

### Uni Professor Scouts Theory Of Kirschhoff

Nebraska Astronomer Relieves Fears of Lincoln Young Couples That Stars Affect Humans.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 2.—Young married folk need not worry about the prediction of Prof. Charles Kirschhoff, Milwaukee astronomer, that the country will be flooded with twins, triplets and quadruplets during the next six years, according to Prof. Goodwin Del Sweeney, astronomer at the University of Nebraska. Any such statement is based upon superstition, according to Professor Sweeney, and is without scientific reasoning.

"It is ridiculous to say that the conjunction of certain stars with the new moon will have any effect upon humans," declared Professor Sweeney. Predictions of this sort, he says, have been made by the superstitious for centuries, but have always been disputed by scientists.

Professor Kirschhoff based his prediction that "the world will be startled by the fecundity of all human races," upon the fact that the planets Mars and Venus were in conjunction on January 5, a "bad sign" causing a fruitful sign of the zodiac. In addition, he said, the planet Mars passed through the constellation of quadruplets on January 12 and came in conjunction with the new moon January 23 showing that during the latter part of this year and for a period of five years thereafter the human race will be astonishingly fruitful.

His prediction about twins, triplets and more especially quadruplets, caused considerable anxiety among the young married set of Lincoln who learned of his conclusions. Recently married men were subjected to considerable fun at the hands of friends. They were pictured waking up in the middle of the night to answer the squeals of quadruplets.

It was with relief that they learned from Professor Sweeney that Professor Kirschhoff's predictions were not to be taken too seriously.

### War Critics Scored By Charles G. Dawes

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alive, we had to win. It was a man's job. We would have paid high prices for sheep. The man like Johnson, there," he said, turning to the chairman, "was standing at the front to be shot at. We had to get him food and ammunition. Oh, it's all right now to say we bought too much vinegar and too many cold chisels, but we saved civilization. I am no more ashamed to stand up for England than for the United States," he said, jumping from his chair and racing about. "It seems to be fashionable in American politics to attack England. I am not in politics and I am not going to be. And I thank God that in a crisis like we had, there were no bickerings between the English-speaking people."

"The diplomatic system of appointing men with pink tea experience in wartime," he continued, "was a rotten failure. Sharp was all right, but the rest of them were utter failures. It was all due to the appointment of society men—pink tea fellows. Why, we couldn't get any where. We had George McFadden over there and he did it in three days, what the diplomats could not do in three months."

**Job to Get Horses.**

"Let me illustrate; we needed 80,000 artillery horses. They were in the fields, and it was harvest time in France. It was my job to get them, and it was my argument that we could not get our men to the front without horses. Unless we got them the Germans would break through. We didn't talk prices—we just pulled them out of the field. Of course that sort of stuff couldn't be printed."

"What did you get for the horses when they were resold to France," he was asked.

"I don't know," he replied, "but the price was low. Of course it was. The horses were taken from the field. It's easy to find fault, easy to say we should have struck a bigger bargain. But put yourselves over there and I think your viewpoint would be different."

Before the supply service was coordinated, everybody, Mr. Dawes said, was pulling in different directions.

"You have got the same trouble here," he added, "with 10 cabinet officers, each trying to get everything for himself. The president ought to stop it."

**Admits Mistakes Made.**

Mr. Dawes said mistakes were made.

"But I am glad," he continued, "that there is a desire in some quarters to make a permanent and honorable record of what our men did. There have been complaints that our surplus in France was sold. It would have kept 40,000 men there trying to guard it while we peddled it in small lots. The men were brought home, and the best bargain of the war was in the sale of that stuff to France."

"Now here is how we sold it: Members of our commission sat down at a table with the French. We laid our cards down. I told our friends that some of us had suggested different prices, that this bird, Judge Parker, was a hard-boiled egg and was standing out for \$450,000. I said I thought \$400,000,000 was fair, and we traded."

**Commission Firm Closes**

**Beatrice Branch Office**

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The Leland Commission company, which established offices in Beatrice about a year ago, has discontinued business at this point. The money and little trading on the markets is assigned as the cause for the firm closing down here.

