller departments which during the sessions have been crowded into other offices.

Now the department of public works, which has been holding down the senate chamber, the offices of the senate secretary and the offices of the house chief clerk, has moved down town and occupies the entire fourth floor of the Funk building at Twelfth and O streets. The securities department will move tomorrow to the building of the Central States company at the southwest corner of Fifteenth and M streets. Assistant Attorney General Doris, who has been located in the office of the lieutenant governor, will vacate and go across the way and associate with the other members of the state legal department during the session. For some time the adjutant general's department of the national guard has been located in the Nebraska State bank building at Fifteenth and O, while the state fair board has been at the Lindell hotel.

Something like three years ago the pure food department needed more room and they petitioned off a part of the senate gallery and attached it to that department, while the attorney general's office appropriated the cloak room of the senate and later partitioned off another corner from the chamber which it has been using for one of its assistants. Provisions will have to be made for a "chat" room for the senators' use should it be found that Assistant Attorney General Wheeler cannot be driven back from no-man's land.

Italy and Jugo-Slavia Arrange Negotiations For Defensive Treaty. Rapallo, Italy, Nov. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—A defensive treaty between Italy and Jugo-Slavia will be negotiated and concluded at an early date, according to reports current here. The apprehension felt in some quarters that the Serbian constituent assembly about to be elected will not approve an American Red Cross appeal for support because the organization had been inactive in Ireland was declared by H. D. Burnell, director of the membership campaign in Manhattan, to be unjustifiable. He branded as "false" any statements made that the American Red Cross had refused to send workers into Ireland.

Unitarian Campaign Closes November 21. O. W. Eldredge, Omaha chairman in the national campaign of the Unitarian church for a \$3,000,000 fund, has received word from national headquarters that \$200,000 has already been subscribed. The first 27 churches to report all over-subscribed their quotas. Omaha is head of the division which includes Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. The campaign started November 11, and will continue until November 21. W. F. Baxter and Allan McDonald are Omaha members of the general committee.

Grocer Held Up and Robbed; Negro Taken. William Hunter, negro, Tenth street and Capitol avenue, was arrested at Twenty-sixth and Charles streets late Saturday night by Chief of Detectives Van Deusen and Detective Danbaum and is held for investigation in connection with the robbery of H. H. Anderson, grocer, 2434 Charles street.

Andreasen was robbed of \$50 at 10 o'clock last night by a lone high-wayman, who held him up just after he had driven his car into the garage at the rear of his home. The police were notified at once. The grocer informed them that the high-wayman had run through an alley, Police scoured the alley and found Hunter, who started to run when he saw the officers.

Police believe that Hunter had hired a taxicab to take him a short distance from Anderson's garage, and that the negro was on his way back to the taxi when seen by the officers.

Columbus Soldier's Body Is Returned From France. Columbus, Neb., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—The body of Julius O. Trofholz, soldier, who died in France arrived here and will be buried Monday with full military honors. Hartman Post Number 84, American Legion, will have charge of the funeral. This is the first body sent back here for burial since the war closed.

State Department Now Issuing Passports to Germany and Austria

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Nov. 14.—The State department is now issuing, or amending passports for use in Germany, Austria or Hungary. The department interposes no objection to the entry into Germany, Austria or Hungary by Americans who have important and urgent business to transact there, but in view of the present situation, "such persons should understand," it is officially declared, "that they go upon their own responsibility, and that they cannot be guaranteed the same protection which they might expect under normal conditions."

Warning to this effect was issued by the State department on October 21, 1919 and it is still in effect. The department still withholds passports from persons intending to enter soviet Russia, but while asserting that this government's protection cannot follow American citizens into Russia, it is understood not otherwise to hinder Americans to go in disregard of the advice of the department.

Man Robbed of \$1,280 In Jewelry and Cash. Harry M. Mulashock, 2915 Douglas street, proprietor of a jewelry store at 1514 Dodge street, was held up and robbed of \$1,200 in jewelry and \$80 in cash at Twenty-ninth and Dodge streets while on his way home Saturday night by two unmasked men, according to a report made to police.

Mulashock said that one of the young men covered him with a gun while the other went through his pockets, taking a two-carat perfect diamond, a gentleman's wrist watch and his pocketbook.

