

## Nebraska HOUSE UPHOLDS POTASH LEASES ALREADY GIVEN

Takes Action on Much Discussed Measure to Support Tenure of Men Who Long Have Been Upon Ground.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The house of representatives today ordered to third reading the potash bill after long discussion. An amendment to give the State Board of Educational Lands and Funds the authority to grant leases at from 5 to 25 per cent royalty was defeated and the bill left to read "not less than 5 per cent." Then was added a clause that the leases should go to the highest and best bidder. Craddock of Douglas started the big discussion in the introduction of an amendment which would deny the right of the Board of Educational Lands to validate leases already made. He believed that the state had a right to get the best out of its potash leases it could irrespective of the leases made.

**Makes "Politics" Charge.**  
Thomas of Box Butte said 227 leases had been issued by the State Board of Educational Lands, which had been made in good faith. He charged that politics had entered into the matter and it was not right that men who had put good money and much time into the matter in an effort to develop an industry should lose out. He said that really the legislature had no authority to validate the leases. All it could do was to instruct the state board.

Tracewell of Cherry believed the people of the state who had lived here all their lives, had helped to develop it and otherwise been in touch with its forward movement should be given the preference over outside corporations in the development of the potash industry.

**Stuhr for Holding.**  
Stuhr of Hall thought that it would be best for the state to hold onto the deposits. He said that most of the potash now used went for agricultural purposes in the way of fertilizer for eastern states and he thought that the time would come when Nebraska would need the potash for its own lands and that it should conserve it until that time.

By a vote of 31 to 47 the house agreed to validate leases given by the State Board of Educational Lands and Funds.

**How They Voted.**  
The vote on the amendment which sought to deny right to validate leases was:

Yes—Axtel, Conley, Craddock, Dalpe, Dau, Foulon, Fries, Fultz, Good, Harris of Greeley, Erick Johnson, Keegan, Knutson, McAllister, Miller, Norton, Olson, Osterman, Reed, Richard, Reischick, Sass, Segelek, Shafer, Shannon, Stream, Stuhr, Swanson, Taylor, Ward.—31.

No—Ainlay, Anderson of Boyd, Anderson of Phelps, Bates, Beal, Cronin, Dalbey, Fleetwood, Fuller, Gormley, Greenwald, Harris of Buffalo, Hokettler, Hughes, Hunt, Huton, Pacobson, Jellen, Fred Johnson, Koch, Lampert, Lamar, Liggett, Lindberg, Lovely, Manzer, Moseley, Murty, Naylor, Neff, Nesbit, Peterson, Radke, Reifenrath, Reneker, Reynolds, Rine, Sculder, Sindelar, Sternes, Thomas, Todd, Tracewell, Trumbel, Waite, White, Mr. Speaker.—47.

The house sent the bill to be engrossed for passage with only 15 dissenting votes, Axtel, Conley, Craddock, Dalpe, Fries, Harris of Greeley, Erick Johnson, Keegan, Liggett, Miller, Neff, Osterman, Segelek, Shannon and Stuhr. Fifty-three voted for the bill.

### Senate Passes Bill to Repeal Mockett Law

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The Mockett law permitting the teaching of foreign languages in the public schools is repealed by a bill which unanimously passed in the senate today. Senator Mattes, president of the German alliance, in explaining his vote, said: "When the law was passed circumstances permitted enactment on its merits as an educational factor alone."

"Without receding one iota in loyalty to the state and nation in the one great purpose in which we are pressing forward, it might be wished that this educational subject might at all times be considered as an educational value and by that standard alone it is clear that our national administration has so considered it and has given its approval to the study of modern foreign languages in the schools, but the test of time will settle the matter."

Senator Mattes said that the governor had called the legislature together to enact laws such as will materially strengthen our effectiveness in co-operation with the federal government and believing in its sincerity and honesty of opinion it would govern his opinion and he would vote for the bill.

### Senate Passes Measure Correcting Omaha Charter

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—S. F. No. 1, a bill correcting an error in the Omaha charter, was passed by the senate this afternoon. It provided for the issuance of sewer bonds, correcting an error in the law which made it impossible, in the mind of the state auditor, to register certain bonds already issued.

S. F. No. 2, the sabotage bill, also was passed. The home guard bill was recommended for passage without any important amendment as it came from the house. The anti-alien bill was amended so that a foreigner voting on his first papers will be given three years to complete the same after the adoption of the constitutional amendment defining citizenship. It was reported for passage.

**Norfolk City Council.**  
Norfolk, Neb., April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—W. H. Blakeman, M. C. Fraser, Thomas Johnson and J. C. Koerber being elected councilmen. Burt Mapes and C. J. Hibben were re-elected for the school board.

## HOUSE GIVES BLOW AT FOREIGN SPEECH

Lower Branch of Legislature Adopts Resolution Urging Schools Not to Teach Any Alien Languages.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—The lower branch of the Nebraska legislature today passed a resolution by Norton approving a request of the State Council of Defense to school authorities to prevent teaching foreign languages in all schools, private, public and denominational. The resolution read:

"Whereas: The most thorough investigation has established beyond question that the teaching of the German language has wrought a baneful influence upon American citizenship in Nebraska, therefore be it

Resolved, That we approve the request of the Nebraska State Council of Defense that Nebraska school authorities preclude the teaching of all foreign languages in the elementary grades; that no foreign language shall be taught in any of the private or denominational schools, and that all instruction, whether secular or religious, shall be given in the English language during the war."

