

DEAD, COONES INJURED IN STORM

Low Price May Cut Corn Land

Farmers of Middle West Advised to Reduce Acreage in Spring Unless Grain Prices Rise.

Will Raise Other Crops

Signs are plentiful in the middle west that less corn than usual will be planted in the spring unless the price is increased considerably.

A special committee from the state farm bureau federations of Iowa, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas is reported to have advised similar action.

The Illinois resolution advises that the acreage of corn, which is the state's greatest crop, be "reasonably reduced."

Past records have shown a number of instances where farmers received a larger total monetary return for a small crop of corn than they did for a bumper crop.

There is no doubt that if corn isn't up to the cost of production in the coming year, in a systematic or an individual way, farmers will decide not to plant it.

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Phone Rate Increase Protested at Norfolk

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Directors of the Greater Norfolk association passed resolutions at a special meeting protesting against the proposed increase in telephone rates.

Nebraska Using Million a Week Of War Loan Fund

An average of \$200,000 a day of government finance funds is being distributed to banks throughout the state of Nebraska, according to Regional Chairman F. W. Thomas.

The Nebraska committee meets daily in their offices in the First National bank building, where a force of government clerks is maintained.

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Xmas Spirit Is Throned In Omaha

Report That Santa Claus Is Myth Grossly Exaggerated; Poor in City Well Cared For.

Council Recognizes Day Merry Christmas!

The spirit of good will and peace on earth dominates Omaha. There is a Santa Claus, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is believed that there is not a family and Omaha today who is in need, and has made those needs known, that has not been given a share of Christmas cheer.

Christmas day this year, occurring by date on a Sunday, gives reason for the custom of observing the following day as the official holiday.

Monday will be a general holiday. City hall, court house, banks and all general business institutions will be closed for the day.

Church services today will include special music and also spoken references to the Christmas season.

The weather man seems to have been in league with Santa Claus. Ice skating is ideal, according to Joe Hummel, park commissioner.

Thousands of store and postoffice clerks were happy when the week's work was over last night.

Two federal investigators are in the city and more are to follow. Retail meat prices will be among those investigated, it was said.

Elaborate Reception Is Planned for Eugene Debs. Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 24.—Preparations for an elaborate homecoming celebration to be held today in honor of Eugene V. Debs by local socialists were abandoned when it became known that the commutation granted by President Harding would not become effective until Sunday.

U. S. Aviator Dies After 40-Foot Fall at Kelly Field. San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 24.—Capt. Fred Place, United States aviator, stationed at Kelly field, died today from injuries received Tuesday afternoon when an airplane which he was piloting crashed to the ground from an altitude of 40 feet.

Colombia Ratifies U. S. Pact. New York, Dec. 24.—The treaty between Colombia and the United States has been ratified by the Colombian congress, according to a cablegram received today by the American International corporation.

Girl, 6, Saves Dimes For Bee Shoe Fund

It takes a lot of dimes to make \$5, especially when dimes buy such nice candy. But little Frances Brown, 6, began saving dimes almost a year ago, for a fixed purpose.

She delivered the dimes yesterday, and they totaled \$5. Frances is the daughter of Frank H. Brown of the Brown Grain company.

Xmas Shoes From Bee Fund Make 'Kiddies' Happy

One Hundred Contributions Raise Fund \$300 More Than in Any Previous Year.

A new high record was established by The Bee's free shoe fund, which closed last night with a total of \$2,152.48, \$300 more than it totalled in any previous year.

Included among the donations received yesterday was \$25 from employees of The Bee mail room, who contributed the sum received by them for winning third place in a circulation contest conducted among employees of The Bee.

- Contributors list including: Mrs. A. W. Hawkins, \$1.00; Mrs. E. H. ... \$1.00; Mrs. J. ... \$1.00; etc.



New Tax Opposed By Seward C. of C.

Resolution Objecting to Special Legislative Session Sent to Governor.

Seward, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Declaring that both farm and commercial interests of the state are seriously embarrassed by low prices and heavy taxation, the Seward Chamber of Commerce has addressed a resolution to Governor McKelvie protesting against the proposed special session of the legislature to "add another tax to our already over-burdened taxpayers."

United States Plans to Limit Undersea Boats

American Program for Limitation of Submarine Tonnage Presented to Naval Committee.

Washington, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—An American program for limitation of submarine tonnage was presented today to the naval armament committee of five powers of the Washington conference.

'Finger' Stevens' Daughter Aided

Loyal Girl Who Maintains Accused Father's Innocence Smiles From Sick Bed.

Kindly hearts responded to the plight of Marie Stevens, young daughter of "Finger" Stevens, on trial for the murder of Frank Fogg, and many offers to assist the girl poured into The Bee office.

Ward of Wealthy Man Sought in Michigan

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—Police in Chicago and a number of Michigan cities were requested today by Seattle authorities to take up the search for Mrs. Clara Skarin Winborn, ward of Ferdinand Hochbrunn, wealthy retired real estate dealer, whose dead body was found in a room in his home here December 21 with a bullet wound through the head.

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Retired Manufacturer Leaves Estate of \$6,038,284

New York, Dec. 24.—Jacob Wertheim, retired manufacturer and philanthropist, who died November 14, 1920, left a net estate of \$6,038,284, the greater part of which was bequeathed to relatives and charitable institutions, an appraisal disclosed yesterday.

Body of Colonel Watterson Put in Confederate Cemetery

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 24.—The body of Col. Henry Watterson, veteran editor, who died here Thursday, was removed from a mortuary chapel to Evergreen cemetery, there to rest among his old comrades of the confederacy until spring. Then the body will be taken to Louisville for burial in the family plot in Cave Hill cemetery.

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The Weather

Forecast. Sunday—Fair; rising temperature. Hourly Temperatures: 3 a. m., ... 21; 6 a. m., ... 20; 9 a. m., ... 21; 12 m., ... 22; 3 p. m., ... 23; 6 p. m., ... 22; 9 p. m., ... 21.

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Prisoner Walks Out of Court as Jury Ponders

Kennett, Mo., Dec. 24.—Riley Torrence has "city sicked" the circuit court. While a jury was deliberating on evidence seeking to show that he peddled "white milk," Torrence walked out of the courtroom. Court officials thought he was accompanied by an officer, but when the jury assessed Torrence's punishment at six months' imprisonment and a \$200 fine the man had disappeared.

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