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## FEBRUARY COURT TERM WILL BE BUSY ONE

**Jury to Report Monday Morning---Several Criminal Cases to be Disposed Of--- Damage Suits on Docket**

The February term of district court, which is expected to be a long and busy one, will convene tomorrow morning. The morning session will be devoted to the calling of the docket and to the setting of cases for trial.

The first panel of the petit jury has been ordered to report Monday morning, together with the twenty extra jurors drawn this week.

A number of important cases are to be disposed of at the coming term, among them being several damage cases which have been continued from time to time, but which are now understood to be ready for trial.

There are also several important criminal cases on the docket, which County Attorney Messmore states will be taken up next week and disposed of as rapidly as possible. Among these cases are the following:

State vs. Walter Ayers and Sheriff D. B. Ratekin of Richardson county, charged with assault; state

vs. George Booth and Harry Young, charged with arson, and state vs. Glenn McMullen, charged with exceeding the speed limit and injury to persons with a motor vehicle, this being the case resulting from an automobile smash-up in which Mrs. Harry Dean and her sister of this city were quite badly injured last summer, the state alleging that the accident was caused by the reckless driving of McMullen.

### Damage Cases.

Several damage cases are on the docket, and a number are certain to come up for trial during the term. Among those on the docket are the following:

Ira Riggsby, administrator of the estate of Lloyd G. Riggsby, deceased, vs. the Nebraska Gas and Electric company, et al.

Benjamin F. Hagerman vs. Black Bros.

Charles H. Laughlin vs. David Boesiger.

It is expected that the term will last long enough to necessitate the use of the second jury panel.

## COMPANY C RETURNS HOME

**Forty Members of Beatrice Company Arrive Home Last Night—Crowd Extends Welcome**

About forty members of Company C with Captain Lawrence E. Jones, Lieutenant Colonel A. H. Hollingsworth, and Lieutenant Mac Abbott of Company E arrived in the city about 10:20 o'clock last night on a special train. The work of mustering the boys out of the federal service required more time than was expected and they were unable to catch Burlington train No. 90 which arrived here at 7:30.

Not less than 2,000 people, together with the band, were out to extend the men a welcome, many of them remaining at the depot from 7 o'clock. The train was held at Lincoln about an hour while the men secured supper, which was partially responsible for its arriving so far behind schedule.

### Company C Intact.

By a vote of the men Company C will remain an organization and the remainder of the members, who did not come home last evening, will arrive this evening and tomorrow. Considerable credit is due Captain Jones for the holding together of the men, Company C being one of only three companies in the Fifth regiment which remained intact as an organization after being mustered out.

During their seven months stay at the border Company C maintained a record of being one of the most efficient companies in the Nebraska regiments. Reports of superior officers commend Captain Jones very highly for the work he has done in the company and rate him as one of the best leaders in the regiment. His fellow officers in the company also speak very highly of the manner in which he handled his men during the company's seven months stay on the border.

### Public Reception Later.

The committee in charge of arrangements for a public reception for Company C stated this afternoon that they will await the arrival of the remaining members before setting a date for the event.

### Wymore Men Return

Twenty-six members of the Wymore company were on the special returning to their homes, the remainder of Company F having stayed in Omaha, some permanently.

Express want ads bring results. Your door, 10c per week.

## Knights And Ladies Initiate Ten More Candidates

Ten candidates were initiated last night at a meeting of Knights and Ladies of Security lodge, making a total of 350 new members taken into the local organization since the campaign for members commenced some weeks ago, and leaving the Beatrice lodge the second in membership in the state, only Lincoln leading.

A program was given consisting of a vocal solo by Mrs. J. Ed. C. Fisher and a violin solo by Miss Mayme Buehler, Miss Caman accompanying on the piano.

Plans for a big meeting to be held in the city on the evening of March 20, were made, at which time the head officials of the lodge will be present and the candidates will be formally inducted into the mysteries of the lodge. Delegations will be present at that time from Lincoln, Wymore, Pawnee City and Dewitt.

## Pioneer Resident of Adams Vicinity Passes Away

Mrs. S. J. Garrison, for forty years a resident of the Adams vicinity, died at her home at that place Tuesday, aged seventy years. The cause of death was pneumonia. She had been ill but a few days.

The deceased was survived by two sons and one daughter. They are Royal and S. J. Garrison and Mrs. John Atkins. She was an aunt of Mrs. C. F. Gale and G. O. Garrison of this city.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Methodist church at Adams. Interment was made in the Adams cemetery.

## Nine Simultaneous Fires Followed By Martial Law

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 22.—New Britain is under martial law today. Two companies of guardsmen are patrolling the streets following nine simultaneous fires last night. Two men are under arrest.

New Britain has a number of factories making munitions for the allies, and it is believed that the fires were caused by timed explosions.

The "Dead Beat's" side of the story. Hear the public testimony of two former so called

## "Dead Beats"

at the Credit Association meeting this evening at Commercial club rooms. Don't miss it for they are live ones now—and Beatrice needs more of them.

