

NEBRASKA CELEBRATED ITS SEMI-CENTENNIAL

ONLY STATE WEST OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER TO FURNISH A PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

Fifty years is not a long span in the life of a commonwealth, and Nebraska's half century of statehood is historically not so important or interesting in its territorial period from 1854 to 1890 when the slavery question involved in the Kansas-Nebraska bill overshadowed every other national issue. Two years after the close of the Civil war Nebraska was admitted as the twenty-fourth state of the Union, says the Telegram.

The "Platte country" was the first halting place of the great western migration which followed the Civil war—a restless, energetic, courageous people who made a reality of Bishop Berkley's poesy, "Westward the course of the empire takes its way." We of the Oregon country, at the jumping off place, watched this migration with uncommon interest. It meant at no far distant day an unbroken empire stretching from the Pacific ocean to the Missouri river. We began to dream day dreams of a transcontinental railroad with the train of material benefits and personal comforts that follow civilization.

Nebraska's semi-centennial naturally brings the Dakotas prominently into the perspective. The great Dakota territory was organized in 1861. It included the present states of North Dakota and South Dakota, most of Montana and a large part of Wyoming. Dakota territory was the habitat of the Sioux Indians, and permanent settlement was slower and much more difficult. Subjugation of the country and the establishment of law and order were no commonplace achievements. The territory was kept out of statehood by unfriendly houses of congress until 1889—twenty-two years after Nebraska was admitted—and its population had so increased that the territory was admitted as two states. In the same month Montana and Washington came into statehood. Wyoming came in one year later.

Progress of the Platte and upper Missouri countries has been steady. Nebraska has a population of 1,277,000, and the two Dakotas each about 750,000 and Montana, 466,000—more than the population of the United States when the federal constitution was adopted. Omaha was the site of the Trans-Mississippi exposition, and Nebraska is the only state west of the Mississippi that has furnished a nominee for the presidency.

The Spokesman for good printing.

DO NOT POLLUTE THE IRRIGATION DITCHES

It is to the irrigation canals and lateral ditches that thousands of people in this country look for their water supply throughout the year. There is a law which makes it a criminal offense to pollute these waters, and yet, despite the fact that those who pollute these waters, are themselves subject to the same treatment by those living still above them they still use the ditch as a dumping ground for the refuse of the farm, and let the fellow below take his medicine.

L. D. Lawson, who patrols lateral C and its tributaries, says there is a lot of stuff drifting along these ditches all the time, mute evidence that some one is using them to carry their rubbish away. Cattle and horses are picketed along them and may be seen standing in them, and what is true of this ditch is probably true of others.

The health of the whole country depends, in a measure, on these ditches and care should be taken that they are kept clean and the waters pure.

PILOT BUTTE CANAL BREAKS ITS BANKS

The main Pilot Butte canal, one of the largest of the several systems of this locality, broke its banks on the Coryell ranch in Pleasant valley, five miles south of town, on Thursday, and it did not take the people of the vicinity long to find it out, because the canal carries a river of water.

Word was promptly telephoned to the headgate and the water immediately shut off, but that in the ditch made a lake of twenty or thirty acres and several feet deep on the old Davies ranch before the flood ceased.

The break was caused by the activity of badgers in digging along the ditch banks, and strange as it may seem, very little damage was done to the Coryell and Jarrett ranches, across which the big flood of water passed. The break was promptly repaired.

ENGLISH FORCED BACK

Advices from the English front on Monday morning stated:

"Early this morning the enemy delivered a strong local attack under cover of a heavy bombardment upon the positions captured by us on the morning of June 14, east of Monchy Le Preux. After severe fighting our troops were compelled to fall back from certain advanced positions in front of our main new position, which we still hold, on Infantry Hill. "There was considerable artillery activity on both sides during the night north of the Scarpe. Hostile artillery activity continues in the neighborhood of Ypres."

G. W. Beaver in charge of the Rodman place, owned by the bank, now has a fine bunch of sheep, of which he is well pleased. He has some well bred spring lambs that already weigh 80 pounds.

IT STARTS MONDAY

Bakes Broils
Roasts Toasts

No wood coal or ashes to lug

No smoke or smell

Convenient as GAS

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The orange discs which you will see displayed next week in the windows of the dealers listed below bring a welcome message—a message telling of relief from the drudgery and discomfort of summer cooking.

For the New Perfection cooks better than any wood or coal range, and it does not heat up the kitchen. Cooler cooking in summer—more economical cooking all the year 'round.

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COOPERATION KEY TO FARMERS' SUCCESS

FARM HAS THE LEAST BUSINESS METHODS—SHOULD BE RUN LIKE BIG CORPORATIONS

The active club at Roberts holds regular meetings every two weeks. The following paper was presented by C. E. Howe:

"The Country Club as related to Better Business."

"United we stand, divided we fall. In organization there is strength, and the benefits are too numerous to mention. Through organization we are benefited morally, socially, intellectually, and financially. We want better farming and better business methods on the farm. Following these we want a fuller and better farm life, and the only way to accomplish this great end lies in organization of farmers clubs. To organize means to get together and work together in harmony.

