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HINTS FOR HOMESTEADERS

Passage of Kinkaid Bill Opens Chance for Many to Secure Homes.

NOW IS THE BEST TIME TO LOOK UP LANDS

Majority of Them Available Only for Grazing, but Dairy Industry Offers a Tempting Field for the Settler.

O'NEILL, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—Now that the president has signed the Kinkaid section homestead bill there are, no doubt, many readers of The Bee who desire information regarding the measure, as to how to proceed to work out a home.

The provisions of the bill are such that it will not become effective until sixty days after it is signed by the president, but persons intending to locate would do well to have their land picked out before that time expires and the best way to find the land desired for a home is to go onto the lands available in person and make the selection. Those who are pioneers in Nebraska express the opinion that this measure will be a great benefit to the state in that it will be the means of many families securing homes under its provisions that would not be able to make a living on 100 acres as heretofore allowed. It is pointed out that a homesteader who is able to take a few cows onto a homestead will be safe from hard times if he will only be careful and get all out of the land that it will produce. For instance, there are thousands of sections available that will give good pasture to more than 100 head of cattle.

The settler should at the beginning plant out at least ten acres of timber. The government maintains a plant on the Dismal river that produces annually millions of tree plants adapted to Nebraska, and the plants can be had for the asking. While tree planting is not required, still it must be remembered that when a settler comes to make final proof he must show improvements to the value of \$1.50 per acre, and a nice ten-acre tract planted in trees would count for a considerable amount along that line when final proof is to be made, and, besides, the value of the timber to the settler could hardly be estimated.

Settlers should not go onto these lands with the idea of doing extensive farming. The plans should be along the lines of dairying and stock raising. Generally speaking, the stock can graze on these lands about nine months in the year, except the most fertile sections. Settlers should go into these sections with the idea of fencing the entire section into a pasture. Then inside the pasture run fences around the small tracts suitable for plowing and on these small tracts raise millet, oats, cane for fodder, alfalfa and other roughage for winter feed for cattle.

The dairy business has now grown to great proportions and the lands now available under this law are just the kind for that purpose. The settler who provides himself with cows can now by the improved methods secure a hand separator with which he can extract the cream from the milk while it is yet warm and feed the warm milk to calves. The cream from even ten cows will bring in from \$20 to \$40 in cash per month, owing to how well they are cared for, and this income can be increased by the number and proper care of cows. The cream market is well established and will never become poorer. A thrifty settler can ordinarily take care of the stock on the homestead with the help of his family and find considerable time to look after providing proper sheds and winter feed for his stock. The cream money every month meets the current expenses and as a general rule more money can be made and more easily in this way than by farming, and especially where a farmer has to rent land to farm. With families living on each section, schools, churches and other advantages will soon follow. The early settlers of this part of Nebraska who insisted on buying a lot of machinery to farm with were the ones who had to leave, while those who raised stock have become well-to-do financially.

Saloon Waddie Is Settled.—GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—An adjourned regular meeting of the city council was held last night to hear the protest of Chief of Police Koepke against James Foley, applicant for saloon license, and to take action upon the protest filed by Mr. Foley upon the advice of his attorney, Charles G. Ryan, against twelve other saloon men. Mr. Foley not only withdrew his protest against the others, but his application for a license himself. All day yesterday the mayor, James Cleary, and the city attorney, M. T. Garlow, were besieged to bring about a compromise, but

BOYD COUNTY SUITS FILED

Attorney General Asks that Settlers Be Ejected from Land.

ALSO WANTS RENT FOR TIME OCCUPIED

Lancaster County Democrats Called to Meet May 4.—Dr. Hall of State Committee Sounds Bryan Rallying Cry.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, April 29.—(Special.)—Attorney General Prout today filed in the supreme court six petitions in the ejectment suits against the Boyd county settlers. The decision in the case, it is claimed, will merely decide the possession of the land and will not decide the title. Besides endeavoring to eject the settlers, Prout asks that the settlers pay damages to the state as rent from the time they have been on the land.

The defendants in the cases are: F. J. Bednar, Joseph Cannon, A. T. McCright, S. W. Tanner, John H. Brown and William Luedke, each of whom has a quarter section. Cannot and McCright have held their land since March, 1901, and the others have been in possession since November, 1898.

