

ANTI-CIGARET LAW

LOWER HOUSE WOULD PROHIBIT THEIR USE

NEW INDUSTRY FOR THE PEN

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House

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One of the three anti-cigarette bills before the lower house has made its appearance and advanced to third reading without discussion and with only a few votes against it. H. R. 248, by Representative Fuhr, is designed to prohibit the smoking of cigars in public places. The list of the places includes passenger coaches, street cars, public autos, churches, court houses, school houses, hotels, restaurants, butcher shops, store rooms, barber shops, theaters and movies, postoffices, bank buildings, public or private stairways, depots,



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shops, livery stables, blacksmith shops, garages and basements. Every person over eighteen years of age found guilty of violating the law shall be fined from \$1 to \$25 or shall be sent to the county jail for not more than ten days. The age limit in the original draft was sixteen, but it was advanced two years by the standing committee. It is also made unlawful for any owner of these public places to permit such smoking.

New Industry for Penitentiary.

Manufacturers of wagon boxes and poultry crates has been proposed as a new industry to be established at the state penitentiary for the purpose of furnishing convicts with employment which will help make the institution self-supporting. A legislative committee is now investigating this plan. Warden Penton favors it. The committee has already recommended that an appropriation of \$35,000 be made to purchase equipment and furnish working capital for a state broom-making plant at the prison. That industry has been operated there for many years under contract with a private firm which is now moving all its mechanical apparatus and raw material to its own plant in Lincoln.

Blind Relief Bill Referred Back.

Partial consideration was given to the Mills bill authorizing county boards to furnish financial relief for blind persons not exceeding \$300 per year each. Mr. Leidich said this would bankrupt Otoe county, where there are many sightless people needing assistance on account of the state school for blind being located there. He thought the state should furnish the funds to help them. The bill was referred back to the committee on miscellaneous subjects.

Irrigation School Bill Held Back.

When the Stearns bill establishing a school of irrigation at Scottsbluff, in connection with the university agricultural experiment station there, came before the whole committee, nobody said a word regarding it and a motion to send it to third reading was adopted without discussion. Later, Chairman Rieschick of the finance committee moved that the report be not concurred in, and his motion carried. This sends the bill back for further action. Rieschick is opposed to any appropriation for the proposed school.

Two of the Important Rural School Bills Have Been Acted Upon Favorably by the House Committee on Education and Will Go Upon the General File for Consideration in Committee of the Whole.

One is the Taylor bill levying a 2-mill state tax for support of the rural schools. The other is the Olin bill, which permits the redistricting of any county for rural school purposes, subject to a vote of the people, and authorizes a county school levy of not more than 15 mills on all the property lying within such rural districts.

THE CAR SHORTAGE

Committee Tells Congress How Farm Injures Nebraska

"Thirty to thirty-five per cent of Nebraska wheat is still on the farms or in the elevators, unable to be moved on account of the boxcar shortage."

This was the testimony of Railway Commissioner W. G. Taylor, who urged interstate commerce control of freight shipping rules before the interstate and foreign commerce committee of the house of representatives in Washington, D. C., last week. Mr. Taylor laid before the committee the joint resolutions of the two houses of the Nebraska legislature asking congress to increase the powers of the interstate commerce commission to permit it to make and enforce rules on shipping which would tend to relieve such a national car shortage as has been experienced the past few months.

The case of one shipper was cited by Commissioner Taylor, who had 60,000 bushels of wheat in an elevator and was unable to get more than one car a week. The commissioner called the attention of the committee to the fact that in the last few days wheat had dropped 20 cents, and the shipper, unable to get cars, was standing to lose \$12,000.

The net shortage, he said, amounting to 24,000 box cars out of 130,000 owned by lines in Nebraska.

Entered Land Subject to Taxation.

The following table shows the number of tracts of land upon which final proof has been made at the various land offices and Indian agencies in Nebraska the past year, as certified to State Auditor Smith, and the total number of entries and acres of land that will be subject to taxation in 1917, as a result thereof:

Land Office	No. of Entries	No. of Acres
Alliance	691	272,077.00
Broken Bow	317	245,341.73
North Platte	140	60,502.24
Lincoln	29	6,528.34
O'Neill	104	23,091.50
Valentine	455	222,522.03
Indian Agency, Santee	53	5,001.79
Omaha Agency, Macy	56	3,506.80
Winnebago Agency	46	2,258.21
Grand Total	2,092	840,829.94
Average subject to taxation in 1916		1,102,852.06
Average subject to taxation in 1917		840,829.94
Decrease in 1917		262,022.12

To Create School Book Commission.

