

**Research notes by Nathan Arneal examining the affects of the Spanish flu on North Bend, Nebraska, from the North Bend Eagle.**  
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- David Lloyd George, British premier, is confined to his bed in London with Spanish influenza
- One thousand cases of Influenza were reported at Camp Devens near Ayer, Mass., by the division surgeon.
- Outbreaks of the Spanish influenza have occurred at several eastern and southern cities, according to an announcement by Surgeon General Blue

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- page 2- Spanish influenza has now broken out in a total of nine army camps over the country, according to a statement made by Surgeon General Blue at Washington. Health authorities in many states are taking steps to check the spread of the disease.
- Commander Moffett of the Great Lakes naval training station near Chicago issued orders that no more leaves would be granted sailors until the Influenza epidemic had passed. The order practically amounts to quarantine to 50,000. There are about 4,500 victims of the disease at the station.
- page 5- Local physicians are of the opinion that the Spanish Influenza has struck North Bend. A number of cases have been reported-and some quite severe ones. Most of the illnesses so far have been among the school children and the school attendance record is being sadly affected. Like the grippe, the influenza is highly contagious and those suffering with a "cold in the head," which is one of the symptoms of the disease, can serve themselves and the community best by segregating themselves as completely as possible until they have recovered.

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- Cecil Jansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Jansen has been seriously ill with Spanish influenza for the past week and is at this writing very low.
- Miss Clara Wittmer, eighth grade teacher in the city schools, was taken ill Friday with Spanish influenza, and left in the afternoon for her home in Lincoln. Mrs. J.C. Newsom is substituting for her in the school this week.
- Mrs. Luke Chapman and Mrs. Kate Farrell of this city, started for Kansas City Friday to see the former's son, John, who is in a training camp there. Shortly after their departure a telegram was received at the Chapman home stating that the camp was in quarantine because of Spanish influenza. A message to that effect overtook the ladies in Omaha and they returned to North Bend Saturday night.

Oct. 10, 1918:

- Page 1:
  - Waller LaViolette was forced to go to bed Monday night, being stricken with the Influenza. Arrangements are under way for a registered pharmacist at the LaViolette pharmacy.
  - Telephone company has three operators sick. Trying to get subs from Scribner.
  - BOARD OF HEALTH PUTS BAN ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS. Chairman Thom of the board of health, last Saturday posted notices of a proclamation closing the public schools, churches, pool halls, near beer saloons, picture show, and all gatherings of a public character on account of the many cases of Spanish influenza in the city. The ban went into effect at 10 o'clock Saturday night for an indefinite period, till it is thought that the disease is under control.

The stores were not closed, but to prevent spreading of the disease, all should transact their business as quickly as possible and leave the store. The epidemic has already resulted in five deaths in this vicinity and many new cases have been reported during the past week. However, many that have been critically ill have recovered sufficiently to be out of danger and a great number are slowly improving. Those not stricken with the malady should be careful not to come in contact with people suffering with colds, sore throats and coughs as these minor ailments appear to be beginning of the influenza.

The disease is very contagious and the public should take every precaution possible to keep it from spreading to a greater extent. The epidemic seems to cover the whole country. Many of the neighboring towns have put a ban on everything of a public nature, the same action as taken by the local board. It is hoped that we will be favored with a change of weather, which will in all probability rid the country of the dreadful disease

The North Bend doctors have been on duty faithfully day and night, and have been unable to answer all the calls. Many doctors of neighboring towns were called in to assist, Dr. A. A. [typo. used initials of the other doctor, I believe. Should be John] Hugenbecker of Morse Bluff and Dr. A. A. Hugwer [First name Dewia (a woman). Don't know where the AA's came from] of this city, are in a serious condition, contracting the disease while coping with the epidemic and preventing further spreading.

- CLARENCE SCOTT SUCCUMBS TO SPANISH INFLUENZA. Dreadful Malady Claims Young Farmer As First Victim In This Vicinity. The first death to occur in this vicinity within the past week of Spanish influenza was that of Clarence Scott, a well known farmer residing one mile east of North Bend. Mr. Scott died Friday, the news of which came as a shock to his many friends. He had been ill but a few days and no one realized the seriousness of his sickness. Mrs. Scott and the two children were critically ill with the disease at the time of the death of the husband and father.