## HOUSE PASSES BONE DRY LAW

**Congress Goes on Record in Favor of Law Making Twenty-two States Absolutely Dry**

Washington, Feb. 21.—"Bone dry, bone dry," echoed throughout the house of representatives today and "bone dry" it is, so far as prohibition states are concerned, for by a vote of 321 to 72 the house voted to concur in the Reed amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill making it a crime to import liquor into "dry" states.

With the exception of Representative Sloan every member from Nebraska voted to concur in Senator Reed's amendment, the result being regarded as a triumph for the "wets" on the theory that a rigid enforcement of prohibition laws and the exclusion of liquor for personal use will bring a revulsion of sentiment in favor of a larger personal liberty.

It is counted as one of the most far-reaching prohibition measures in years because it will make absolutely dry states which now permit shipments in limited quantities.

Every effort to change the amendment was defeated overwhelmingly. Cries of "bone dry" rang throughout the house and the sentiment swept the house until the last vote for concurrence was cast. Members who attempted to explain that they were prohibitionists at heart, but stood for state's rights, were greeted with laughter.

The amendment, incomparably the most far-reaching prohibition legislation ever approved by either house of congress, would raise an absolute barrier against the shipment of liquor into fifteen states where it can be imported legally in years because it will make absolute and where millions of dollars worth is consumed annually. It would add to the "bone-dry" territory about one-third of continental United States.

### Affects Twenty-two States

Of the twenty-two states which will be prohibition territory on July 1, when the amendment would be effective, only eight have forbidden importation of intoxicants for personal use. The fourteen around which the provision would erect a non-importation barrier are Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia and West Virginia. Most of these have set no limitation on the amount that can be brought in for individual use, but in several cases the amendment would nullify directly state statutes expressly permitting importation of stipulated amounts per capita.

In addition, Michigan, Montana and Indiana have enacted prohibition laws which will put them into the prohibition column, subject to the provisions of the Reed amendment.

The amendment marks virtually the only step ever taken by the federal government, aside from the internal revenue laws, to extend its control over the liquor traffic through the states. It is the only important federal legislation affecting liquor shipments excepting the Webb-Kenyon law, which merely gave federal force to state regulations by providing that no liquor shall be imported into states which forbid its importation.

### Text of Amendment

"Whoever shall order, purchase or cause intoxicating liquors to be transported in interstate commerce," the amendment stipulates, "except for scientific, medicinal or mechanical purposes into any state or territory prohibiting the manufacture or sale therein of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, and for any subsequent of-

ense shall be imprisoned not more than one year."

It also is provided that no newspaper or other publication or letter containing liquor advertising shall be carried in the mails in states that prohibit such advertising.

Mr. Sloan in explaining his vote said, "I voted against the Reed amendment which will prevent the shipment of liquors for private use into Nebraska and other states which have voted 'dry.' In the prohibition campaign every speech proceeded on the theory that it was to banish the saloon but not to prevent individuals obtaining a reasonable supply of liquor from outside the state. Moreover, a careful following of the legislative proceedings at our state capitol shows that members are carrying out that theory. I conceive it my duty not to vote for national legislation which would nullify Nebraska's right."

## Fifth Nebraska Mustered Out Of the Service

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 22.—Fifty officers and 589 men, comprising the Fifth Nebraska infantry were changed from federal soldiers back to the former status of national guardsmen at Fort Crook Wednesday. No special ceremony or military pomp marked the change. The only thing required of the soldiers was to sign the pay rolls and receive their pay.

About \$50,000 was distributed among the Fifth Nebraska regiment by Lieutenant Colonel O'Neill of the quartermaster's department of Chicago. The paying of the troops started at 10:30 Wednesday morning and by 4 o'clock in the afternoon all the companies had been paid off. Trains awaited the soldiers and they were immediately sent to their home towns. Only a few of the soldiers, those who lived in scattered sections of the state, were allowed to go home individually.

### Guns Go Overland

While all the equipment was sent by train to the state arsenal at Lincoln, five machine guns trucks were taken overland.

Lee Eastlick, private in Company H, Havelock was the only soldier not mustered out. He is confined at the hospital with a mild attack of diphtheria.

The following officers on the staff of Adjutant General Hall were ordered to remain at the fort to take over all serviceable property of the field hospital: Major A. D. Falconer, Captain G. C. Teteu and Major F. C. Nicholson.

## Brother Of M. L. Kors Passes Away

Fred E. Kors, brother of M. L. Kors of this city, passed away yesterday at Independence, Kas., following an illness of but a few days of pneumonia. The deceased was about seventy-two years of age and leaves a widow and several children.

News of his death was received last evening by Fred E. Kors nephew of the deceased. M. L. Kors is in Lincoln at present attending the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Uhland, who is critically ill.

## Discover Plot to Blow Up Sheet And Tube Co. Plant

Youngstown, Ohio, Feb. 22.—Youngstown police announced today that they have evidence of a plot to blow up the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company plant. Two Turks have been arrested on suspicion. They had a large supply of dynamite in their possession when arrested.