Creation of a state school book commission, with a secretary drawing \$3,500 a year salary as its principal officer with a view to having the state of Nebraska print textbooks for all of its public schools or contract for their publication on a royalty basis, is the departure proposed by Representative Auten, now before the house committee on education.

It carries an appropriation of \$134,500, but Representative Taylor is proposing to have that amount included in his \$1,000,000-a-year special state levy for support of rural schools, and that may be done. Mr. Taylor is only too glad to do this, as he figures it will help in the passage of his own bill.

The commission, under the terms of this contemplated enactment, would have power to purchase copyrights and to buy the product of text-book compilers. After that was done it could have the books printed and supplied to school boards at cost, as is done in Kansas and some other states.

Student self government will be installed at Nebraska university before the end of the present semester, if a committee appointed by Chancellor Avery can draw up a plan for a student council that will meet with approval of both faculty and students. The chancellor, in a statement to the student body, declared that the time had come for the establishment of a council that would have to do with the promotion of temperance and right living among the student body, honesty in examinations, proper expenditure of student activity funds, control over student functions and student health and efficiency.

The Behrens-Anten Measure Requiring Convict-Made Goods from Other States to Be So Labeled when Brought into Nebraska, but Not Applying to Such Goods Manufactured Here, was Laid Over, after Mr. Peterson had Suggested that it Might Involve an Illegal Interference with Interstate Commerce.

The introducers will try to have this objection removed by means of an amendment.

Tuition for State Wards.

A claim for \$210.75, for tuition of pupils who are from the state home for dependent children during 1915 and 1916, has been filed with the state legislature by L. S. Frisbie, superintendent of the University Place schools. There were twenty-five children on his list, who were charged tuition at the rate of 75 cents a week. The home for dependent children is under the supervision of the state board of control.

Killed Trading Stamp Bill

The bill backed by the Nebraska federation of retailers, intended to do away with trading stamps and premiums by imposing a \$5,000 license upon any merchant using them was killed in the house committee of the whole. This bill, introduced and fought for by Hostetter of Buffalo, who has represented the retailers' organization in three sessions of the legislature, was killed by a vote of 45 to 30, after a long fight.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

Feb. 26 to March 3—Omaha Automobile Show.
March 5 to 10—First Annual Auto Show at Lincoln.
March 6 to 10—Mid-West Cement Show and Convention at Omaha.
March 7-8-9-10—State Basketball Tournament at Lincoln.
March 12-17—Annual Merchants' Market Week at Omaha.
March 18—District Meeting of Odd Fellows at North Platte.
March 21-22-23—D. A. R. Annual State Convention at Fremont.

The Elgin Community club recently dedicated its fine new clubhouse, which was built at a cost of \$20,000. Among the facilities which the club maintains are a modern auditorium and motion picture house, bowling alleys, billiard rooms, social hall, gymnasium, banquet room, committee rooms, public ladies' rest room, etc. It is said to be one of the finest homes of its kind in Nebraska.

The next convention of the Nebraska Retail Hardware Dealers association will be held in Lincoln, according to a decision reached at the 1917 session in Omaha a few days ago. Fred Pelx of Blue Hill was named president of the organization for the coming year.

Cliff Crooks of Fairbury was elected president of the Nebraska Retailers' association at a business meeting of the organization in Lincoln. Other officers elected were: Vice president, J. H. Knowles, Fremont; treasurer, M. A. Hostetter, Shelton.

The city council at West Point has taken steps to install a public comfort station and rest rooms. It is realized that this project will become necessary after May 1, as on that date six West Point saloons will go out of business.

A carload of frozen dressed poultry was shipped from Beatrice by Swift & Co. for London. The poultry is valued at about \$8,000 and the freight and water charges on the shipment amount to \$1,300.

Lincoln pool halls will not be able to use chips, redeemable for candy, chewing gum or cigars, or any other form of "trade stimulant" as a result of the action of the Lincoln city council.

Three fires which broke out almost simultaneously in the city of York caused damage to the extent of about \$50,000. Evidence of incendiarism is said to have been found.

Tabulation of public subscriptions of the twelve federal farm loan banks shows that the greatest amount, about 9,000 shares, was subscribed for the Omaha bank.

The new concrete and steel bridge spanning the Platte river, a few miles south of Kearney, is finished and open to travel. The bridge is 1,000 feet long and cost \$60,000.

