

PUBLIC SALE OF OKLAHOMA SCHOOL LANDS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Land Office of the State of Oklahoma, under and by virtue of the authority vested in them by the laws of said state, will offer for sale and sell at public auction 57340.61 acres of Common School Indemnity Lands belonging to said state and situate in the County of Lincoln and all improvements thereon situate and which have been appraised. Said sale to begin on the 15th day of December, A. D., 1909, and to continue up to and including the 7th day of January, 1910, Sundays and legal holidays excluded.

Said sale will be held at the door of the Court House wherein the County Court of said county is held in the City of Chandler, Oklahoma.

Said 57340.61 acres of land are divided into 361 tracts and each tract with the improvements thereon, will be offered for sale and sold separately. No person shall be permitted to purchase more than one quarter-section of land and all sale of said land shall be made according to the provisions of Article 2, of Chapter 28 of the Session Laws of Oklahoma for the year 1909 and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioners of the Land Office of said state, and all bidders on said lands, and purchasers of said lands are to be governed and bound thereby.

The terms and conditions of the sale of said lands and improvements are as follows:

No bid can be made for the improvements upon any tract of land to be sold, but the improvements on any tract shall be purchased and paid for by the successful bidder for the land. On each tract of land for which some person has a valid lease, such person as the lessee thereof, has the preference right to purchase such tract at the highest bid received therefor, or in the event no bid is received for such tract, such lessee shall have the right to purchase the same at the appraised value thereof. Each tract of land shall be sold at public auction to the highest and best bidder and such bidder upon the acceptance of his bid, is required to pay to the Commissioners of the Land Office, or their authorized Agent, for the use and benefit of the lessee of said tract, the appraised value of the improvements thereon as shown by the official appraisal thereof, and in addition to the payment of the appraised value of the improvements, the successful bidder shall, upon the acceptance of his bid, be required to pay to the Commissioners of the Land Office, or their authorized agent an amount equal to 5 per cent of his bid upon the tract of land, but in no event shall said amount be less than \$50.00 and in no event will any bid for any tract of land be considered or accepted for less than the appraised value thereof, provided, however, in the event that the lessee of any tract offered for sale and upon which a bid has been offered and received, desires to and does then and there exercise his preference right to purchase said land at the highest bid, he shall have the lawful right so to do and if he so elects, the sale of such tract shall be made to him.

The remainder of the purchase price to-wit: 95 per cent shall be paid in forty equal annual payments with interest thereon, at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, provided, however, the purchaser of any tract is given the privilege at any interest payment after expiration of five years, to pay any or all deferred payments, both principal and interest.

Before any person other than the lessee thereof, shall be qualified to bid upon any tract of said land, he shall deposit with the Commissioners of the Land Office or their authorized agent, an amount equal to 10 per cent of the appraised value of the lessee's improvements as shown by the official appraisal thereof and when such deposit is made and the person depositing the same for the purpose of qualifying himself to bid upon a particular tract, and he is unsuccessful in his bid for said tract, such deposit if desired by the unsuccessful bidder will be retained and he will be qualified to bid on any tract offered for sale thereafter until he withdraws such deposit.

A full and complete description of each tract of said land can be had upon application to said Commissioners of the Land Office and upon request, a pamphlet containing a complete list of said lands by section, township and range, together with a brief description of each tract thereof with the improvements thereon and setting out the appraisement of the lands and the improvements, together with a map of said county and an abstract of the laws authorizing the sale of said lands and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioners of the Land Office will be furnished free of cost to any person.

Address all communications to the Commissioners of the Land Office of the State of Oklahoma, or Jno. N.

Sheplar, Supt. of Sales, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Witness our hands in the City of Guthrie, in said State, on this 11th day of November, 1909.

C. N. HASKELL, Governor. BILL CROSS, Secretary of State. M. E. TRAPP, State Auditor. E. D. CAMERON, Superintendent of Public Instruction. J. P. CONNORS, President Board of Agriculture. Composing Commissioners of Land Office of the State of Oklahoma. Attest: ED. O. CASSIDY, Secretary.

patch from Washington says: "Speaker Cannon never was stronger before the thinking people of the country than he is today." This statement was made at the White House today by Representative Boutwell of Illinois, who had called to see the president and was asked about the situation in congress. "I knew two men," continued Mr. Boutwell, "who had entertained feelings of animosity toward Abraham Lincoln, who, in after years told me that they would willingly cut off their right arms if they could blot out what they had said against him. It will be the same way with a lot of people who now see fit to say things about the speaker."

