

NEBRASKA PRESS ASSOCIATION TRIP

Week of Aug. 7th Selected As Best Time to Visit Western Nebraska

PLANS ARE IN PREPARATION

Committees Named Are All Working Hard to Perfect Various Details—Nothing to Be Left Undone for Comfort and Pleasure of the Party.

TOWNS ALONG ROUTE TO ENTERTAIN EXCURSIONISTS.

Many Stops Scheduled and Side Trips Planned—Special Train of Pullmans and a Car for Railroad Officials.

OVER 200 RESERVATIONS MADE.

(By J. O. Goodwin)

The forthcoming annual meeting of the Nebraska Press Association will be an unique occasion. At the last meeting of the association in Omaha an invitation was extended by Scottsbluff and Gering, two sister towns in the irrigated valley of the North Platte river, in the extreme western part of the state, to hold the 1916 meeting at those places. A substantial bonus was offered to help defray the expense in taking a special train of editors to that distant part of the state. In an unofficial way it was thought that the two transportation companies that pass through the Nile valley of Nebraska would be interested in the excursion of the scribes and would assist in the matter of transportation. The invitation was accepted in a tentative way and it was left for the executive committee to consider the matter from every angle and finally to fix the time and place. Later the towns of Chadron, Crawford, Sidney, Alliance, Bridgeport, Broken Bow, Kearney and North Platte asked for stops and offered to feed the visitors and furnish entertainment and, in some cases, give small cash boni.

The fact that Nebraska has a strict anti-pass law finally made it impossible for the railroad companies to do other than to charge the regular fare of 2 cents per mile. From assurances already received it seems certain that about three hundred bona fide newspaper men and women of Nebraska will start from Grand Island Monday, August 7, in a special train of Pullman cars for a week's trip into the western part of Nebraska. The train is scheduled to reach Broken Bow about 6 o'clock, where supper will be served by the good people of that town. The visitors will spend the most of the evening there and will leave in time to reach Crawford at an early hour the next morning, where breakfast will be served. The train will be parked for the day and a trip across country will be made by automobiles to Chadron, where luncheon will be served on the grounds of the new state normal school. A stop will be made at Crawford again on the return trip and it is planned to reach Alliance in time for supper. The evening will be spent at Alliance and a short night run will take the train to Sidney by early morning. It is possible that a few of the newspaper men will avail themselves of the invitation of the Kimball Commercial club to leave the special train at Sidney and take a side trip to Kimball and from there auto across to Gering in time to meet the train upon its arrival there.

The party will breakfast at Sidney, take a look at the town and country and leave in time to reach Bridgeport about noon. While the train is being transferred from the Burlington to the Union Pacific tracks the editors will be the guests of Bridgeport hosts for luncheon. Gering will be reached by mid-afternoon and the train will be parked until 11 o'clock the next night. In the meantime the principal meetings will be held at Scottsbluff and Gering and side trips will include Mitchell and Minot.

On the return trip stops will be made at North Platte and Kearney for breakfast and luncheon and the train is scheduled to reach Grand Island in time to permit a large part of the association members to get trains to their homes Friday evening. It is estimated that the local purses that are offered by the towns visited will pay for the hire of the Pullman cars, probably five or six, aside from the parlor-observation and cafe car, the baggage-dynamo car and the car for railroad officials that will accompany the party.

To work out the details to a point that assures reasonable satisfaction to all concerned is not a light task, and has kept the executive committee thinking hard. Several meetings have been held and on nearly every occasion there has been a full attendance of the committee which is made up of such representative men as: Vice-President Clark Perkins of the Aurora Republican; Will C. Israel, Havelock Post; N. J. Ludi, Wahoo Democrat; Don C. Van Deusen, Blair

Pilot; B. K. Schaeffer, Curtis Enterprise; A. H. Backhaus, Pierce Leader; A. B. Wood, Gering Courier, and Secretary C. C. Johns of Omaha.

President Horace M. Davis, Ord Journal, has made the call general for all newspaper men to attend the meetings of the executive committee and the meetings have been called at such places that it has been convenient for many local editors to attend and confer with the committee. The plan has worked out successfully and has resulted in a wider spread interest in the good of the association than was contemplated by its author.

A committee consisting of Ross L. Hammond, Fremont Tribune; Don C. Van Deusen, Blair Pilot; Henry C. Richmond, Omaha World-Herald; J. D. Scott, Edgar Printer; and Secretary Johns have been appointed to arrange for the program and this feature will not be overlooked in the festivities that will be enjoyed on the trip. Will M. Mauph, York Democrat; John M. Tanner, Omaha Democrat; and Geo. S. Foxworthy have been named as a "stunts" committee and it is understood that it will be the business of these gentlemen to arrange for original songs and cabaret performances that will insure the party against a dull moment. Governor Howard, Columbus Telegram, has promised to serve as interlocutor for the minstrel show that will be worked out. Frank Harrison of Lincoln and Adam Breede of Hastings will have charge of the band that they are organizing for the occasion. It will be uniquely costumed and the instrumentation is said to be unique.

