

HAS REAL OLD LAND WARRANT

Document Signed by President Pierce in Possession of Nebraska Man

PLAINVIEW, NEB.—(Special)—A land warrant printed on parchment and signed by Franklin Pierce, 14th president of the United States, who took office in 1853, is owned by J. V. Jackson, farmer near Brunswick. The warrant is made out to Thomas Cross, a private in a company of Virginia militia who served in the war of 1812. An act of congress, September 28, 1850, granted bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who had been engaged in military service in the United States. This right to 80 acres of land had not been used by the soldier to whom it had been issued but was sold to a broker in Dubuque, Ia., and purchased from him by William Jackson, father of J. V. Jackson, to whom the land was left at his father's death.

The land, which was located in Bremer county, Iowa, near Nashua, remained in the family name until recently.

CATHOLIC PRIEST KILLED BY CHINESE BANDITS

OMAHA—(UP)—Rev. Thomas Leonard, Limerick, Ireland, Catholic priest was murdered by Chinese bandits July 14 in the Kien Chang district of southern Kwangsi province, according to cablegrams received at St. Columban's Mission, Bellevue, near here Tuesday. Father Leonard finished his training for Chinese missionary work at St. Columban's and had been stationed in China since 1920.

MIDLAND COLLEGE TO HAVE AERONAUTIC COURSE

FREMONT—(Special)—A course in aeronautics, the first of its kind given by a church college in the United States, will be added to the Midland college curriculum at the beginning of the 1929-30 school year, Midland officials announced Tuesday.

JUNE GAS TAX RECEIPTS LESS THAN FOR MAY

LINCOLN—(UP)—Although the tourist travel was in full swing during June, gasoline tax collections fell off approximately \$75,000 from the report of the state treasurer. Receipts for June were \$667,958 as compared with \$753,383 for May. The decrease may be found, it was said, in the advance buying of gasoline during May by wheat growers in preparation for the harvest.

YOUTH IS DROWNED IN CARTER LAKE—HAD CRAMPS

BRAVE—(Special)—Oscar DeHart, 21 years old, son of the late Dr. G. DeHart of Witten, S. D., was drowned while swimming in Carter lake. He was regarded as an excellent swimmer and is believed to have been seized with cramps.

RURAL SCHOOLS GIVE DIPLOMAS TO 81 STUDENTS

BRAVE—(Special)—A class of 81 was graduated last week from the eighth grade of the rural schools of Mellette county.

SIoux FALLS WOMEN SHOPLIFTERS ARE FINED

SIoux FALLS—Two women shoplifters came to grief after raiding six Sioux Falls retail establishments. One of them, giving her name as Brosie Enterman, pleaded guilty in municipal court and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and fined \$100. The other, giving her name as Mabel Gunder, also pleaded guilty and was fined \$50. The two were caught in the act of shoplifting in a Sioux Falls store after they had visited the J. C. Penney company store, Sears Roebuck store, Woolworth's, Kresge's and the Shriver-Johnson department store, stealing goods in each place. The women entered the stores carrying a large leather bag, which they filled with articles. When the raid on a store had been completed, they emptied the bag into a sedan which they had left at the curb and then entered another store.

JUNE FIRE LOSSES ARE REPORTED BY D. C. LEWIS

PIERRE—Seventy fires in 20 South Dakota counties caused a total loss of \$151,771.74 during June, it is reported by D. C. Lewis, state fire marshal. Property damaged was valued at \$591,559.38, and insurance carried totaled \$376,200. Beadle county, with 15 blazes listed, and damage set at \$88,538.22, led both in number of fires and amount of damage. Reporting 11 fires and damage of \$17,176.53, Minnehaha county ranked second in both number and damage. Fires starting from causes reported as unknown totaled 19, the largest number, but ranked third in amount of loss, which was listed at \$30,617.17. Two fires, listed as of incendiary origin, caused the largest loss—\$41,470. The second largest loss of \$33,042 was caused by two fires which started from electric motors, the report said.

