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## POTASH LANDS TO BE LEASED

State Board of Educational Lands and Funds will Auction off Leases on Section of Potash Land

DATE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 28th

Rules Established by Board Governing Leasing of Potash Lands—in Absence of State Statutes

The first section of state school lands containing potash will be leased to the highest bidder, as far as the mineral rights are concerned, at ten o'clock on the morning of September 28th at the State House in Lincoln. The section to be auctioned off is described as follows:

Section 36, Twp. 26, Range 45 W, in Sheridan County.

The notice issued by Mr. Shumway reads as follows:

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska and rules adopted by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, June 22, 1917, there will be offered to the highest bidder, in addition to one eighth royalty, a mineral prospector's lease upon the following described land, at the office of the Land Commissioner in the State House at Lincoln, Nebraska, on September 28, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m.:

Section 36, Twp. 26, R. 45 W., in Sheridan County.

G. L. SHUMWAY, Com.

Rules Governing Leases

The State Board of Educational Lands and Funds has adopted the following rules governing the issuance of mineral-oil leases on state lands in Nebraska:

In the absence of any statutes governing the production of mineral, gas, oil, potash or other valuable substances from school and other public lands of the state, the Board of Educational Lands and Funds has adopted the following rules:

Any lands desired to be prospected shall be applied for in writing.

If the land is covered by agricultural lease, the said agricultural lessee shall be notified by the Commissioner, and he may also apply for the prospecting privileges, if he so desires.

In such case, or in other cases where there are two or more applicants for a mineral prospector's lease upon the same tract, the Commissioner shall cause the same to be advertised for a period of not less than twenty days in some newspaper in the county in which the land is situated and all who may desire may bid a bonus for the privilege of acquiring the mineral prospector's lease.

Such privilege shall consist of the right to enter upon said land to prospect for minerals, gas, oil, potash or other valuable substances, borings, excavations or otherwise and should such right be acquired by other than the agricultural lessee, the mineral prospector lessee shall pay all damages done to growing crops and for the use of the lands actually occupied by structures and for excavations, borings or buildings that may be necessary for the successful prosecution of the work, and no such structures, excavations, borings or buildings shall be within ten rods of the dwellings or barns of the agricultural lessee.

Prospectors must begin examination of the chemical or geological possibilities within six months and must begin actual borings or excavations or buildings upon said tract within one year and must have a productive well, mine or plant in operation within three years.

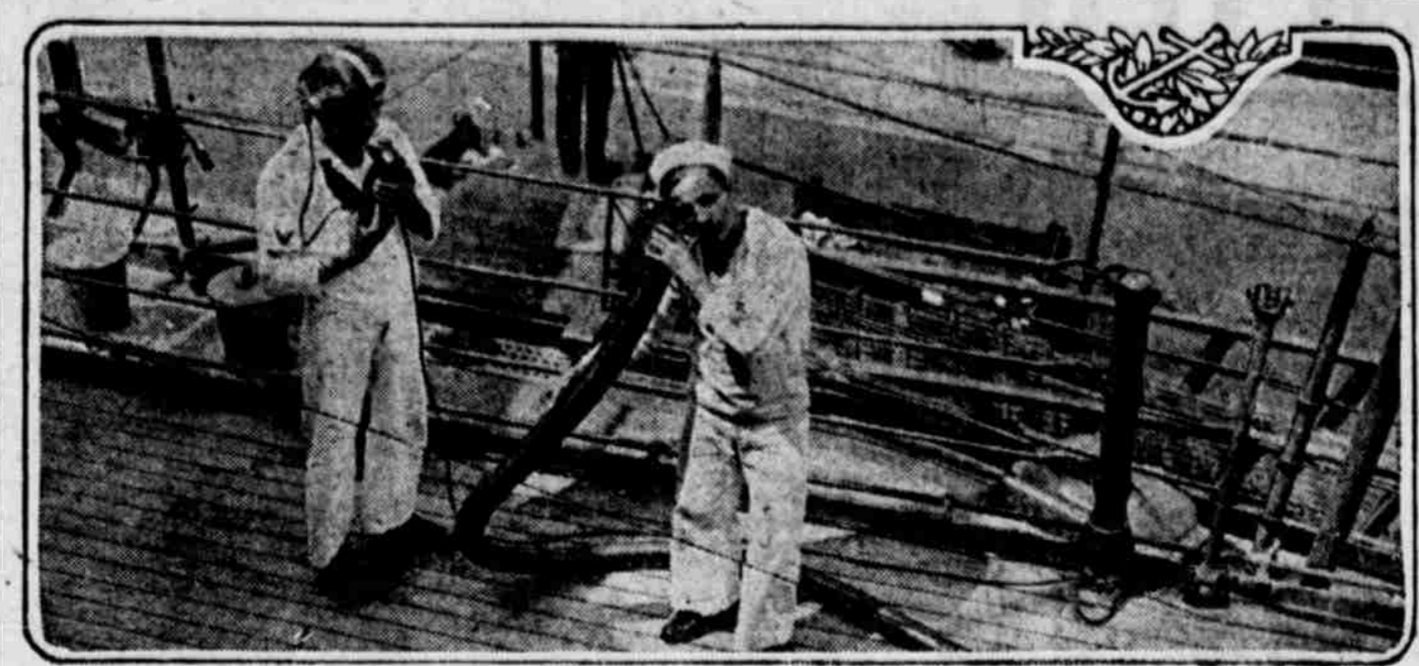
A showing satisfactory to the State Board must be made on or before December 1st of each year. If at the end of the three year period an unproductive well has been bored to the depth of three thousand feet and prospector desires a continuance of the lease for the purpose of further prospecting, the lease shall be renewed upon application and an additional three years granted, subject to the prosecution of the work with due diligence. The terms of such prospector's lease shall not be less than \$1.00 for each lease annually and one-eighth royalty of all minerals, gas, oil, potash or other valuable substances, requiring the same to be delivered in pipe-lines, tanks or proper receptacles suitable for receiving same, or cash market value thereof at the option of the State Board.

