

Nebraska POTASH FIGHT ON IN EARNEST BEFORE BOARD

Larger Companies Say They Are Better Equipped and Can Return More Revenues to State.

Lincoln, April 12.—(Special).—The State Board of Educational Lands and Funds faces a serious problem in leasing state lands on which are situated potash lakes, the problem being whether to give former leaseholders preference or the Western Potash company, which, according to President W. E. Sharp of the company, is able to give to the state greater returns because of its ability to get more value from the waters of the lakes.

The American Potash company, which also is controlled by the Sharp interests, with the Western Potash company, owns several lakes which lie partly on school lands. This company desires to acquire rights to the water in these lakes and also to other lakes convenient to their plant for pumping purposes.

In his talk before the board today Mr. Sharp said the potash industry was in its infancy, but many of the lakes were of little value unless connected up with a plant which could develop them. His company already has about 50 miles of piping, some of this connecting with one lake which lies partially on school lands. At the request of Land Commissioner Shumway they had ceased pumping from this lake when the legality of the leases were questioned.

Western Well Equipped. Mr. Sharp said the Western company was equipped with the latest word in modern machinery for extracting full value from potash waters. By extensive investigation they had been able to discover that the potash obtained was not the only value in the waters, but that other chemicals therein added greatly to the value. The American company was unable to extract these other deposits because of lack of proper equipment, but the Western had at big expense installed machinery which was extracting all the value. Heretofore the potash was shipped east as it came from the evaporating system and eastern buyers had been able to go farther and extract a much more valuable chemical from it. The Western company was now able to do at Antioch what the eastern people were doing and, therefore, would be able to bring to the state a greater revenue than could be received from the potash alone. The American company was able to extract only about one-fourth the value from the waters that the Western company was doing.

The method of the American company, he said, was the same as that of the smaller companies now endeavoring to have their leases validated by the board.

Advocates Early Action. Mr. Sharp advocated early action by the board as the state might lose a great deal, for no plant could be equipped in the same manner as the Western Potash company inside of nine months. His company was so situated that the marketable material was promptly taken care of and right now it had \$250,000 worth of potash rolling between Antioch and Atlanta. Two years ago the potash was worth from \$27 to \$40 a ton. Today it is bringing \$100 to \$125 a ton.

M. F. Harrington, representing the smaller lease holders and those who were seeking validation of their leases, spoke for the smaller holders. He said the board was morally bound to give the smaller fellows a chance to release in preference to any others.

Red Oak Boy Scouts Win Flag in Second Loan Drive

Red Oak, Ia., April 12.—(Special).—The Boy Scouts of the Congregational church of Red Oak, received a large silk flag this week, the gift of President Wilson, to the Boy Scout organization of Iowa selling the largest number of bonds in the second Liberty loan drive. Eleven members of the local scout organization entered the contest and sold bonds to the amount of \$33,500. In addition to the flag each of the boys was presented with a medal, on the front of which are engraved the words, "Presented on behalf of the United States treasury department, for service in Liberty loan campaign, Boy Scouts of America, October, 1917." On the reverse side of the medal is engraved, "War service. Every Scout to have a soldier."

The flag is 41-3x51-2 feet in size, made of silk, with gold fringe and is hung on a staff surmounted with a brass eagle. It is hand worked, and on the ferrule of the flag staff are engraved the words, "Presented to Troop No. 1 Boy Scouts of America, Red Oak, Ia., by the President of the United States through the Women's Liberty Loan committee, for distinguished service in aid of the second Liberty loan, October 21 to 27, 1917, state of Iowa."

More Men for Radio Work Sought by Government

Lincoln, April 12.—(Special).—A telegram from the war department to the office of the State Board for Vocational Education urges a large enrollment in radiobuzzer classes to meet the army demand. Men who complete the course satisfactorily are guaranteed assignment to this work in army service.

The state board has radio-buzzer schools in Nebraska, as follows: University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Peru State Normal school, Peru; Nebraska Wesleyan University, University Place; Young Men's Christian association, Omaha; Young Men's Christian association, Norfolk.

Rev. W. H. Buss Resigns.