FOUND LETTER BLOWN AWAY BY TORNADO, REWARDED

DAVIS—Neil De Boer, school boy, who one day in April found a registered letter which was blown from the Davis postoffice when it and other buildings in Davis were wrecked by a tornado, last September, has just received his reward for the recovery of the letter. The letter contained \$350 in unsigned currency, insured by the government with the Albert R. Lee company, New York City, which has paid young De Boer 10 per cent of the recovered money, or \$35.

CIVIL WAR VET AND PIONEER PASSES AWAY

NORFOLK—(Special)—John E. Craig, Civil war veteran, 92 years old, died here Thursday. He has been a resident of Madison county more than 60 years.

HEAVY TRAFFIC AT NEW BRIDGE

Missouri Valley-Blair Structure to Be Formally Dedicated on Friday

BLAIR, NEB.—A steadily increasing flow of traffic, averaging about 275 cars a day so far, is traveling the new Abraham Lincoln Memorial bridge over the Missouri river here. Formal opening and dedication of the bridge is scheduled for Friday. The structure has been in use since June 29. More than seven hundred machines have crossed the new bridge on the heaviest day, and many thousands are expected to cross on Friday after the dedication ceremonies. The program is to begin at 9:30 with a concert in Blair by the Blair band. Formal dedication, and ceremonial cutting of a ribbon at the middle of the bridge is to be at 11 o'clock, the program of speaking extending until the lunch hour. Afterward entertainment will continue through the afternoon, at the Iowa end of the bridge and in Blair. Girls representing a score of towns on both sides of the river are to take part in the opening pageant. Speakers are to include Governors Weaver and Hammill of Nebraska and Iowa; Reed O'Hannon, president of the bridge corporation. The bridge is to be free all day Friday. The bridge is to be made permanently free when the construction cost has been redeemed.

RAILROAD SUED FOR \$120,250 FOR ACCIDENT

LINCOLN—(UP)—The Union Pacific railroad was made defendant today in suits for damages totaling \$120,250 filed in district court here. Action was the outcome of an accident near Valparaiso, Neb., July 22 in which Raymond Jisa, 3 years old, and Frank Jisa, 7 years old, and Frank Jisa, Sr., were injured. The father alleges that the company was negligent in permitting a train to obscure the view of the road two miles east of Valparaiso and that he drove his truck onto the track, unaware of the approaching train.

HE HAS BIG YIELD OF BARLEY ON 10 ACRE TRACT

WEST POINT—(Special)—Benjamin Stalpl, farmer near here, threshed 725 bushels of barley from a 10-acre tract.

OMAHA BANK WINS BY COURT'S DECISION

OMAHA—(UP)—The Cheyenne National bank acted in good faith when it deposited \$60,000 with the Omaha National bank on the eve of failure of the former institution, Judge Woodrough ruled in federal court Thursday. The Cheyenne National had \$59,026 on deposit in the Omaha bank at the time, according to testimony, so the court simplified the whole situation by turning this amount over to Omaha National and giving the \$60,000 to the Wyoming National bank of Casper, which has interlocking directorates with the Cheyenne National. Testimony showed the Cheyenne National had \$338,000 on deposit with Wyoming National and shortly before its failure withdrew all but \$7,000. The case has been in courts for five years. Omaha National's possible losses were reduced to \$975 by the decision.

ARMY WORMS CAUSE LOSS IN THURSTON COUNTY

WALTHILL—(Special)—Army worms have destroyed thousands of dollars worth of small grain in Thurston county the last two days and are marching on the corn fields, according to E. T. Winter, county agent. All of the damage done so far has been in districts that were hit by hail last month. O. B. Phillips has had the heaviest loss in this district. He has suffered a complete loss on one 25-acre field of oats. In another field of 40 acres the loss is about 50 per cent and the worms have been found in the corn field adjacent as far back as the 40th row. Heavy losses have also been reported from Pender and east of Walthill. Through the county agent, M. H. Swenk, state entomologist, at Lincoln, has been directing a campaign against the invading hordes. Spraying, poison bait and the digging of trenches have so far proved to be the most satisfactory means of combat.

