

POTASH LEASES AGAIN DRAW FIRE IN STATE BOARD

Governor Declares Nebraska Lost \$300,000 by Reason of Position Taken by Treasurer Hall.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, May 10.—(Special.)—That Nebraska has lost \$300,000 or more of revenue as the result of State Treasurer Hall's contrariness was asserted by Governor Neville at the Friday morning session of the educational lands and funds.

Other features of the row between the democratic officials was the request by Land Commissioner Shumway for an investigation by the State Council of Defense to discover whether anybody is delaying the potash production in Nebraska for the purpose of interfering with the prosecution of the war and the denial by Hall of the charges of the governor.

Goes Into Court.
Copies of the restraining order signed by District Judge Flansburg Thursday afternoon, forbidding members of the board to take any steps to renew old potash leases knocked out by the supreme court without first calling for bids and awarding the leases on a competitive basis, was served Friday morning before the board convened.

Because the suit will serve as a means of having the new potash law construed by a judicial authority, Governor Neville announced that he welcomed the action.

Some sharp comments were directed at Treasurer Hall by Land Commissioner Shumway and Secretary of State Pool on account of his lengthy statement of Thursday in which he declared that if the board persisted in its course the state would lose from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

One of Shumway's remarks was that if George saves the state \$300,000 on the leases it will just about make up for what he lost the state in the Standard Oil case.

Loss by Delay.
Declaring that every day's delay means loss of money to Nebraska and prevents the production of potash that would otherwise be available to fertilize land for this year's crops, Commissioner Shumway suggested that the bond given by T. L. Briggs, plaintiff in the injunction suit be raised from \$1,000 to a much higher amount.

Shumway's letter, which he read to the board, is as follows, directed to the State Council of Defense:

"The urgent necessity of potash production for munitions and fertilization, and the persistent and successful efforts of certain individuals to delay production from known deposits in Nebraska leads me to request that you make an investigation of the motives behind these efforts for delay. I request that you summon before you all parties who have been responsible for the delay, and such witnesses, officials or others, as in your opinion may be able to throw light on the purpose.

"I will assist in any manner I can. I hope you may arrive at a conclusion as to whether the motives are merely mercenary, or a part of systematic endeavor of German propagandists to delay and hamper America's part in the great war.

"I urge that the council recommend to the proper department of the United States the taking over of Nebraska potash plants, and the production of potash in Nebraska as a war emergency."

What Governor Said.
After a heavy interchange of remarks following the introduction of this letter Governor Neville interposed with the following on Hall and the oil fees: "This whole affair probably grows out of the fact that Mr. Hall gave out a statement to the newspapers which is unfair in some particulars and the other members of the board, Mr. Shumway was probably stirred up to write his letter because of Mr. Hall's action. Mr. Hall has frequently disagreed with this board and with previous boards, and has had a habit of going to the courts and newspapers with his side of a controversy when he happened to be in a minority.

"As an instance of this, he refused several years ago to permit the food commission to use the oil inspection fees which it had collected. A suit was necessitated thereby, the result of which was that, while Mr. Hall was subsequently shown to be wrong in his contention, the state was compelled to refund about \$150,000 of fees it had collected and the next legislation had to reduce the inspection fee from 10 to 6 cents, so that the state has lost more since then than it did in the first place.

Denial that he was responsible for the loss of this revenue was made by Hall, who insisted that the food commission was at fault because it advertised the fact that it was collecting excessive fees from the oil companies.

Governor Orders Return Of Clairvoyant From West

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, May 10.—(Special.)—Governor Neville today granted requisition papers for the return of Austin Bates, former clairvoyant of Buffalo county, who is charged with swindling Frank Lowenstein, a Kearney farmer, out of \$1,200 last June.

Bates is under arrest at Casper, Wyo., where he was going under the assumed name of Dr. Ross.

