

WHEAT TO BE HELD FOR HIGHER PRICES

Secretary McGreevy Outlines Plan of Campaign—Association of Growers Believes It Possible.

Wichita, Kas., Dec. 25.—The wheat growers' association of America, which has been conducting a campaign to induce growers to withhold their wheat from the market until prices are higher, plans to have mid-western states so well organized within the next six months that the growers will be able to control the price paid for the 1921 wheat crop according to W. H. McGreevy, secretary and treasurer. The association now has a membership of approximately 100,000 in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska, according to Mr. McGreevy, who has his headquarters here. The organization will be extended, he said, to Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

"The purpose of the national wheat growers' association is to control the distribution and marketing of wheat through financial and selling agencies of its own selection at a price based upon cost plus a fair and reasonable profit," said Secretary McGreevy. "Not only the wheat growers of our association, but the wheat growers in general are refusing to sell any wheat at present prices except in cases where financial conditions force the sale. For more than thirty days we have withheld our wheat from the market until now a large number of flour mills are idle and the local and terminal elevators are nearly empty. The wheat grower feels that he has practically accomplished what seemed at first impossible, and is now encouraged to continue withholding his wheat from market in order that a price which is fair and just may be paid him for his labor and money invested."

Mr. McGreevy objects to the term "wheat strike" in referring to the action of the wheat growers. "Our growers are not striking as is commonly meant by the term," he said. "We are still sowing and attending to the many arduous duties of the farm. We are holding our wheat to be marketed at any time the producer may think it at a fair price."

The organization was formed about a year and a half ago in southern Kansas in northern Oklahoma. A. Slaughter of Manchester, Okl., was the originator and early promoter. According to its promoters its growth in the first six months was slow, but in the last few months it has been rapid until the membership has spread to every wheat growing country in the four states organized. The four states now organized—Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas—in which a membership of 100,000 is claimed have 200,505 wheat growers, according to Kansas board of agriculture statistics.

Forty-five per cent of the growers are members of the association, according to this. Mr. McGreevy's statement is that about 40 per cent of the growers in the wheat section of the states now organized as members.

The four states produced this year 232,955,000 bushels out of the total for United States for 750,648,000 bushels.

The addition of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota would bring the production up to 255,000,000 bushels or slightly less than one-half of the entire United States.

The Kansas state board of agriculture recently issued a report on the wheat in farmers' hands in Kansas. It says:

"This year's Kansas wheat crop amounted approximately to 145,000,000 bushels, according to preliminary report. Growers estimate that of the total production 53.4 per cent or 77,466,727 bushels is still in the farmers' hands. At about the same date last year 35.5 per cent or 50,000,000 bushels was in possession of producers, while in 1911, 11 per cent of 10,000,000 bushels, was reported as held by growers.

"Chief among the reasons given for the unusually large amount of wheat in farmers' hands are the drastic drop in price and the car shortage. Reporters indicate that probably 47 per cent of the wheat unsold would have been marketed early had cars been available, but that wheat is being held mainly in hopes of such an upturn in price as will return a profit—an exercise of business judgment which should be as free from criticism or excite no more comment than the action of say, a haberdasher who declines to sell hats costing \$10 for which his customers offers \$5.

JOY AT GILMOUR HOME

From Wednesday's Daily. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gilmour south of the city was made very happy on Monday evening when a little son arrived and announced his intention of making his home with them in the future. The little man tipped the scales at 10 pounds and has a fine and husky young American and one that the parents can take a great pride in. Both the youngster and Mrs. Gilmour are doing nicely and Sam is feeling duly elated over the happiness that has come to him.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire & Live Stock Insurance company of Cass county, Nebraska, will be held at the Taylor school house, District No. 45 in Plattsmouth precinct on Saturday, January 8, 1921, at 1:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

J. P. FALTER, Secretary. 3rd Stw. Try a Journal ad. "They satisfy."

GOES TO WABASH RAILROAD

Advices have been received here by Hon. W. H. Newell from his son, James W. Newell, announcing that Mr. Newell, who has been in service of the government during the closing up of the government control of the Wabash railroad and will have his headquarters in St. Louis.

Mr. Newell is one of the leading railroad auditors in the country and has had a brilliant career in his chosen line of railroad work.