CHURCH WORKERS ARE TO HEAR PROMINENT SPEAKERS

FREMONT—Thirteen persons, including the nationally known fundamentalist teacher and editor, Dr. Leander S. Keyser, will compose the faculty for the annual Midland assembly which will bring more than 400 church workers of Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa to the Midland college campus for a week's study of spiritual problems, August 5 to 11.

THEIR WEDDING OUTFITS AND CASH STOLEN

BEATRICE—(UP)—Mr. and Mrs. Bourlier are married but not honeymooning because a thief stole their clothing and money. While Alvin Bourlier and Theresa Huls were at Axtell to rehearse for the marriage, a thief entered the home of Ernest Lackey, where the couple was staying, and stole some clothing, including the groom's wedding suit, the wedding ring, \$240 in travelers' checks, \$30 in cash and other belongings.

KIN OF FRENCH HEROINE

PARIS—Andre du Lye, a young peasant living near St. Andre de L'Euze, has been found to be a direct descendant of one of Joan of Arc's brothers. His family has the

former Morgan liner, carried as main armament a pneumatic gun to hurl a charge of 50 pounds of dynamite. Five real torpedo boats were added, but none of them had work to do. Terror inspired by the dynamite gun caused Mello and his crews to desert their ironclads when the motley assortment of armed steamers approached Rio de Janeiro. The rebels left their vessels at anchor and for four hours the president's "navy," supported by the forts, bombarded the rebel ships before it was discovered that no one was on board.

"Whoopee" Not New Word Claim of Lexicographer



Left to right, Olive Borden and Doris Hill, Two Charming Exponents of Whoopee, in Typical 1929 Whoopee Attitude, Whatever That Might Mean.

Was Used as Far Back as 1450, With Similar Meaning

D. R. FRANK H. VIZETELLY, lexicographer, went and threw cold water on the claims of innumerable newspaper columnists, actors, theatrical producers and Broadway playboys, each contending that he was the originator of that mysterious word "whoopee." In other words, he put the damper on the whole business by actually making a research of the word and finding that it was in use almost half a dozen centuries ago, spelled the same way, and having a similar connotation. Some time later, Ben Jonson, the English bard, made a reference in his "Masque Gypsies" to "the Ballet of the Whoopee Gypsies." But do you think the whoopee ladies in that outfit bore any resemblance to the ones in the pictures above? In this year of our Lord, on thousand nine hundred and twenty nine, there are many varieties of whoopee. There's the kind that has to do with the imbibing of giggle water. There's the Tex Guinan variety, which naturally, has nothing to do with alcoholic beverages. But give us the common ordinary garden variety which everybody knows and understands, which needs no research—just strength and endurance!

Maine's "Damp-Dry" Solon Indorsed Plans for Fermenting Grape Juice

United States Senator Arthur R. Gould of Maine, averring his moral right to make and consume light wines and beer, represents a peculiar constituency. We do not refer to the people of Maine, whose constitutional prohibition was the standing joke of pre-Volstead days, but rather to the many and increasing thousands, if not millions, of men and women who think exactly as he does. The junior senator from the pioneer anti-saloon state, it seems, has been buying unfermented grape juice from a concern supplying that commodity, and with more frankness than diplomacy he writes them, on the stationery of the Senate, that both the transaction and the beverage have "worked" very well. He had his troubles, to be sure, as some of it didn't fizz promptly and with another lot he had some difficulty in getting the bung out of the keg because of the internal pressure, but on the whole the Maine solon is satisfied with his dealings—which included, also, a present of a box of cordials, which were very much appreciated, "specially by the feminine side of the family." As a press agent for fruit products derived from flowers which, according to Mr. Gould, "God Almighty put on earth for use," the senator is very much of a success, but he has stirred up a controversy in a new field which promises to broaden and to start some interesting political repercussions. The dry organizations of his state instantly repudiate him as a candidate for re-election, and Dr. Doran, head of the Prohibition bureau, is constrained to remark, while avoiding any direct criticism of the senator, that the making of wine in his country is illegal. Senator Gould had stated in his correspondence that the housewives of his state were accustomed to make alderberry wine, but according to bureaucratic authority they are as guilty of felony as any other violators of the Jones act.