Requisition papers were also granted for the return of Henry L. Short, alias Lewis, alias Smith, who is wanted in York county for forgery. Short is in custody at Seattle, Russell Williams, of York, alleges that Short passed a bad check for \$22.50 on him.

North Platte Notes.

North Platte, Neb., May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Postmaster McEvoy has received notice that all local alien women must be registered. He has notified county postmasters.

The local barbers, who went out to strike the first of the week, resumed work this morning. All differences with employers being settled.

A. F. Streitz has been appointed secretary of the local Red Cross to succeed C. F. Temple, who has resigned.

DENIES GERMAN PRIESTS RIGHT TO TEACH OR PREACH

Freemont, Neb., May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Declaring that he would not issue a permit to preach or teach to any enemy alien who would not come out unqualifiedly and state that he is an American citizen, Judge F. W. Button, in district court this afternoon denied the petitions of Rev. W. A. Capius of Dodge and Rev. F. G. Schopp of Snyder, enemy aliens, to preach and teach.

The two priests were denied permits two weeks ago, but on application were granted a rehearing. They were represented by an attorney, and County Attorney J. C. Cook acted for the State Council of Defense.

Both priests evaded questions regarding Germany's rights and obligations in this war. They did not believe the stories of atrocities German soldiers are charged with. They both said their sympathies are with the United States in this war.

Two weeks ago they said they were with both sides. Both priests said they did not believe Germany justified in sinking the Lusitania. They do not believe in revolutions and a revolution would be required to dethrone the German emperor, they said.

Judge Button was applauded by the crowd that gathered in the court room for the hearing.

Freemont High School Will Hold Graduation June 2

Freemont, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Commencement week at Freemont High school will begin June 2, when the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. Nathaniel McGiffin of the First Presbyterian church. The graduating exercises will be held Wednesday night, June 5. Miss Winnifred Howell is valedictorian.

Following are members of the class: Edith Bacon, Alta Baltz, Muriel Bishop, Naomi Bloenbaugh, Irene Burrill, Irene Bushnell, Dewey Cahoon, Alice Christensen, Alta Christensen, Perry Christensen, Lawrence Custer, Clinton Douglas, Elsie Eckels, Eleanor Eddy, Earle Ely, Frieda Funk, Maurice Gardner, Russell Greenlee, Howard Hammond, Emma Hanson, DeEtte Hardenbrook, Graham Harris, Ed Hauser, Glenn Henningsen, Ethel Herman, Winnifred Howell, Carl Jorgensen, Helen Kelly, Micky Krupinsky, Lillian Lipschitz, Ruth Lamme, Dora Legband, Vern McClellan, Homer McDill, Philo McGiffin, George McKennan, Nellie Martin, Margaret Maxwell, Lillian Mokofsky, Mildred Moller, Margaret Murphy, Nieman Nelson, Leah Niebaum, Emily Petersen, Leona Phelps, Esther Rabe, Howard Rabe, Bryan Realph, Kenneth Rieley, Lyla Reutlinger, Esther Ruwe, Cathryn Sexson, Mabel Shaler, Arthur Sidner, Emmet Sink, Harry Stevens, Alvina Stormquist, Elsie Weiland, Charles Wilch, Prudence Wintersteen, Bonnie Wright and Ruth Zwicky.

Carl A. Berg, former physical director of the Freemont Young Men's Christian association, who went to Camp Cody, Deming, N. M., where he was a member of the Young Men's Christian association force for several months, has been elected physical director at Beatrice. For the last few months Mr. Berg has been physical director at the Douglas, Ariz., "Y."

Word has been received in Freemont of the death at Canastota, N. Y., of James P. Sackett, a former Freemont resident. Mr. Sackett for several years was landlord of the Eno hotel of Freemont.

Service Flag Raising Held By Citizens of Dunbar

Dunbar, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—A big patriotic flag-raising celebration was held at Dunbar yesterday with the Honorable Richard L. Metcalfe of Omaha, as the principal speaker.

