

Officers Seek Charles W. Wentz on New Charge

Head of Defunct Aurora Financial Institutions Disappears From Hotel in Cedar Rapids.

Aurora, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Law officers of Hamilton county are looking for Charles W. Wentz, former manager and vice president of the American State bank of Aurora. He left his room in the hotel at Cedar Rapids, Ia., recently and the sheriff of Hamilton county cannot locate him. Another warrant was secured recently for the arrest of Wentz. He had already been convicted in the district court of York county and his appeal is pending. When he was first released from the Hamilton county jail several weeks after his first arrest, his uncle, T. C. Klumb, went on his bond for \$10,000. After his conviction at York, Klumb again became his bondsman in the sum of \$10,000. The failure of the American State bank and the W. C. Wentz company in March, 1920, was the worst in the history of Hamilton county. The affairs of the two concerns, which did business in the same room, were so badly intermingled that many lawsuits have been tried to determine which should be the loser in sums aggregating about \$150,000 to \$200,000. Eleven of these lawsuits are now pending in the supreme court. Wentz was the president of the W. C. Wentz company and he was vice president of the American State bank.

Woman Gets "Salvation" Admits Lying to Sell Lace

Fremont, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Seeking forgiveness from the housewives of Fremont, Mrs. Cora Adair of Liberal, Kan., confesses that she told deliberate lies to sell lace in a house-to-house canvass. "I sent away for the lace," writes Mrs. Adair, "and I told a lie when I said that I had made it myself. I have found salvation and God bids me write this. I am very sorry for the lie. Forgive me and God will do the rest. God has given me light and I am going to walk in the light hereafter."

Beet Pulp Food Praised by Scottsbluff Farmer

A shipment of eight cars of beet steers were brought to the Omaha market by Frank M. Sands of Scottsbluff. He was accompanied by his son, Charles. The elder Mr. Sands said the cattle were fattened on dry beet pulp and corn. They were sold for \$7.65 a hundred. Mr. Sands says he reaped a good profit. "I am making a series of feeding experiments," said Mr. Sands, "and although I have not arrived at any conclusions, I have found that feeding dry beet pulp and ground corn, one of the many feeds to be found in the Platte valley, I find it to be the best so far."

Farm Sales at Hemingford Bring Very Good Prices

Hemingford, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Farm sales are bringing big prices. A few farmers are quitting the business, but there are many new men on the farms and there is not enough improved places in this vicinity to accommodate the many tenants who desire farms. Probably 50 more would rent farms if they could be had with improvements. At the sales work horses bring from \$80 to \$190 per head, Mill cows sell from \$50 to \$85 and yearlings about \$30. Two-year-old steers bring \$45 and calves \$12 to \$20. Hogs are in great demand and sell at high prices.

Dorchester Feeder Gets Top Price of Omaha Market

Two loads of well-finished 1,311-pound Hereford cattle were brought to the Omaha market by Frank Hornum of Dorchester, which brought the top price of the day, \$8.40 a hundred. Mr. Hornum said the cattle were bought here last October when they averaged 1,014 pounds and cost \$6.10 a hundred, and that with an economic feeding he did pretty well on his investment. He said the feeders would use all the corn supply in Saline county and he had heard of none of the farmers talking about cutting down the acreage this year.

Beet Growers Meet to Discuss New Contracts

Scottsbluff, Neb., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Beet growers of the North Platte valley began a series of meetings at Mitchell and Morrill to discuss the 1922 contract offered by the Great Western Sugar company. Fred Cummings, president of the Mountain State Beet Growers association, is meeting with the various local associations. Farmers of the Bayard vicinity will meet there Friday and Gering and Scottsbluff farmers in Scottsbluff Saturday.

Elect Club Officers

Scottsbluff, Neb., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The Scottsbluff Woman's club elected Mrs. J. C. McCreary president, Mrs. Henry Howe first vice president, Mrs. Lynn Thompson second vice president, Mrs. Jack Elliott recording secretary, Mrs. Earl Taylor corresponding secretary and Mrs. T. J. Vanderhoff treasurer.

War Finance Loans

Washington, March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The War Finance corporation announced that from February 28 to March 1 it approved advances for agricultural and livestock purposes as follows: Nebraska, \$151,000; Iowa, \$29,200; South Dakota \$328,000.

Postal Orders

Washington, March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Postmasters appointed: Nebraska, Armour, Taylor county, Margaret M. Kirchner, vice Clara E. Kirchner, resign. Iowa: Lundgren, Webster county, John Cassel, resign. Plymouth county, Anthony Thomas, Jr., vice Blanche M. Cassel, resign.