Fremont, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram).—Rev. W. H. Buss, for 16 years pastor of the First Congregationalist church and winner of the prize for a Nebraska poem, has resigned and will give up pulpit work. Failing health is given as the cause. Mr. Buss may decide to take up evangelistic work later.

He said the supreme court in its opinion, while not directly favoring it, still indirectly indicated it was the thing to do and that the legislature in passing the potash act, in which it had given the state board authority to validate leases on certain conditions had favored validating the leases already given to the men who in releasing them to develop the industry and had spent money to fight it through the courts.

May Correct Mistake.

State Treasurer Hall wanted to know if the board did not have the right to rectify a mistake, if it had made one and if the legislature in placing the leasing of the lands subject to the judgement of the board had not considered that a mistake had been made, and that the state had the right to do what was best for the state, irrespective of the mistake made in ignorance of the real value of the property under consideration.

The section of the potash bill covering the validation of leases heretofore given provides that the old lease holders shall be given preference in releasing when the bids are equal and fair as compared with others and the board to take into consideration activities already made, money invested and improvements made or arranged to be made.

Mr. Harrington stated that the company he represented had already made arrangements for building a \$250,000 plant. The board before the hearing passed a resolution that all old lease holders must apply for new leases within 30 days from this date, failure so to do being evidence that they did not intend to take any action.

LEHR PROMOTED TO SERGEANT IN FLYING CORPS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 12.—(Special).—Manderson, Lehr of Albion, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lehr and nephew of the late General Manderson of Omaha, who has been doing great service with the French aviation squadron in France, has been honored by promotion from corporal to sergeant. It is said that it is exceeding difficult for a foreigner to receive such recognition in France, but the fact that Lehr has shown himself an expert and has already been in several air battles in which through his plane was several times pierced with German bullets, he came out victorious, has given him considerable prominence among the French flyers. Lehr's latest battle was April 6 when in an expedition over German territory, two of his companions, Houston Woodward of Philadelphia and Charles Kerwood of Bryn Mawr, Pa., have since been missing. Kerwood was flying low in a bomb dropping plane, while Lehr was far above him. Suddenly several German planes attacked Kerwood and his machine fell behind the German lines. Lehr was too far away to be of assistance and does not know the real fate of his companion. Woodward was out on a scouting expedition and has not been heard from since the time he started.

Son of Late H. H. Philpott Dies of Attack of Measles

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 12.—(Special).—Word came to Lincoln today that Wilfred Philpott, small and only son of Mrs. H. H. Philpott of Moberly, Mo., died suddenly.

He was a son of H. H. Philpott, who was for years connected with the Bee and for a large part of the time Lincoln correspondent for this paper. He went to Francis, Tex., several years ago and established the Francis Bee, but his health compelled him to sell out and he came back to Nebraska and assisted in covering the 1913 session of the Nebraska legislature for the Bee. Later he again returned to assist in the 1915 session, but died in Omaha in September before the session convened.

The boy died of measles which developed into other complications and later into brain fever. He was buried beside his father at Moberly.

Fire at Polk Threatens Entire Business District

Polk, Neb., April 12.—(Special).—At an early hour this morning the livery and feed barn belonging to A. E. Swanson was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$4,000, partially covered by insurance. No stock was in the building at the time, but a new car, the property of Lee Craf, which was stored in the building was burned. The fire, which originated in the barn, had spread to the store house of Sundberg & Son, hardware merchants, before the flames were discovered, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the business houses in the block were saved. The loss to Sundberg & Son on store house and stock, including two automobiles, will total \$2,000 with no insurance, while the Farmers Co-operative Store building was damaged to the amount of \$200. The damage to the other buildings was slight.

Yutan Subscribes Quota in Few Hours; Still Going

Yutan, Neb., April 12.—(Special).—A few hours after the first Liberty Bond was sold, Yutan went "over the top" with \$28,850 to her credit, \$12,450 above her quota, which was \$16,400. "We do not intend to slow down until we have passed the \$40,000 mark, which is far beyond the Hindenberg line, and safety," declared one bond worker.