Mineral prospector lessee shall have the right to a renewal of the lease upon the same terms so long as such mineral, gas, oil, potash or other valuable substance is being produced in paying quantities.

The Board shall reserve the right to the State of revoking and cancelling any lease at any time it is convinced that the mineral lessee is not operating in good faith, and dilatory and negligent in the work, or in the reports required by the State, by giving said mineral lessee thirty days' notice.

Each person shall be entitled to a lease upon one section only upon these terms. A prospecting privilege extending over more than one section may be obtained for a reasonable length of time until the lessee has determined by examination which of said sections he prefers for

## OUR BOYS GETTING ORDERS WHILE OUT AT SEA



United States sailors on the deck of their ship demonstrating how information is given and orders received from below decks during an engagement with the enemy.

## BOX BUTTE PIONEER BURIED HERE SUNDAY

Valentine King—Pioneer, Railroad Contractor, Rancher—Died in Alliance Friday Evening

Funeral services for Valentine King were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Holy Rosary church. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery by the side of his wife. Mr. King died in this city Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. He survived by five sons and three daughters in the immediate family, being William and Martin of Alliance; John, Anna and Tom of Angola; Patrick of Blackfoot Idaho; and Mrs. Margaret Jacobs and Mrs. Ellen Murphy, of Angola.

Valentine King was one of the pioneers of this section of the country. He was born in Claydon, county Galway, Ireland, August 16, 1840. He came to America in 1867 and settled in Pennsylvania, moving later to Maryland. Later he moved to Illinois, then to Iowa and finally to Nebraska. For several years past he was engaged in ranching near Bayard. His health failed him several months ago and he then moved to Alliance to be close to the family physician.

Mr. King came to Box Butte county in 1887 with the railroad and took contracts for the roadbed west of Whitman. He gained for himself a host of real friends. He was a man every true to a friend, every willing to lend a helping hand and do his mite to lighten the burden of mankind.

The brilliant comedy "Are You An Elk" or "How Father joined the Lodge" will be presented at one of the theatres here at an early date, according to an announcement made this week. Some of the best dramatic and comedy talent of the city has been enlisted of the production and a meritorious performance is assured. The comedy itself is one of the best plays as a laugh producer that has ever been written, it is said, and there is not a dull minute from start to finish. The cast will be made up of fifteen talented, popular and prominent ladies and gentlemen of Alliance whose names will be announced with the next week. The production will be in charge of an experienced stage director and will be given under the auspices of the local Elk's Lodge at a date soon to be announced.