It was only an inevitable question of time when the point raised in the Gould incident would be brought out into the open. The Volstead act expressly provides as follows: "The penalties provided in this act against the manufacture of liquor without a permit shall not apply to a person for manufacturing nonintoxicating cider and fruit juices exclusively for use in his home, but such cider and fruit juices shall not be sold or delivered except to persons having permits to manufacture vinegar." However much warrant this reasonably plain provision may supply for Dr. Doran's statement following the Gould case, it was unmistakably the understanding in Washington, when the Volstead act was in process of legislation, that these lines were inserted with the deliberate intention of quieting the criticism of farmers who saw themselves potential criminals if they and their wives made cider and wine at home. It has since been declared by many that the home products of natural fermentation, as opposed to beverages like beer, in which yeast is used, were exempt from the operation of the law, providing they were not intoxicating in fact, and Colonel John Phillip Hill of Maryland secured a court ruling to that effect. Moreover, the bureau of prohibition, whatever else may be said in criticism of its activities, never has authorized the raiding of homes in which wine and beer were being made, except on evidence that the liquors were being sold.

Will the Gould incident raise another dangerous issue or will it only injure Senator Gould politically, if he is again a candidate? He has told his dry constituents that the prohibition laws cannot be enforced and that he is prepared to vote for light wines and beer, to bring about a better situation. Is he a pioneer in a more temperate temperance policy, or must the farmers and their wives also come under the prohibition ban?

Freak Sea Battle in '94. A. B. Seamans in Current History. No more curious assemblage of craft ever went to war than was gathered by the Brazilian government to subjugate the Mello revolution of 1894. The revolt was naval, revolving practically the entire Brazilian marine. President Peixoto mobilized his squadron about New York, and excepting one experimental war vessel, Ericsson's submarine gunboat destroyer, it was made up entirely of commercial or pleasure craft, the latter being yachts, converted into the "torpedo boats."

The Destroyer was not the only innovation. The principal cruiser, a former Morgan liner, carried as main armament a pneumatic gun to hurl a charge of 50 pounds of dynamite. Five real torpedo boats were added, but none of them had work to do. Terror inspired by the dynamite gun caused Mello and his crews to desert their ironclads when the motley assortment of armed steamers approached Rio de Janeiro. The rebels left their vessels at anchor and for four hours the president's "navy," supported by the forts, bombarded the rebel ships before it was discovered that no one was on board.

GRAND ISLAND DOCTOR TO SOLDIERS' HOME

LINCOLN—(UP)—Dr. John M. Triplett, Grand Island physician, was appointed Tuesday by the state board of control as doctor and physician at the soldiers' and sailors' home at Grand Island. Dr. Triplett fills the vacancy caused by the death a week ago of Dr. Willis J. Raynor.

