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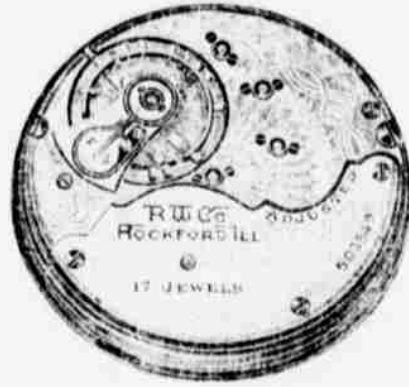


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NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

REPORT ON MINOR CROPS

Western Part Has Become Beet-Growing Section.

Lincoln, Dec. 2.—The speltz crop is lighter this year than last. So declares Labor Commissioner Ryser in a report. The production this year was 1,275,748 bushels, while last year more than 2,000,000 bushels were produced. Sheridan county, with 121,941 bushels, was the leading county. Scotts Bluffs and Holt counties come next.

The Nebraska farmers raised 255,128 tons of Hungarian millet and 193,329 tons of sorghum and oats. The number of tons of sugar beets produced was 36,699. The production of kaffir corn amounted to 18,929 tons. Red Willow county was the leading county in the production of sugar beets, 5,795 tons being grown. Hall county came next with 1,375 tons. Dodge county and Madison county, where formerly were raised the thousands of tons consumed in the Ames and Norfolk sugar factories, raised little or no sugar beets. Dodge county is credited with seventy-two tons, while Madison county has but eight tons credited to it. The western part of the state is now the great sugar beet producing portion.

DEMAND FOR CARS IS LESS

Report to Railroad Commission Shows Business in State Has Slacked Up.

Lincoln, Dec. 3.—The report of the railroads to the railroad commission shows fewer cars on track in transit and more cars waiting for loads at Nebraska stations. Between the dates of Oct. 30 and Nov. 27 the loaded stock cars fell from 245 to 137; cars loaded with grain from 239 to 137, and boxcars ordered for other purposes from 1,914 to 814.

Complaint was filed with the state railway commission by the Cornell-Yale Lumber company of Holdrege, charging the Burlington railroad with enforcing a recognition charge of \$6 a car on lumber. It was alleged that the Burlington had exacted \$2,000 in recognition charges from the firm alone since May 1, contrary to the Nebraska law. The state commis-

sioners are not sure they have jurisdiction in the case, inasmuch as part of the shipments involve interstate business, but they took the matter under consideration. The question is already pending before the interstate commerce commission.

MICHAEL HICKEY FOUND GUILTY Charged With Attempting to Wreck Train Near Pender.

West Point, Neb., Dec. 2.—Michael Hickey was found guilty of attempting to wreck a southbound Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha train, between Pender and Bancroft, on May 24. The evidence developed that Hickey was put off the blind baggage of a train at Thurston the evening before, that he rooted it to Pender and then started for Bancroft, that four obstructions were placed on the track some little distance apart, that the first obstruction, being passed in safety, served as a warning and the others were discovered in time to prevent a disastrous wreck. He was positively identified by the train crew who put him off and by the operator at Pender.

TREASURER FILES REPORT

Over Quarter of a Million to Distribute to the Public Schools.

Lincoln, Dec. 2.—The report of State Treasurer Brian, filed with the state auditor, shows the receipts of the general fund for the month of November amounted to \$55,342.85. The receipts paid into the temporary school fund amounted to \$27,949.73, making a total in this fund of \$263,224.45. This is the sum which will be certified to the state superintendent today for distribution among the school districts of the state. In the permanent school fund uninvested there is only \$1.98. The cash, checks and cash items on hand amount to \$18,654.43; cash on deposit, \$169,309.74; general and university fund warrants, \$123,265.56; Idaho bonds, \$69,699.

BLOODY FIGHT IN ENGINE CAB Fireman Uses Torch and Is Felled by Chunk of Coal.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 2.—Engineer Noah Clark and fireman Benson of the Union Pacific engaged in a bloody fight on their engine. Clark assaulted

Benson with a torch, inflicting severe injuries on his head. Benson knocked Clark down with a chunk of coal, cutting his forehead badly.

The men were covered with blood when taken from the engine by friends. Their injuries were such that extra men were sent out on their run.

Money for Rosebud Indians.

