

Nebraska Seeks Recognition for Vital Statistics

Government Inspectors Now at Work On Records—Favorable Report by Them Will Admit State.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 29.—Nebraska is trying to get recognition of the United States bureau of vital statistics as a reporter of births. To gain admission to the United States area for births, it is necessary that the Nebraska department of vital statistics prove that it has a record of at least 90 per cent of all the births in the state.

During the past few months the state department of vital statistics under the supervision of Dr. J. H. Dillon, public health commissioner, satisfied the government that Nebraska was in a class by itself as a reporter of deaths. The state proved to government experts that it had a complete record of 96.3 per cent of all the deaths occurring in the state. The state is now trying to prove that it is equally keen as a reporter of births.

U. S. Does Sleuthing. About six months ago the state made formal application of the United States census bureau for admission of Nebraska to the bureau's registration area for births. The government authorities in substance wrote back that they would consider the matter. For months the state heard nothing more from them. In the meantime, however, the state was doing a little sleuthing of its own accord. Early in the summer they wrote to every postmaster, mail carrier, both city and rural, clergyman, physician, midwife and others in the state requesting them to report to the government a list of children they knew to have been born during the months of June and July. The state knew nothing about this until afterwards.

Inspectors Are Sent. Several weeks ago, C. C. Yermane and Walter Carter came to the state health department and introduced themselves as experts from the United States census bureau. They said they came to check on the state's birth records. The experts brought with them several arm loads of birth records occurring in the state during June and July. These records were obtained from the sources solicited.

From that day to this, and until the government experts completed their job, Miss M. F. Hyland, director of the state's department of vital statistics, has been leading a versatile life. She has proved herself not only an authority on records of her department but a detective of uncanny ability. The government experts are now revealed, expects the state to show a record of at least 90 per cent of all the births they obtained during the two months' period. If the state is able to do this, they will get federal recognition for all times to come.

All Records Checked. The government experts are checking over every birth they have reported with the records of the state department. When they find they have a birth record that the state has not; they good-naturedly turn it over to Miss Hyland to investigate. It is up to her to prove, if she can, that the child's birth has been reported in any other name, or that the government experts are mistaken, but quite often she is able to satisfy them that the birth was reported in another name.

For instance, the government experts told Miss Hyland the state had no record of the birth of a Syrian in Butler county on July 17 named David Union. True enough her records did not contain any such name. On investigation, however, Miss Hyland found that a David "Junior" was reported to the state as born in that county on July 17, 1919. She accepted his report from the county registrar, and the government from the priest who baptized the child. It turned out to be the same child. Had not Miss Hyland been an amateur detective, the state would have lost credit for the record.

Another Questioned Case. A few minutes after Miss Hyland had won the Union-Junion case, Mr. Hermene called her attention to another. It was the government's record of Mary Jane Smith Cooper in Madison county. The government's record was from the attending physician. The state had no record of Mary Jane Smith Cooper's arrival in the world, but did have a record of Mary Jane Smith's birth. The experts agreed with Miss Hyland that it was the same child, the last name being dropped somewhere.

While the state undoubtedly has a number of births reported during June and July that the government knows nothing about, they will not be counted. The state must prove that it has at least 90 per cent of those reported to the government.

Complete York December 1. The work of checking up the state record will continue until about December 1, it is believed. By the middle of December Dr. Dillon expects to be officially notified of the state's acceptance or rejection in the government's birth registration area. To obtain a record of deaths is a much easier matter than of births. According to Miss Hyland, there is more ceremony about the death of a person than there is of the birth of another. Undertakers, funeral directors and others are required by law to report all deaths. Quite often, Miss Hyland says, the state receives no record of births when the mother is attended by other than a physician. The secrecy surrounding the birth of an unwelcome babe often prevents anyone in authority learning of the occasion.

Co-Eds Have Grown Sons



Boston, home of the "infant prodigy," has produced something new in the intellectual field—the middle-aged woman college student who is the mother of grown sons. There are "two of her," and they are both studying law at Boston university. Mrs. Emeline Green of Winthrop Highlands, 62, is the mother of four grown sons, all of them college men.