## FOOD RIOTS APPEAR TO BE SPREADING

**Rioting Occurs in Philadelphia and Chicago is in State of Unrest---Determined to Force Action of Congress for Relief**

Washington, Feb. 22.—Determined to force action by congress to at least temporarily relieve the food shortage that has caused food riots in New York and which it is prophesied will occur in every large city of the country, Representative Fess of Ohio, says he will introduce a bill in the house providing for at least temporary food control.

Discussing the situation, Representative London bitterly assailed food speculators as the main cause of the situation. "It is not that the laborers in New York do not work," he said, "but that they work too hard. These people want bread—not in Berlin; not in Austria; not in Petrograd, London or Paris, but in New York, the richest city in the country enjoying the highest prosperity."

### Rioting in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—Food rioting broke out in Philadelphia today. Shouting, "It's robbery," women attacked merchants today, turning over push carts and break-

ing into shops.

Some dealers, it is reported, raised the price of fish from nine cents yesterday to eighteen cents today.

### Spirit of Unrest in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Outwardly Chicago, with its 7,000,000 bushels of wheat in elevators, and factories turning out more meat than needed for the nation's consumption, is quiet, but the city is filled with a spirit of unrest.

Officials fearing an outbreak, are doing all they can to secure relief from the rapidly rising prices. Trades officials are clamoring for action. President Griffin of the commission, says that within thirty days, unless relief comes, the commerce of this country will be paralyzed.

Foodstuffs continued their upward climb today. Potatoes which sold at ninety cents per peck yesterday were \$1.00 today. Live hogs sold at \$12.25 per hundred, the highest ever known. From Aurora, Ill., the center of milk production, comes the report that milk will reach ten cents.

## Marriage of Gerhard Goossen and Catherine Thimm

Gerhard Goossen and Miss Catherine Thimm, popular young Mennonites of this vicinity, were married this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Agathe Thimm, six miles west of Beatrice, Rev. John Penner officiating.

The ceremony was witnessed by about one hundred of the friends and relatives of the couple. The bride and groom were both born in Gage county and are both members of the Mennonite church. The groom is a son of John Goossen, well known in this vicinity.

Mr. Goossen and his bride will make their home on the farm four miles west of this city upon which J. G. Andreas resided for a number of years.

## Milady Athletic Contest Bill is Killed in House

Lincoln, Feb. 22.—The Gene Milady athletic contest bill was killed by the house this morning by a vote of 48 to 47. The bill aimed to provide a state athletic commission, to legalize boxing in Nebraska, and opponents of the bill say to legalize the commercializing of sports.

## Ask Senate to Go On Record Favoring New Capital

Lincoln, Feb. 22.—Senator Spirk, of Saline county, has asked the senate to go on record in favor of a new state capitol building and against the patching up of the present capitol as proposed in a bill now before a house committee. No action was taken on the resolution today as the senate adjourned to celebrate Washington's birthday after listening to a brief eulogy of the Father of his Country.

It is probable that the resolution will come up before the senate tomorrow.

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WEATHER FORECAST.  
\* Snow and colder tonight. \*  
\* Friday cloudy and much \*  
\* colder. \*  
\* Temperature at 8 o'clock 26. \*  
\* Temperature at 3 o'clock 68. \*  
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## Volunteer Firemen To Hold Annual Banquet Tonight

The annual banquet of the Beatrice Volunteer Fire department will be held at department headquarters this evening beginning promptly at 7:30 o'clock. The banquet will be served by L. J. Gordon.

Eight members of the various companies will receive their exemption papers, having served five years as members of the department. President Harry C. Leech will officiate as toastmaster, and the following toasts will be responded to:

Invocation—Rev. A. M. Reitzel of Trinity Lutheran church.

Presentation of exemption papers—Mayor J. P. Saunders.

"The Volunteer as a Fire Fighter"—W. S. Ridgell, deputy state fire commissioner.

"The Nebraska Volunteer"—Representative L. C. Thomas of Alliance, editor of the Alliance Herald.

"The Volunteer as a Citizen"—County Attorney Fred Messmore.

"Washington, the Ideal Volunteer"—Rev. Father Cronin of Wymore.

Following the banquet the remainder of the evening will be devoted to entertainment of various kinds. The music feature will be in charge of Frank E. Lenhart.

## Public Schools Observe Birthday Of Washington

Washington's birthday was observed by Beatrice schools today with appropriate programs. Practically all of the grades held programs in commemoration of the "Father of His Country."

At the high school Dr. B. F. Gaither gave an address on Lincoln and Rev. A. M. Reitzel spoke of Washington both of the addresses being interesting and eloquent. A number of vocal and instrumental numbers were also given.

## Potatoes In Denver Selling at Five Cents a Pound

Denver, Feb. 22.—With potatoes selling at five cents per pound Greeley county farmers are said to be holding hundreds of carloads for still higher prices.