

C. & N. W. MAY BUILD TO CITY

Rumor That Northwestern Plans Extension from Hay Springs to Alliance Via Hemingford

WILL OPEN UP RICH TERRITORY

Road Said to Be Considering Two Proposed Routes from Hemingford—One to Scottsbluff

Rumors are afloat to the effect that the Northwestern line is contemplating the building of an extension from the main line at Hay Springs to Hemingford and probably into Alliance.

For some time, it is said, the management of the Northwestern has been casting envious eyes at the Burlington lines, because the Burlington has been getting the exclusive haul on Box Butte county potatoes.

As is well known, the Burlington and Northwestern lines have been long fighting for supremacy of the territory west of Alliance in which the two lines parallel each other.

Reports are to the effect that two proposed routes have been mapped out and that it is possible the Northwestern may go ahead on either one of the two propositions.

An extension of the line on to Ellsworth would give the Northwestern access to a great cattle-raising area that they do not now touch.

It is said that with either of the two proposed lines the Northwestern would build from Hay Springs to Hemingford.

Top Prices Paid for Feeding Steers

The South Omaha Journal-Stockman recently published a table showing the top prices paid for full loads of feeding steers each month for the past twenty-two years, also the top price for each year.

Table with columns for Year (1917-1908) and Price per head. Prices range from approximately \$7.50 to \$10.05.

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GROWERS ORGANIZE FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT

Box Butte Potato Growers to Sell Spuds Under Stamp and Guarantee of Association

The preliminary organization of the Box Butte Potato Growers Association was made at a meeting of potato growers held Saturday afternoon at Hemingford.

A manager will be hired to inspect the potatoes of members to see that they are graded to standard. The potatoes will be sold through the stamp and guarantee of the association.

J. P. Jensen of Hemingford was elected president of the association, and John Wiltsey, vice president. Articles of association are to be drawn up and will be presented for adoption at a meeting to be held at Hemingford Saturday afternoon, September 1.

The plan is to make the Box Butte potato known far and wide as the supreme potato, thus commanding a higher price because potatoes sold under the stamp of the association must be first class.

The association, as an association, will not build potato warehouses. However, this must not be construed to mean that potato warehouses will not be built.

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The district board has original jurisdiction over all exemption claims made on account of claimants being engaged in industries which are necessary to the maintenance of the military establishment and the public interest.

Since all claims under the dependent relative clause are to be appealed to these boards by the government, the personnel of the district board is of great interest to a large class of people.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sampson of Hyannis were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Thomas.

AGRICULTURAL AGENT FOR BURLINGTON HERE

Says Hay Shortage Is Serious—Advise Use of Pit Silos—Many Pinto Beans Being Raised

There is a great shortage of hay over this section of country according to O. H. Liebers of Denver, agricultural agent for the Burlington lines west, who made a business visit to Alliance Saturday.

Mr. Liebers stated that while this immediate section of the country possibly would not feel the hay shortage because of the fact that those who will feed hay have raised their own, the men who were compelled to buy hay this winter would find they were up against a real proposition.

According to Mr. Liebers many sections of the West are finding it profitable to turn to the dairying business. He gives it as his opinion that gradually the stock-raising end of the cattle business in some parts of the West will be replaced by the dairying interests.

The Burlington lines maintain an agricultural agent with a number of assistants. The agent is hired for the purpose of helping the farmers along the Burlington lines on the theory that the railroad cannot benefit until after the individual farmer has benefitted.

The company is encouraging the building and use of pit silos. Mr. Liebers stated that the silo was one of the real big and important things in successful operation of dry farming.

Mr. Liebers is authority for the statement that in the neighborhood of 125,000 bushels of pinto beans will be raised this year in Nebraska, Colorado, Arizona and the West.

Carl Amsberry returned to Alliance Sunday morning after spending a week at Colorado Springs attending the national convention of the International Typographical Union as a delegate from the local union.

MEN TO CANTONMENTS ABOUT SEPTEMBER 5

Box Butte Men Part of 243,014 Drafted Men to Be Sent Soon To Training Camps

Sometime after the first of September, at great camps "somewhere between the Rockies and the Alleghenies," more than a quarter of a million Americans, including drafted men from Box Butte county not exempted or discharged and called in to the service of the United States, will begin the training which will change the boys of the farms, ranches, shops, factories and towns and cities of the territory covered by the central department of the army into soldiers of the new national army of the United States.