[Age 30 years, 10 months, 19 days. Parents Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Scott. Grew up near Cedar Bluffs, lived near NB final 10 years. Married Aug. 8, 1907 to Josephine Roubal of NB vicinity. Interned in Woodland Cemetery. Brothers: George, Harry, Orval, Ralph, Jesse of Cedar Bluffs. Died at farm home near North Bend Friday, Oct. 4, 1918]

• Same page, issue, obits for flu victims:

- William E.J. Winkleman, 16, son of Mr. Mrs. William R. Winkleman, (spelled LE - [but wong, should be EL per the headstone. Also middle initials are A.J.]) passed away 5:20 Sunday morning at farm home seven miles northeast of NB. Was sick one week.
- Derrell Robert Vawter died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs E. H. Vawter, after two weeks' illness of Spanish influenza, which turned into a severe case of pneumonia fever. The end came alter he had made a brave fight for life, on Sunday last. Died at the family home in North Bend Sunday, Oct. 6, 1918, being 8 years, 5 months, 12 days.
- Irma Roberta Tapster: Little Irma Roberta Tapster passed away at five o'clock Wednesday afternoon, another victim of the terrible epidemic of Spanish influenza, which is pervading tills community. [Age 9. Taken ill Oct. 4. Pnomonia devloped almost instantly.]

#### **GOOD ONE TO REPRINT.**

- As the result of an outbreak of Spanish iniluczna the government balloon school at Omaha has been placed under Quarantine.
- All churches, schools, theaters and public meeting places at Omaha have been closed for an indefinite period as a precautionary measure to prevent a spread of Spanish "flu."
- Public health service officials at Washington have emphasized that the best way to combat the spread of Spanish influenza is to prohibit public gatherings
- General March has announced that in spite of the epidemic of Spanish influenza, embarkation of American troops is being continued at the rate of more than 250,000 per month. The total embarked to date now bavinj; passed the 1,850.000 mark
- page 2 - RED CROSS TO HELP - Organization to wage war on Spanish Influenza... In a future effort to curb, the spread of the disease Surgeon General Blue of the public health service suggested to all state health officers that schools and places of amusements be closed and public meetings discontinued In all places where the malady becomes prevalent. Importance of reporting cases also was urged by Dr. Blue. Reports to the public health service showed both that .the disease is spreading and Unit the number of cases reported where it had been prevalent heretofore is increasing.

Spreading In Nebraska. Omaha, Neb., Oct. 9.—The Spanish Influenza epidemic here Is now under control, although still serious. Up to last night something like 2,500 cases had been reported. All public meeting places In the city are still closed, Throughout Nebraska the disease appears to have become epidemic in some localities. Three persons have died from the malady at North Bend and three nt Geneva. At Camp Dodge, la., and Camp Funston, Kan., where most of the Nebraska boys are stationed, the disease Is gaining on the health authorities, according to Into reports. Twenty deaths were reported at Camp Dodge from hist Smut-day, making the total number of deaths to date 30. There are now over 3,000 victims at\* Camp Dodge, and more than 2,000 at Camp Funston.