Nebraska Woodmen to Camp at Fremont

Fremont, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Fremont has been chosen as the site of the first state encampment of the Nebraska Modern Woodmen of America to be held July 31-August 5, inclusive. The Midland college athletic field has been secured and the co-operation of the city council promised to make the gathering of over a 1,000 Woodmen a big success. The affair is to be staged under the supervision of the forestry and athletic department of the Modern Woodmen. The members will come in uniform prepared to live in tents on the encampment grounds. Half a dozen bands will come from various parts of the state. The athletic program will consist of ball games between 20 teams, races, boxing matches and other forms of athletic entertainment. The Nebraska encampment is being held in anticipation of the four-state encampment to be held next year. Sixteen hundred dollars in prizes will be awarded. Four United States army officers will have charge of the sanitation. Delegations are expected from all parts of the United States.

Omaha Hog Market Topped by Feeder From Spencer

A load of hogs of his own raising was brought to the Omaha market by Timothy J. Classen of Spencer that averaged 214 pounds and brought the top price of \$10.90 a hundred. "A great many hogs were lost the past year in my neighborhood," said Mr. Classen, "from some disease, many of which were said to have had cholera, while many of the farmers attributed the cause of death as pneumonia. Cattle are becoming scarce and hogs are pretty well cleaned out."

Scottsbluff Man Offers Park Site to School Board

Scottsbluff, Neb., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—An offer to the Scottsbluff school board of 15 acres for a park site and to share equally any future revenue from sale of gravel, oil or gas, was made by William Frank, whose offer of a 30-acre park to the city elicited no response. The offer is conditional upon the location of the high school on a tract of land on Broadway.

Stand of Legion on Religion Is Made Definite

MacNider Answers Attack of "The Protestant" Commander a Mason But Defends Catholics.

Lincoln, March 2.—(Special.)—An article entitled, "Rome Heads the American Legion," published in The Protestant at Washington, D. C., has brought a quick reply from Hartford MacNider, commander of the legion. In his letter to the editor, Mr. MacNider declared that his religious affiliations are of no consideration in the legion. "This country was formed by men who sought religious tolerance, and it is that spirit which has made it free, fine and worth living in," the legion commander wrote. "I happen to be a Protestant and attend a Protestant church, but as a member of many Masonic bodies, in which I have taken a more or less active part, I have great admiration for that institution, the Roman Catholic church. Its stand and teachings for the preservation of the integrity of our lawful government were well exemplified in the heroic deaths of the men who served in my command. And might I add that the chaplains of that faith gave a human touch to their splendid service that made them beloved by all—Jew, Protestant and Catholic alike."

Woman Hog Breeder Holds Successful Sale of Stock

Nebraska City, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Miss Lydia T. Holland, Otoe county's famous breeder of Spotted Poland China hogs, held a sale here and disposed of 42 head at an average of \$68.50. Henry Herzog, a well known local breeder, paid \$310 for a brood sow, Miss Holland has one of the finest herds of Poland Chinas in the state and has a number of animals valued at more than \$1,000. The herd boar was purchased several months ago at a sale for \$2,000.

Garden County Beet Land Holds Production Record

Oshkosh, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Records from the office of the Great Western Sugar company at Gering show that the land in this vicinity produced the highest yield in tonnage of any beet land in the entire North Platte valley.

Grocery Store Robbed

Nebraska City, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—The suburban grocery store of John Esser was entered by burglars and a large amount of smoking tobacco and several pipes taken. It is thought to have been the work of youngsters.

Legion Conference Held at Clay Center

Clay Center, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—The state officers of the American Legion held a conference with the officers of the legion posts of the east half of the Fifth congressional district here. Fairfield, Harvard, Edgar, Wood River, Grand Island, Blue Hill, Bladen, Nelson, Superior, Guide Rock and Clay Center were represented. The state headquarters was represented by Commander Ritchie, Adjutant O'Connell, Jean Cain of Falls City and Mrs. Baird of Lincoln. The day was devoted to a discussion of the various business problems that concern the posts. The Chamber of Commerce entertained the men at a luncheon. In the evening a banquet was attended by all the legion men in town, with large delegations from Harvard, Fairfield and Edgar. Business men were also present as guests.

Endicott General Store Burns With Loss of \$10,000

Fairburg, Neb., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The general merchandise stock and store building owned by Charles Haig of Endicott burned at 8 Thursday morning. Total value was about \$10,000. Nothing was saved. Insurance was about \$7,800. Fire started in back end of store where a large stove was used for heating purposes. The store carried the largest stock in town and was doing a good business.

Nebraska City Farmer Is Fined on Liquor Charge

Nebraska City, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Marcellus Fowlkes, a farmer, residing south of the city, was found guilty in district court on a charge of illegal ownership of liquor. Fowlkes testified that he had dug up the booze while plowing in a field. He had been recently released from the Lancaster county jail where he had been sent by Judge Munger on a charge of owning a still. Judge Begley fined him \$100.

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