President Davis, Vice-President Perkins and Editor Buechler of the Grand Island Independent, have direct charge of the train and trip and are undertaking the details with the railroads, the towns to be visited and the general comfort of all concerned.

Members of supply firms doing business in Nebraska may accompany the train, but may not enjoy any rebate from the local guarantees. Any active newspaper man or woman or anyone who has been active in the business and has printers' ink still sticking to his finger nails may go. But it is only fair to serve notice to all comers that an edict has gone out against any liquor on the editors' train. There is no prohibition against cop pipes.

One of the features of the association meeting this year will be the consideration of the report of the legislative committee. President Davis has been in close touch with several legislative sessions and knows how sadly neglected are the interests of the country newspapers. He has appointed a strong legislative committee that will serve through his administration and the one following: J. W. Cutright, Lincoln-Star; M. A. Brown, Kearney Hub; Frank E. Helvey, Lincoln News Bureau; F. O. Edgcombe, Geneva Signal; and G. S. Foxworthy, Lincoln W. N. U. To save each editor having to work up individual copy for his newspaper while on the trip an official reporter will be named and his copy will be furnished in plate form, properly illustrated, for every paper represented on the excursion.

When a week's camping party was held near Lincoln for the annual meeting of the Nebraska Press association two years ago, it was not only novel, but a tremendous success. That innovation suggested this one, perhaps, and if present plans do not miscarry, the Nebraska printers will hold the record for originality in the way of annual meetings.

Some time the association is going to accept the invitation of the regents of the State University to spend a week in session at the State Agricultural College near Lincoln, and while the husbands are talking shop and spinning yarns, the wives will be taking lessons in domestic science, music and fine arts under the instruction of the college faculty.

His Verdict.

At the meeting of the Afro-American Debating club the question of capital punishment for murder occupied the attention of the orators for the evening. One speaker had a great deal to say about the sanity of persons who thus took the law into their own hands. The last speaker, however, after a stirring harangue, concluded with great feeling: "Ah disagree wif capital punishment an' all dis heah talk 'bout sanity. Any pussen 'at c'mits murdeh ain't in a sanitary condition."

Door Bumpers.

An efficient bumper to prevent doors from marring woodwork can be made from a large spool. First get a screw with a head about the size of the bore of the spool. This should be screwed into the baseboard to within half an inch of the head. The spool can then be pushed over the screwhead, and if necessary wedged to hold it securely. Into the open end of the spool can be screwed one of the rubber tips used on crutches and chair legs. A convenient door stop may be made by using seven empty tin milk cans of small size, filling them with crushed rock, then covering them with blue serge. Fasten them together and put a cover of fancy design on top. This is serviceable and a welcome change from the ordinary covered brick.

What Mist Is.

Mist is just one of the ways that we see the water in the air. It is something like a cloud only near the ground.—From Boys and Girls' Ask-at-Home Questions.

GOSSIP FROM STATE HOUSE

The state banking board has been served with a writ of mandamus ordering it to grant a charter to the proposed new state bank at Sidney.

Attorney General Reed has declined to appear in the appeal proceedings relative to the ballot title for the proposed prohibition amendment, declaring that those interested must fight the matter out in court.

Eighteen counties have now reported their property assessments for 1916 to the state board of equalization, and these reports show an average increase of 3 1/2 per cent over the valuations of a year ago. The first nine to be heard from averaged over 5 per cent gain, but most of the later ones ran considerably lower.

Believing that a school for journalism has become a necessity at the state university, members of Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalism fraternity, are endeavoring to interest editors of papers in every town in Nebraska in the proposal, with a view towards its adoption by the state legislature at the next session.

George Richard, 5-months-old son of Major and Mrs. Arthur R. Haysel, assistant adjutant general, was formally presented to members of the two Nebraska regiments. Mrs. Haysel brought the youngster to camp and before he left the officers had him doing all sorts of things queer and unusual to the ordinary civilian.

Insurance Commissioner Eastham and his associates were pleased when reports made out by the department disclosed a remarkable gain in collections for the past two months. The total collections for May and June were \$43,148, as compared to \$20,087 during the same two months under the previous administration of the department.

"Your president needs you to protect the rights of American citizens on the Mexican border. Enlist now!" Thus in large black letters read the posters being issued from the adjutant general's office at the mobilization camp. General Hall said the state is having them printed. They were posted at the administration building and regimental headquarters.

State authorities lose control over the state militia as soon as the militiamen take the federal oath and are mustered into the federal service. Before the troops were mustered in many of the militiamen were transferred on their request from one company to another. Permission to do this was granted by the adjutant general, who was then head of the Nebraska troop.

Two thousand shoes and as many blankets will not be issued to the soldiers at Camp Morehead until the war department advises that those received there are the ones intended for Nebraska's militia, according to officers of the quartermaster department. European war shoes and cheap home blankets were sent from St. Louis, perhaps by mistake, instead of regular army blankets and shoes.