Miss Dora Cunningham, who was employed as toll operator at the Alliance exchange of the Nebraska Telephone Co., quit that position last week to accept a position as messenger-girl at the local Western Union Telegraph office.

### WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

Following is the weekly weather report of F. W. Kheiss, official weather prophet of Alliance:

Sep	Max	Min	Rain	Wind	Day
13	83	38		E	Pt Cloudy
14	78	58		W	Clear
15	78	47		E	Pt Cloudy
16	73	40	.60	SE	Pt Cloudy
17	70	47	.15	S	Pt Cloudy
18	73	40		S	Pt Cloudy
19	69	44		NE	Pt Cloudy

continuing his work.

### Supplemental Rules to Govern Potash Leases

Applications will not be accepted from one person for more than five sections, from which a selection of one section must be made and the others canceled within thirty days. Failure of applicant to make such selection within the thirty days, will forfeit all rights under such application. Within ninety days after the selection as aforesaid, applicant shall commence a construction of his production plant.

Present applicants for more than one section for prospecting and development of potash resources shall be governed by the foregoing rules and the Land Commissioner is directed to forthwith send notices of all such applicants that said selections shall be made within the said thirty days.

## "SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW"

Alliance is right now facing a serious proposition as regards to Commercial Club. The time has come when the club must either fish, cut bait, or get away from the pond. This is not a time for covering up or crying. It is a time to start to do something.

For some time past there has been a faint roar that has been gradually increasing until it can now be heard distinctly all over the city, merchants, and others who have been supporting the Commercial Club and digging up at regular intervals, some of them, have become more or less disgusted with the way things have been going and in one or two instances, at least, are reported to have kicked over the traces and absolutely refused to support the club further until the club demonstrated that it amounted to something and was looking after the interests of Alliance and this county at every possible opportunity, not merely waiting for things to happen of their own accord and then make a feeble effort to appear in the running.

There is a real need for a commercial club and there is real work to do. Probably never before in the history of the city were there so many propositions that needed consideration and action. It would be almost a crime to let the club die, but the indications are that it will die and there will not be much of a funeral unless some drastic changes are made in the immediate future.

It is a well known fact—so well known that the talk is general—that the commercial club has been practically inactive as regards the big things that need attention for the past year or more. This article is not written to cast reflection on the recent secretary or on the present board of directors or the officers. It is written to help crystallize the thoughts in the minds of those who have been providing the cash to operate the club, that unless the club becomes an active force in the community in the immediate future there is likely to be one big, grand blow-up.

When W. D. Fisher ceased to be secretary of the Alliance Commercial Club the club then and there began its downward course and up to the present writing has been successful in keeping to that road. It takes energy and more to successfully conduct the affairs of a commercial club. Any man who is afraid of work, who is afraid to soil his hands, or who is afraid to put in long hours of real hard work has no more business being secretary of the Alliance Commercial Club than a dog has business with two tails in place of one. The job of secretary is not a job for a society swell or a B. A. B. It is a real job for a real man.

The directors of the Alliance Commercial Club held a luncheon at the Alliance Hotel Saturday noon at which they determined to again secure the services of Mr. Fisher, if Mr. Fisher would accept. When Mr. Fisher was here before his services were not fully appreciated. He ran up against the proposition of having to try to please everyone or have those he didn't please biting him. He is now a district representative for the Germania Life Insurance Company and is located at Topeka, Kansas. If Mr. Fisher will accept the job, then the problem is almost solved for he has demonstrated that he can fill the bill and really accomplish something. If he will not accept the position then the directors are up against the proposition of finding a man who will fill the bill.

There is one fact certain. Something must be done and be done in short order if the commercial club is to be maintained as an efficient organization ever on the alert to really accomplish something for Alliance and this section of the country. Once the club is dead it will be a hard matter to resurrect it.

There is work and plenty of it for a live-wire secretary. Right now there is the proposition coming up of the possibility of the Northwestern railway extending its line from Hay Springs to Hemingford and then on to either Alliance or Scottsbluff. There is the proposition of handling the state potato show to be held here the middle of November. There is no reason why Alliance cannot have this big feature every year if the first show is pulled off so that everyone is pleased. It is a big thing if handled in a big way. There is the proposition of getting a real road between Alliance and Lakeside, and Antioch. A little neglect and it will be too late for if Alliance don't want the natural business from these towns some way will be provided for these towns to get what they want. There is the fall festival proposition which seems to be dead, but which could be staged in connection with the state potato show. There is the hotel proposition. Yes, and there are other affairs that need attention now and more are coming up right along.

