

# LINCOLN- Famous

# Capital City Far and Near



## STORIES OF STATE-WIDE INTEREST

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### COMMANDERING THE POTASH PRODUCTION

Land Commissioner G. L. Shumway's request for the United States government to commandeer potash production in Nebraska during the period of the war is receiving favorable comment from persons who have no political axes to grind by camouflaging the subject.

With charges and countercharges of unfairness, it is impossible for a person who is not conversant with the true inwardness of the situation to form a correct judgment as to who is right and wrong. If the federal government steps in and takes charge of the potash production, giving to all parties concerned what is fair and right, it may puncture some political balloons that are being inflated with potash gas.

Because of press of other work, the history of mineral leasing on school lands in Nebraska, which is being prepared for this department, is being somewhat delayed; but it will appear within a few weeks and will set forth facts so plainly and accurately as to assist readers to separate the wheat from the chaff in the large amount of matter that is being published regarding the matter.

### STATE UNIVERSITY

#### SERVICE FLAG

Some of us who display service flags with one or two stars are proud of them, and we have a right to be; some business houses show a half dozen or more stars on their service flags, some churches and other institutions several dozen; but the University of Nebraska service flag beats them all with the number of stars on it. The traditional Ivy day exercises of the state university were given added interest last Saturday when a service flag, 15 feet square and bearing 1,403 stars, represented every Husker student in military service, was formally presented.

Ideal weather favored the Ivy day program, including the crowning of the May queen and the planting of the small strip of ivy sent back from France by University of Nebraska men in the service over there, Lieutenant Herb Reese and Lieutenant Marcus Poteet.

Miss Edith Yungblut, of Lincoln, was crowned queen of the May. She is president of the University Girls' club.

### GOVERNOR REQUESTS MAYOR TO STAY ON DRAFT BOARD

Ed. P. Smith, who succeeds James C. Dahlman as mayor of Omaha, will remain on the district appeal draft board, at least for a while.

This was decided at a conference here Saturday between Smith and Governor Neville.

Smith told the governor he desired to resign from the draft board, because he doubted the propriety of holding the two offices.

The governor urged him to retain the place a while, and Smith finally agreed.

Both the governor and Smith were reluctant to say anything about the charges of "favoritism," made in the campaign against Smith.

"The recommendation of the governor that I remain on the draft board is sufficient in itself to show the people just how false those charges were," said Smith.

"I have every confidence in Mr. Smith," said the governor. "No proof of the charges has been filed with me. I think the matter can be dropped, so far as this office is concerned."

### ANOTHER INCREASE TO THE SCHOOL FUND

Over \$1,700.00 per month will be added to the revenues of the state for the payment of teachers' salaries from the re-appraisal of school lands in Custer, Casper and Holt counties. The following shows the total valuation of school lands under lease contracts, in each of the three counties, under the old appraisal, new appraisal and the increase:

County	Old appraisal	New appraisal	Increase
Holt County	\$151,109.23	\$267,908.79	\$116,799.56
Casper County	\$68,589.00	\$116,799.56	\$48,210.56

### MINERAL LEASES VALID ON COLORADO LANDS

Colorado Supreme Court Decides  
Sales of School Lands Involves  
Only the Surface Rights

In a decision handed down by the Colorado supreme court last week covering the sales of Colorado school lands by the state land board, the court decided that surface rights only were involved in the sales and that the reservation of mineral and oil rights lies with the commonwealth. This is of interest to Nebraskans, who are interested in the purchase and who have in recent years purchased Nebraska state school lands.

### FEDERATED MEAT PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

In order to more completely cooperate in bringing the nation's meat production up to a maximum this year, Nebraska live stock men have joined the national association, formed recently at Purdue, Ind. The executive committee of the live stock associations of Nebraska, meeting in Lincoln, voted to unite with the Federated Meat Producers' association. A committee composed of Z. T. Leftwich, of St. Paul, and De Sota, Neb., H. B. Cockerill, of Richfield, Neb., and Prof. H. J. Gramlich, of the university college of agriculture, was appointed to represent Nebraska in the association. A national meeting is being held today (Thursday) at Manhattan, Kans., at which plans for further work are being perfected.