Mrs. Newton C. Chatham of Williamsport, Pa., mother of two sons, one a senior at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The son, technically speaking, "ranks" his mother, who is only a freshman. Both women will soon complete their first year and expect to "stick" until they win their degrees.

Attorney in Gerdes Sedition Case Denies That He 'Slept on Job'

Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Another chapter was added to the Gerdes sedition case Saturday afternoon when F. A. Dutton, erstwhile attorney for Gerdes, filed an affidavit in the district court denying that he had "slept on the job" by permitting a default to be taken against his client for some \$800 attorney's fees awarded S. D. Killen against Gerdes. A motion was filed by H. J. Dobbs, attorney for the defendant, asserting that Dutton had negligently permitted the time for filing an answer to the plaintiff's petition to expire, and the first Gerdes default of a default being taken was when he read it in the newspapers.

Dutton in his affidavit states that he prepared the answer in due time, but that Gerdes left on a train to visit his son and did not return until the time limit had expired. Dutton says he filed the affidavit because the defendant attacked his reputation as an attorney.

The motion to set aside Gerdes' default was argued, in the district court Saturday and taken under advisement by Judge Pemberton. Gerdes was arrested for alleged seditious remarks, and he was later fined \$1,000 in the district court. The case was appealed to the supreme court, which reversed the decision. Killen, who represented Gerdes at that time, was arrested as his counsel, and he then brought suit for \$800 attorney's fees.

Autoists Arrested After Car Demolishes Lamp-Post. Columbus, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Three young men from Silver Creek in a roadster crashed into a lamp-post here shortly after midnight this morning, badly wrecking the car and totally demolishing the electric pole. The driver of the car was said to be Johnny Pope, and the men insist the light on the post was out.

They were arrested on a charge of driving at a reckless rate of speed, without lights and with no license numbers on their car. The latter was found under the seat of the automobile. Tearing the lamp-post out exposed a number of live wires, and except for prompt work on the part of a few who were attracted by the crash the car would have burned.

Former Table Rock Man Dies at Portland, Ore. Table Rock, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—News has reached here of the recent death of Charles C. Albright at his home in Portland, Ore., where he had lived for the past 20 years. Mr. Albright was well known in this vicinity, his wife being Miss Alice Bloom, a former Table Rock girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Bloom, who were among the earliest settlers in the Nemaha valley. Later Mr. Albright moved to Liberty, Neb., where he was postmaster during the first administration of President Cleveland. He is survived by a widow, a son and a daughter, and three brothers, one of whom is a well-known auctioneer, W. E. Albright of Humboldt.

Funeral Service Tuesday For Mrs. Willis Palmer. Funeral services for Mrs. Willis Palmer, 33, who died Sunday at her home in Des Moines, Ia., will be held Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. from St. Lukes church in Plattsmouth. Mrs. Palmer was formerly Miss Ethel Dovey of Plattsmouth.

Worthless Check Passer Settles With Creditors. Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—C. A. Hibbard, who was arrested at Lincoln for passing a number of worthless checks here a few days ago, has settled with the holders of the bad paper and has left the city. He has been conducting company dances in firemen's hall here the past few weeks.

Organization of Kiwanis Club Planned at Hastings. Hastings, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Preliminary steps have been taken for the organization of a Kiwanis club in Hastings. It is expected that the charter membership of 50 will be obtained early in the coming month.

Corn Yield Heavy. Table Rock, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—A great many fields of corn have been husked in this locality, the yield being larger than for years. Thanksgiving found the majority of corn in the cribs. The weather has been very favorable for husking until the past week.

To Vote on Sunday Movies. Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—A special election will be held at Winmore next Tuesday, November 30, to vote on the question of Sunday movies. Little interest is being taken in the matter and a light vote is anticipated.

Over 6,000 Men Needed to Save Iowa Corn Crop

Grain in Danger of Being Ruined—3,000 Farm Hands Could Finish Job in Three Weeks, Says Commission.

Des Moines, Nov. 29.—Iowa needs more than 6,000 men to husk the corn at present standing in its fields if the crop is to be gathered without taking great risks of danger to it, according to Ambrose L. Urlick, state labor commissioner. Mr. Urlick states that with 3,000 men the crop can be husked within three weeks' time.

