

### Omaha Charities To Be Picked Out By State Board

65 Hospitals, Lodges and Private Schools Will Be Scrutinized by Equalization Body Next Week.

(Continued From Page One.) Peoples' home, also stated the women would oppose any attempt to collect taxes from this institution.

Catholic institutions will take their cases into court, according to Edward F. Leary, who represents several charitable establishments in Omaha.

"When the county board met with the board of equalization in Omaha last June," said Mr. Leary, "the members of the latter board stated that taxation of educational, religious or charitable institutions was a matter of law, and suggested that the subject be referred to the assistant attorney general of Nebraska, the county attorney of Douglas county and the state board of taxation."

"At least 50 institutions were represented at that meeting and the consensus of opinion was that there could be no tax on educational, religious or charitable institutions under the new constitution and statutes, unless such institutions can show a net profit during the year."

"Whether an institution is making money or not is a legal proposition," Mr. Leary explained. "Though Creighton has an endowment fund that reaches probably \$3,000,000, which produces a goodly sum every year, it does not make a cent profit as the money is turned into education. Though small tuition is charged, it costs the college at least \$600 a year for each one. Is there profit in running a college on that plan?"

"Merely because an institution charges a tuition or takes in some money by its means, it is no sign there is a net profit," Mr. Leary emphasized.

Thinks Y. M. C. A. Exempt. "I think the Omaha Y. M. C. A. is exempt from taxation," said M. A. Hall, member of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. and attorney for the association.

"I have my opinion on the recent decision of the supreme court in the Lincoln Y. M. C. A. case. The decision held that any section of the association's building not being used for purposes of the association might be taxed but that the remainder was exempt."

"None of the Omaha Y. M. C. A. building space is rented to any outside interest, hence I think it is exempt. It may be that under the new law Mr. Osborne is right. I'll have to study the law. But I think not. In a case my investigation proves I'm correct we will appeal to the county board of equalization, then, if successful, to the district court."

Mr. Hall said the supreme court had held that the Lincoln Scottish Rite cathedral was subject to taxation, and that he believed the decision would apply to the Scottish Rite cathedral here.

52 West Point Students Will Attend Universities. West Point, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Fifty-two young people of West Point and vicinity, have left to attend schools and colleges. Fifteen different colleges are represented. Eight are attending Midland college, Fremont; 19 the university at Lincoln; seven, the Lutheran college at Seward; the University of Minnesota; St. John's university, Minnesota; Catholic college, Conception, Mo.; Catholic seminary, Quincy, Ill.; Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill.; Rockford college, Rockford, Ill.; two; Notre Dame university, Indiana; three, University of Michigan; two, Harvard university; two, University of Wisconsin; Wayne State Normal; Creighton university, Omaha; two, Medical College at New York City.

Officials of Defunct Bank Protect Depositors. Chappell, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—John R. Wertz, William F. Wertz and H. L. Babcock, former officers and directors of the First National bank, have deposited mortgages on real estate amounting to \$300,000 with Francis A. Chapman, receiver of the bank, as additional assets to be used in making up any deficit that may exist at the end of four years, in any amount needed to satisfy all legal claims against the bank by paying 100 cents on the dollar.

Kansas Man Arrested on Worthless Check Charge. Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Artie Boller is under arrest at his home at Junction City, Kan., for issuing a check for \$60 on L. Stine of this city, which came back protested. According to Stine, Boller visited the city some time ago on business and while here secured the money on the check. Boller's mother, who is said to be well to do, has expressed a desire to help her son and he may not be brought back to Beatrice for trial.

University Enrollment Shows Growth of 574. Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—University enrollment, which officially closed here tonight, shows that 574 more students registered for university work this year than last year.

The official registration figures this year are 3,875, against 3,301 last year. This includes just students in Lincoln and not medical students at Omaha or students at university substations throughout the state.

Columbus Man Loses Leg When Hit by Switch Engine. Columbus, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—John Kuta, employed on the Union Pacific section gang, had his right leg cut off below the knee when he was hit by an engine in the yards. Kuta was stepping from one track to another in get out of the way of a west-bound freight he walked in front of an engine going to the coal chub for coal.

### Parson and Wife to Mark 18,262d Day of Wedlock



Fifty years ago Monday, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Webster were married in Indiana. They will observe their golden wedding anniversary Monday at their home, 4715 North Twenty-seventh street.

They plan to spend the day quietly, without any celebration, just like any other of the 18,262 days of their wedded life.