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- The National Association of Motion Picture Industries decided to discontinue indefinitely all motion picture releases because of the epidemic of Spanish Influenza
  - The entire force of the American Red Cross throughout the United States is engaged In combating the Spanish influenza epidemic In co-oper-otlon with the public health service, state and local authorities. Local Red Cross chapters have been advised to freely use all accumulated medical supplies in fighting the disease
  - The total number of Influenza cases j reported from all the army camps \*ince the disease became epidemic last month up to October 8 Is placed at more than 182.000. while pneumonia cases total 19,283, and deaths 5,071
  - In an effort to check the spreading of Spanish "flu" in New York, sneezing in public anywhere In the state without covering the mouth has been made a misdemeanor, punishable with a fine of \$500 or one year In prison or both.
  - Principals of county schools throughout the state are acting on their own initiative in closing schools because of the Spanish Influenza.
  - Fremont is wrestling with a shortage of nurses as the result of the influenza outbreak. About 15 nurses from Fremont have, entered the Red Cross or other war service within the lust few months nnd physicians a unable to get nurses to handle cases
  - Spanish influenza /has made its appearance In many counties in Nebraska and drastic measures have already been taken in scores of cities and towns lo halt the spread of the disease. While the situation in some parts of the state Is serious, health authorities say there Is no cause for alarm. In a further effort to curb the spread of the epidemic, Surgeon-General Blue of the public health service! at Washington suggested to all state health officers that schools and places-of amusements be closed and public meetings be discontinued In all places where the malady becomes prevulcnt. All chapters of the American Red-Cross have been notified to co-operate . with state and local health authoritl6s and to freely use Its accumulated hospital supplies to light the epidemic.
  - The Spanish influenza epidemic at Camp Dodge, In.,” appears to have been checked. The death rate has been lower than at any other camp of the same size in the country.
  - Local page 5- J. Christensen's jewelry store had been closed this week on account of Mr. and Mrs. Christensen being confined to their home with the flu.
  - Roy Scott has become sick with the influenza, while his wife and baby are ill at the home of Mrs Scott's parents, Mr. and Mr.s T.J. Hamilton. Having no one do take care of him at the farm home, he was taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scott in this city.
  - We believe it is a conservative estimate when we say that at least fifty per cent of the families of North Bend and vicinity have been or are at present afflicted with the Influenza. In some cases as many as six or seven ill one household. There has been but little traveling, no visiting and consequently there has been nothing doing. (also talks about finding enough help to put the issue out)
- DEATHS: Never in the history of North Bend has the community been called upon to suffer the death loss that has occurred during the past week.
- Mrs. Martin Kelly and daughter Burnardette Martin, 4. Tuesday Oct. 15, 1918. Mother a few hours after daughter.
  - Nellie Marian Helt Shriver, Oct. 14, 1918. Age 37. After only a short Illness. Mrs. Will Shriver of the Maple Grove [Five miles north

of NB] vicinity passed a way at the Fremont Hospital Monday. About two weeks ago she was stricken with Spanish Influenza, which developed into a serious case of pneumonia, and she was hurried to the hospital last Saturday in a critical condition.

- Myrtle Brtnnan (Mrs. H.H.) Sellhorn, Saturday, Oct. 12, 1918. age 32, after a week's illness with Spanish Influenza. 6 children North Bend. Buried in Woodland. "Mrs. Sellhorn and all of the children of the family were ill with the influenza and while Mrs. Sellhorn's condition was considered the most serious, there was no thought of its fatal termination until a little more than a day before the end came."

PAGE 10: Q&A with surgeon general. Two columns of info.

Oct. 24, 1918:

- Page 1: To rightly enforce the rules laid down by the state board of health in putting a ban on all gatherings withing and without doors, Chariman Thom, of the local board of health, requests that funerals be held as privately as possible. He asks that they be confined to relatives only.
- Walter LaViolette has recovered and reopened his pharmacy.
- The epidemic of Spanish influenza has reached such proportions In Nebraska that state health authorities called on the government to send in corps of doctors to Knox county.
- The Spanish influenza has reached epidemic proportions in Nebraska. Up to the end of last week more than 15,000 cases had been reported to the state board of health at Lincoln.
- page 3: PHYSICIANS ARE CALLED TOO SOON: Not Necessary to Summon Doctor in Mild Cases of Spanish Influenza. REST IN BED IS IMPORTANT Acute Shortage of Medical and Nursing Service Makes It Imperative . That People learn Something of Care of Sick.

Present Generation Spoiled. "The present generation," said the surgeon general, "has been spoiled- by having had expert medical and nursing cure readily available. It was not so In the days of our grandmothers, when every good housewife was expected to know a good deal about the care of the sick. "Every person who feels sick and appears to be developing an attack of Influenza should not once be put to bed In a well-ventilated room. If his bowels have moved regularly, it is not necessary to give a physic; where a physic is needed, a dose of castor oil or Rochelle salts should be given. "The room should be cleared of all unnecessary furniture, bric-a-brac, and rugs. A wash basin, pitcher, and slop bowl, soap and towel should be at hand, preferably In the room or just outside the door.

