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THAT FAMOUS POTASH BILL

Considerable excitement was stirred up in Alliance last week by the publication of an article (or several articles) in The Alliance Times referring to the bill—House Roll No. 9—introduced in the Nebraska House of Representatives for the purpose of giving the State Board of Educational Lands and Funds authority to grant mineral leases on state lands, in accordance with the call of the governor for the special session and the recommendation of the supreme court of the state.

This bill was introduced by the editor of The Herald—Representative Lloyd Thomas—and several other members from the western end of the state. Some parties, on reading the first draft of the bill, as introduced and referred to the Judiciary committee of the House, took snap judgment without fully advising themselves as to the situation and set up a howl that was eagerly grabbed by politicians, who were seeking to make political capital out of the legislative session. One thing was plainly apparent in the legislature—the same men in the House who were leading the fight to kill the all-important and necessary sedition bill were the ones who sought to kill the mineral leasing or "potash" bill, as it was called.

The mineral leasing bill went to the Judiciary committee, where public hearings were given. These hearings were attended by representatives of all sides interested in the leasing of school lands. The result was that a bill was passed which is, undoubtedly, fair to all parties concerned. A copy of the bill, as it passed both branches of the legislature, and as it was signed by the governor, is printed elsewhere in The Herald this week. Interested parties should read it carefully.

We are also publishing elsewhere in The Herald copies of correspondence referring to the bill. This shows our stand plainly on the matter and, as we stated in our letter, we have no apologies to offer for our action at any time as a member of the Nebraska legislature. Lack of space prevents us from publishing this week copies of other correspondence relating to the matter. This matter and some further interesting sidelights on the potash situation will be published in later issues of The Herald.

It is interesting to note that "Bludy Ben," the "terrible one," who rules over the destinies of the Times, was out again with his threats—this time it was with a tar bucket in one hand, a bunch of feathers in the other, and a brush—probably that old whitewash brush, in his hip-pocket. The feathers were apparently fresh.

We concede to every man a right to his honest opinions. We demand that the other man give us a right to our own honest opinions. The man who looks at things from a selfish viewpoint oftentimes forgets that there are two sides to every question, with the result that he begins to imagine himself the judge, the jury and the public.

SHOULD PLANT SPRING WHEAT

K. L. Pierce, the Hemingford banker, urges that the farmers of Box Butte county plant a large acreage of spring wheat. We agree with Mr. Pierce and from present indications look for a larger acreage than ever before.

It is, indeed, a regrettable fact that after the huge potato crop of last year it was impossible to get sufficient transportation facilities to handle the crop. This proved discouraging to the farmers who had made special efforts to carry out the requests of those interested in the production of foodstuffs. The result will be in Nebraska's "potato belt" this season that the acreage of potatoes will be much smaller.

Mr. Pierce believes that sixty per cent of the wheat planted should be macaroni wheat. It stands hail well and if amber macaroni is planted, will sell for \$2.19 per bushel, as against common macaroni which sells for \$2.09 per bushel. There are two other varieties of wheat which yield better than macaroni and have a higher flour value. Forty per cent should be planted to these varieties. There is plenty of seed wheat in the county.

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THE ENEMY WE MUST MEET

By William Allen White

(Mr. White, editor, author and King of the war and all of its many angles while on an extended visit to the various battle lines of the Allied armies.)

Back of the German lines every ounce of food is conserved, and distributed with fairly equitable precision; every yard of cloth is numbered and is entered into the war strength of the empire. Every penny-weight of German coal is handled with scientific care, and the one end and aim of all this autocratic control of food and clothing and heat is the winning of the war. There is no other purpose in the German mind. Every German mark is a German soldier; every grain of gold is doing its full share to work out that indomitable purpose.

Here in America we must realize that the war will not be won on any front, but in our own hearts. This is a clash of civilizations. We must develop in our hearts a democratic purpose as strong and as carefully directed as this autocratic purpose of Germany. We, too, must make soldiers of our corn stalks, make defenders of our wool and cotton and silk, make every pound of coal an American pound, and we must make bullets of our pennies. If we fail to develop this democratic purpose in the eye to eye, knee to knee, hand to hand, struggle on the front, which, after all, only reflects the strength of our conviction, then our civilization will go down. To fail to support our soldiers with ammunition, with food, with clothing, with coal, will weaken them for the great conflict at the great moment, and that weakening will come from our hearts at home. It will come if we are slow with our financial support of the men. The Liberty Loan furnishes us with the only way we home-stayers can practically show our purpose. Our patriotism will be measured by our performance toward the Liberty Loan. What we lend to our country in this time of need will measure our love of the freedom our fathers bought. It is at stake. The autocratic purpose of Germany, iron willed and yet unbroke, aimed at world conquest is threatening us. What is freedom worth to you? It is worth what you lend to your government in this hour of its awful need.

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IS AMERICA AWAKE?

As much as has been said and written in America about the World-War in Europe, it is doubtful if America is yet awake.

A man who returned from Europe six months ago, said, "The farmers of America are feeding to their cattle today better food than millions of people in Germany and Austria have had at times. These people whose governments are fighting us are subsisting on cow beets and straw bread. All Europe is short-rationed and hungry."

This is our war from now on. What happens in Europe is America's deepest concern. There is not enough food in the world. Either our soldiers must skip their rations or we must skip ours; either they must do without some necessities or we must do without some of our luxuries.

Which shall it be?
Count on the Tomorrows. What will your business be worth if we should lose the war tomorrow? What would you give for a farm in Russia today? What would you give for a farm in America if conditions were such as they are in Russia today? Help produce, help conserve, and help fight by buying Liberty Bonds, for "he also fights who helps a fighter fight."

Curious and Useful Plant Family.
The nightshade family, Solanaceae, is a most curious and useful one, for aside from the tomato, potato and tobacco sections, many of the plants yield poison, yet close species are edible as the ground cherry, chili pepper, eggplant, pepino, melon pear, etc.

Good in Various Vegetables.
Potatoes are said to improve the hair, which may account for the wonderful heads of hair in Ireland. Celery and lettuce are aids for the nerves, and cucumbers and carrots affect the complexion beneficially.

Diplomatic Burglar.
"What have you to say for your self?" asked the indignant household er, carefully covering the burglar with his revolver. "After thoughtfully considering the situation in its several aspects," said the burglar, "I am per force inclined towards a policy of arbitration."

Had Feet Like Doing the Same.
"What was the gunpowder plot?" "Some Englishmen wanted to blow up their whole legislative body." "Well, I couldn't go that far. Still, I understand their point of view."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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