"A third Nebraska regiment is assured in case the president calls for more troops," was the announcement by Col. J. G. Maher after a conference with General Hall. Colonel Maher said that 1,200 men are waiting the call for a third regiment and that Omaha and Platte county each will furnish battalions to be organized largely from Spanish war veterans.

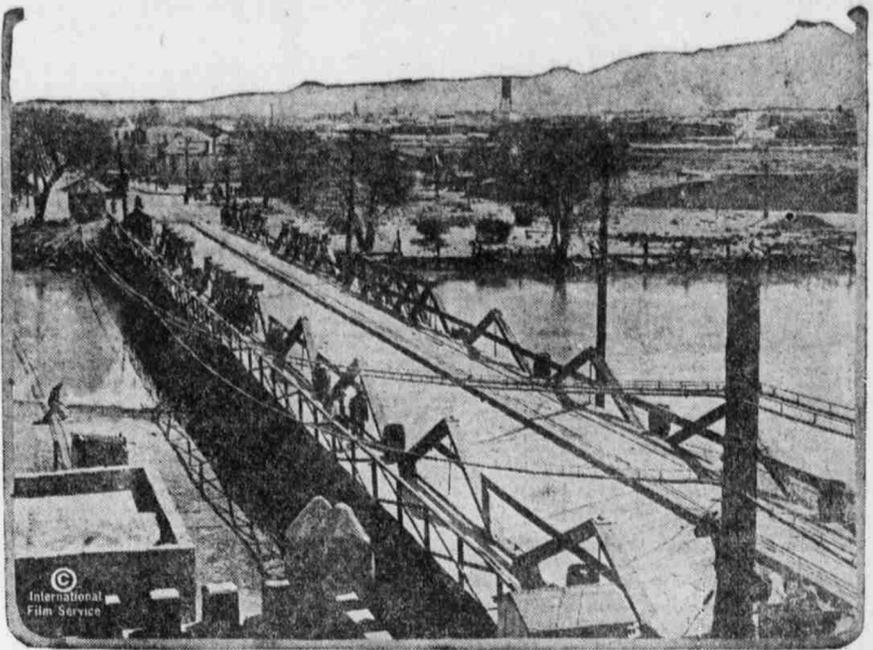
General L. W. Colby, of Beatrice, who served as brigadier general in the Spanish war and who also saw service in the Indian war, was given the freedom of Camp Morehead by Colonel Eberly. General Colby is interested in the formation of a sixth Nebraska regiment, and will, very likely, be invited to take a commission in such a regiment in the event of its organization.

Itch among the horses along the northern border of Nebraska is now receiving the attention of the state and federal officers. Dr. McKim, assistant state veterinarian, has gone to the state line to meet a federal inspector, to inquire into the condition of horses. A herd of horses said to be infected with the disease has been moved back and forth across the state line. The state and federal officers may force the owner to have the horses dipped.

Because of the limitations contained in the Nebraska voting-by-mail law, all of the 1,800 or 2,000 national guardsmen from this state who go for service on the Mexican border will lose their votes at the November election, unless the conditions should warrant their return before that time. The law confines the voting by mail privilege to men who are within the borders of the state and outside their home counties at election time. Anyone who happens to be outside of Nebraska on the day of balloting loses the opportunity to vote.

Nebraska's delegation to the G. A. R. national encampment at Kansas City, August 28 to September 2, inclusive, will go on a Burlington special train from Lincoln, leaving at 11:15 p. m., August 28, and reaching Kansas City in time for breakfast the next day. Owing to the nearness of the encampment, it is expected more veterans will go from Nebraska than when the meeting took place at more remote points. A circular just issued from the state G. A. R. headquarters gives full details.

AMERICAN CANNON ARE TRAINED ON THIS BRIDGE



The International bridge across the Rio Grande, connecting El Paso and Juarez. Big United States artillery guns are in position on the hills of El Paso pointed at the bridge and commanding the span across the river. The photograph was made looking towards Juarez, the Mexican garrison city.

LAST NIGHT IN MOBILIZATION CAMP



Soldiers of the National Guard gathered around a campfire for a "sing-song" on their last night in the mobilization camp before departing for the Mexican border as members of the United States army.

WAVING A LAST FAREWELL



Pathetic scenes mark the departure of the regiments for the Mexican border. All is smiles, cheers, and waving of flags while the boys pass by, but once entrained, the mothers, sisters and sweethearts break down and weep.

The Signs.

"Miss Gladys got no fewer than six gold-headed umbrellas for birthday presents."
"She must be something of a reigning belle."

The Way of It.

"Here comes Bill, but he'll only stay long enough to see if he can borrow some money."
"Then with him it is a case of touch and go."

MEXICAN REVOLVER CANNON



This revolver cannon was invented by E. Duron, a Mexican colonel. It can shoot 30 four-inch shells a minute. The gun can be disassembled readily and can be conveniently moved about. It weighs about 700 pounds.

U. S. MACHINE-GUN CREW IN MEXICO



A machine-gun crew "somewhere in Mexico" ready for instant action.