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DRAFT CALLS STOPPED- Health Conditions in Nebraska Hold Up Troop Movement- State is Under Quarantine  
Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 23.—Movement of 7,000 Nebraska draft selects in the state's October quota to Camp Kearney and Camp Bowie has been called off by the war department after Governor Keith Neville sent a telegram suggesting it be cancelled. Governor Neville wired the war department at Washington informing them of the influenza situation in this state and suggesting that the call be cancelled. The answer instructed the governor to postpone entrainment of the men until he deemed it proper to proceed. Of the 7,000 men, 1,000 were to have-gone to Bowie and 6,000 to Camp Kearney.

NEBRASKA STOPS MEETINGS Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 23.—The state board of health has issued an order closing all theaters, schools, churches, movies, and prohibiting all public gatherings, indoor and outdoor, in Nebraska until November 2, to check Spanish influenza. Board members said the action followed alarming reports from out in the state, especially from Knox county, where 1,200 persons are reported to be ill. The state health department reported more than 25,000 persons are ill in the state.  
(Other states, including Wyoming and Iowa follow suit in both calls, stopping draft and public gatherings.)

page 5, local:

North Bend has received a lot of publicity the past two weeks. The Fremont Tribune has taken advantage 'of our unfortunate situation during the 'epidemic of the Spanish influenza and !has. played up the deaths resulting from it with flaring heads, at the same time failing to report any sickness in the county metropolis. Evidently an attempt was made to cover the true condition existing in Fremont, as it has come to us from good authority that practically every other house in Fremont has suffered or is at present afflicted with the flu. A week after the North Bend board of Health took action to close up the the schools, churches, etc., to prevent the spreading, of the disease, the Fremont board was considering doing likewise, but figuring that a lot of extra business – business that was going there on account of the "raging" of the epidemic in North Bend and other smaller cities of the county—postponed putting on a ban on public gatherings, etc., until it became absolutely necessary. North Bend has been hard hit with the flu and we are not trying to conceal the true condition, however it is not fair for Fremont to be taking pinks on North Bend. Capital has been made of our plight, when other communities are suffering as severely as is this vicinity. The Omaha Sunday World-Herald had an article on its front page, dated at Fremont, crediting North Bend with fifteen deaths, when at that date there, had been six in the city proper and seven in the surrounding community. It seems hardly probable that Fremont would get through untouched, when the epidemic is "raging" on all sides of the get-the-business city.

Oct. 24 Deaths: (were some others with no mention of flu)

- Raymond William Groetke, Sunday, Oct. 20. Age 2 of influenza. "The little fellow was sick only three days and his going is a sad shock to his parents and friends." Buried in Woodland

Page 4: - Clifford Franklin Corn. Employee of the Eagle, age 24, after an illness of 12 days. Buried in hometown of Salem, Nebraska.

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- Martin J. Gaughen, 11 days fighting pneumonia, following the influenza. Buried in St. Patrick's Clyde. Age 32. Left wife Mamie and three children. Proprietor of the Clyde store.
- Emma Marie Peters, age 18, junior at NBHS, Friday, Oct. 18, 1918, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peters in North Bend. Fell sick Wednesday while working at the telephone office. Died Friday. Buried in Elkhorn, where family moved from. "A sad feature was the severe illness of her mother, who was unable to leave her bed during the sickness and death of this beloved daughter." Pall bearers five NBHS classmates.
- Ethel Lorena (Newsom) Miller. Oct. 18, 1918, age 31, parents Mr. Mrs. J.E. Newsom (North Bend obit does not mention flu, but Lincoln Journal Star did). Sister of Joe Newsom, editor
- Clara Belle Acom, Friday Oct. 18, age 23. 1915 NBHS graduate, teaching in Howells at the time of her death (NBE did not mention flu, LJS clipping did)

Oct. 31, 1918

- Page 3: UPC: "It is expected that the church services will be resumed on next Sabbath. Our churches ought to be crowded that lay with a devout and worshipful people, thankful for spared lives and many other blessings. "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

WILL LIFT BAN SATURDAY: Unless something unforeseen happens the state board of health will lift the ban on public gatherings at midnight Friday night. After that date local boards of health may do as they please about prohibiting public gatherings or meetings, including moving picture shows and other amusements. The order of the state board of health closing such places and prohibiting public gatherings was to be in force until November 2. The board of health construes this to mean exclusive of November 2, so the ban will be raised Friday at midnight, or at the close of November 1.