By organizing and working cooperatively, we can better our condition. Every other branch of business, the meat packers, the Standard oil, the bankers, and in fact every line of business, that is not working on a cooperative basis is not making good so says W. H. Paulhamus, and he is the man that made the first Fruit Growers Association of Payallup and Sumner Washington what it is, one of the strongest organizations of the state. One of the greatest benefits of organization is buying and selling. For instance, say Brown has 10 sacks of potatoes, and Smith 15, and several of their neighbors have small lots. Through organization and by working cooperatively, they would have enough to be an inducement for a buyer to handle them and in buying they could buy by car load lots and get their supplies a great deal cheaper. Get together, organize, get better acquainted, exchange views, use better business methods and better farming.

The farm as a general thing has the least business methods or system about its management of any branch of business that I know of. What would you think of a merchant, that has no system about his business. We

would say that he would make a failure, and the same thing should be said about the farmer. The spirit of cooperation is abroad in the farming community. Farmers are banding themselves together to discuss better methods of farming and better seed, better stock and better business methods. They are getting to where they see the need of a change. The get-together and get acquainted with your neighbor spirit is abroad in the land. You exchange views on different methods of doing things and profit by the other fellows experience.

Business men, capitalists, corporations, organize, combine and act. Farmers are very slow to organize or act. If they would organize and act as unitedly and energetically as men in other lines of business, they would be a power for good. Let us join hands and work in harmony and be benefited by our experiment stations and county agriculturist. Let us be like the little boy in Idaho. The Idaho agriculturist was out on a demonstration tour through the country, and put up over night at a farm house. After supper, he was sitting with the farmer when the little boy, about twelve years old, came up to him with a handful of beans, holding out his hand, asked the agriculturist, "What are these things?" "Why, they are beans" said the agriculturist, and the boy looked surprised and hollowed to his mother saying "Ma, he does know beans." Turning to the agriculturist he says, "Ma says you are traveling through the country trying to teach the farmers new fangled ideas about farming and you don't know beans." "There are too many ma's opinions and not enough that are willing to try them out like the boy did."

The sentiment expressed by Mr. Howe in the above paper so aptly epitomized conditions that it is presented to the public.

R. A. BLANCHARD.

CROOK AND DESCHUTES SETTLE

The final settlement between Crook and Deschutes counties was made on Monday on the same basis as that between Crook and Jefferson.

The county property was rated at \$88,000 and indebtedness \$65,000, which the old county assumes. Deschutes will take over the road machinery within her boundaries. The matter of delinquent taxes and some small special accounts still await adjustment.

Russians May Gain 13 Days; Change Calendar

It is quite probable that the war will accomplish what many years of peaceful propaganda has failed to do—the adoption by Russia of the Gregorian calendar.

Russia has clung to the old Julian calendar, which is now 13 days behind the Gregorian, in spite of the efforts of many of the country's statesmen to effect a change, but conservative sentiment is now gradually giving way before the onslaughts of those who would bring about the adoption of the calendar used by Russia's allies and the remainder of the civilized world.

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The war has already had the effect of causing Turkey, to officially adopt the Gregorian calendar instead of the Mohammedan calendar, which has a lunar year of 354 days divided into 12 months of 30 and 29 days each.

One of the first acts of the Chinese republic was to adopt the Gregorian calendar, which has long been in vogue in Japan, and if Russia should now fall in line the triumph of the calendar ordained by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 would be complete, since Greece and other Balkan states where the Julian calendar survives would certainly follow Russia's example.

The state church has been and is the chief opponent of the change in Russia, but the war is depriving the religious leaders of much of their former great power over Russian affairs. At the conclusion of the war, if not before, it may confidently be expected that the Russian reckoning of time will be brought into line with that of the remainder of the world.

Wheat made the sensational decline of 28 to 32 cents yesterday.

SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN SHOWS GREAT RESULTS

The past week has been one for allied vessels and activity has been responsible for loss of dozens of ships and cargoes. Since May 11, allied steamers have gone down many smaller craft.

FROM ENGLAND TO FRIST VIA SUBWAY WHEN WANTED

One of the fondest dreams of the land's engineers for centuries has been to travel beneath the English channel, probably be realized after the war.

Sir Francis Fox has outlined the United Press to give an outline of how such a tunnel, which, being 100 feet beneath the sea, could discharge express and high speed trains between England and France and remove forever the menace of the submarine, could be constructed.

To drive a double tunnel through the grey Cenomanian chalk, being 100 feet beneath the sea, is today a feat of engineering, Sir Francis declared. Revolving cutters, the Greathead shells, will eat through the earth like butter, and the face can be constantly removed from the face by high speed endless belt, charging directly into water.

The Fox plan includes two tunnels each 18 feet in diameter, placed at intervals of 200 yards by cross tunnels. A complete system of ventilation is to be worked by electric fans. Electric trains are to bring the workmen away from the work.

In case such a tunnel should be seized by a hostile force, a lock, constructed to deal with an emergency will enable the adjacent military authorities to cut it with water at an instant's notice. When the emergency is over, the water can be pumped out by electric power.

The English entrance to the tunnel would be commanded by the forts and by men of war in the harbor.

N. H. Elliot, and a former student here whose name escaped me but who has spent three years in Minnesota, were called this morning. The gentleman said he was going to live here now, if he died in the tempt.

We print butter wrappers in quantity from 100 up.

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