

Table Land Has Million in Potatoes

"Best Country Outdoors," Northwestern Nebraska, Weathers Financial Storm.
Herd Being Built Up

Two generations of disheartened settlers drove away from Box Butte county believing agriculture would not prosper there. Why the third generation will stay is explained in the following article.

By PAUL GREER.
Alliance, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Three waves of settlers swept into Box Butte county before the secret of mastering the dry and sandy, but fertile soil was learned. Two generations drove away, disheartened, in covered wagon, but the third is here to stay.

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. About a quarter of this crop is still unshipped. Prices for the table varieties are about 60 cents a bushel, but the seed potatoes known as Red Triumphs are being sold as high as \$1.40 a bushel. These are much prized by southern planters, who now are putting in their crop. The potato industry has been on a large scale out here only five years.

There are a number of reasons why this northwestern section of Nebraska, 400 miles from Omaha, insists that it is "the best country outdoors." One is that in worse days than those just past the farmers learned to pay their current expenses by milking cows. By wide diversification they have avoided risking their all on the fate of a single crop.

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. "One thing it proved is that, while conditions are greatly improving, freight rates have to come down or farm prices go up before stable prosperity will be sure. Out of it is expected to come action putting things on a more equal basis."

"Every section of the country and every interest connected with agriculture had a hearing," he continued. "For the first time the problem of profitable production of food was considered on a national scale. Never before had a president of the United States opened a convention of this kind, and it ended with practically all satisfied that the administration is heartily in favor of any plan to benefit the producers."

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. One speaker, just back from a tour of Europe for Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, explained that giving Europe more credit is no way out. He compared it to lending

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.

A special clause was inserted to cover possible outcroppings of bad feeling between strikers and returning strikers—a situation for which counsel for packers expressed fear at yesterday hearing.

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."

"The purpose of the restraining order was not for or against the strike, but to aid in keeping the public peace and to protect the lawful rights of those who wished to work and of those who wished to employ them," he explained. "Evidence shows a campaign of violence, threats and intimidations, despite efforts of officers of the union to control the situation. The danger of repetition of such acts is not certainly past."

"The judge said that 'a tense situation has been created which may break at any time into renewed lawlessness.'"

Can They Wash Out the Irish Mason and Dixon Line?



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.

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 his elective offices, those of treasurer and auditor, majorities 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 things.

France to Auction Off Famous Postage Stamp

New York, Feb. 2.—A new method 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 drop they merely auction a few of the postage stamps collected by the la Poste Ferrari, and stamp added from all over the world look Paris, well laden with coin.

Stamps of the allied collection in March when two sections of the famous collection will be offered. Among the bidders will be several Americans.

The Ferrari collection is considered the most complete in the world. It was gathered by Baron Ferrari, Austrian, and seven assistants.

Bootleggers Rectifying Denatured Alcohol

Washington, Feb. 2.—Bootlegging throughout the country are evolving a new industry—the rectification of denatured alcohol—prohibition officials said today, which process will necessitate complete revision of the government's system of distribution.

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

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.

The bank officers arrested are J. C. Peters, president; A. L. Wieb, cashier, and Walter Bergman, a assistant cashier.

Public Debt Decreases.
Washington, Feb. 2.—The public debt decreased approximately \$1,000,000 in January, according to figures announced today by the treasury, which showed the public debt on January 31 to be \$23,388,544.23 as compared with \$23,438,984.351 on December 31.

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 25-cow mine at the H. C. Prick-Coke company here.

Sixteen bodies have been recovered from the workings at 2 this afternoon and experienced miners in the rescue crew trying to penetrate the choked entry leading to the affected workings gave it as their opinion that the mine men still unaccounted for also had been asphyxiated.

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.

As soon as news of the accident reached officials of the company, trained rescue crews from all parts of the Connelville coal field were hurried here, some of them coming in special cars.

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.



They'd find an Apache trail driver and ride the body down to the river and dump it in.
Read Percival Gibbon's BLUE RIBBON short story in next SUNDAY'S BEE.
The Looters

Shaughnessy Dies From Hurts in Theater Crash

Assistant Postmaster General Succumbs Suddenly After Condition Showed Improvement.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Edward H. Shaughnessy of Chicago, second assistant postmaster general, died early today at Walter Reed hospital from injuries received in the Knickerbocker theater disaster Saturday night.