CONTINUE WORK ON OIL PROJECT

Expect to Start Steady Drilling at Bassett in Few Days

BASSETT, NEB.—(Special)—Work of "rigging up" the drilling outfit on the oil well being drilled northwest of here by Harry T. Osborn, president of the North Central Development and Drilling company of Sioux City, Ia., is rapidly nearing completion. The "rig" has been enclosed and steady drilling will start soon, according to Mr. Osborn. Due to the inability of a few men to raise money pledged, local committees are encountering some difficulty in obtaining the funds necessary to meet the expenses of drilling the test well and Mr. Osborn says he has arranged for a meeting Thursday with a few prominent Sioux City men with a view to their advancing the balance of the actual expense money needed in return for acreage or leases near the test well. Mr. Osborn emphasized that no effort was being made to sell any stock whatever; that he was not even counting salaries in the drilling expenses, and that all the money was to be used for fuel and the crew's actual living expenses. Mr. Osborn reports that the state geologist department, headed by Dr. G. E. Condra, has been satisfied as to the possibilities for oil and gas in this territory and that it has recommended that people who are financially able put money into this investigation for the purpose of developing new sources of revenue in this part of the country. Mrs. B. F. Leonard christened the well at the "spudding in" ceremonies on July 14.

MORE ROAD CONTRACTS ARE TO BE AWARDED

LINCOLN—(UP)—Approximately 25 miles of paving is included in the next letting of road improvement contracts which will be awarded August 15 at the capitol building, Roy L. Cochran, state engineer, announced today. The total amount of the contracts to be let is \$700,000. The paving totals 23.1 miles; grading, 16.5 miles, and graveling, 23.4 miles. Culverts and several bridges are included in the letting. The paving projects to be let are: Hastings, east, 4.5 miles; Norfolk, south, 4.0 miles; Central City-Chapman, 9.4 miles; Grand Island, south, 2.2 miles; Valley-Platte river, 3.0 miles. Grading contracts are: Verdell-Monow, grading 5.5 miles, culverts and one bridge; Fairbury, south, grading 7.0 miles, culverts, repairing three bridges, and one overflow pavement; Greeley Center, east, grading 4 miles, culverts and six bridges. Graveling projects are: Long Pine, south, 4.8 miles; Chadron north (readvertised), 13.5 miles; Central City-Belgrade, second application gravel, 5.1 miles.

Bids on a railroad underpass just north of the proposed Veterans' hospital at Lincoln, also will be received, as will bids for pipe sub-drains between Norfolk and Wayne. Crossed lumber and piling to be delivered at Lincoln, and culvert pipe delivered at Chadron. Horn and Mitchell also will be bought.

WOMAN DENIES SHE WAS IN SUICIDE PACT

OMAHA—(UP)—Mrs. Frank Miller denied Wednesday that she had seriously entered into a suicide pact with her husband. The couple was saved from asphyxiation by neighbors after they had quarreled Tuesday. Following the quarrel Mrs. Miller said she was going to her mother's home to live and her husband returned that he would commit suicide. "If you do, I'll go with you," the wife replied. She then went into the yard to hang up clothes. When she returned she said she found Miller had turned on the gas stove. Forgetting to turn off the burners she attempted to drag him into the yard and both were overcome. Timely arrivals of neighbors saved their lives.

HER STUDIES TOO HARD. GIRL SWALLOWS POISON

LINCOLN—(UP)—Because her summer school "studies were too hard" Alice Drda, 21 years old, of Crete, attempted to end her life by taking poison in a local "dime" movie Tuesday night. Her condition is "fair" hospital attendants say. Miss Drda staggered up to the doorman of the theater and whispered, "please say goodbye to my parents for me," and fell unconscious on a bench. She was taken to a hospital where physicians said her recovery is doubtful. She was a teacher last year at Chase, Neb.

HEAT WAVE BROKEN BY GENERAL RAINS

LINCOLN—(UP)—Two days of oppressive heat had abated Wednesday as the result of a rain which fell generally over the central and eastern part of the state Tuesday night. The rain ranged from a shower of 1/4 of an inch to a fall of 3 inches. York, Staplehurst, Milford, Hastings, Bellwood, Ulysses, and Stromsburg reported heavy rains. With the rainfall came drops in temperatures from the upper 90s to as low as 73 in Omaha.

M. W. A. REBELS PLAN MEETING

Representatives of Order in Several States to Meet Soon

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—Modern Woodmen of America, who have been rebelling against the new high rates, are expected to hold a mass meeting soon when insurgents from North Dakota and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska will discuss methods of fighting the new rates.

