

Table Land Has Million in Potatoes

"Best Country Outdoors," Northwestern Nebraska, Weathers Financial Storm.

Herds Being Built Up

Two generations of disheartened settlers drove away from Box Butte county believing agriculture was a failure.

Back of this certainty is the fact that \$1,000,000 worth of potatoes was raised last year on the table land about Alliance and Hemingford.

There are a number of reasons why this northwestern section of Nebraska, 400 miles from Omaha, insists that it is "the best country outdoors."

There is a creamery here which ships butter east by the carload. A farmer drove in with his butter fat, which in the last week or so has struck a low price, although up to that time there had been a good profit in it.

Far eastward from Alliance stretches the great cattle range known as the sandhills. A fair-sized ranch is 5,000 acres, and one man, Everett Elder, runs from 10,000 to 15,000 head of cattle on a tract of 90,000 acres.

There are now 100,000 head in the territory lying a mile or half circle about Alliance. That sounds big, but a matter of fact is just about a third less than normal.

Credit Needed. Credit is needed to bring in cattle from the south. One bank has a loan of \$10,000 approved by the War Finance corporation and is encouraging the purchase of more cattle from Texas in the spring.

Senator McKinley Favors Deep Waterway. Construction of the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes deep waterway project as a solution for "the growing inadequacy of the transcontinental freight problem" was urged by Senator McKinley, republican of Illinois, in a speech today in the senate.

Partnership Management of Knitting Mill Failure. Wakefield, Mass., Feb. 2.—The effort of the management of the Harvard Knitting mills here to make their employees partners in the business has not been a success to date.

Central Ohio Is Doomed to Six Weeks More Winter. Marion, O., Feb. 2.—Central Ohio is doomed to six more weeks of winter weather if President Harding's printer groundhog knows his business.

The Looters. They'd find an Apache trail driver and ride the body down to the river and dump it in.

Agricultural Conference Success, Declares Updike

Nebraska Delegate Finds Conditions Gradually Improving, But Says Freight Rates Must Come Down or Farm Prices Go Up to Assure Prosperity—Co-Operation Advisable.

"If I were a farmer I would feel mighty good about the National Agricultural conference," said Nelson Updike upon his return late yesterday from serving as a member of this assembly in Washington.

Not One Man Job. "Each delegate went down there with his own opinion of how things should be fixed up, but after listening to the discussions from all angles and sections, it dawned that no one person was capable of righting things."

Twenty-Five Men Believed Killed in Mine Explosion

Sixteen Bodies Recovered Following Blast at Gates, Pa.—Rescue Workers Fear Others Asphyxiated.

Gates, Pa., Feb. 2.—Twenty-five men are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion early today in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company here.

Hundreds of persons assembled from nearby mines and a detail of 10 state policemen was sent to the shaft to hold them back. In the crowd were said to be many members of the families of the dead and missing miners.

While it was assumed that the accident was due to a gas explosion, operating men at the mine refused to make a positive statement.

The mine shaft is 680 feet deep and the explosion occurred in a section so far back in the workings that its force was spent before it could reach the bottom of the shaft and damage the hoisting machinery.

According to reports in the village this morning a number of men were working at the usual time and were making their way to the shaft on foot when the accident happened. They immediately organized rescue crews and, under the leadership of Superintendent Sam Brown, set out to release the imprisoned men.

Skeleton of Man Found Tied Between Trees Identified. Butler, Ala., Feb. 2.—The charred skeleton of a man found lashed between two trees in the lower section of Choctaw county last Thursday was today identified as that of Drew Conner, a young man of the neighborhood who disappeared just before Christmas. Authorities stated they believed an attempt had been made to cremate Conner alive or to burn the body after he had been slain. Ten persons are being held in connection with the case.

Gov. Tamm Tells Liberties Union Why He Used Troops. Lincoln, Feb. 2.—(Special)—The American Civil Liberties union of New York wired Governor McKelvie today asking if it is true he sent the National Guard to Nebraska City during the packer workmen strike.

"Alfalfa John" Can't Get Ads on Primary Ballots. Lincoln, Feb. 2.—(Special)—S. J. Franklin, "Alfalfa John," of Beaver City filed his fee today to enter the primaries for the republican nomination for congress from the Fifth district.

Read Percival Gibbon's BLUE RIBBON short story in next SUNDAY'S BEE.

Injunction Granted in Packer Suit

Federal Court Issues Order Restraining Employes From Violence Outside Situation Tense

Packers won their suit for a temporary injunction when Federal Judge T. C. Munger signed an order, late yesterday, enjoining all packing company employes from interference or violence within, as well as outside, the "big five" plants.

Situation Tense. "The fact that the strike was called off Monday night has no bearing on the injunction proceeding, Judge Munger declared in handing down his opinion.

Peace Not Yet Assured. "It is not yet time to say that peace and good order are definitely assured and that there is no further need for protection," he declared.