Chairman Thom said the local board of health will follow the action of the state board and the ban will be lifted in North Bend in regard to theaters, schools, churches and public meetings in general, which has been in force in this city since October 5, because of Spanish influenza.

- page 3: "There is some talk by state educators of eliminating the Christmas and spring vacations, and continuing school on Saturdays, for the time lost during the quarantine period. Some such action, it is said, is necessary in order to complete the required amount of school work as early as possible to release students for work on the farms."

Nov. 7, 1918

- Holidays will be cut at the state university at Lincoln to make up time lost by the closing on account of influenza. Christmas and Thanksgiving vacations "will be eliminated and the spring recess will be limited to a week.
- In announcing the termination of the state-wide quarantine because, of the Influenza epidemic, the state board of health has left the lifting of the ban up to local authorities in different communities.
- The Nebraska board of health estimates there are fewer influenza cases in the state at the present than at any time since the disease became prevalent.
- Seven thousand Nebraska men, drafted in October and November, will leave the state for training camps during the coming week. The order prohibiting the entrainment of draftees during the Influenza epidemic has been rescinded.
- Lincoln health authorities refused to lift the "flu" ban at the time the state-wide quarantine was lifted and as a result, the Nebraska-Notre Dame football game, scheduled for the "Capital City last Saturday, was cancelled
- Webster: The schools started again this week after being closed a month on account of the Spanish Flu.
- Page 1: Halloween was unusually quiet in North Bend this year on account of the epidemic. One very informal gathering was at the home of Miss Wilma Howe, when she entertained several young ladies. The usual Halloween stunts were indulged in and later in the evening the hostess served light refreshments.
- LYRIC OPENS. SATURDAY Manager Langdon of the Lyric theater announces that the Lyric will again be open to the public next Saturday evening with a good program. Commencing next Tuesday night the Lyric will show one performance every evening except on Saturday, when there will be two shows, starting at 8:15 sharp. Mr. Langdon was in Omaha last Saturday and says that he booked some splendid features for every night in the week.
- The Lincoln school board has ordered salaries paid to all school teachers of the city for the time lost during the influenza epidemic, as much of the lost time will be made up during the holiday and spring vacations.

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Nov. 14- nothing

Nov. 21- Some cases in Schuyler mentioned. p 3. O'Neill and Holt counties in rigid quarantine to control Spanish Influenza epidemic no raging.

- That school teachers are not legally entitled to draw salary during the period lost because the schools were closed for the Influenza, and that boards of education have no authority to allow pay for that time, is the ruling of [Nebraska] Attorney General [Willis] Reed.
- Beatrice life ban on public gatherings. School in Shubert, Richardson County, already closed four weeks, staying close for two more because of flu.

Nov. 28- Spanish influenza has taken a heavy toll of lives at Norfolk, twenty-seven deaths having occurred from the disease since the epidemic became prevalent in the state.

- Notes of people returning from the hospital after long bouts with the flu.

Dec. 5, 1918:

- State Health Officer Wild has received word from the public health service at Washington that federal aid for combating Spanish influenza in Nebraska will be withdrawn at once.
- State Supt. [William] Clemmons has ruled that teachers should be paid for school closed time because of flu.
- Webster notes: The influenza seems to be increasing again in this vicinity.
- Death: Herman Hudson, 10. Dec. 4. "Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hudson Wednesday morning, when a little nephew, Herman Hudson, aged ten, succumbed to influenza. The little boy came here from Kansas with his father, sister and grandmother, to spend Thanksgiving with his relatives who live on the Hugh Gaughen farm at Clyde. The Hudson family were all down with the influenza and soon after arriving here the visitors were taken down. Several members of the family were taken to Fremont hospital this morning. Relatives arrived from Kansas City, Kans., to take charge of the body of the little one which had been brought to the Carey undertaking rooms."
- Private Orville E. Hatch of Webster, stationed at Ft. Omaha contracted pneumonia. Died Nov. 27.
- p. 5 Harry K. McCann, a young man of Shreveport, La., contracted influenza while on his way here to visit with friends. Mr. McCann was a fireman of that place and was spending his vacation by making the visit here. After spending a couple of days here he went to the hospital at Fremont for treatment, where he died at an early hour last Sunday morning, after a short illness of only a week.