ODD FELLOWS HAVE FINE TIME

Members of the Order Are Hosts to Their Wives as Well as Members of Daughters of Rebekah

Last evening the members of Platte lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., were hosts at the Odd Fellows hall to their wives and the ladies of the Daughters of Rebekah, and the occasion proved one of the greatest pleasure to all who were fortunate enough to be present. In the past the Odd Fellows have enjoyed many fine feasts prepared by the ladies of the order and it was decided that it would be fitting and just that the members of the three link order return the compliment and accordingly the committees were appointed and the feast and fun last evening demonstrated that the men were certainly royal entertainers in every sense of the word. The general committee was composed of John P. Sattler, M. L. Johnson and Fred Clugy, while the refreshments were looked after by Messrs C. A. Johnson, Robert Moreland and Mr. Henderson.

The banquet hall and lodge rooms were very attractively arranged in the Christmas colors of red and green, the color scheme being carried out in streamers and Christmas bells and amid this scene of gayness the tables were set with sparkling silver and presented a pleasing scene. There were 125 to enjoy the banquet and the serving committee won much approval by their pleasant manner of serving.

Following the banquet the members of the party enjoyed a delightful social time in dancing while others were entertained at cards and in the contests of skill much amusement was derived until a late hour.

The event throughout was one of the rarest pleasure and served to bring closer the fraternal ties binding the members and the ladies were greatly surprised at the skill and ability of their hosts in the entertaining line and in furnishing such a delightful evening.

The only regret expressed was that the Odd Fellows do not enjoy these social gatherings more often and from its success it is safe to say they will do so in the future.

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned will offer for sale a public auction on the Fred Hild farm, five miles west and one mile south of Mynard, six miles north and five and one-half miles east of Weeping Water, on Tuesday, January 4th, the following property:

Live Stock: One bay horse, eight years old, weight 1600; one brown mare, coming three years, weight 1350; one brown horse, coming 3 years, weight 1350; one black mare, 12 years, weight 1450, bred to jack; two mules, coming 2 years old; two cows, coming 1 year old; four milk cows; three high grade Hereford cows; three Hereford heifers; one registered Hereford bull; one Hereford bull calf; six stock cows; ten stock calves; ten Duroc bred sows; one thoroughbred boar.

Farm machinery: One hay sweep nearly new, one New Departure cultivator, one Deer walking lister, one 16-inch walking plow, one top buggy, one heating stove, one cream separator, one set of 1 1/2 inch harness, twentytwo tons of prairie hay, twenty tons of alfalfa hay, five tons of timothy hay, and numerous other articles.

Sale begins at 10:30 o'clock. Lunch served at noon.

Terms of Sale:—A credit of six to nine months will be given on sums over \$10, purchaser giving note with approved security bearing nine per cent interest from date of sale. All sums under \$10 cash in hand. All property must be settled for before being removed from the premises.

EMIL J. MEISINGER, Owner. W. R. YOUNG, Auctioneer. R. F. Patterson, Clerk.

OLD RESIDENT ILL

G. W. Worley, one of the pioneer residents of Cass county, who has been quite ill at his home in Elmwood for the past two weeks, is reported now as showing some slight improvement although still quite poorly and owing to his advanced years, being in his late eighties, his condition has caused the family a great deal of apprehension. On the 20th he had a very dangerous sinking spell and his son, J. E. Worley, Lincoln and family, and his daughter, Miss Kitti Worley of Omaha, were called to his bedside, but he has apparently rallied from his attack and is showing some signs of increasing strength. Mr. and Mrs. Worley have just recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary and on that occasion received congratulations from the friends over the state on their long and happy wedded life.

SHOT GUN FOR SALE. 410 gauge shot gun for sale. Phone 453.

COAL MINE HIDDEN IN NEBRASKA SOIL

State Reward of \$4,000 Moves T. F. McNamara of Oregon to Divulge His Long Kept Secret.

T. F. McNamara, now living at Grant's Pass, Ore., knows where there is a coal mine in Nebraska. For the benefit of Nebraskans who have laid in a full supply for the winter this information comes a little late. Ever since Nebraska was admitted to the union, and long before, its inhabitants have been paying tribute to the coal barons of the far east of the far west, paying not only what the traffic would bear but also freight rates as they have been increased from time to time by the interstate commerce commission and the railroads and the federal railway administration.

All this time Mr. McNamara has known where there is a coal mine in Nebraska but has kept still about it. Now he hears that the state offers a bounty for the discovery of coal. That being the case he is willing to make known the secret location of the mine. He has so informed Secretary of State D. M. Ames and the latter, instead of syndicating Mr. McNamara and getting in on the ground floor in an organization to bust the coal trust, has given the information to the world.