Bigelow Opposes Action. Anson H. Bigelow, attorney for the strikers, opposed any action, other than a continuance of the restraining order in effect until yesterday, during his argument to the court prior to announcement of the judge's decision.

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Administration Opposes Amended Refunding Bill

Objection to Measure as Changed by Senate Met by House Committee—Action Deferred.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Objection by the administration to the allied debt refunding bill as amended by the senate was encountered today by the house ways and means committee in executive session.

Chairman Fordney said action would be deferred until he could confer with President Harding, probably tomorrow.

Secretary Mellon, who was before the committee, said he would rather have had a bill without the 25 year maturity and 4 1/2 per cent minimum interest rate limitation, but that it would be feasible to go ahead with the refunding negotiations and if these limitations proved insurmountable in the case of some countries, additional authority could then be asked of congress.

It was understood that the president objected to these limitations as written in the senate bill following agreement on them by the republican majority. It was said that attention of the committee had been called to the case of some of the debtor nations, particularly the smaller and the newly formed ones, it might be necessary to defer maturity of the refunded obligations for 50 years, instead of 25 years, and that where the loans were to extend over such a long period it might be desirable to fix the interest rate as low as 4 per cent.

Bankers Will Finance Kearney Potato Growers. Kearney, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special)—Potato men in the Kearney district assembled for the purpose of comparing financial notes and possibly organizing a war finance corporation association. The latter task was spared them when local bankers came to their assistance with the assurance all money required to handle the potato acreage in this district this year would be forthcoming.

Paper Companies Consolidate. Green Bay, Wis., Feb. 2.—Consolidation of two of the large paper mills in the Fox River valley, the John Holberg company and the Green Bay Paper and Fibre company, was announced today when the two companies were taken over by a corporation to be known as the Hoberg Paper and Fibre company. The consideration involved was about \$3,000,000.

Officers of Dakota Bank Held for Embezzlement. Minot, N. D., Feb. 2.—Three officers of the Mohall State bank were arrested yesterday, charged with embezzlement of \$106,000, according to advice here today. Francis Murphy of Minot, assistant attorney general, filed the complaint after he had moved for dismissal of action charging embezzlement \$9,000.

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State Tax Is Reduced \$2,051,750

First Special Session of Legislature Ever Called to Reduce Expenses Adjourned. 11 New Laws Are Passed

Lincoln, Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram).—After passing a bill calling for a reduction of \$2,051,750.85 in state appropriations for 1922, which means the state taxes levy on real and personal property will be approximately 30 per cent less than the 1921 levy, the special session of the legislature called by Gov. McKelvie adjourned at 4 this afternoon.

Gov. McKelvie asked the legislature to cut the 1922 levy 40 per cent and reduce appropriations \$2,793,755.85 by imposing a 1-cent a gallon tax on gasoline, which would have raised \$750,000 to finish the five-year federal aid road building program pledged by the legislature of 1917.

Action of the lower house in defeating the gasoline tax bill made the 40 per cent reduction impossible. It is the first time in Nebraska's history a governor ever called a special session to reduce appropriations. Gov. McKelvie says the budget system made it possible.

Budget System Operation. Expanding agencies operating for a year under this system were obliged to submit estimates of expenditure for every quarter in advance to the budget commissioner, who, in turn presented these estimates to Gov. McKelvie. Insistence of the governor that they keep within or below the appropriations for each quarter cut down expenditures for 1921 hundred of thousands of dollars and reductions estimated as possible by these agencies for 1922 with prices falling, resulted in the saving to taxpayers.

Gov. McKelvie asked every expending agency a month before the session to "cut till it hurts." The great cut reductions were in code departments, where the chiefs are responsible to the governor. In two of the elective offices, those of treasurer and auditor, major reductions were made, although a majority of elective officers entered into the spirit of cutting expenditures and offered large reductions.

Pass Eleven Laws. In addition to lightening the burden of state taxes 30 per cent the legislature at the conclusion of a nine day session, enacted 11 laws, including:

Giving state banks a lawful right to take full advantage of loans offered by the War Finance corporation and thus insure Nebraska farmers financial support sufficient to carry them through the rapidly disappearing financial stringency.

Empowering state tax commissioner to take steps to obtain an expert to study Nebraska's tax laws and report remedial suggestions at the next session of the legislature.

Other bills passed were corrective in their aim and merely clarified the law.

France to Auction Off Famous Postage Stamp. New York, Feb. 2.—A new means of collecting a few odd millions of the war debt has been hit upon by French members of the allied committee on reparations.

When collections begin to draw they merely auction a few of the postage stamps collected by the la Poste Ferraris, and stamp added from all over the world look Paris, well laden with coin.

Reports have been received, it was said, that some of the government formulae for industrial alcohol had themselves readily to rectification that illicit liquor dealers are obtaining the denatured spirits under government permits and by various processes rendering it more or less drinkable.

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