One of the biggest manufacturing enterprises in view for Alliance would be a potash refinery. The potash plants should have been located here but that opportunity, which was a big one, is past and gone. The plants now operating need a refinery to extract the pure potash from the large amount of soda and salts which are not valuable and on which freight is now paid to the refineries in the east. The establishment of a refinery at Alliance would result in the building of a big plant employing several hundred men and result in the advancement of the city along many lines.

The new Denver Conservatory of Music, of which Miss Eunice Burnett formerly of the Alliance Conservatory of Music, is soprano director and teacher of voice, opened the past week with a large enrollment. Friends of Miss Burnett who desire to write to her may do so by addressing her care New Denver Conservatory of Music, 29-39 East Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colo.

The Sidney Telegraph in commenting on the event that happened at Omaha when a girl insisted on kissing each member of Company G goodbye says: "The Alliance girl who kisses three hundred soldiers farewell didn't stop to consider that perhaps the poor fellows would have preferred to choose their kisses. Rarely for 300 men make a selection of the same girl."

## NEGRO SHOTS AT OFFICER STAFFORD

Dime Novel Story Rehearsed at Burlington Shops Early Last Evening—Negro Still at Large

The combination of a "nigger" with two guns always seems bound to spell trouble sooner or later. It so happened that the combination spelled trouble "sooner" last evening and along with it went a half dozen bullets by the side of night police officer George Stafford's head. George Moore, colored employed nights as fireman at the local Burlington shops resented the idea of being arrested by Officer Stafford and so started the fireworks. Up to this noon Moore had not been caught. The story reads like one of the old fashioned dime novels.

Eddie Boddi, colored, and employed in the store house at the Burlington took a correspondence school course in detecting from a detective school in Texas. It cost him \$10.00 and \$2.00 more to get his diploma, which he had framed. When Boddi appeared among the colored laborers at the yards the first of the week he displayed his "diploma." That started things. Moore is also from Texas and seemed to imagine that Boddi was a detective and was after him. Whether Moore is wanted in Texas or not is not known. Anyway Moore, according to Boddi's story, threatened to "get" him and carried a gun for the purpose. Boddi says he couldn't convince Moore that there was any difference between a correspondence school for detectives diploma and a license.

Boddi became scared and early last evening complained to the police that Moore had threatened him. Officer Stafford and ay Tompkins accompanied Boddi to the round house. Boddi pointed Moore out saying "There he is." Stafford stepped forward to arrest Moore and Moore were running every way for a few started the fireworks. "Niggers" minutes. Being unable to catch Moore, Stafford called uptown for aid and soon a posse composed of Sheriff Cox, Chief Snyder, Deputy Sheriff Jones, Stafford, Tompkins and Herald reporter's were on the hunt. About every nook and corner of the yards was searched with the night foreman along to identify Moore in case he was caught. Not finding him there box cars were searched and a general search started among the colored residents of the city. Outgoing trains were watched but so far Moore is in the shadow. Boddi is being held for carrying concealed weapons.

While waiting at the depot for No. 42 last night Sheriff Cox and Chief Snyder found other excitement to keep them busy. A Mexican who had cashed pay checks this week, for several others of his countrymen, to the amount of about \$300 made a dart for the door before anyone knew anything was going up. The chase was on, shortly, but no Mexican was found.

It is understood that J. R. Baskins of North Platte, formerly a resident of Alliance, is planning to engage in the laundry business in Gerig. "Curley" as he is known here was manager of the Alliance Steam Laundry before going to North Platte. Mr. Baskins was one of the original proprietors of the Ideal Laundry at Scottsbluff and is a man thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the business. The matter of starting the laundry at Gerig will depend, it is stated, on the ability to secure the proper machinery, most of the erstwhile laundry machinery manufacturers now being engaged in making wa' material.

Miss Eunice Burnett, connected with the Alliance School of Music here until the school was closed this summer, in a letter to an Alliance friend this week stated that last week she gave a half hour concert in the Y. M. C. A., tent at Camp Baldwin for the benefit of the 5,000 soldiers stationed there. She states that she could notice much difference in the soldiers now as compared to when she visited the camp some six weeks ago. They are now straighter and look more like soldiers and seem to have become used to camp life.