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Gage County Farmers to Discuss Seed Situation

Beatrice, Neb., April 12.—(Special).—County Agent Rist will hold meetings at the home of farmers in parts of Gage county to discuss the seed corn situation. An effort will be made to provide all with sufficient seed.

Beatrice may have a new five-story hotel within a short time. A representative of a hotel corporation is in the city investigating the matter.

The body of Harry Snyder, who ended his life at South Omaha Tuesday morning by gas asphyxiation, was brought here yesterday to be interred in the Dunkard cemetery, near his old home at Pickrel. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon. Mr. Snyder was 48 years old and leaves a widow.

The third Liberty loan drive was started yesterday at the Commercial club luncheon, in charge of T. E. Adams. Committees were appointed to push the work, and during the afternoon and night about \$100,000 was subscribed. The employees of the Dempster company took \$5,600 of the bonds. Beatrice's quota is \$180,000, and it is thought this amount will be raised by Saturday night.

Four school districts northeast of Lincoln held a meeting to discuss the question of consolidating into one district. Another meeting will be held in a few days to complete the merger and perfect plans for the erection of a \$30,000 school house.

Charles Pike, living near Plymouth, has sold his 80 acre farm for \$170 per acre. This is a record price in Jefferson county.

W. H. Kilpatrick, yesterday received a cablegram from William Kilpatrick stating that he had arrived safely somewhere across the Atlantic.

Mr. Kilpatrick is in the quartermaster's department of the regular army, and has been in training at Camp J. E. Johnston at Jacksonville, Fla.

Deputy United States Marshal

Table Rock Pioneer Dies After Lingered Illness

Table Rock, Neb., April 12.—(Special).—Mrs. Cordelia Goodell, 88 years old, a resident of Table Rock since the early '80s, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. N. C. Campbell, at Humboldt, Tuesday night. She is survived by a son and a daughter, A. H. Fellers and Mrs. N. C. Campbell of Humboldt. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at Humboldt and the interment will be in the Table Rock cemetery.

Rev. F. A. Luedke, for the last three years pastor of the Evangelical church at Maple Grove, west of here, in the Steinhauer vicinity, died at his home in Pawnee City, from stomach trouble. He was born February 7, 1850, and at the age of 20 came to this country from Germany.

Jonathan Hilts and Miss Abbie Robertson, a former teacher in the Pawnee City public schools, were married at Clinton, Ia., April 2.

Albert Barrett, a former resident of this county and a brother-in-law of Count Judge D. W. Neill and George Neill of this county, was accidentally killed in Omaha Saturday.

Mr. Barrett was a skilled brick mason, working on a new hotel being erected in Omaha. He stepped out of an eighth story window onto a scaffold, which gave way and he fell to the ground a distance of 75 feet and was killed instantly.

Millard Citizens Hold Big Liberty Loan Meeting

Millard, Neb., April 12.—(Special).—The preparatory meeting for the Liberty loan drive held Saturday night at Peters' auditorium, was largely attended. Four-minute talks by G. E. Nelson of Millard and Mr. Scholes of Omaha and a forceful address by the speaker of the evening, Mr. Jeffers of Omaha, were the feature of the program. An interesting musical program was given by the school children. At the conclusion of the program a call donated by Hohn Halling was raffled, which brought \$36. The proceeds were turned over to the Red Cross.

The Commercial club of Millard celebrated the opening of its new club house with a housewarming on Wednesday night. The Red Cross women served lunch, the proceeds from which brought \$45.

Plattsmouth Girl Dies When Flames Envelop Body

Plattsmouth, Neb., April 12.—(Special).—Christina Murray, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Murray, died this morning an hour after she had been severely burned when her clothing caught on fire. Her clothes were completely burned from her body before assistance arrived, but she remained conscious to the last, repeatedly calling for her father who was working about a mile from the house. The little girl was attending her mother, who was ill when the accident occurred.

Dr. S. P. Cresap Urged to Enter Congressional Race

Dunbar, Neb., April 12.—(Special).—Dr. S. P. Cresap of Nebraska City, president of the Business Men's association, is being urged to file for the democratic nomination for congress from the First district. Dr. Cresap is well known throughout the district.

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