A list of the help needed and the wages being paid in the various counties throughout the state has been prepared by Mr. Urlick.

Table with columns: County, Men Needed, Daily Wage, Total Wage. Lists counties like Adams, Adair, Allamakee, Appanoose, Audubon, Boone, Bremer, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Cherokee, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Dallas, Davis, Decatur, Delaware, Des Moines, Dickinson, Emmett, Franklin, Fremont, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Harlan, Harrison, Humboldt, Ida B. Wells, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Kearney, Keosauqua, Leavenworth, Lincoln, Linn, Loda, Lucas, Mahaska, Marshall, Mason, Monroe, Montgomery, Nemaha, Nemours, O'Brien, Osage, Palo Alto, Pottawattamie, Pocahontas, Polk, Pottawattamie, Putnam, Ringgold, Sac, Saline, Shelby, Sioux, Story, Tama, Taylor, Union, Warren, Wayne, Webster, Winnebago, Winfield, Woodbury, Wright, York.

Woman Says Widow Stole Mate's Love



Chicago, Nov. 29.—Up to November 10 the effect of the downward movement in the high cost of living was to move the clock back just one year. Wholesale commodity prices—they are a more reliable barometer than retail prices because less jump—October, 1920, were just about on the same general level as in October, 1919. The index number of the bureau of labor statistics, in which each commodity has an influence proportionate to its importance in the country's markets, with 1913 prices at 100, show: October, 1919, 223; May, 1920, 272; October, 1920, 225.

Thus the recession knocked 18 per cent off prices between May and October. This just about snatched off the collar which had been put on high prices during the winter and left us where we were a year ago, or about 1 per cent higher. Prices have kept on dropping all through November. Estimating that they have fallen this month at the same rate as last month, it would indicate a general wholesale index December 1 of about 209. This would correspond roughly to the price level of the armistice period. In November, 1918, the index stood at 206.

In other words, the general price level, roughly speaking, now is somewhat more than double that of the pre-war year 1913 and somewhat above that of armistice time.

Nebraska Second in International Stock Judging Contests

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Purdue university won the college stock judging contest at the International Live Stock show Saturday night, it was announced today. The Purdue team scored 3,796 points, 91 more than Nebraska. Oklahoma took first place in the individual judging, Forrester scoring 831 points, against 816 for Mitchell of Purdue.

The ranking of the teams and their scores follow: Purdue, 3,796; Nebraska, 3,705; Iowa, 3,653; Kansas, 3,581; Minnesota, 3,506; Ohio, 3,494; Colorado, 3,480; Pennsylvania state, 3,446; Texas A. & M., 3,434.

The leaders in the individual judging follow: Forrester, Oklahoma, 831; Mitchell, Purdue, 816; Watkins, Iowa, 794; Clark, Nebraska, 777; Mather, Kansas, 776; Atkinson of Nebraska was eighth with 766 and Rice, Nebraska, 10th, 756.

Overseas Soldier Buried With Honors at Norfolk. Norfolk, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of Julius Graves, who died overseas during the war, was buried here with military honors Sunday by members of the American Legion. A delegation from Verdigris of Graves' former company members attended the services. Rev. Father John Palubiski officiated.

Hastings Masons Form New Chapter for Boys. Hastings, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Hastings chapter of the order of De Molay, for boys between the ages of 16 and 21 was instituted at the Masonic temple Saturday night. The order is sponsored by the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

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Wholesale Prices Last Month About Same as Year Ago

During Last Month, However, Commodities Have Been Dropping; Price Level Now About Same as 1918.

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Compensation Granted Mother of Fireman Who Succumbed to Injuries

Lincoln, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Barbara Keller, mother of Charles Roesky, Okla. fireman, who died from injuries received last May in a fire in that city, will receive from the city \$6 a week for 350 weeks, \$150 burial expenses and also the amount of the hospital expenses, if the finding of the compensation department of the state are carried out. The compensation department denied the claim of William W. Weaver against the City of Omaha for the amount asked for, but allowed \$15 a week for three weeks. Weaver was a blacksmith working in one of the city parks and was injured. The compensation department finds that the injuries were not received by any fault of the city. J. G. Anthony of Lincoln will receive from R. E. Richardson, a contractor, \$15 a week for injuries sustained when he fell from a scaffold while working for the contractor. This will run for 95 weeks and with it a \$7.50 per week penalty for delaying payments.