Dec. 12, 1918

- Lincoln Is In the grip of another severe epidemic of the Spanish influenza. One hundred new cases were reported In a single day last week.
- Beemer has again been forced to put the ban on public gatherings because of the "flu" epidemic. Considerable resentment is manifested In the town because the order includes churches, schools and picture shows and not pool halls and soft drink emporiums.

DEATH:

- Laura (nee Whstphalen) (Mrs. Earl) Strong, Sunday Dec. 8. age 25, after a week's illness with influenza. Two small children and husband. In Woodland

Mrs. Hugo Haase of Rogers, died at the Fremont hospital early Sunday morning from influenza. Buried at Pleasant Valley Lutheran church.

Dec. 19, 1918:

STATE ORGANIZED TO GET RELIEF FROM FLU: The state board of health made call for delegates from all sections of the state to be present at a meeting held in Lincoln Tuesday, to discuss the best methods of coping with the Influenza epidemic. The local board sent George A. Millar and Harry Cusack, who went down Monday, returning Wednesday. State officers [Dr. W.F.] Wild [head of the state board of health] estimated victims of epidemic at 5,000 in Nebraska, saying those figures conservative.... All gatherings for pleasures and unnessecary public meetings to be discontinued.

Dancing, promiscuous nursing, visiting, crowding, sneezing, coughing, the use of roller towels, and the common drinking cup were cited by Dr. Wild as agencies in spreading the flu. Some people have fantastic ideas as to means of combating the disease. Sprinkling the streets with formaldehyde was impractical, he said, while eating fried onions or wearing medicated bags were simply foolish.

- Thirty-two deaths In one day due to Influenza, and a rapidly mounting number of new cases reported each day, led Omaha health authorities to issue a statement urgently requesting a cessation of all public gatherings.
- Snyder and Dodge have reestablished the Influenza ban. At Snyder crowds are limited to six and at Dodge to twelve persons.
- DEATH: Hattie (Barlow, Mrs. Fred) : "Death entered the home of Fred Peters for a second time in two months, claiming in this instance the wife and mother, who passed away Monday, morning." Daughter Emma Peters died Oct. 18.

BETTER AD TO REPRINT, PAGE 8, BOTTOM RIGHT DEC. 19

Dec. 26, 1918:

STATE HEALTH BOAR RULES INFLUENZA QUARANTINABLE. Ruling Made by Authorities Will be Rigidly Enforced by Local Board.

Many homes in North Bend will be closed and no members of the household will be permitted to leave the premises, as the result of the state department of health's decision that Spanish influenza is "an absolutely quarantinable disease on a par with smallpox and scarlet fever." The local board of health is having quarantine cards printed, which will be tacked on homes containing "flu" patients. Chairman -Thom of the local board of health, received a communication from the state board the fore part of this week, which is self-explanatory. The ruling of the state board Is as follows:

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19, 1918. To the Mayor: The state department of health has this day made Spanish Influenza an absolutely (quarantiiiiable disease. Quarantine to last four days after the fever subsides. Full particulars for the handling of this disease are now in the hands of the printer and will be sent you within" a week.

Please see that the quarantine is strictly enforced and that violations, are instantly prosecuted. This is one of the results of the confer-

ence, to systematize the handling of this disease throughout the state.

Penalty:—Anyone violating the provisions of the quarantine is to be fined from fifteen to one hundred dollars, (\$15.00 to \$100.00.) Very truly yours, STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH

So far, the health board points out, only one-fifth of the people of Nebraska have had the disease. If allowed to continue, business will become seriously -demoralized, and all communities will suffer heavily in loss of life. The health board says that file spread of the disease has been due to a lack of an organized campaign. From now on, it urges, there can be no slackening, and the rules will be rigidly adhered to in all cases.