A large crowd was present to witness the impressive ceremonies. Thirty-five stars were upon the service flag raised with "Old Glory." W. W. Anness presided.

Monday evening Lee P. Gillette No. 272, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, with James P. Baker worshipful master, held service flag dedicatory exercises in honor of eight Masonic members who are in the service.

Freemont Pastor Gets Word Brother Wounded in France

Freemont, Neb., May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Rev. F. H. Gillette, pastor of the First Christian church, received word, through the War department, that his brother, William J. A. Gillette, a member of a machine gun company, had been severely wounded during the recent fighting in Picardy.

Mr. Gillette enlisted at Firesteel, S. D., a year ago.

HYMENEAL.

Hurley-Penkava.
Beatrice, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Edward J. Hurley and Elsie Ramona Penkava, both of Ohio, were married here yesterday by County Judge O'Keefe.

Boesiger-Wellager.
Beatrice, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—William Boesiger of Princeton and Olga A. Wellager of Hallam were married at Lincoln yesterday.

Weddings at Beatrice.
Beatrice, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—County Judge O'Keefe officiated at the marriages of Charles Gerwick of Odell and Mary Virginia Novotny of Diller; George Leonard Jones and Hazel Rebecca Pyle, both of Armour.

Stroh-Walker.
Beatrice, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—George Alfred Stroh and Lennie Emeline Walker, both of this city, were married here yesterday by Rev. C. C. Cissell of the Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Stroh left on an afternoon train for Philadelphia, where the former is employed by the government in the shipbuilding yards.

Fell-Ellis.
York, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Miss Inez Fell of Blue Hill and Prof. Arthur H. Ellis of the York business college were married here yesterday. The couple will make their future home at Des Moines, Ia.

Young-Osborne.
York, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Claudius Young of Waco and Miss Ethel Osborne of the same place were married at the Methodist parsonage yesterday afternoon.

Wealthy Farmers Bound Over on Espionage Charges

Beaver City, Neb., May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—A. H. and George Griffith, of Oxford precinct, were arrested under the sedition law on complaint of the county attorney.

Preliminary hearing was waived in county court and they were bound over to district court.

They are prominent farmers, who had recently been called before the county council of defense.

Belvidere Home Guards Will Give Patriotic Celebration

Belvidere, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Belvidere has one of the best drilled home guard companies in the state, having 70 members and six officers.

Merchants of the city have assisted the company in obtaining uniforms. Members are now drilling with wooden guns, but hope soon to have modern rifles. A Fourth of July celebration is to be given under the auspices of the home guards.

Beatrice Items.

Beatrice, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The DeWitt Commercial club held its annual meeting and closed up the business for the year. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, J. A. Sire; secretary, Floyd Leeper; treasurer, C. A. Rowlinson; directors, E. Rossiter, C. W. Buck and Walter I. Stout.

A farmer named Showenwiz, living near Adams, captured eight young wolves on his farm.

John Selk has sold his elevator at Plymouth to the Home Grain company and will retire from business. The new company held a meeting and elected these officers: President, George Frey; secretary-manager, Louis Koenig; treasurer, Adam Heiliger; directors, Charles Germener, William Beckner, George Frey, Henry Sellenrich, William Bockmeier, Adam Heiliger and Fred Heidemann.

The subject at the weekly luncheon of the Commercial club yesterday was the improvement of the county highways, and it was the sentiment of those present that some action should be taken along this line.

County to Assist Home Guards.

Freemont, Neb., May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The Dodge county board of supervisors voted to assist the home guard organizations of the county in the purchase of arms and munitions. The board will appropriate one-half of the funds necessary for the purchase of the equipment for a limited number of men at any town in the county.

WOMAN DRINKS POISON BECAUSE OF POOR HEALTH

Plattsmouth, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—While dependent over ill health, Miss Marie Hinton, living at the home of her uncle, near Mynard, took her life by drinking poison.