More specifically 243,014 men chosen in the selective draft from fifteen states in the central department, of which Nebraska is one of the states, assembled in six immense cantonments will devote all their energies to become seasoned soldiers of America and ready to share the fortunes of war with their comrades from other sections of the country.

The sites for the cantonments where the future soldiers will be trained have been selected with regard to water supply, sanitation and Dodge near Des Moines, Iowa, will train 44,589 men from Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota; Camp Sherman, near Chillicothe, O., will train 37,589 men from Ohio and West Virginia; Camp Taylor at Louisville, Ky., 41,560 men from Indiana and Kentucky; Camp Custer, near Battle Creek, Mich. 35,992 men from Michigan and Wisconsin; Camp Grant near Rockford, Ill. 37,264 men from Illinois, and Camp Funston at Fort Riley, Kan., 45,980 men from Kansas, Colorado and Missouri.

There will be a great similarity in all the cantonments when completed though local conditions will necessitate a different grouping of barracks, parade and training grounds.

When completed each cantonment will have the appearance of a moderately sized city with this important difference, at the camps there will be no

BOYS ON THE BORDER NOW

Co. G of 4th, and Co. C of 6th Left Ft. Crook and Omaha Friday for Deming, N. M.

'WE'RE ALL RIGHT' IS SLOGAN

Mothers, Sisters and Sweethearts Weep as Flower of State's Manhood Entrains

Company G of the Fighting Fourth—the Alliance company—under the command of Captain "Jack" Miller of Alliance, which had been stationed at Fort Crook, Neb., for about three months, left Fort Crook and Omaha Friday in company with Co. C of the Dandy Sixth for the great camp at Deming, New Mexico.

"Tell the world we're all right!" This was the parting message of the boys of Company C of the Dandy Sixth and Company G of the Fighting Fourth, who at 4 p. m. Friday left for Deming to train for foreign service.

Some fellow in the rear car shouted it as the train lay waiting in the shed where hundreds of loyal mothers, wives and sweethearts lingered for a farewell sight of their "boys" before they left—perhaps forever.

While gray-haired little mothers and sweet young sisters sobbed, while young wives clung close in a last embrace of the loved ones, and toddlers cried "because mama does," not knowing why, the aching reverberated—prophetic of the valiant part the soldier lads are soon to play—"Tell the world we're all right!"

And to, oh, how many, came a vision—a scene of death and glory mingled, a line of youthful soldiers charging up a hill, a sickening clash as foe meets foe—and then, victory! And as they charge, from the lips of the dying and the living ring the exulting cry—"Tell the world we're all right!"

As it sounded Friday in the Omaha railroad station, the friends waiting, those who have been brave up to the last moment broke down. But the boys smiled bravely still and though their young hearts were aching with sorrow for the weeping women and children they were leaving behind, they showed no sign, but carried themselves as soldiers to the last.

The call for the two companies came but a short time before they were to go. There was little confusion, however. Captain Whipperman of Co. C of the Sixth and his aides, Lieutenants Metcalfe and Benjamin, worked like Trojans and by 2 o'clock every comfort kit was packed, every blanket rolled and every cot and suit case loaded on the trucks and off for the station.

There was a sharp summons, and a quick blast from the little bugler out on the steps of the Auditorium sounded the "hurry-up" call. Before the spectators realized what was happening the men were swinging along the street on the way to the station, between throngs of cheering citizens gathered to watch them depart.

A Fine, Fit Oldy Beneath hundreds of waving flags and cheered by thousands of loyal Omaha citizens, they marched down to the Burlington station and boarded the special train that rushed them to the training camp.

At the same time a shouting, cheering throng of soldiers rolled in from the south and Company G of the Fighting Fourth, which had been at Fort Crook nearly three months, joined its brothers of the Sixth, I with Company C of the Fifth, these will be the advance guard under orders which in a few days will take 6,000 young men from Nebraska to the southern camp.

The train went via St. Joseph and on to the training camp. There the boys will remain for a few months—it may be weeks—and then will come another move, this time a journey over land and sea, where the boys from Nebraska will go to the succor of the allies fighting so valiantly the battles of the world in Europe.

Every Man Smiling There was not a sigh, not a halting step as the men left. Every face was wreathed in smiles. Every man had a joyous greeting for his comrades and relatives come to see him off. Up to the last moment when the little bugler of Company C leaned out of the car window and almost exploded in an effort to blow the parting call to Omaha and the friends left behind, the boys laughed and cheered.

The call came suddenly as a rifle shot. Not an hour's notice was given—the word said "Pack at once." Company G of the Fourth was just about to start out on a hike, Company C was out drilling and Company



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