Mr. McNamara's long delayed confession of knowledge of the coal mine is in this form:

"I have been informed from some source that the state of Nebraska offers a cash bonus to anyone that will locate coal or a coal mine in the state. If such is the case, I can remember a place where the early settlers used to get coal and it seemed to be of very good quality. I can go directly to the place. There is no guess work about it with me and it will take only a short time to demonstrate what I say."

Mr. McNamara will be invited to come back from Oregon to help Nebraskans citizens to the hidden coal mine which early settlers used to dig into when they wanted fuel. Under the law of Nebraska a reward of \$4,000 will be paid out of the state treasury by order of the governor if he is satisfied that coal has been found in a vein twenty-six inches thick near enough to the surface and of sufficient quantity to pay to mine. It does not matter, according to the letter of the law, whether the coal thus discovered is in Alaska or Nebraska. The law does not care about the discoverer to Nebraska for it does not even mention the state or country in which the discovery must be made. This standing offer has been in existence for a quarter of a century in one form or another, and no one has yet capped the prize. If a vein is three feet thick the reward is \$5,000. It must go to the owners of the coal.

For the discovery of iron ore a reward of \$2,000 is offered by the state law. For the discovery of oil or gas the owners of the land are to have \$15,000 for finding one or the other or \$30,000 for the discovery of both. Coal has been found in several places in Nebraska but never in paying quantities.

WILL SPEND WINTER ON WEST COAST

A. S. Will and Wife, of This City Will Enjoy Extended Visit With Their Children in Far West.

A. S. Will and wife, two of the old and prominent residents of this community will enjoy an extended visit on the Pacific coast with their relatives during the next few months and expect to leave for the coast country during the forepart of January. They will take the southern route from Kansas City and enroute expect to stop for a short time at Hennessey, Oklahoma, where their son, Fred Will, is located. Fred has just recently secured a large ranch in Texas, but the family have not as yet moved there and it will afford a pleasant stop on the long journey to the coast for Mr. and Mrs. Will and give them an opportunity of looking over the Oklahoma land. The travelers expect to make their journey by day as far as possible in order to more fully enjoy the scenery of the country through which they pass. They go as far as El Paso, Tex., on the Santa Fe and will spend a short time at the pass city and go west from there to the Pacific coast. At Long Beach, California, they will visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Clara Thomas and with their son, Grover Will and family, and Miss Dora Will, another daughter who is living there. While in California, Mr. Will expects to take a side trip to Mexico, going in a car with his son-in-law, Clara Thomas, and look over his business interests in the southern republic and to see how thoroughly the new regime has come in settling the troubles of the country. They will later go from California to Washington, where Mr. and Mrs. Will will visit their son, Newton, who is residing near Meyers Falls in that state and from there will return to Nebraska over the northern route.

Child Improving Nicely. The little three-year-old child of John C. Knabe, which has been sick with scarletina, is getting along nicely. The little one has been given the best of medical attention, and the best of nursing, and has been making wonderful improvement. We are pleased to know of the improvement and are hoping for an early recovery of the little one.

LOCAL NEWS

Russell Todd and wife were in Omaha today for a few hours attending to some matters of business.

W. G. Boedecker of Murray, was a visitor in the city yesterday afternoon for a few hours looking after some matters of business.

W. R. Bryan and wife of Fort Collins, Colorado, are in the city visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Clifford Cecil and family.

A. S. Will was a business visitor in Omaha today for a few hours, going to that city on the early Burlington train this morning.

Robert Newell and family of South Bend, came down this morning to attend the funeral services of late J. M. Roberts which were held this afternoon.

Hugh Cecil, wife and family, who have been here over Christmas, departed this morning for their home at Dunlap, Ia., where Mr. Cecil is engaged in the electrical business.

Don Seivers of Madrid, who with his wife and family are here on a visit at the A. F. Seybert home, was a visitor in Omaha today for a few hours. Mr. Seiver reports that in his section of the state just prior to Christmas, the mercury had gone to 25 below zero.

Dr. E. D. Cummins of Lincoln and Clyde Drew of Omaha, arrived this afternoon on No. 24 to attend the funeral services of J. M. Roberts, which were held from the home at 2 o'clock.

Anton Svoboda and wife, who have been visiting here for a time with relatives and friends, departed this afternoon for their home at Denver, Colorado, having been here over Christmas holidays.