Minister 49 years. Rev. Mr. Webster is chaplain at the Methodist hospital. He has been a Methodist minister for 49 years, having served 36 years in Nebraska, where he has held pastorates at Lyons, Grand Island, Central City, Schuyler, the Oak street, Florence, Walnut Hill, and South Tenth street,

now the Dietz Memorial, churches in Omaha. He came to Omaha in the early '90s.

His first pastorate in Nebraska was at Plum Creek, now Lexington, where he was sent to Long Pine as presiding elder, later removing to Chadron.

From Louisiana. Rev. and Mrs. Webster have three sons and one daughter—Earle C. of Omaha, Homer B. of Billings, Mont.; Raymond E. of Shreveport, La.; and Nellie F. Webster, of Omaha. They have two grandchildren, Lucille and Dean, daughter and son of Earle Webster.

Raymond Webster slipped into Omaha from Louisiana as a surprise for the golden anniversary.

Golden Wedding Is Observed by Pioneer Arapahoe Residents. Edison, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ostrom celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Arapahoe. Planning for the occasion were handicapped by Mr. Ostrom suffering a stroke of paralysis a few days before.

Mr. and Mrs. Ostrom were married at Nealsville, Wis., and moved to Gosper county, Nebraska, in 1879, making the trip in a prairie schooner. They landed at Turkey Creek with only 30 cents in money. They took up a claim there and erected a dwelling.

Mrs. Ostrom for a while fledged between Arapahoe and Lexington. He enlisted in the army at 18 and served in 23 engagements in the civil war. The day was also his 77th birthday.

Mrs. Ostrom was one of the oldest school teachers in the state in point of service. She commenced teaching in 1867 at the age of 15. She did not give up her school work until 1919, when she injured herself in a fall.

Cook Boy Dies of Injuries From Being Kicked by Mule. Tecumseh, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Joy T. J. Hemminghaus, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hemminghaus of Cook, died of injuries from being kicked by a mule. The boy was struck with the mule's hoof over the eye. He was given temporary treatment at home and taken to a hospital at Syracuse, where he lived two days. The skull was fractured.

All Records Were Broken By Thayer County Fair. Deshler, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The Thayer county fair at Deshler was a record-breaker in every department. An \$11,000 business is reported with a total attendance of 30,000. Fifteen thousand persons passed through the gates on "children's day." Thousands saw the big night program which closed each evening with spectacular fireworks.

Butler County Fair to Throw Open Gates Tuesday. David City, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Butler county fair dates are September 20, 21, 22 and 23. The free attractions include band concerts every afternoon and evening, community singing, balloon ascension and parachute jump each day, fireworks each evening. Aside from the free attractions there will be a carnival company and shows on the grounds.

Mexican Catholic Church Being Erected at Bayard. Bayard, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—A Catholic church is being erected here. It will be 62x32 feet, 20 feet high, with nine-foot basement. The seating capacity is 200. Father Hollic, Mexican missionary for this diocese, has charge of the building and will open a night school to teach Mexicans English and civics. It is expected to build a school within the year that will bring from 700 to 800 Mexican children to Bayard.

Pawnee City Bank Is Mentioned for Treasurer. Pawnee City, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Jacob F. Halderman, cashier of the First State bank here, has been proposed by influential parties over the state for treasurer. He was a member of the constitutional convention and also of the last state legislature. He has not expressed an opinion as to whether or not he will allow his name to be placed in the ring.

Deshler Will Continue Open Air Band Concerts. Deshler, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The Deshler Commercial club will continue free open-air band concerts every Thursday evening until Christmas, providing the weather is suitable.

An effort is being made to organize a large class of beginners in band music, from which it is hoped later to recruit members for the senior band which now has membership of 15 to 30, under the direction of its founder, Henry Sittler.

### Beet Harvest Will Start in West On Monday

Sugar Factories Will Begin Slicing Friday—Value of Crop Is Estimated at \$5,000,000.

Scottsbluff, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The North Platte valley will become the scene of its greatest activity Monday, when the digging of the sugar beets will commence, under orders from the factories at Scottsbluff, Bayard, Mitchell and Minatare.

Friday the work of the factories will commence, the slicing of the beets and the making of sugar to continue until the harvest is completely utilized. More than 2,000 laborers will work at the different factories in three shifts day and night, and no work will stop until all is finished.

This year the factory has approximately 70,000 acres in beets which will yield conservatively 10 tons to the acre. The value to the farmers of the crop is estimated at \$5,000,000 and as much more will be paid for labor.

Because the price of beets is low and also because the sugar market has not yet recovered from its recent slump, the utmost economy will be observed both by the farmer in raising and by the factory in manufacturing. The digging will proceed slowly to give the beets time to fully mature and to prevent piling in great stacks of thousands of tons with consequent shrinkage. The work of the factories will not end until the middle of January.