Forty-nine head of Herefords, all blooded stock, the property of O. E. Green of Genoa, sold at the South Omaha stock yards for an average of \$414 apiece.

The new St. Mary's Catholic parsonage at Wymore was dedicated by Bishop Tihen of Lincoln. The parsonage is a modern structure costing over \$10,000.

Plattsmouth city council has bought a tract of land which covers about thirty lots. The city paid \$1,100 for the tract, which will be used for park purposes.

The Central High school building at York, built at a cost of \$60,000, was completely destroyed by fire. Insurance on the structure amounts to \$40,000.

The Community State bank of Table Rock is to be housed in a new building in the near future. Contract for the structure has been let and work will begin March 1.

Hens are worth a dollar apiece in Hall county. Robert Watson, wholesale poultry dealer, of Grand Island, recently paid \$8.13 for eight Plymouth Rocks.

The German Military society of Falls City will fight for the United States against any enemy, according to a vote its members cast recently.

The community club of Geneva has decided to stage a Fourth of July celebration this year.

Three prizes, a victrola with \$50 worth of records, a ladies' watch, an 8-foot display case and an oak roller top desk will be given visiting retailers who attend Omaha's Merchant Market week, March 12 to 16. No one in Omaha or suburbs are eligible to compete for the prizes. Only two conditions are attached—competitors must be registered and must be present when awards are made.

Fire of an unknown origin completely destroyed the Creighton steam laundry.

Detectives are investigating the apparent attempt to wreck the St. Joseph & Grand Island passenger train south of Edgar the other night. A railroad tie had been wedged between the rails.

Raymond Pollard of Nehawka made a record sale for Hampshire, white belted, hogs, when he sold fifty-two head of bred sows for an average of \$108 per head. One sow sold for \$680.

Henry Olson & Sons of David City got the general contract for Crete's new high school building. The bid was \$37,000.

The Alliance Commercial club has adopted resolutions urging the state legislature to pass such a bill as will permit Nebraska to partake in the funds apportioned under the federal good roads acts. The sentiment in northwestern Nebraska is decidedly in favor of such an act and they are calling upon the legislature to act favorably upon that important matter. A canvas, which includes Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Canada, shows that twenty-six persons have frozen to death and at least fifty have been maimed for life thus far this winter in these states and Canada. Canada has had twelve deaths as the result of the severe cold; Nebraska has had three.

The North Platte Valley Highway association was formally organized at Mitchell, with representatives present from Bridgeport, Bayard, Minatare, Gering, Scottsbluff, Morrill and Torrington, Wyo. It is intended to establish grade and mark an automobile road to be known as the North Platte Valley Highway, diverging from the Lincoln Highway at North Platte and connecting with the Yellowstone Highway at Wendover, Wyo. The new thoroughfare will pass through the full length of the North Platte valley.

Sheriffs of several counties in Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska, who have been investigating for weeks what appeared to be well-planned thefts of horses, arrested two men near Gering who are believed to be leaders of a large gang which has stolen horses for many months in middle western states. The horses were stolen in one state, passed through several hands of gang members and finally sold in another state, according to authorities.

Herman Kosbaugh, 40 years, farmer, living near Hershey, and son, Herman, Jr., 9 years, were instantly killed when a motor car driven by the elder Kosbaugh, crashed into a bridge railing over the South Platte river, near North Platte, and plunged twelve feet to the ice below. Both were crushed under the car.

Webster county bridges are to be built by the Omaha Structural Steel Bridge company, contract having been let by the county commissioners. The Webster county officials have agreed to pay the state \$3,300 for the care of patients in the state hospital since 1873. The clerk has been instructed to notify the auditor that the money will be paid.

Louis Kamerad, who, it is claimed, has confessed to the murder of 13-year-old Alice Parkos of Ord, is now in the state penitentiary at Lincoln for safe keeping. The utmost secrecy was observed by the officers in moving Kamerad from the St. Paul jail, where he was lodged shortly after being arrested.

The committee appointed by the Fremont Commercial club to secure plans for an auditorium has been instructed to draw up a petition for circulation authorizing the city council to submit a proposition for voting \$25,000 to citizens at the spring election.

The American Potash company, near Alliance, has been compelled to erect a large addition to its present plant and to install a large quantity of new machinery in order to carry on the increase in its business. The daily output of the plants now operating runs into thousands of dollars.

Joe Stecher of Dodge, champion wrestler, downed Charlie Peters of Papillion in two straight falls before a crowd of 6,000 mat fans at Omaha. Stecher won the first fall in thirty-one minutes and forty-two seconds and the second in fifteen minutes and thirty-two seconds.