FOUR MEN ESCAPE FORT MADISON PEN

Fort Madison, Ia., Dec. 26.—James O'Keefe, James Lane, James Cullen and Harry Smith, four members of a gang committed to the state prison here from Lemars, escaped this morning during Christmas ceremonies. Posses searched for the men all day and were still out tonight.

Langdon and Conroy, two more members of the gang, did not get away, and are still at Fort Madison. The men had been gone about thirty minutes before their absence was discovered. They got out by means of a rope furnished by a member of the dining room force. Because of a heavy snowstorm, the fugitives are not thought to have covered much ground.

A GOOD BEGINNING FOR THE YEAR

If the new year is well begun, it will end well. Health is the most important security against failure, therefore you cannot begin the year better than by calling at your druggist or dealer in medicines and buying Triner's Bitter Wine. Its results have been just convincingly described in a letter which Mr. Michael Ferezan wrote us on Dec. 12, 1920, from Zellehope, Pa.: "Our home has been a permanent hospital until two years ago we tried Triner's Bitter Wine and Triner's Angelica Bitter Tonic. These two remedies have changed everything. My wife who weighed 120 pounds in 1918 weighs 170 today. I am also in better health and humor, my appetite is always good, and I thank you for your remedies." A few lines, but sincere and eloquent. Of course, you must get the original Triner's Bitter Wine. He who buys an imitation is wronged by himself. Joseph Triner Company, 1333-45 So. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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Poultry Wanted!

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 and 5.

A car load of live poultry to be delivered at poultry car near Burlington Freight House on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 4th and 5th, for which we will pay in cash.

- Hens -----21c
Young Roosters -----20c
Old Roosters -----13c
Ducks -----21c
Geese -----18c
Turkeys -----25c
Guinea Hens, per doz. -----\$3.00
Remember the date. We will be on hand rain or shine and take in all poultry offered for sale. W. E. KEENEY.

The Beautiful -Walking Doll Contest- WILL CLOSE- JANUARY 12th Remember every penny that you spend in this store counts for ONE vote. Do your buying here and help boost your favorite candidate in the contest. SPECIAL! We will give 10,000 extra votes on every Ladies Coat in the house; 5,000 extra votes with every Child's Coat, Ladies Dress Skirt; Boy's Suit or Overcoat, Sheep Lined Vest, Mackinaw or Duck Coat, and 1,000 extra votes with every Ladies Kimona, Petticoat or Sweater. The following is a list of the candidates and their standing in the contest. Pick your favorite candidate and help her to win out on the "Home Stretch."

Table listing candidates and their standing in the contest. Includes names like Josephine Janda, Alice Harris, Delores Kaffenberger, etc., with corresponding vote counts.

Please Bring in Your Votes at Once! M. FANGER, "Where Your Dollar Does Double Duty" Plattsmouth, : : : : Nebraska

PRESIDENT OBSERVES HIS 64TH BIRTHDAY. Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—President Wilson today celebrated his sixty-fourth birthday, receiving numerous messages of congratulations. Two of the president's daughters, Miss Margaret Wilson and Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, were with him for the occasion. Tonight Mrs. Wilson and the president's daughters expected to attend the wedding of Miss Marjorie Brown, cousin of President Wilson's first wife. OLD RESIDENT VISITING HERI. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hiskey, who were for a long period of years residents of this city, but who are now living near Bogue, Kansas, are in the city enjoying a visit with old time friends. They are now engaged in farming and Mr. Hiskey and son are engaged in handling 231 acres of the Kansas land and the past season had a great success in their work. While a resident here Mr. Hiskey was employed in the Burlington shops and has been spending the last few days in visiting the old associates with whom he has spent so many pleasant years. A JOYOUS NEW YEAR DANCE. The carnival dance that is to be held at Coates' hall on Friday evening, will be one filled with the welcoming spirit to the new year and to bid the old year of 1920 farewell in the midst of fun and merriment. The Holly quintette of musicians will be on the job in furnishing the latest and best of dance music which will embody the spirit of joyfulness and to which the dancers can enjoy the speeding hours of the old departing year. Fancy caps, horns and confetti and the streamers of carnival time will be in evidence at the ball and to add a touch of real carnival spirit to the occasion, Raymond Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. "Blick" Dunn of Nebraska City will assist in the entertaining. Daily Journal, 15c per week. SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD. The Sunday school board of the Methodist church will meet on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Don C. York. All members of the board are urged to be in attendance at this meeting. A world of books for the kiddies and grown-ups are on sale at the Journal office.