### Oil Men to Drill in Burt County

Tekamah Excited Over Proposed Test for Oil—Drilling to Start in Month.

Tekamah, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Some of the business men of this town and county are wondering whether the earth hereabouts would yield crude oil in paying quantities. Recent activities of Chicago men in this section have aroused considerable curiosity. These interests expect to have a drill rig here within two weeks and intend to begin drilling within four weeks.

The same parties have been drilling within a mile of Missouri Valley, geologists have been out on the ground for miles around Tekamah and it is understood that their report favors a region near Tekamah for oil drilling.

It is known that the Chicago men are not selling stock and they are said to have ample resources for the promotion of their project. They are not willing at this time to make themselves known publicly. They were in Omaha yesterday to confer with parties who are interested in Burt county lands.

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### Hearing in Arbuckle Case Set For Monday

(Continued From Page One.) The police. Dr. Beardslee attended Miss Rappé in the hotel. His testimony is wanted before the grand jury. He is said to be on a hunting trip.

Today Arbuckle was to be arraigned in superior court upon an indictment charging manslaughter returned by the county grand jury. But this arraignment is mere formality, it was said and District Attorney Mathew Brady was scheduled to ask a continuance of the manslaughter case until action has been taken on the charges of first degree murder pending against Arbuckle in connection with Miss Rappé's death.

Jury Can Name Charge. The district attorney had announced the murder charge would be pushed and it will be left up to a jury to decide whether Arbuckle shall be convicted of first degree murder, second degree murder, manslaughter or shall be turned free by acquittal. There also was one other alternative, which was that if the police court at the preliminary examination of Arbuckle failed to hold the comedian to answer to the superior court on charge of murder the state then would be forced to go to trial with the manslaughter indictment.

Acquittal or conviction on the murder charge would mean automatic dismissal of the manslaughter charge, for the law holds a man may not be twice placed in jeopardy for one cause.

Crowds long before court opened today attempted again to gain places of vantage about the court room of Superior Judge Harold Loderback, where Arbuckle was to be arraigned, that they might view the film star. Arbuckle in all his court appearances since his arrest has shown disinclination to face these curious folk.

Gets Many Letters. Scores of letters and telegrams continue to arrive at the jail for Arbuckle and in such number he cannot answer them, it was said.

Pressing of the murder charge means Arbuckle failed to get off for some time to come. Dismissal of the murder charge and trial on the manslaughter indictment would have meant quick liberty on bail for the accused actor.

Bail on the manslaughter charge had been set at \$5,000. Attorney for Arbuckle has put up the cash in anticipation of action by the district attorney favoring trial on the lesser charge. Arbuckle had hoped to be free on this today to start for his home in Los Angeles.

Clothes to canary birds are offered for sale in The Bee want ad columns.

### Unique Ceremony Plan of Opening Platte Bridge

Hall and Hamilton Counties To Unite in Jollification Over Completion of Cement Structure.

Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The Hall and Hamilton county authorities, with Commissioner Trull of the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, and the Aurora Commercial club co-operating, have completed arrangements for the unique bridge opening ceremonies to take place in the nearest grove adjacent to the newly-completed cement bridge across the Platte on September 26.

This is the first permanent bridge built across the Platte touching either county and is an immense accelerator to traffic from both sides. Narrow wooden bridges of from a half to three-quarters of a mile in length have become even more obsolete and time-consuming with the advent of automobile and truck traffic and the gratification of the agricultural and business interests resultant from a safe and smooth crossing is correspondingly general.

Governor McKelvie has promised to attend the jollification and represent the state. Attorney Grosvenor will represent Hamilton county, and the speakers' list will be completed by County Attorney William Sahr for Hall county.

A long list of sports including contests between the two counties in base ball, in quoit throwing, foot racing and many and varied kinds of athletic prowess have been arranged. Former Supervisor Conrad Lassen will have charge of the barbecue, several whole beaves of choice quality being roasted for the occasion. The best of music is being provided.

Pawnee City Will Be On Omaha-Tulsa Short Line. Pawnee City, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The new highway being built through this section of Nebraska is to pass through Pawnee City. The "Omaha-Tulsa Short Line," as it is known, was originally planned to pass through Auburn and Dawson east of here as it came south from Omaha, but owing to pressure brought to bear by Tecumseh, Pawnee City and Omaha, those in charge have decided to route it from Omaha to Weeping Water, Syracuse, Tecumseh and Pawnee City and then south to Sabetha, Kan.

Pawnee City's share of the expense has been provided for and the highway is assured. It will be one of the best marked-roads in the country.