Mulashock's store was the one which was held up two years ago by the Kirk gang, at which time he was bound and gagged while the robbery took place. A neighbor woman who heard the quarrel preceding the murder says Ruthowski told his wife she would never have a chance to tell what was in the letter. He tore it to bits and then attacked her with a knife as she begged vainly for her life. To make certain her death, he also shot her. He slashed the baby in the abdomen and it will die. The two older children escaped by running from the house. After assuring himself his wife was dead, Ruthowski ran to an adjoining room and stabbed himself repeatedly and finished the job by putting a bullet through his temple.

Ruthowski's special grievance this morning, according to the neighbors, was the fact that breakfast was not ready when he arose, due to his wife attending early mass at a Polish church. As soon as she and the children returned he began the quarrel that resulted in the death of the two, and the fatal injury of the baby.

Want Crossings Guarded. Stanton, Neb., Nov. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The city of Stanton has taken action demanding that the C. & N. W. Railway Co. either place watchmen at three railway crossings or put in a system of gongs.

Two Children See Mother and Baby Killed by Father. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Nov. 14.—While two of his children, dumb with terror, watched through a window, Kazimierski Ruthowski, stock yards laborer, murdered his wife, stabbed their youngest child, a girl 4-months old, and then shot and stabbed himself to death.

The wife and children had just returned from church where they had gone to pray for their father and that he might not be so cruel to them. The tragedy followed three days of bitter quarrel and neighbors were not surprised at the outcome. Ruthowski had been especially cruel to his family for some time. Last night his wife found a letter he had written to a man friend in Pittsburgh. The family came here last July from Old Forge, Pa., and the letter concerned a woman Ruthowski was supposed to be involved with there.

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Announcing Lower Prices on Goodyear Tires Official announcement is hereby made to the public of a new price schedule on Goodyear Tires and Tubes effective November 15, 1920, detailed information concerning which is now being furnished all Goodyear Service Station Dealers. Embodying a higher level of quality and a larger capacity for service than ever before, Goodyear Tires at these new prices offer unequalled value in economical and satisfactory performance. Your nearest Goodyear Service Station Dealer is now able to supply you with Goodyear Tires and Tubes at these lower prices, and thus afford you, through a quality product and the service with which he backs it, the utmost in return for your investment. See him today. The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Offices Throughout the World

The Bee's Free Shoe Fund Will you send a few cents or dollars to help put shoes on cold little feet? There is a "WAITING LIST" of shivering little feet.

C. of C. to Launch "Onward Omaha" Movement December 2 An "Onward Omaha" conference, under the direction of the entertainment committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Auditorium here December 2.

Mules Refuse to Be Rescued From Fire; Driven Out by Water Fifteen mules in a blazing barn at Fort Omaha Saturday night did their best to burn to death.

Broken Bow Octogenarian Killed by Switch Engine Broken Bow, Neb., Nov. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—W. C. Luce, octogenarian and pioneer resident of this city, was killed about noon today when struck by a switch engine while crossing the tracks.

Fear Lake Steamship And Crew of 33 Men Lost Saulte Ste Marie, Mich., Nov. 14.—Sixty hours overdue at this port, the steamer "Francis Wilder," a steel freighter, with a crew of 33, is believed to have foundered in Lake Superior, northeast of White Fish point. Capt. William Merier, of the steamer John Erickson which arrived here after battling its way through a severe storm reported work on the vessel believed to be the Wilder drifting toward Panake shoals before the gale. At the height of the storm the vessel's lights disappeared.

Friend Woman Missionary To Philippine Islands Friend, Neb., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—Miss Ellen Scheidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scheidt of this city, left for the Philippine islands, where she will enter missionary work in New York, and from there she goes over the Canadian Pacific to Vancouver, from which port she will sail.

Steamships. Arrivals. New York, Nov. 14.—Montserrat, Cadiz; Cherbourg, Nov. 12.—Olympic, New York; Paris, Nov. 12.—Calabria, New York; Naples, Nov. 12.—Ferdiando Palasciano, New York; Shanghai, Nov. 11.—Africa Maru, Tacoma; Shinyo Maru, San Francisco; Atrato, Nov. 10.—Chicago, New York.

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