

"Law of Jungle" Used by Farmers to End Quarrel

Battle With Bare Fists for Three Hours Until Both Fall Exhausted—Differences Settled.

Grand Island, Neb., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The "law of the jungle" prevailed 10 miles south of Grand Island for a few hours Tuesday while two young farmers settled their differences without the aid of civilized courts, judges and attorneys.

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Both men stated that it was the final episode of their differences and that the question is forever settled. Neither has any grievance or legal complaint to offer, they say. No action has been taken by peace officers.

Missing Garage Man Is Sued for Divorce

Fremont, Neb., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—With an application for divorce filed by Mrs. Anna Stell, wife of Clark Stell, garage man, the husband's mysterious disappearance two weeks ago has come to light. Mrs. Stell is the daughter of Mrs. Anna Mueller.

Her petition for divorce alleges cruelty resulting from his vicious temper. They have one son, Bobby, 2, whom the mother desires to retain. A sister of Mrs. Stell, Mrs. Elsie Sexton, is suing for a separation from Eugene Sexton, former prominent insurance man in Fremont and later cashier of a western Nebraska bank.

Second Caucus Is Called by Citizens of Geneva

Geneva, Neb., March 16.—A second city caucus will be held Friday by citizens who are opposed to the ticket nominated at the meeting Wednesday advertised as the non-partisan caucus. The faction boasting the Friday night session call their ticket the "progressive." Only one ticket was put in the field last spring. City affairs have moved smoothly as a usual thing since the wet and dry issue was laid to rest.

Soldier Is Arrested on Worthless Check Charge

Alliance, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—A warrant has been issued here for the arrest of J. N. McCain, a soldier at Fort Robinson, on a charge of issuing worthless checks. Several weeks ago he cashed a \$15 check at a local store and it was returned marked "no funds." A short time later he repeated the performance with an \$8 check which he cashed at another local store.

WOMEN will be glad to know of a laxative that operates without griping or weakening. Thousands will tell you they get no relief from the usual pills and drastic cathartics. Srup Pepsin is a mild, gentle cleanser and regulator. It costs about a cent a dose.

DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN THE FAMILY LAXATIVE. Takes Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin when constipated, bilious, headachy or out of sorts. You will find it gives you better health and complexion so improved that less cosmetics will be needed. Thousands of women have proved this true.

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Fine for Chest Colds, Too, and Is Cheaply Made at Home. When you can make, in two minutes, a world beating remedy that acts directly on the membrane and often over-night cures stubborn coughs and even hard chest colds to disappear, why trifle with things that will probably disappoint?

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Contract Is Let for Irrigation Survey

Ogallala, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The Keith, Deuel and Perkins County Irrigation association has let a contract for the completion of a permanent irrigation survey to Marko Burke, engineer of Bridgeport, Neb. Survey begins on south side of South Platte river near Ovid, Colo., extends east 85 miles through Sedgewick county, Colorado, Keith, Deuel and Perkins counties and west 12 miles of Lincoln county.

The west half of the survey was completed several years ago and 10 miles of ditch completely surveyed. The association owns a valuable water fling on 180,000 acre feet of water from the South Platte. They contemplate the irrigation of 64,000 acres in five counties at reasonable cost by using seven large natural reservoirs. Practically all land to be irrigated lies on a flat table 20 miles wide and 50 long. Survey will be completed June 1.

Dairy Interests to Hold Meeting

Methods of Utilizing the Large Increase in Products Will Be Discussed.

Lincoln, March 16.—(Special.)—Methods of utilizing the large increase in dairy products in the last six months will be discussed at a state-wide conference of dairymen called by Leo Stuhr, secretary of agriculture, in Lincoln, March 23.

The reports received by this department within the last six months show that there has been a material increase in production of dairy products in this state. Stuhr said: "This increase in production was probably largely due to the financial stringency which has existed and which affected the farmer more seriously than other lines of industry, and which has been the cause of the increasing size of dairy herds, so that ready money might be realized from these products. This increase ranges from 20 to 30 per cent over the production of a year ago."

It can be readily realized that this increase in production will be greater during the summer months. It is for this reason that it is deemed advisable by this department that the various interests directly concerned in the dairy industry should know these facts so that possibly some application may be taken to remedy the situation by stimulating the consumption of dairy products."

State Regent Tells of Progress of State D. A. R.

Lexington, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. C. F. Spencer of North Platte, state regent, presiding over the State Daughters of American Revolution conference being held here, spoke of the progress the D. A. R., which has recently organized chapters at Geneva and Scottsbluff.

Mrs. York A. Hinman of North Platte gave a description of old Fort McPherson, which lies 40 miles west of Lexington, on the old Oregon trail. Her subject was "Fort McPherson Flowers." She told of placing 3,000 flowers on graves Memorial day.

Fire Waste Campaign Under Way at Grand Island

Grand Island, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Thirty representatives of insurance companies, representing the Fire Protection association, are in the city making inspections, addressing public school children and meeting in business sessions in the promotion of the cause of reducing the American fire waste. One of the first steps is the burning of the statement that in the matter of avoiding accumulations of rubbish the worst place they have found in the city is right in the same building with the fire department, the city hall, the paint shop and the unused balcony of the hall is declared also to be a storage place for junk.

Grand Island College Loses Debate to Hastings

Grand Island, Neb., March 16.—Grand Island college and Hastings college last night debated the question, "Resolved that the closed shop principle is justifiable." Hastings college, taking the negative side, was awarded the decision. The debate was one of the Nebraska intercollegiate series.