**Broken Bow Carnival**

Broken Bow, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The Broken Bow high school held a successful carnival, taking in over \$400.

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### Labor Ticket Enters Field in Grand Island Municipal Contest

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—At a meeting of about 100 representatives of various labor unions, a labor ticket was placed in the field for the coming city election in April.

T. J. Ellsberry, yard foreman of the Union Pacific, was nominated for mayor; S. N. Clayton, first ward councilman; C. J. Niemann, second ward; William Monohan, third ward, and George W. Grady, jr., fourth ward.

Councilman; C. J. Niemann, second ward; S. N. Clayton, first ward, foreman Adrian F. Barstow, wealthy leaders of the movement state that so far no specific platform has been promulgated, and that action with reference to a school board ticket of three members will be awaited pending expected action for a woman's ticket of three members to be elected this year. The present board of nine is entirely of men.

It is generally being taken for granted, though he has made no statement on the matter, that the present mayor, J. L. Cleary, will be renominated. Party lines are never drawn in Grand Island municipal elections. All candidates run by petition.

The candidates for councilmen on the labor ticket are all employees of the Union Pacific. None of them are at present members of the council.

### Four Stores at Liberty Robbed by Auto Bandits

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Robbers entered four business houses at Liberty and obtained loot valued at \$250. They obtained \$100 in cash, watches and jewelry from Dishman's drug store; a small amount of money and property from R. D. Kleppinger's store, George Fulton's meat market and a barber shop. The thieves are said to have escaped in a motor car. Bloodhounds from this city were put on the track.

### Son's Plea Halts Fremont Divorce

Eight-Year-Old Youth to Live With Each Parent While Separated Over Trifles.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Because Clarence Jurging, 8, told Judge Button he wanted to live with both his father and mother, who were suing for divorce, the court decreed that a temporary division of all possessions be made with the chance of a reunion of the discontented couple. This is the first divorce denied in Dodge county in many years. Mrs. Helene Jurging began suit against her husband, Clarence O. Jurging, both residents of this city and former owners of a confectionery store, charging him with cruelty and failure to provide for her and the child.

The husband contested the divorce with a cross petition charging his wife with infidelity. He declared that his wife would play cards until 2 a. m. with men customers who would loaf about the store, while he was in bed. He charged that she accepted jewelry from another man and that she attended a prize fight at Hooper in company with three men.

The judge decided that the grievances were not great enough on either side to warrant a divorce and with a lecture to Mrs. Jurging, advising her that she had been indiscreet in her actions with other men, told the couple to divide the property equally.

Clarence, jr., was asked with which parent he chose to reside, and the little lad looked up at Judge Button with a display of judicial impartiality and answered that he wanted to keep his pap and mama, too. He told the court that he understood the proceedings and that he realized that his parents wished to separate. As a result Judge Button ordered that

### Manager of Lexington Alfalfa Mill Held To District Court

Lexington, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Charles M. Robinson, former manager of the Great Western Chemical and Alfalfa Milling company, waived preliminary hearing on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses and was bound over to the district court under \$1,250 bonds by County Judge I. J. Nisley.

Robinson and his brother, Joshua, were in charge of the milling company in Grand Island, where they made their headquarters. In 1919 they expanded the business to a capitalization of \$100,000 and started the erection of a branch here. Stock was sold in this vicinity and the plant began operations last fall.

A few weeks ago the two brothers resigned the management. An investigation was started by stockholders and an indebtedness of \$45,000 found. Indications point to about \$175,000 being missing. Local stockholders hope to recover the plant here free of debt. Joshua has not been arrested and is reported en route to Mexico.

### Chamber of Commerce at Lexington Has Busy Year

Lexington, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—At the weekly luncheon of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce R. E. Falkinburg read a survey of the accomplishments of the organization during the past year. Irrigation activities were the big part of their accomplishments and \$4,000 was subscribed for surveys. A free camping ground was established. Paving and clean streets and alleys were obtained. A purebred live stock breeders' association was organized and given financial assistance in erecting a sales pavilion. Speakers were obtained to discuss civic improvements at various times during the year.