DEATH: Death entered the home of George Wigington of the Purple Cane community early Wednesday morning of last week. This time its toll was the wife and mother of the home. A little over a week ago the family contracted the influenza. Mrs. Wigington was one of the first to become ill. Her condition had not been dangerous until the latter part of the week previous to her death, when she seemed to grow somewhat worse. Her family and friends, continued to have great hopes for her recovery until Tuesday morning. It then became evident that she was facing a crisis. A doctor was called from Omaha, who responded to the call by coming on the evening train. He and the attending physician at once held council and both physicians fell that the patient had considerable chance of recovery. Her strength was not sufficient for the crisis, however, and she fell victim to the dreadful scourge which has resulted in so much loss of life. (This is Ora Scott, daughter of David and Mary Scott. b. 1883. Married George Wigington Dec. 18, 1905. Brothers Ben, Quinn and David. Sisters Edith, Agnes, Blanche)

The funeral was held last Thursday afternoon. There were brief services held at the home, conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. A. Smith. The party then went to the Purple Cane church where brief services were held. Interment was in the cemetery adjacent to the church. A quartet sang "Abide With Me" and "Sometime We'll Understand." Mrs. Mary Scott, mother of Mrs. Wigington, came from her home in Boulder Colo., arriving here Monday and was with her daughter until death claimed her.

Ora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Scott, was born February 25, 1883. The same farm home that sheltered her in birth, sheltered her in death, and indeed, sheltered her throughout her entire life save for a brief period during the early part of her married life. She was joined in marriage with George Wigington on December 18th, 1905. A little later, they established a residence near Leigh where Mr. Wigington farmed for three years. At the end of that period they moved to her mother's farm at Purple Cane. One year ago last spring on Easter Day, she manifested her acceptance of her Master by uniting with the church in that community. She has always been a faithful worker in various branches of church and community activity and the host of friends with whom she has been affiliated will greatly miss her. She had good qualities, which those who knew her best will remember; among them was that of her high-heartedness.

She leaves a husband, three children, the youngest daughter being but a few months old, a mother, Mrs. Mary Scott of Boulder, Colo., three brothers, Ben, Quinn and David, three sisters, Edith, Agnes and Blanche. These sorrow stricken folks are all well known here and have the deepest sympathy of a community.

DEATH cont.:

-Miss Hazel Kiser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kiser, died Dec. 23 at parents house near Rogers after an illness of two weeks with influenza. Born in North Bend 16 years ago. Oldest of seven. The family, four members of which are now seriously ill with influenza, have the sympathy of the entire community. Buried in Purple Cane.

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page 6: ADOPT MEASURES TO STAMP OUT FLU: Medical Men From All Parts of Nebraska Confer at Lincoln in Effort to bring Epidemic Under Control

Lincoln.—Rigid quarantine of the homes of persons suffering from Spanish influenza is the principal recommendation of «. program adopted by the Nebraska Board of Health./ All counties and cities in Nebraska are advised to take this action in an effort to stamp out the epidemic. The program was decided upon at a conference in this city of physicians and public health officers from all parts of the state. The health board estimates there have been 5,500 deaths in Nebraska from Influenza since the disease first became prevalent. The following resolutions were adopted, prepared by & coninalltoo consisting of Dr. William F. Wild, Dr. A. J. Jennlson of Harvard, and Superintendent A. n. AVaterhouse of Fremont

MORE ON PAGE-- LOOK FOR MORE RECOMMENDATIONS, no public gatherings, corps of nurses.

Aroused Over Quarantine Order. Omaha, Neb., Dec. '2-1.—Business Interests of this city are aroused over the order of the State Board of Health, making Spanish influenza a quurntinahle disease. Notice to this effect has been received by city health authorities and is being put into effect." It was stated at the Chamber of Commerce that a protest will be sent to the state board just as soon as possible, in view of the fact that practically all doctors agree that this is a useless measure.

Jan. 2, 1919

Page 4:

Purple Cane: The "flu" situation seems to be improving as no new cases have been reported.

Maple Grove: The "flu" has flown from Maple Grove. May it never return.