Farmers in Gage County Call Mass Meeting on Taxes

Beatrice, Neb., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Riverside township farmers held a mass meeting to discuss the question of lower taxes. A committee was appointed to call a mass meeting of residents of the county for March 25, to further consider the matter, especially the school levies.

Woman Rancher and Father Come to Omaha for Cattle

Mrs. P. J. Jeffrey and father, William Robb, both of central Nebraska, were visitors at the stockyards looking over the market. Mr. Robb, for many years in the cattle business, has retired and his daughter, Mrs. Jeffrey, is looking after the big Robb farm and livestock business.

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Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, March 16.—(By A. P.)—The strike of miners which has held South Africa in its grip for more than two months, has been called off. The decision was taken by the old South African Industrial federation as distinct from the federation's augmented executive. It announced first, that the general strike was null and void; second, that the augmented executive would call off the mine strikers and third, that the revolution against the government was repudiated by the federation.

Reduction of Taxes Nebraska Problem

(Continued From Page One.) The law has been adequately financed. The blue sky law has been tightened up to give investors better protection and end the scandalous frauds of promoters. In 1917 nothing was spent for this purpose, the railway commission passing on applications to sell stock. Last year \$37,217 was used for the bureau of securities. It is but fair to state that most of the failures have resulted from early charters.

According to the most careful estimates, the state government receives 19 cents out of every \$1 paid in taxes. Of these 19 cents educational institutions received 5 cents, more than one-fourth. The University of Nebraska has been built into one of the leading state universities of America with a splendid faculty and an enrollment of 7,500 students. The expenditure for this 1917, taxpayers devoted \$2,092,927 to its support in 1921.

Some may question whether Nebraska needs four normal schools and if money would not be saved by conducting them all under one roof. However that may be, in 1921 the support of these institutions for training teachers has cost the people of Nebraska \$38,407. A further item for education consists of state aid to local schools. This consists of subsidies to weak schools and to schools giving normal training and the like. In 1917, \$94,000 was devoted to this purpose; last year the bill was \$187,000.

Cornerers Banquet

Hastings, Neb., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Several hundred persons attended the banquet of the Hastings branch of the Cornerers of America. Speaking, a playlet and the wedding of Colonel Corn to Minnie Wheat were features of the entertainment.

Postoffice Orders

Washington, March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska postmasters appointed: Ingham, Lincoln county, Lon Cross, vice Floyd J. Axtell, resigned; Gering, Gering, vice O. R. Lee, deceased.

Supplies Are Higher

It is explained that the cost of supplies, also, has risen. This does not cure the pain in the citizen's pocketbook which comes from the fact that the board of control spent \$2,256,790 for this purpose in 1921. This represents an increase of \$718,000 since 1917.

The prohibitory laws called for added vigilance in law enforcement. This resulted in 1917 in the appropriation of \$25,000. Last year the state sheriff's office consumed \$45,000. To balance this it has been shown that counties have received fines amounting to \$185,000. The sum received from confiscation of automobiles seized for carrying liquor in 1921 amounted to \$21,000, which sum also went to the counties. Fines and automobile license money totalling \$40,000 were obtained for the state highway department. The federal government, it is claimed, was enabled to collect \$94,000 in liquor fines through this enforcement effort. Another work has been the recovery of stolen motor cars. The value of machines returned to owners through the aid of the state's index of stolen cars is said to be \$129,000.

Bridges Cost More

State aid for bridges total \$175,000 last year, an increase of \$74,000. The special session cut \$130,000 off the total appropriation for the biennium. This means that only \$25,000 will be levied in 1922. A number of smaller items helped inflate the tax balloon of 1921. One of these was the increase in salaries due to the change in the constitution and the increased number of district judges. In the old days the governor was paid \$2,500. Today he receives \$7,500. Other state officers, including the judges of the state supreme court, received increases, adding a total of \$127,000 over 1917. When this expenditure for state government is pointed out for criticism the reply is made that it receives only 4 cents out of each \$1 paid in for taxes.

Tax laws have been revised and the work more centralized. This effort at efficiency has resulted in an expense of \$16,000, where before only \$2,275 was expended. A revised issue of the statutes added another \$20,000. Paving about state institutions took \$50,000 more.

Thus the comparison of past and present stands.

430 Children Are Shod by The Bee Free Shoe Fund

Report of Disbursement of \$2,321.70 Contributed by Generous Readers Made by Custodian.

The Bee's free shoe fund, this winter put new shoes of long-wearing quality on the feet of 430 poor children in the schools of the city, as shown by a report sent to The Bee by J. H. Carver, chief attendance officer of the public schools. A total of \$2,321.70 was contributed to the fund by generous readers. And \$2,311.98 has been spent, every dollar going for shoes for children in destitute families. A complete list of the children is on file in The Bee office.

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Much Married Man May Turn Evangelist When Freed From Jail

Indianapolis, March 16.—Isaiah Moore, 32, in jail here for having 13 wives, declared last night that he contemplated becoming an evangelist so he might warn others of "the dangers of matrimony" as soon as he gets out of his present troubles, which were increased during the day by the return of grand jury indictments charging him with bigamy, embezzlement and grand larceny.

"My one desire is to lead a Christian life" Moore said, who became acquainted with most of his wives when attending church. "I always wanted to enter the ministry and so I will become an evangelist when I get out. I'm going to warn other boys."

The bigamy charge returned by the grand jury centers around Moore's marriage recently to Miss Harriet Evans of Mexico, Ind., at which the indictment charges he had a short time before married and deserted Laura Heberberg, of Peoria, Ill. The embezzlement and grand larceny charges allege that he took a check for \$512 from Miss Evans and then deserted her.

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