Secretary of the Navy Meyer, has settled the controversy as to whether a line officer or a medical officer shall be placed in command of the hospital ship Solace by designating Surgeon George Pickrell, of the medical corps, to command the vessel. The navigation of the ship will be in charge of a merchant sailing master. In reaching this decision, Secretary Meyer adhered to the policy of the Roosevelt administration which stirred up much criticism from line officers.

LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH

Following are extracts from the speech delivered at New Castle by Lloyd George, the British chancellor. These extracts are taken as printed in the Manchester Guardian of October 11:

Landlords have no nationality. Their characteristics are cosmopolitan. (Laughter.) This case was given me the other day from Yorkshire of all places in the world, as it illustrates practically every tax which I propose in my budget. If you can stand it I will tell you this story ("go on"), and as I have it on the authority of the managing director of the concern—well, he is responsible. It is the story of a district in Yorkshire which four or five years ago was purely agricultural, really agricultural, receiving half its rates as agricultural land from your taxes and mine. (Hear, hear.) There was not a village within four miles of it, not an industry, not a factory, not a coal mine; and some very enterprising mining investors came along and said: "We think there's coal here." They went to the landlord and said "Will you allow us to dig for coal here?" and he said, "For a consideration, of course." (Laughter.) "Quite a trifle, only six-pence;" and he said "Certainly." So he allowed them to do it. He said, "I will only charge you sixpence a ton on all the coal that comes up." They said, "What about the surface?" "Oh, certainly, I will sell you any surface land you want for the purpose for a consideration." "Well, what do you want?" they said. "You are receiving now 15s. 6d. an acre. What will you want from us?" "Well," he said, "£4 an acre." Then they said to him, "We must bring workmen here, and as there are no cottages we shall have to build them, and we propose building a model village," said these mining investors,

and they have built one of the most beautiful model villages in the kingdom. (Hear, hear.) And they said, "Will you allow us to build a few cottages?" "Certainly," he said. "I shall want a small return (laughter) £6 or £10 an acre." Quite moderate, and I am not holding him up to pillory him. This landlord is really a most moderate landlord. The land was at 15s. 6d., and he charges £10. Well, that is only eighteen times the value of the land. I can give you cases where landlords have charged 30, 40, even 100 times the value of the land. This man has been most moderate—only 18 times its value. Then he said to them, "There is the fish pond rather near your model village. I don't think it will be worth much afterwards, whatever it's worth now, so I think you had better take it." They said, "All right, it will be rather good sport to fish either for trout or tadpoles" (laughter), and he said, "I am getting £1 pound for it now. I will let you have it for eighteen guineas a year, cheap." (Laughter.) They started. They spent half a million without knowing what would happen. It was a real speculation, a real risk. They took it on, speculated half a million, discovered the coal, and the landowner is getting royalties now at the rate of nearly £20,000 per annum. He is getting, in addition to the £4 per annum for every acre of land on the surface used by the colliery, £6 to £10 per annum per acre for all the cottages. Then he charges £4 per annum for tipping rubbish and £10 per annum for workmen's cottages, and he is making a good thing out of it—making a very good thing out of it. (Laughter.) Now, recently, as they are prospering and getting more and more coal, in a very short time they will be paying £40,000 per annum for this land for the royalties alone, the landlord never having spent a penny upon it. \* \* \*

Now where does my budget come in? (Laughter.) It comes in rather late, I admit. It ought to have come in in one of the earlier chapters; still it comes in soon enough to give the story a happy ending (Laughter.) When the £40,000 royalty comes, 5 per cent for the first time will come to the state. ("Hear, hear," and a voice, "Too little." The land outside, the land which is nominally agricultural land, but which is really now valuable building land, will pay a halfpenny in the pound. When it is sold we will get 20 per cent on the increase (hear, hear) and when the landlord passes away to another sphere (laughter) we shall then get the dead rent (loud laughter) 20 per cent on the increase. More than that, we have had another little provision. We have considered his case thoroughly. (Laughter.) When these cottages fall in and his heir comes and walks in for the whole of this beautiful model village—this model landlord of a model village—the state will then under this budget say, "Very well; if you really must take all that property I think we had better get a toll of 10 per cent off it." At any rate we shall be able to do something for the people who live in these cottages. We have got another little provision. He has only leased one seam of coal. They have discovered, I think four seams. Some day the other three seams will probably be leased, and then—the 5 per cent only applies to existing collieries, but we have got a special provision for future collieries (laughter), we shall then ask him not 5 per cent of the royalty but 20 per cent. (Loud cheers.) Where is the injustice there? (Cries of "None.") I agree with you. (Laughter.) I have been listening to criticism for five months, and they could not point out a single injustice in it; they simply scolded at large.

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