The girl was an orphan and had made her home with her relatives for the last ten years. When her condition was discovered it was too late for medical assistance to be of avail. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. W. R. Young of Murray, and two brothers, Harry Hinton of Murray and Fred Hinton of Pisgah, Ia.

Sing Requiem to the Kaiser While German Books Burn

North Platte, Neb., May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Seven hundred German text books were taken from the high school building last night and burned on a vacant lot, in the south part of town, by a score of citizens who sang a requiem to the kaiser while the books burned.

Collision Caused by Joy Riders Badly Injures Three

Beaver City, Neb., May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—An automobile filled with high school joy riders crashed into a group of delegates to the Rebeckah district convention at 11:30 last night, seriously injuring three persons.

The injured are Mrs. Florence Elwood, collar bone and two ribs broken; Mrs. Arthur Andre, wrist broken and badly bruised; Mrs. Nora Calloway, lower limbs and one arm crushed.

They are all from Wilsonville and are now in the local hospital. The delegation had just left the lodge hall and the car, which was running on the left side of the street, struck them at one of the street crossings.

Fall From Box Proves Fatal To Thayer County Woman

Hebron, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—A fall from a box upon which she was standing resulted in the death yesterday of Mrs. L. E. Heimsoth, aged 55, at her home, 12 miles north-west of her. Mrs. Heimsoth was an aunt of A. T. Holtzen, county superintendent.

Windstorm Does Damage In North Nebraska Region

Norfolk, Neb., May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Reports of damage done to property in Thursday night's wind storm are coming in from all parts of north Nebraska.

Many windmills, a number of barns and many trees were wrecked. A light rain accompanied the storm in this vicinity and in the Rosebud country there was some hail.

In the vicinity of Long Pine a light snow covered the ground. Considerable damage to plate glass windows was done in Norfolk.

Cass County Commissioners Let Annual Bridge Contract

Plattsmouth, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The board of county commissioners yesterday awarded the contract for building bridges for Cass county to the Monarch Engineering company, of Falls City.

The board also, by resolution, appropriated \$6,000 for the equipment of the home guards of this county, membership of which will be restricted to 200 for the county, as follows: Plattsmouth, 75; Murray, 20; Union, 30; Weeping Water, 30; Louisville, 30; Eagle, 25.

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Suits that are particularly well made to retain their shape after repeated tubbings. Made of madras, chambray, linene and percale in clever two-piece models, some trimmed in contrasting colors. Variety of light and dark colorings. Long and short sleeves.

SATURDAY ONLY-- Children's Madagascar and Pan Cloth Hats, \$1.25 Values, 95c

100 Girls' Coats Saturday---Reduced 1/4

NEWEST models in the season's fabrics. Made and designed specially for the growing girls—all sizes, 7 to 16 years. Black and white checks, plaids and plain colors. High waisted, belted and loose models.

Girls' Silk Dresses were up to \$22.50 Choice \$16.50

An attractive assortment for growing girls from 12 to 16 years. Taffetas and crepe de chines in various styles becoming to girls.

Girls' Wash Skirts, \$1.00 were \$2.50

Very desirable for summer vacation, to wear with middies. Wide stripes in pink, yellow and blue crepe, also striking dot effects. Sizes to fit the big girls.

NOTE—We are featuring a splendid assortment of white lawn, organdy, net and voile dresses for graduation.

Girls' School Dresses, \$1.50-\$2.50 were up to \$3.50

Dresses for girls 8 to 12 years, in pretty girlish plaids and checks; were up to \$2.50, at \$1.50. Toile du Nord, in pink, blue, yellow and green, also plaids and checks, with white collars and cuffs; were up to \$3.50, Saturday, \$2.50.

Children's Rompers 2 to 6-year sizes 75c and 95c

CHILDREN'S beach style rompers of gingham and madras—easily laundered. Sizes 2 to 6 years. Exceptional values at these prices.

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