**Stay in Lincoln Saturday.**  
An invitation from the Omaha committee having in charge the Liberty loan parade there on Saturday was read, but the members did not believe it wise to accept the invitation to attend in a body for the reason that on Saturday legislation of the special session may be so far along it might be wisdom to work. Besides Lincoln was having a Liberty parade at the same time and if the members attended either it was better not to leave the city.

### Eustis Red Cross Workers Hold White Elephant Sale

Eustis, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—Figures compiled by the finance committee of the local Red Cross branch show that the Red Cross and white elephant sale here Saturday, March 30, netted \$1,717.40. Nearly a third of this sum was cash donated prior to the sale. During the sale a number of ladies circulated around through the crowd stealing hats. The hats were handed to the auctioneers and sold to the highest bidder. Nearly \$100 was realized in this manner. One cake sold for \$14.

The committee in charge of the junior auxiliary of the Red Cross served lunch during the day and realized about \$150. Reports from the agricultural communities tributary to Eustis indicate that the winter wheat crop prospects are excellent. A rain fall of one-half inch precipitation within the past few days has acted as a great stimulant to small grain and has put the ground in fine shape for spring work. The winter wheat crop acreage has been greatly increased, and it is said by grain buyers that the production will be the largest ever produced in this section.

Fred Zimmerer, ex-member of the Nebraska legislature in the pioneer days, a native of Germany and a civil war veteran, will speak at the Council of Defense meeting to be held in the opera house Friday, April 5.

### School Children Discover Body of Aged Bachelor

Minden, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—At Axtel, 10 miles west of here, school children who had broken a window with a base ball, discovered the decomposed body of an aged man, afterwards identified as that of Isaac Sundstrom, a bachelor, who the neighbors supposed was visiting relatives in Gothenburg since last October. Tom Swanson, who has been occupying the other side of the house, had no knowledge of Sundstrom's fate. He was 79 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Nelson, living three miles southeast of Minden, received news of the death from septicemia of their son, Harry E. Nelson, on board the United States steamship Brooklyn. He has been in the service over three years. Burial will be made here, the body to be shipped from some point in Asia. He is the first Kearney county boy to lose his life in the service since war was declared.

### Jenks Talks at Madison.

Madison, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—Dr. E. H. Jenks of Omaha gave a patriotic address at this city Tuesday before the Liberty bond organization for the Madison district. The executive committee consists of C. S. Snyder, chairman; I. M. Dawson, Otto Scheer, Otto Fuerst, F. H. Taylor, C. E. Fraser, and C. S. Sutton. The county executive committee consists of W. H. Field, chairman; A. E. Ward, secretary; F. M. Yeazel, Judge M. S. McDuffee, W. E. Taylor, Mark O'Shea, County Superintendent N. A. Housel. F. A. Peterson is county chairman and ex-officio chairman of all committees.

### Former Nebraskan Dies.

Smith's Falls, Ont., April 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Letitia Wilton, widow of the late Benjamin Contal of Blair, Neb., died today at the age of 86, at

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### Amsberry Defeats Waters For Broken Bow Mayoralty

Broken Bow, Neb., April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—At the municipal election here D. M. Amsberry, people's independent, was elected for mayor over W. W. Waters of the citizens ticket by a majority of eight votes. The total vote cast was 366. The mayor-elect is a pioneer newspaper man of the county and former receiver in the United States land office here.

### Curtis Votes Against Closing of Bowling Alleys

Curtis, Neb., April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The municipal election held here Tuesday resulted in the election

### Ralph Burns and B. Graham In Auto Accident at Edgar

Edgar, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—Ralph Burns and Bernard Graham were injured when an auto in which they were driving overturned last night. They attempted to pass another car occupied by Clyde Wilson, Fairfield, and Miss Grace Burns, a sister of Ralph. Graham had one leg badly crushed and Burns had one leg bruised. The car they were driving, the property of John Lindberg, was badly wrecked.

### New Teachers at Burwell.

Burwell, Neb., April 3.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the school board last night G. R. Boomer was elected superintendent for the ninth consecutive year. Mae Mathena, Minnie Warner and Carmen Lavery were elected as high school teachers. Lucyle De Lashmunt, J. L. Jenkins, Mary Quinn, Imo Barrett, Frances Meyers, Frances Coffin, Edyth Johnson and Helyn Beynon were elected for the grades. The board expects to put in a business course in the high school, for which a principal has not yet been elected.

## SENATE PASSES BILL TO PREVENT TEACHING GERMAN

Lincoln, Neb., April 3.—Two other bills for laws deemed necessary because of the war were passed in the senate. One of them, proposing repeal of the state law which permits school patrons to compel school boards to provide for teaching of German and other foreign language in the schools, has already passed the house and now goes to the governor for his signature. The other, designed to prevent sabotage in Nebraska, now goes to the house.

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