The jury in the case of Mary Irene Berry against the city of Aurora returned a verdict for the defendant, finding no cause of action. The suit was brought for \$20,000 personal damages, the plaintiff claiming to have fallen on the sidewalk, breaking her hip and shoulder.

Business men of Columbus gave \$410 to those firemen who had ruined clothes in fighting the fire at the McGerr furniture store.

The casing for the new oil well, which has delayed the work of drilling at Table Rock, has arrived and boring is now in progress.

Bonds to the sum of \$3,800 were voted by Weeping Water's citizens for purpose of extending the city water system.

The York county fair and fall festival will be held at York, October 1 to 5.

The federal aid for good roads was endorsed and a resolution backing President Wilson in any act and offer their support in case of war was adopted by the State Lumbermen's association at the annual meeting in Omaha.

Soldiers of the Fifth Nebraska regiment, while at Fort Crook waiting to be mustered out of the federal service, showed their appreciation of the work of their commanding officer, Colonel Paul, by presenting him with a gold watch.

The Hagenbeck-Wallace circus, with three trains of twenty cars each, carrying 300 head of horses, 700 people and the famous Hagenbeck menagerie, will be the free attraction at the 1917 state fair, at Lincoln this fall.

A stock company has been organized to build an auditorium at Gresham. Four subscription lists are in circulation. Nearly \$4,000 has been raised. The goal is fixed at \$10,000.

A Madison county jury has awarded \$11,112 to Mrs. Alvina L. Luebko against the American Surety company and certain saloon keepers of Pierce.

MISSOURI TRAP NEST IS SATISFACTORY

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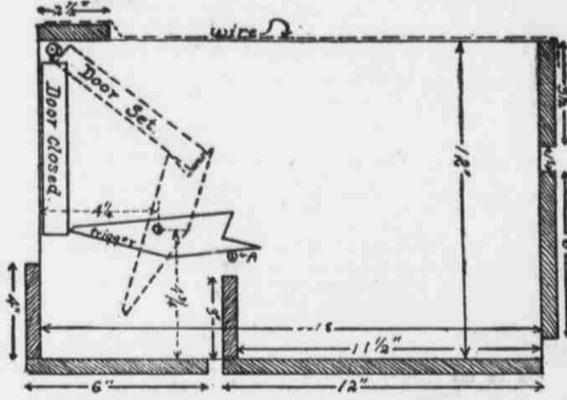
There are many kinds of homemade trap nests, but none have proved so satisfactory with us as this one. The nests are of good size, 12 by 18 inches inside measure and 12 to 15 inches high. A board 3 inches high is put across the nest 12 inches from the back, which makes a nest 12 inches square, and this board holds the nesting material in place. The nests should be built in pairs. This makes a nest in which a good large hen can be comfortable either sitting or standing, which is a desirable quality in a trap nest. This door and trigger can be used on any sort of nest or box you care to use.

The body of the nest is built of light material, one-half or five-eighths inch lumber. The trigger and front door should be made of seven-eighths or inch material. Nests which are to be placed under tight droppings platform or underneath any object which will prevent the fowls from roosting on them need be covered only with one-

absolutely prevent the trigger from binding against the side. Free action of this trigger is positively required.

Setting the Trigger.
The trigger must be set in such a position that when the door is swung inward and rests on the notch it will be invitingly open and at the same time this opening must be small enough to prevent the hen walking into the nest without touching the door with her back. As she steps into the nest and slightly raises the door, the trigger is released and falls backward. The door then swings down and the pointed end of the trigger rises behind it, effectually locking it.

See that the nesting material does not interfere with the trigger. Long hay or straw may eventually get piled up in such a manner as to interfere with its action. To remove the hay, simply turn the button and swing the door outward, or if you prefer, turn down the point of the trigger and swing the door in toward the top of the nest, thus permitting the bird to come out. Of course the nest can be



LEFT INSIDE WALL OF NEST AS IT FACES YOU.

inch mesh poultry netting. Otherwise make the top of the nest tight. It is a good idea to leave an inch opening in the back or sides of the nests for ventilation.

Wire Door Favored.
Use a door consisting of a frame over which small mesh wire has been tacked. We like the wire door better than a solid wooden door, because of the fact that it affords ample ventilation, the lack of which is one of the main faults of the average trap nest.