### Nebraska Wesleyan Class Officers Are Elected by Students

Lincoln, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Class elections were held at Nebraska Wesleyan Tuesday. Results were as follows:

Freshman class: President, Donald Hare, 19; Arthur Johnson, 37; Clifford Whiting, 32; vice president, Mildred Waldron, 78; secretary, Everett Stone, 82; treasurer, Maurice Caldwell, 67.

Sophomore class: President, Veryl Morgan, 14; Helen Wood, 29; Paul Baker, 46; vice president, Rex Burrell, 73; Evelyn Chappell, 16; secretary, Mary Versaw, 21; Gertrude Strobel, 53; Dorothy La Sille, 15;

treasurer, Harold Davis, 27; Violet Otto, 60; college council, Ed Person, 87.

Junior class: President, Margaret Horny, 12; William Bernhardt, 20; Imogene Shickel, 6; Phil Carrell, 15; vice president, Edward Schmidt, 42; secretary, Earl Wiltse, 46; treasurer, Curtis Norlin, 45; college council, Ruth Hinson, 24; Ellen Person, 29.

Senior class: President, Harold Carr, 13; Irving Moore, 6; Rex Barr, 12; vice president, McCabe Day, 21;

Mary Eastwell, 18; secretary, Hazel George, 23; Oma Truitt, 15; treasurer, Paul Schlichter, 18; Carl Cartwright, 21; college council, Helen Hinson, 23; Lura Hawkins, 15.

### Fairbury Commerce Body Would Reopen Creamery

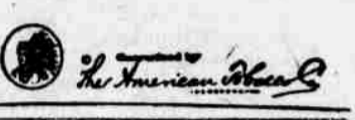
Fairbury, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The Fairbury Chamber of Commerce was entertained by the High Y quartet at their noon luncheon. Among subjects discussed was the reopening the Waterloo Creamery at Fairbury. The creamery was closed six months ago and the company owes considerable money to farmers for cream.

### Legion Charity Ball

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The American Legion post will give a charity ball Thursday evening. The post has given a series of dances here this winter which have been well patronized.



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A Display Well Worth Seeing  
Apparel Section—Third Floor

### The Silk Shop

Is displaying its wares. Spring weaves and shades, Avion plaids, printed cashmere de soie, foulards, taffetas, jerez crepe and Canton crepe. Their prices are a pleasing feature.

### White Goods Prices Are Low This February

This is the month when home sewing is in favor, and with prices so low it will be possible to have more and better things than heretofore.

- These New Prices on White Goods**
- Japanese Nainsook 50c and 65c a yard.
  - White Flaxons—plain weaves, 50c, 75c, 90c a yard.—checked weaves, 50c and 85c a yard.
  - Dimities 65c and 75c a yard.
  - 36-inch Piques \$1 and \$1.25 a yard.
  - Irish Poplins Burton's best quality, 65c for the 27-inch, \$1 for the 36-inch.
  - Longcloth 45c, 55c and 65c a yard Tuesday.
  - Shadow Striped Phantom Cloth for 75c a yard.
  - Embroidered White Voiles Plain and lace weaves for 75c a yard.
  - Imported (45-inch) English Batiste Two particularly fine qualities at \$1 and \$1.50 a yard.

### A Disposal of Royal Society Packages

Odds and ends that include stamped patterns for nightgowns, children's dresses, centerpieces, scarfs, pillows, and children's hats—all priced for a clearance Thursday.

Artneedlework—Second Floor.

### Oxfords for Present Wear

Dark brown brogue oxfords with military heels are priced \$9.85 a pair.

Dark brown brogues with flat heels are \$9.85.

New dark brown oxfords with military heels and medium round toes, \$11.

New dark brown oxfords of soft kid with military heels and medium narrow toes are \$12 a pair.

### Wenoma Corsets Thursday \$2.50

Everyone who has ever worn a Wenoma is enthusiastic in praise of it. Thursday's price, which is quoted for one day only, is of particular interest. \$2.50 a pair.

### Cotton Vests Thursday 98c

Cotton vests and pants, fleece-lined, are to be had Thursday for 98c a garment.

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