Valentine, Neb., Nov. 30.—Thirty-eight thousand silver dollars, weighing 2,300 pounds, left Valentine in charge of a squad of fourteen mounted police for the Indians at the Rosebud agency. The money is the first installment of the \$110,000 which will reimburse the Indians for the land surrendered by them in the Bonesteel tract. Every adult and child on the reservation will receive \$30. The remainder of the money must be sent to the agency before Jan. 1.

Brakeman Eastwood Killed.

McCook, Neb., Dec. 3.—Brakeman John W. Eastwood of this city was killed at Akron, Colo., last night while switching a freight train on a siding. Both legs were cut off. The body was brought to McCook for burial. He recently moved here from Oxford, Neb.

INDIANS OFF FOR WASHINGTON Omahas Go to Prosecute Claim Against Government.

Pender, Neb., Nov. 30.—The Omaha Indians have been holding numerous councils the last month with reference to a claim which they have against the government. Saturday they held a general council at the agency, at which as a tribe they elected a delegation, which left for Washington to be present at the opening of congress. The delegation consists of eight members, Hiram Chase and Thomas L. Sloan as attorneys for the tribe and also attorneys for the delegation. They will present their claim, amounting to \$127,000 and interest.

This claim dates from 1854, when the United States government made its first treaty with the Omahas, who at that time claimed all the territory west and south of the Missouri river on the east and west and all north of the Platte river west as far as the sandhills east of the Rocky mountains. In this treaty the Omaha tribe ceded to the government all the territory

west and north of the Iowa creek, which has its confluence near Ponca, in Dixon county, comprising Dixon, Cedar, Knox, Pierce, Antelope, Holt and Brown and counties west, besides part of South Dakota.

At the time this treaty was made the Sioux tribe were in such close proximity and so hostile toward the Omahas they declined to occupy the allotted territory and appealed to the department for another home. In the last agreement or treaty the government gave the tribe 300,000 acres, comprising Thurston, part of Cuming and Burt counties as their permanent home. As the tribe now claims, the government promised to pay them in lieu of the difference of territory, approximately amounting to about 350,000 acres, 26 cents per acre, besides \$40,000, for the transfer and moving from their abodes to the new home. These claims they avow have never been paid by the government.

MARCH 13 DATE OF HANGING

Judge Kelligar Decides Shumway Must Die Then.

Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 30.—In the presence of attorneys, newspaper men and officers, Judge Kelligar sentenced R. Mend Shumway, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Sarah Martin, to be hanged in the penitentiary between the hours of 10 and 5 o'clock, March 13, 1908. Shumway was brought before the court and when asked if he had anything to say, he remarked: "I am not guilty. You are punishing the wrong man." Judge Kelligar informed the prisoner that he had been given the best of counsel and that the verdict of the jury was in accordance with law and justice. Shumway was taken to the penitentiary. The attorneys for the defendant will file a motion for a new trial.

Drainage Case in Supreme Court.

Lincoln, Dec. 3.—Objectors to operations under the Knowles drainage law appealed to the supreme court for the purpose of testing the constitutionality of the law under which dikes are to be built to protect land at or near Fremont from the overflow of the Platte river. As railroad property is in the proposed district, railroad corporations and their officers are interested. The lower court decided in favor of the legality of the drainage district organization. From this an appeal is taken by John W. Harris and others.

PURE FOOD LAW ATTACKED

Packers Declare It Will Result in Depriving Them of Property.

Lincoln, Dec. 3.—Answer was made in the district court by Swift & Co. and their Lincoln representative, William Huxtable, charged with violation of the Nebraska pure food law. It is declared that if the law is construed by the court to mean that it will be considered a penal offense to fail to place the net weight on packages by the defendant or other packers it will result in depriving them of their property. The law is attacked on the ground that it is unconstitutional. Several reasons are given why it is claimed that it is impossible to comply with the law by the defendant, such as shrinkage, varying weight of covers, etc.

Mr. Huxtable was arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

Examinations Came Too Late.

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 2.—Charles Ross of Prosser died in the district clerk's office of the court house in this city while he was being examined to be sent to the Lincoln asylum under the dipomanic law. He was a butcher and became violently drunk in Prosser, when Dr. Baxter of that place took steps to have him committed. But a few questions had been asked him, when he was seized with an epileptic fit and died in the room.

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