The petitions are similar except in the names, amount of damages asked and the description of the land. It is said this is the first time a suit of this nature has ever been tried as an original action in the supreme court. Following is the petition: The State of Nebraska against Frank J. Bednar. Comes now the state of Nebraska, by F. N. Prout, its attorney general, who brings this petition, and asks the court that it be decreed that the defendant herein has obtained on request of Hon. John H. Mickey, governor, and the state Board of Educational Lands and Funds of the state of Nebraska, and for cause of action as follows: That the defendant is entitled to the possession of the following described premises, to wit: The southern quarter section 34, in township 22, range 17 west, situated in Boyd county, Nebraska, and said defendant also asks the court to award him the sum of \$250, and has applied the same to his own use and to the plaintiff's damage in the sum of \$250.

The State of Nebraska. F. N. Prout, its Attorney General. Lancaster Democratic Call. The democrats of Lancaster county will meet in convention in Lincoln on Wednesday, May 4, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state and congressional conventions. The basis of representation is one delegate for every fifteen votes or major part thereof cast for Judge Sargent. Last night the Third ward caucus held their caucus and endorsed J. A. McGuire as district delegate to the national convention. Chairman Hall of the democratic state committee rallied the Bryan wing of the party, scored the reorganizers and announced that he was not yet ready to discard Mr. Bryan.

Robbers to Make Tour. Lincoln jobbers and business men will get out among the people May 4 for a four-days' visit to get acquainted and hustle for the business they are not now getting. The trip will be over the North-western and north to the Iowa line on the main line. A run also will be made over the Bonesteel and Albion branches of the road. A meeting was held this afternoon and the details of the trip were arranged.

Will Ignore Excise Board. At a meeting of the excise board last night a rule passed a week ago suspending the taking of fines from women of the half-world was repealed. As the rule now stands only keepers of disorderly resorts will be fined and they will have to pay a monthly tax of \$50 for the privilege to exist. In the meantime Police Judge Comgrove announced that he would not hear the women as he pleased and would pay no further attention to the excise board.

War on Plate Glass. Local merchants who have plate glass fronts are beginning to worry over the acts of a vandal who has broken several valuable windows in this city. Among those who have suffered from this piece of lawlessness are: The Farmers and Merchants bank, Chapin Brothers' flower store, Ewing Brothers' clothing store, St. Paul's Methodist church. A reward of \$50 has been offered by the bank for the arrest of the guilty parties and an attempt is being made to get the names of several merchants and make the reward a large one.

Bridge Fight at Schuyler. SCHUYLER, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—Matters with reference to the wagon bridge across the river at this point are getting at white heat. A conference was held between those most ardently pushing the project of rebuilding and a couple of the commissioners at which the affairs were amicably discussed and agreement came to that the commissioners would receive a committee of the citizens and give their representations due consideration. A committee comprising leading business men of the city, among them Thomas Bryant, C. Abbott, John E. Arnold, E. F. Folds and James Gadsden, met and made a proposition that if the commissioners would build Colfax county's one-half of the bridge, and see that the other half of it was built, and Butler county give due attention to the way of being required to pay for the south half of it, they would guarantee payment for the bridge to the extent Butler county could not be made to pay for it. The commissioners balked outright and refused to consider the matter at all, and it is more strongly determined now than ever that the injunction restraining the board from building bridges and buying material, and paying for much that has been bought, shall be made permanent and enforced.

Work of Hastings Presbytery. EDGAR, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—The Hastings district presbytery closed a two-day session here last evening. Twenty-three ministers and eighteen laymen were present, representing every charge in the district which numbers thirty-four. The following business was transacted in addition to election of officers and some routine business: Mr. Mitchellmore was examined, licensed and ordained to preach. A resolution was adopted, pledging this presbytery to raise \$1,000 to add to the endowment fund of the Hastings college, which swells the endowment fund of the college to \$20,000. After listening to reports from the various charges the session closed by electing Rev. A. C. Kruse of Hastings and Elder A. A. Galt of Edgar, commissioners to the next general assembly.

Columbus May Invite Cadets. COLUMBUS, April 29.—(Special.)—Mayor Boettcher is in receipt of a letter from Omaha stating that the cadets of the high school there numbering 350 young men and a band of twenty-five pieces are considering Columbus as a favorable place for a week's camp during the last of May or the first of June, and asking what

the city can do as an inducement for them to come here.