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Farmers Opposed To Packer Decree

Joint Statement of Organizations Denies Court's Effort At Dissolution.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Opposition to any plan for divorcing the five big meat packers from their stock yard properties by court decree, as tending to interfere with enactment of controlling legislation, was expressed in a joint statement issued here today by Charles A. Lyman, secretary of the National Board of Farm Organizations; Florence Kelly, secretary of the National Consumers' league; and Mrs. Maud Wood Park, president of the National League of Women Voters.

The statement, also signed by representatives of the Farmers' National Council and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, declared the modified plan for divorcement of their stock yard interests submitted to the District of Columbia supreme court by the Armour and Swift companies would, if carried out, only "complicate the situation" and make more difficult the enactment of controlling legislation. Control of the meat packing industry must be "exercised as a whole," the statement said.

Man Returned to Face Bad Check Charge at Hastings. Hastings, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—G. A. Bryan, commercial auditor, arrested in Salt Lake City, has been returned to Hastings for trial on the charge of forgery. He is accused of having forged the name of the Stamford Equity Exchange of Stamford, N.C., to a check for \$26.50, which was cashed by the First National Bank of Hastings on August 23. He will be arraigned December 14.

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Man Awarded Damages for Automobile Ruined by Fire. Tecumseh, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Fay M. Thompson won his damage suit in the Johnson county court, obtaining a judgment of \$900 from Orin Danielson and Alfred H. Garrett. Last June Thompson met a party of automobiles on the road stranded for want of gasoline. Thompson offered to help them out and crawled under his car to tap his tank from below. Gasoline was spilled on the ground and someone dropped a lighted match igniting it. Within a few minutes the Thompson car was completely ruined by flames despite the efforts of the men to put it out. All parties live in the vicinity of Elk Creek, this county.

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Carpenter Badly Injured When He Falls From Roof. Tecumseh, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Thomas Buckley, a Tecumseh carpenter, was seriously injured when he fell from the roof of a barn at the home of Carl Brock, northeast of the city. Mr. Buckley was climbing to the roof from the scaffolding at the side when he lost his footing and fell to the ground, alighting upon his hands and head in a pile of blocks. The scaffolding was 16 feet high. Mr. Buckley sustained no broken bones but sustained severe bruises.

Newspaper Sold. Table Rock, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—The Dubois Press of this county has again changed hands. The purchaser, E. F. Cox, Oklahoma City, is said to be a first cousin of Governor James M. Cox of Ohio.

Burglars Get \$700 Loot in Store Raid. For the third time this year burglars raided the Nebraska Clothing company store, Twenty-fifth and N street, in the heart of the South Side business district, Sunday night while pedestrians, motorists and policemen strolled by. The loot this time consisted of raincoats, mackintoshes, sweaters, suits, overcoats and the like to a total value of \$700. The robbery was not reported to South Side police until noon.

Surprise Party Tendered Desk Sergeant and Wife. A surprise party was given Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carey, 2130 South Thirty-fifth avenue, in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Carey were presented with a handsome set of silverware by a large number of friends who attended the affair.

Autoist Who Forfeits Bond Incurs Wrath of Judge. Zigzagging his automobile down the street at Thirteenth and Missouri avenue, Sunday night, J. F. McCoy, painter, 323 North Seventeenth street, was arrested for operating a motor car while intoxicated and without lights. He put up a \$50 cash bond and was freed to appear in South Side police court this morning. When he did not show up, Judge Foster not only issued his bond forfeited, but ordered a capias for his rearrest.

Diamond Valued at \$3,000 Is Stolen by Burglars. Towels and pillows, a diamond lavaliere and ring, valued \$3,000, composed the loot secured by burglars Sunday night when they ransacked the home of Joe Jernan, 504F South Twenty-fourth street. Contents of every drawer in the house had been scattered about the floors, German told South Side police when he reported the robbery.

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