

Economy Urged By Governor for State Officers

Impresses Department Heads With Need of Conducting State Affairs on Business Basis.

Lincoln, May 20.—(Special).—Economy in expenditure of public money was urged on heads of state department by Gov. S. M. McKelvie in a conference today.

Gen. John J. Pershing has accepted an invitation of Lincoln post No. 2, American Legion, to be a guest at a banquet here June 3.

Because of the heavy rains which beat the top of the ground so hard that much of the corn failed to germinate properly, a large number of farmers living northwest of town are replanting the grain.

North Platte, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—The airplane tourist season opened this week, and four private planes have landed at the air mail service terminal in this city for fuel.

North Platte, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—A campaign has been started for a better lighting system in this city, especially in the business section, where the electricity system or something similar will be installed.

Eight girls and one young man were graduated from the high school here. The class sermon will be preached Sunday by Rev. John B. Williams in the Christian church.

Lodgepole, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—Eight young people, six girls and two men of the Lodgepole high school, received their diplomas at the commencement exercises.

Alexandria, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—Among the new teachers hired for the ensuing year in the Alexandria public schools are Donaid Green, principal, and athletics, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Grandy, formerly of the Plymouth schools.

Alexandria, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—Spring construction work has been commenced on highways in this section of the country. Several new bridges and widening of the road at various places along the Nebraska highway from a Firbury west are now under way.

Wheat in this section is reported to have been partially damaged by the cold weather. Many farmers look for a decidedly smaller amount of wheat to be harvested this year than last.

Lincoln Recall Plans Are Being Rushed

Lincoln, May 20.—(Special).—Another step toward the circulation of recall petitions against Mayor Frank C. Zehrung was taken today, when the committee appointed to draft recall petitions and an ordinance providing for a municipal ice plant, municipal coal yard and public market, asked Charles W. Bryan to permit the use of his name as a candidate for mayor against Mayor Zehrung on the recall petitions.

Fever Epidemic At Grand Island

Grand Island, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—Six cases of sickness, all so far unexplained by attending physicians excepting to show indications of typhoid fever, have suddenly appeared here. All of the patients, it is declared, attended the same church banquet, April 26.

What baffled the physicians in the case mostly is the origin. Dr. Bair, pathologist of the St. Francis hospital, is making an analysis of the city water. The city water was recently tested and found pure.

Beatrice, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—Porter Collins, Blue Springs farmer, pleaded guilty in court here to the third count of the complaint filed against him by County Attorney Vasey for having liquor in his possession and selling it.

Beatrice, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—The other two counts, keeping a still and manufacturing liquor, were dismissed. Collins' arrest occurred a few weeks ago when a still was found on a farm leased by him.

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\$306,960,372 Is Valuation on All Railways in State

Board of Equalization Announces Assessments to Be Made on Full Valuation.

Lincoln, May 20.—(Special).—Properties of 18 railroads operating in Nebraska will be assessed on a total valuation of \$306,960,372, according to an announcement made today by the state board of equalization.

This valuation is the same as the one placed on the railroads by the same board last year with the following exceptions: An increase of \$10,000 on the valuation of the Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice Railway company, and a new valuation of \$376,552 on the North Platte Valley Railroad company, a new line which operates 31.12 miles of tracks in the sugar beet country connecting with the main line of the Burlington.

Following are valuation of railroad properties in Nebraska: Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, \$121,633,875; Union Pacific, \$90,469,248; Chicago & Northwestern, \$40,165,715; Chicago, St. Paul, M. & O., \$15,698,855; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, \$12,956,256; Missouri Pacific, \$12,806,140; St. Joseph & Grand, \$1,871,850; Omaha & Lincoln R. & L. Co., \$92,450; Omaha Bridge & Terminal Co., \$45,000; Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice Ry., \$90,000; Omaha & Southern Inter. Ry., \$4,000; Illinois Central Railway, \$4,000; Wabash Railroad, \$4,000; C. M. & St. P. Ry., \$15,000; A. T. & S. F. Ry., \$15,000; K. C. & Northwestern Ry., \$47,552.

Alexandria, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—Gerald, 8, son of William Joe, narrowly escaped drowning when he fell into the mill pond here. He was saved by his brother-in-law, George Lovetcheck. The two were fishing when the boy accidentally slipped.

Alexandria, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—The large barn on the Jessie Bell farm near Bellwood burned to the ground. One horse, all the harness and many tons of hay were lost. The barn was insured.

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Alliance Man Battles Gypsy Bandit Gang

Alliance, Neb., May 20.—(Special Telegram).—Robbed of his wallet by a band of roving gypsies while he was repairing a tire on his truck in the road near Bridgeport, Ralph Borgelt, employe of a truck company here, gave battle to the bandits and at the point of a revolver forced them to lay the wallet at his feet and hear a hasty retreat. The gypsy band, composed of several men and women, surrounded him and attempted to engage him in conversation. He paid little attention to them, but in a short time missed the wallet from his pocket. He saw one of the women attempt to hide it. He remonstrated, whereupon the woman pitched upon him. Several gypsy men came to their aid. Borgelt then drew a revolver and held them at bay. He demanded that they return his wallet and one of the women threw it down at his feet, after which the entire band hurriedly departed. Several bands of the wanderers have come into town recently and are being advised to keep moving.

Chicago Lawyer Will Defend Naprapath

Lincoln, May 20.—(Special).—Clarence S. Darrow, Chicago attorney, will appear before the supreme court tomorrow to defend Dr. R. C. Carpenter of Wayne, Neb., who has appealed from a fine of \$200 imposed on him by the district court for practicing without a license. The state law provides for licensing allopaths, homeopaths, osteopaths and chiropractors. Carpenter denies he is any of those "things" and says he can best be described as a cross between an osteopath and a chiropractor. He is a graduate of a school of naprapathy at Chicago. Darrow is attorney for that school.

Alexandria, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—Word has been received here that the body of Alpha Gaston, a soldier who died in France during the war, will arrive in New York May 25. The body will be brought here for burial and services will be conducted by the American Legion.

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