TREATMENT ABUSES NEIGHBORS

Merrick County Man in Jail for Neglecting Wife.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—A complaint was filed before the county judge yesterday charging Ferdinand Schick with felonious and incestuous cohabitation with his niece. Upon a warrant issued Sheriff Hollister arrested the defendant and he is now lodged in the county jail awaiting preliminary examination. It is claimed that about twelve or thirteen years ago the defendant sent for his niece—his daughter and daughter-in-law—and brought her to this country from Germany; that shortly after her arrival he informed her that they could not live together unless they became married. The defendant claims that they were married in Hall county. It appears that ever since the time the woman was found in the last stages of consumption, Squalar and distress were everywhere in evidence about the house. She was in bed, with dirty rags for covering, with no attendants. The defendant was told he should have to secure a nurse and care for the woman or she would have to be taken away. Failing to do so she was removed to the county poor farm, where she now remains, with no hope of recovery.

It is claimed that during confinement for her last child she was compelled to take quarters in the granary. The neighbors are laying out the most prosperous companies of that kind in the state, has contracted for a new elevator which will be strictly up to date in all respects and will have a capacity of about 40,000 bushels. It will also install a roller feed mill and grinding machinery, and other up-to-date machinery. It has secured a location on the Kansas City & Omaha railway, now owned by the Burlington. When this company first organized, they purchased property adjoining the side track and right-of-way of the Burlington. Last night the Third ward caucus held their caucus and endorsed J. A. McGuire as district delegate to the national convention. Chairman Hall of the democratic state committee rallied the Bryan wing of the party, scored the reorganizers and announced that he was not yet ready to discard Mr. Bryan.

Plains Elevator to Build. YORK, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—The Farmers' Grain company of York which has been in business for the past sixteen months, and is one of the most prosperous companies of that kind in the state, has contracted for a new elevator which will be strictly up to date in all respects and will have a capacity of about 40,000 bushels. It will also install a roller feed mill and grinding machinery, and other up-to-date machinery. It has secured a location on the Kansas City & Omaha railway, now owned by the Burlington. When this company first organized, they purchased property adjoining the side track and right-of-way of the Burlington. Last night the Third ward caucus held their caucus and endorsed J. A. McGuire as district delegate to the national convention. Chairman Hall of the democratic state committee rallied the Bryan wing of the party, scored the reorganizers and announced that he was not yet ready to discard Mr. Bryan.

Pleads Guilty to Embezzlement. YORK, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—The Rogers Lumber company, having yards in York and nearly all other towns in this county, recently placed under arrest L. R. Leonard, manager of its yards at York, charging him with embezzlement of the company's funds. Leonard gave bond for appearance. This week J. W. Stratton, manager of the Rogers company in Henderson, was arrested for embezzlement of the company's funds and yesterday before County Judge Taylor pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement of \$335 of the company's money. Mr. Stratton claimed that the company owed him. He was fined \$25 and costs, amounting to a total of \$75.

Long Dry Spell Broken. ALLIANCE, Neb., April 29.—The dry spell that has extended over a period of eight months was broken here today in a steady downpour of rain that lasted more than four hours and which was general throughout this part of the state.

Nebraska News Notes. ASHLAND, April 29.—The Burlington & Missouri company has a corps of surveyors here laying out the site of a new bridge.

OSCEOLA, April 29.—Robert N. Thomas and Miss Minnie M. Haggerty were married here last night. A ball given for the benefit of the school building fund was held at the home of Mrs. J. D. McBride last night. The proceeds were \$100.

PLATTSMOUTH, April 29.—Sheriff J. D. McBride took John Diggs to Lincoln to be held for the trial on a charge of burglary at Elmwood.

BEATRICE, April 29.—Fifteen hundred pounds of flour was taken from a car bound for Blair. The flour was consigned to R. C. Giddings & Co. of this city.

PLATTSMOUTH, April 29.—Crops are looking promising, as there has been abundance of moisture since April 15 and now the warm, bright sun is pushing the vegetation rapidly forward. Wheat and oats are very promising and fruit, judging by the amount of bloom, will be abundant.

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