The door is hung on screw eyes, which fasten in the upper edge of the frame. With a gimlet or small bit make holes in sides and partition for heavy wire near top entrance, from which suspend the doors by screw eyes. This permits the doors to swing back and forth freely, and makes a cheap hinge.

The door is checked by means of thumb buttons, which are placed on the front of the center partition and act as a stop for both doors. If you should be troubled with the buttons working loose, tighten them.

The trigger can be attached to the side of the nest box by using a long screw, but in every case it must work freely. The screw must be set squarely into the side of the box to

set in a partition with a back door through which the hen may be removed.

It is necessary to drive a nail into the side of the box in such a manner as to check the falling trigger, when the sharp end rises to a point where it safely locks the door. The point of the trigger should rest near the bottom of the door when it is closed. The trigger resting on the back of the door prevents any hen on the outside from coming in and the door closing against the button prevents the hen in the nest from releasing herself.

Prefer Secluded Spot.

The hens prefer to lay in some secluded spot. Don't put the nest down on the floor or out where it is too light. The hens see the soft shelled eggs and the broken eggs, and they often develop the habit of egg-eating. The nests should be simple and constructed so they may be easily removed.

We prefer to place the nests under the droppings platform. This is a convenient place, and the nests do not occupy any of the valuable floor or wall space. You should have one nest to every four hens. Keep the nests absolutely clean and remove the nesting material quite often.

DAMAGED FEED FOR POULTRY

At Present Prices Poultryman May Find It Economical to Buy Good Grade of Salvage.

In buying salvage wheat the factor of whether or not the chickens will eat it is very important. There are two kinds of salvage wheat. One is water soaked, which when it comes through a fire smells very strong and has a bad taste. The hen will turn this down every time.

Fires occurring in elevators where there are no fire-fighting facilities leave the wheat in a better condition. There may be a little charred wheat in it, but the fiery and water-soaked odor is not present; consequently the palatability of the grain is not much affected. At the present prices one may find it paying to feed a good grade of salvage.

FEEDS FOR BREEDING STOCK

Keep in Mind Importance of Materials Carrying Proper Proportion of Protein and Fats.

In feeding your breeding stock, keep well in mind the importance of balanced feeds, those carrying the proper proportion of protein, carbohydrates and fats.

Make regular use of hoppers to contain mash feeds and beef scrap, either of which poultry can have access to at all times; also the grit, oyster shell and charcoal. The hens are wiser than many give them credit for, and will, if given this chance, do their own "balancing."

PREVENT BIG POULTRY LOSS

Much Money Can Be Saved Poultryman by Keeping Houses Comfortable—Clean Up Now.

Half the chickens hatched in the United States die of the white diarrhea; 75 per cent of the chicken raisers in the country have losses from roup.

The way to prevent these losses is by keeping the poultry comfortable and clean. The time to overhaul the poultry yards and houses is now.

BAD TRAITS ARE INHERITED

While Chickens Are Maturing, Watch Distinguishing Characteristics and Cull Undesirables.

It has been proved that criminal tendencies are inherited, and that crime runs in families. If it were not true that the laws of heredity were evident in the culture of chickens, there would be no possibility of breeding with any assurance of obtaining a desired color, size or shape. While, then, the chickens are maturing and their distinguishing characteristics are asserting themselves positively, be on the lookout for bad characters and weed out the undesirables. The bully is pressing a tendency that was born in her. She interferes with the contentment of the flock, and keeps the rest in a continual state of excitement. This in turn affects their laying, their appearance and their health, and she should be dealt with drastically. The feather-puller and egg-eater are in the same class, and they should all go the same road—to the market.—Clemson College Bulletin.

KANSAS RATION FOR WINTER

Dry Mash Made of Cornmeal, Middlings, Meat Scraps, Linseed Oil Meal and Alfalfa.

The ration used in winter feeding on the poultry farm of the Kansas State Agricultural college is a dry mash made according to the following formula: 60 pounds of cornmeal, 60 pounds of wheat middlings or shorts, 50 pounds of meat scraps, 30 pounds of wheat bran, 10 pounds of linseed oil meal, 10 pounds of milled alfalfa, and 11 pounds of salt.

This is fed in connection with a scratching feed thrown into the litter and consisting of three parts of wheat, two parts of corn and one part of oats, all by weight. Grit, oyster shell and charcoal are kept before the birds all the time, and they are fed once a day all the green food they will eat clean in half an hour.

If skim milk is fed, the meat scrap in the dry mash is cut one-half. In order to induce the hens to drink enough of the milk, they should be given no water.