Bert Walters of Miller Brothers newsstand is authority for the statement that Alliance is to have a complete bean sorting outfit installed this fall in order to care for the large bean crop. Bert is a bean expert and his reports on the bean situation can always be relied upon.

Mrs. L. Z. Holloway and Mrs. L. H. Highland returned Wednesday afternoon from a visit of several weeks with their parents at Newton, Kansas, and other relatives in that vicinity.

## FAREWELL FOR SOLDIER BOYS

One Hundred and Thirty-five Attended Banquet Wednesday Evening at Elks Club Rooms

BOYS WILL LEAVE FRIDAY P. M.

"Comfort Kits" Presented to Boys Who Will Leave to Join National Army at Camp Funston

The suggestion of the Alliance Herald that the people of Alliance be given an opportunity to say farewell to the next quota of Box Butte county men who joined the new army, met with the hearty approval of one hundred and thirty-five men and women, leading citizens of the community, who gathered at the Elks club rooms Wednesday evening to partake of a banquet served in honor of the following, who are to report at two o'clock Friday afternoon, to leave at midnight for Camp Funston, Kansas:

- James Hibbert
- Harry Gavelick
- Theo. E. Yeager
- Tom H. Zalores
- Geo. A. Hare
- Richard Haugh
- Arthur Maken
- Jacob Rohrbach
- Royce L. Glass
- Cecil R. Henry
- Archie T. Phillips

The banquet was served by the ladies of the Baptist church who lived up to their reputation as knowing how to serve delicious viands in the right way. Orchestra music was furnished. Mayor W. E. Ousey acted as toastmaster for the program and his few remarks were delivered impressively and in a manner that impressed his hearers with the fact that Alliance's mayor can fill difficult places in a manner that is pleasing to all.

Dean W. Carson Shaw made a short talk, full of good thoughts and giving the boys who are going to prepare for the trenches some food for thought that they will often remember. The dean was followed by R. F. Curtis, formerly of Winnepeg, Canada, the son of a Tocumseh, Nebraska, doctor. Curtis is now employed by the Burlington at Alliance. His graphic descriptions of life in the trenches, of experiences in the battles of Ypres, Vimy Ridge, Verdun and Lens, and of the time when he received serious and near fatal wounds at the latter place, visualized to his hearers the scenes through which he passed in a way that bro't home to them the real meaning of the war.

Following a solo by Mrs. C. F. Dutton and the presentation of "comfort kits" by Mrs. E. G. Laing for the W. C. T. U., and the Red Cross the crowd adjourned to the main lodge room for the dance.

The occasion was one which will be long remembered by the people who attended and by the boys who leave us Friday for army life.

### RAISED FINE SPUDS ON PLOT OF SOD GARDEN

Jimmie Pierce, the Herald's office boy, besides doing his work at the Herald office this summer found time to plant and attend to a patch of potatoes. Jimmie rented a lot near the fair grounds from Tom Stalos for \$2.50 and paid \$2.50 to have it plowed and then proceeded to plant 34 rows, each 150 feet long in the broken up sod. The spuds all grew with the exception of one row the cut worms cleaned out. Jimmie says he will get better than fifty bushel and more than a wagon load off his lot near the fair grounds. He planted his spuds the 10th of June and expects to dig them all about the first of the month. They're nice potatoes too, for Jimmie brought some dandies to the Herald office to show the force his "sod spuds."

### C. L. POWELL TO GO OUT OF DAIRY BUSINESS

C. L. Powell announces this week that he has determined to go out of the dairy business. He states that as one of his sons is attending the University and the other has been called to service in the army and as it is almost impossible to get help that will stay on his job regularly, he has decided to get out of the business. As a result he is holding a public sale at his farm 3 miles north of the Alliance post office on what is known as the old Reaves place on Friday of next week, September 28, starting at 1 o'clock. The sale is advertised elsewhere in this issue of the Herald.

Among the 85 head of cattle offered for sale are 30 head of good milk cows. In addition to the cattle horses and hogs to be sold, Mr. Powell will sell his Ford automobile, a 4-horse gasoline engine and his 3-unit Sharpless milking outfit, complete. This sale will provide those in the market to pick up some exceptionally good stuff. Col. Coursey will be the sale.

Dr. Clark Satterfield returned this morning for a week's business trip at Onawa, Iowa.