### Platte County Asks Supervisor to Quit

Columbus, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—A formal request that he submit his resignation as supervisor to the county board at its next meeting was mailed to Charles A. Peterson by County Attorney Otto F. Walter. The action was brought by C. F. Ewert, requesting Peterson's removal on the ground that he is no longer a resident of Platte county.

Mr. Peterson was elected supervisor for Walker and St. Bernard township in 1918, but moved to Newman Grove, Madison county, last winter. During his period of service he has been one of the leading figures on the county board. Since his removal to Madison county he has indicated that he would resign if objection were raised to his tenure of office, but being the chairman of the building committee in charge of the erection of the new court house he expressed the desire that he might be permitted to continue in the job until the first of the new year, when the building operations will have reached final stages.

Estate of Gage County Banker Near \$1,000,000. Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—According to the appraisers of the estate of W. A. Wolfe, former banker of this city, his holdings in Nebraska and Kansas will amount to about \$1,000,000. They have returned from a trip to Keith, Pekins, Kimball, Hayes and other counties where they appraised his land at \$13,044.50. They are now at work in Gage county, and they will finish the job by September 23, the date set for the hearing in county court. Mr. Wolfe owned thousands of acres of land in Gage county and parts of Kansas.

Couple Surprise Friends By Being Secretly Married. Miss Emmeline Rudatt of North Platte and Forest Emery of Omaha surprised their friends by a secret marriage at the Kountze Memorial church Wednesday evening. Rev. O. D. Baltzy officiated. Miss Rudatt did Red Cross work during the war and has a wide acquaintance in North Platte. Mr. Emery is a government employe here.

Woman Veterinarian Is Now Practicing in Abie. David City, Neb., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Abie can boast one of the few lady veterinarians in the United States. Mrs. Hattie Znedlik recently moved there from Tohar, S. D. Dr. Znedlik received her training in Prague, Bohemia, but has her diploma registered in the United States.

An easily manipulated alloy of zinc and copper is claimed by its Italian inventor to be stronger than steel and less corrosive than copper.

### Women to Attend State Legion Meet

Auxiliary Delegates to Assemble in Fremont Sept. 29-Oct. 1. The state convention of the department of Nebraska of the American Legion will be held in Fremont, September 29-30 and October 1. The state convention of the women's auxiliary will be held the same dates. Although the Douglas county post has no auxiliary, many of the members are planning on taking their wives.

Mary Jordan, wife of Maj. C. C. Cresson of Fort Crook, will give a concert. Dancing, theater parties, barbecue and boxing are included in the program for the convention. Delegates from the Douglas county post have been instructed to support the candidacy of Earl M. Cline of Nebraska City for national commander.

Delegates from Douglas county post are: John H. Hopkins, W. E. LaLonde, Sam Reynolds, Hird Stryker, Walter S. Byrne, W. F. Brutt, Harry S. Byrne, Malcolm Brudridge, J. R. Byerly, Ralph E. Coad, L. J. Crosby, W. R. Coates, Claudia Delitala, F. W. Downs, J. Dudley, Clinton Brome, J. N. DeFrance, P. B. Fish, A. L. Frederick, John Kinnaman, H. C. Larsen, T. Metcalfe, J. J. Isaacson, J. T. McGuire, A. A. Tukey, William Ritchie, jr.; E. E. Kiplinger, Albert May, R. J. Madden, L. G. Lambert, Dr. E. C. Henry, Kendall Hammond, Dr. J. A. Tamisera, Charles Hamilton, Morton Hiller, J. N. Baldwin, R. C. Burns, Arthur Westergaard, John Weed, E. W. Porter, T. E. Nelson, Dr. W. B. Nash, Anan Raymond.

Alternates: P. H. Oney, W. E. Kavan, O. A. Kennedy, J. F. Mericle, G. F. McShane, G. S. Heiner, Dr. G. Whitcomb, Keller, F. H. Cunningham, J. C. VanAvery, W. C. Oakes, J. R. Lake, M. M. Loonnis, J. H. Caldwell, Emmett Hamon, E. W. Hughes, S. W. Hudson, O. J. Huyck, F. B. Heyn, W. H. Dana, D. B. Crocker, P. M. McCullough, H. C. DeLamatre, Roy Musgrave, Amos Thomas, L. L. Larson, Moore, E. E. McKnight, A. H. Mayer, T. H. Maenner, W. G. Mettlen, L. W. McManus, P. R. Lamborn, Louis Murphy, T. J. Sheehan, H. W. Plumb, J. L. Schroeder, W. W. Cochran, F. J. Boyle, O. E. Engler, F. B. Wallace.

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