Although Mr. Shaughnessy's injuries were known to be of a critical nature, his condition had shown



Edward H. Shaughnessy.

improvement up to yesterday and his death was unexpected. Attending physicians at the army hospital, to which Mr. Shaughnessy was taken after being removed from the wreckage of the Knickerbocker theater several hours after the disaster, said his death followed a sudden heart attack shortly after midnight. Mr. Shaughnessy suffered a broken pelvis and other injuries, but had shown a resistive power, which made physicians hopeful of his recovery.

Mr. Shaughnessy's wife and his 10-year-old daughter, Ruth, both of whom are now recovering from injuries received in the theater disaster, had not been informed of his death at an early hour today. They are being treated at another hospital, the daughter having both arms broken, while Mrs. Shaughnessy is suffering from a fractured rib and shock.

Governor 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 in National Guard to Nebraska City during the packer workmen strike.

"As American citizens devoted to preservation of civil liberty," read the telegram, "we deplore the use of martial law in strike districts with the accompanying restriction of civil rights."

The governor's reply was brief: "Martial law was declared in Nebraska City for the purpose of maintaining law and order and this is a thing that I propose doing at all hazards. When I am sure that this end has been accomplished the troops will be withdrawn, and not until then."

'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.

"Can't you insert 'Alfalfa John' after my name on the ballots?" he asked the secretary of state.

"No," replied that dignitary, "we can't carry your advertisement on the primary ballots."

Franklin is a member of the lower house of the state legislature. He is in the retail seed business at Beaver City.

Well-Known Movie Director Is Killed by Unknown Slayer

William Desmond Taylor Discovered Dead Beside Desk in Home—Mabel Normand Is Questioned.

Omaha Bee Local Wire.
Los Angeles, Feb. 2.—With a bullet wound in his left breast, the body of William Desmond Taylor, one of the best known motion picture directors in the world, was found beside his desk in his home at 404 South Alvarado street, where he had fallen, the victim of an unknown assassin.

The discovery was made by Henry Peavey, a negro butler, shortly after 8 this morning.

Motion picture circles in Los Angeles and throughout the world were shocked by the news of the slaying, and hundreds of messages began pouring in.

Within a short time after the news of the murder, detectives began quizzing Miss Mabel Normand, Miss Edna Purviance and Douglas MacLean, all prominent in the motion picture world.

Film Director Victim of Unknown Assassin



William D. Taylor

Jury in Arbuckle Case Still Debating

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—The jury in the second trial of a manslaughter charge against Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle still was debating for a decision late today, 24 hours after retiring. Some courtroom speculation said that the alignment stood seven to five for acquittal and another prevalent guess was eight to five in favor of the defendant. In the absence of any inkling of information from the well-guarded juryroom these guesses had no more weight than the latest speculation.

Milton T. Cohan, Los Angeles, a member of the defense counsel staff, said that the defense would insist on a third trial in the event of a disagreement. The district attorney would make no comment.

Military Regime Takes Over Cook County Jail

Chicago, Feb. 2.—A virtual military regime was inaugurated in the Cook county jail today with the acceptance of the post of jailer by Capt. W. Westbrook of the Chicago police department. The change from a civilian to a police-military man is a direct result of the escape of "Tommy" O'Connor, condemned murderer, which caused a grand jury investigation.

"We'll make the jail a jail, not a boarding house," Westbrook said.

Capt. Westbrook was granted a leave of absence from police duty for one year in order to reorganize the jail force and install rigid discipline.

Major in Mexican Federal Army Shot for Conspiracy

Mexico City, Feb. 2.—Major Jose Illocaos Anaya of the Mexican federal army was shot by a firing squad this morning, following a court-martial conviction for conspiracy, according to an extra edition of El Heraldo, issued at noon.

Major Anaya was found guilty of connivance with Gen. Miguel Aleman, who is in rebellion in the state of Vera Cruz. The newspaper says other arrests will follow. Major Anaya was in active service of the federal army.

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.

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.

It was stated that the acreage this year would be normal and might possibly show an increase as high as 25 per cent.

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.

The Weather

Forecast.
Friday fair; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.
8 a. m. 15
9 a. m. 16
10 a. m. 16
11 a. m. 16
12 noon 16
1 p. m. 16
2 p. m. 16
3 p. m. 16
4 p. m. 16
5 p. m. 16
6 p. m. 16
7 p. m. 16
8 p. m. 16

Highest Thursday.
Cheyenne 24
Davenport 24
Denver 24
Des Moines 24
Dodge City 24
Gardner 24
Hickman 24
Huron 24
North Platte 24
Pueblo 25
Rapid City 25
Salt Lake 25
Santa Fe 25
Sheridan 25
Sioux City 25
Valentine 25