The announcement of the mass meeting was made by John L. Sundean, formerly of Lincoln, but now of Minneapolis, who organized the campaign against the high rates adopted by the Woodmen in 1912.

Another matter to be discussed at the mass meeting will be the move to draft Judge Frederick Shepherd, of Lincoln, to succeed A. R. Talbot, as head counsel, and former head clerk James A. McNamara to succeed Joseph G. Ray as head clerk. The rebellion is against the new rates put into effect by the Woodmen in June, 1929.

HE TRAVELED EUROPE ON JUDGE'S "PASSPORT"

HARTINGTON—How officials in Europe were fooled by an imposing document signed by a district judge of Nebraska, was related here recently when Judge Wilbur F. Bryant, district judge, received back a paper he had issued some time ago to Henry Becker. Mr. Becker, who came to this country from Germany, took out his first citizenship papers, but neglected to get his second papers. After he had resided here 10 years he decided to return to Germany, but feared that he could not claim American citizenship. In 1921 he decided to go to Germany to visit, and knowing that the formalities of securing a passport might stop him, he went to Judge Bryant, explaining his case. The judge drew up a statement on his office stationery which was embellished with an American flag in colors, in which the judge stated he knew Mr. Becker, that he had good moral character and that he would be responsible for him anywhere. A description of Becker was given in the statement and his picture was attached. The judge then plastered on a big red seal which made it look more official. Becker went to Europe. He landed in Holland and the pseudo-passport got him by in that country. The next landing was in Germany and he went through that country without a question asked. When he went to pass into France the German official passed him, but the French official at the other side of the borderline protested because it was not a regular passport. The German official told the Frenchman that it was a good passport, stating that it was a "county" passport, which he assured the Frenchman, were issued in this country.

TO WITNESS ANOTHER SPANNING OF RIVER

BLAIR—(UP)—Dedication services for the new Abraham Lincoln Memorial bridge across the Missouri river here, Friday, will be the third of that kind since the town was founded and L. D. Richards, of Fremont, who has been invited as an honored guest, will have seen them all. Richards attended the opening of the first spanning of the river in the autumn of 1868, when a ferry was launched to carry railway cars across the river in summer and a temporary bridge built for railroads in winter. The second program of the kind in which he participated was the dedication of the permanent railway bridge.

WAYNE HAS ONLY WOMAN PIANO TUNER IN STATE

WAYNE—(Special)—The only woman piano tuner in the state of Nebraska, and perhaps in the United States is Mrs. John McIntyre of Wayne. She holds a diploma for completing a course in tuning. Her diploma was the first one issued by the tuning school in 27 years. The other woman tuner is now dead.

MAKING IT HARD ON RECKLESS AUTO DRIVERS

OMAHA—(UP)—Police Judge Holmes continued his drive against reckless and drunken automobile drivers, sentencing two of them to 30 days each, another to 60 days and turning a fourth over to county authorities for prosecution on a state charge. Sgt. W. A. Early, Fort Crook soldier, was ordered turned over to county authorities after Judge Holmes had refused the request of army officers that they be allowed to punish him. Early's car, it was charged, struck and injured John De Sato, a pedestrian, later crashing into a machine driven by E. D. Ubah.

SHOCK GRAIN

LYONS—(Special)—Members of the local post of the American Legion last week went out to the farm of Mrs. Steven Davis and shocked her small grain. Mrs. Davis is carrying on the farm operations since the death of her husband, World war veteran two weeks ago.

HEAVY GRAIN RECEIPTS AT OMAHA MARKET

OMAHA—(UP)—With movement of Nebraska wheat to market in full swing wild scenes are being enacted daily on the Omaha grain exchange. Monday 758 cars of the golden grain reached railroad terminals. This set a new record for this year and the figure has seldom been exceeded in history of the exchange. In addition 98 cars of corn, 21 of oats, 16 of rye and 34 of barley were received, setting a new record for total receipts.