INFLUENZA STILL CLAIMING VICTIMS BY THE THOUSANDS: Epidemic breaking out anew from one one of country to the other

Warning to the country that the influenza epidemic is by not means ended and that all possible precautions against the disease should be taken, has just been issued by the public health authorities in Washington.... already there have been 300,000 deaths from the disease and one prominent health official predicts that there will possibly be 750,000 deaths in this country next year. TALNAC AD

page 2: Flu Boosts Death Rate. Washington, D. C. Jan. 8.—The influenza epidemic which swept the country during the latter part of last year caused 111,688 deaths In the forty-six largest cities and Increased the combined death rate for those communities In 1918 to 19.6 per thousand, according to statistics made public by the census bureau. There were 442,374 deaths in the forty-six largest cities, the estimated population of forty-two' of which aggregated 20,514,520.

Page 3 Short state notes:

- Violators' of the state board of health's Influenza quarantine regulations will be fined not less than \$15 nor more than \$100.
- Health authorities in Omaha haver lifted the "flu" ban from all public gatherings except dances. Condition in the city are better now than at any time since the outbreak of the disease.
- Omaha reported to the state board of health a total of 92 deaths from Spanish Invfuenza during the past week, which was about the same as in previous weeks since the epidemic started.
- More than 100 homes in Fremont are quarantined with influenza. the quarantine order of the state board of health is being ridigly enforced in the city.

In several papers, ads for Talnac to treat Spanish Flu.

Rigid regulations for the purpose of handling the Influenza epidemic in Nebraska have been sent to local authorities by the state board of health at Lincoln. Here are some of the regulations put out: In order for the family to be released from quarantine the attending physician, and when there is no attending physician, the head of the family, must make application to the secretary of the county, city or village board of health, and the quarantine is not to be released until the board gives such permission. For Contacts—Four days after last exposure and exposure exists, when quarantine of the premises as a whole is in effect. For Those With Disease. — Four days after the fever entirely subsides. When the patient is released, others who have been in quarantine are also released unless new cases have developed, but they cannot leave the premises except with the permission of the health board, and anyone re-entering will have to stay there until the premise are finely released. Anyone found guilty of violating the quarantine rules shall be liable to a fine of from \$15 to \$100.

DEATH: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kliser, who only a week ago burlled their oldest daughter, were called upon to undergo another ordeal when their little daughter Mary, aged 8 years, died Sunday of influenza, the same disease which had overtaken the older girl. Owing to the serious condition of several members of the family, no services were held at the home.

Jan. 9, 1919-

Washington, D. C. Jan. 8.—The influenza epidemic which swept the country during the latter part of last year caused 111,688 deaths In the forty-six largest cities and increased the combined death rate for those communities In 1918 to 19.6 per thousand, according to statistics made public by the census bureau. There were 442,374 deaths in the forty-six largest cities, the estimated population of forty-two of which aggregated 20,514,520.

page 3- The Dodge County Medical society passed a resolution at Fremont declaring it was the sense of the society that the state-wlde quarantine for Influenza was absolutely worthless.

- For the first time In the history of Fremont schools classes were held on New Year's day when the city schools took no vacation.

Omaha had 971 deaths from Influenza between October 5, when the epidemic began until December 31, 1918.

AD Jan 9, 1919, page 3, Lyko, weak from influenza, great general tonic

Jan. 16, 1919

During the period between January 2 and 9 ten persons succumbed to tho dreaded Influenza and Its effects In and around Ord.

Feb. 6, 1919

New Influenza cases In Nebraska reported to the state board of health ran as low as 131 a day during the past week. For several weeks the number of new cases have run close to 500 a clay, and when the epidemic was at its height as many as 3,000 cases have been reported dally.

DEATH: James Bryan, age 41. "His illness coverd a period of sevearl weeks, part of while time he spent in a hospital in Omaha. He suffered an attack of influenza from which he did not recoevera dn passed away Wednesday, Jan. 29." Buried in Cruickhank at Webster.

Feb. 13, 1919

The Influenza epidemic is still giving health authorities in Cuming county a great deal of concern.

March 27, 1919,

The state health department at Lincoln reports that minor flurries of the "flu" still are breaking out sporadically over the state, with new cases daily totaling from a mere nominal figure to 300 or more.

April 10, 1919:

It is reported that influenza is quite prevalent in a number of Platte county towns, especially Leigh and Humphrey.