### EXPERIMENTAL FARMS ARE NOT FOR PROFIT

The state does not conduct experimental farms for profit. The purpose is educational. One of the experimental farm superintendents, in reply to an inquiry as to whether these farms should be self supporting, says: "Hogs are raised here not to make money as a first consideration, but to show the farmer how he can avoid raising hogs at a loss and how he can make money out of them." He then sets forth the results of several experiments in hog raising. If the 17,000 hogs in Lincoln county a year ago had been fattened as one lot was at the North Platte experimental farm, it would have meant \$93,500 more profit for the farmers of that county. Experiments were conducted with several lots of hogs. Some lost money. Others made small profit. Still others made a good profit. Thus the primary purpose of the experimental farms is to discover how the farmer can make the most profit out of his stock and crops.

### GROW SOY BEANS

The Nebraska experiment station is advocating the growing of soy beans. They are rich in protein and merit use in every household. Compared with other vegetables, they surpass any of them in protein content, and they may be used as a substitute for lean meat. They contain three times as much protein as wheat and twenty-eight times as much as potatoes. Soy beans should be planted between May 20 and June 5. They should be put in rows about 35 inches apart and cultivated with the ordinary two-horse cultivator. They may be sowed 2 inches apart in eastern Nebraska and some wider in the western part of the state. They usually require about four cultivations and one hoeing. Soy bean flour is an excellent wheat substitute. A bulletin will be issued shortly by the experiment station setting forth the merits of soy beans in detail, and telling how to grow and use them.

Miss Mabel Clayton and Pauline Peters entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Spencer last Tuesday evening, at a handkerchief party in honor of Miss Cutosky. The handkerchief, presented to Miss Cutosky were white and yellow. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer was very artistically decorated with Japanese parasols and the white and yellow color scheme. The sixteen guests present enjoyed an excellent time. Those present were: Misses McHugh, Hiedick, Soper, Engle, Walters, Terry, Robertson, Blass, Bruce, Bertha Wilson, Avis Yoder, Glenn Mounds, Reed, Alta Young, Worley, Cutosky.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Christensen were incoming passengers on 43 Monday from Alliance, where they have been visiting Mrs. Christensen's parents.

### EMIGRANT DEAD IN CAR OF FREIGHT

A. C. Banta, of Greenburg, Kansas,  
Died on Freight Train attended  
Only by Faithful Collie

A. C. Banta, of Greenburg, Kans., traveling with an emigrant car of household goods, farm machinery, etc., from Salem, Oregon, to La Junta, Colorado, was found dead in his car at Edgemont on Wednesday by A. E. Goulette, a brakeman on the train. The body of Banta was attended faithfully by a beautiful and valuable collie dog, whose grief, when the earthly remains of its master were taken from the car, was pitiful.

Banta died from heart failure, according to Burlington Surgeon Thornton. It was decided that no inquest was necessary. He had been dead

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In Colorado this means that persons who, prior to 1917, purchased something like 750,000 acres of land containing mineral or oil possibilities, must either give a quit claim deed to rights below the surface or submit to the cancellation of their certificate or purchase.

The decision grew out of the Walpole-Kirchhof coal land case, wherein the purchasers, N. A. Walpole and Frank Kirchhof, attempted to compel the land board to issue a patent for their half section three miles northeast of Erie. Between the time of issuing the certificate of sale and the final settlement for the 320 acres the land board leased the mineral rights to a third person, and this started litigation, which ended in a victory for the land board.

All purchasers since 1917 are compelled under the state law to relinquish mineral and oil rights to the state. The land board thought it had that right prior to that date, and although the supreme court held the agreements so entered into between the board and purchasers to be invalid, the tribunal also decided that the sales were "against the position of the purchaser."

The position of the purchasers, like many others, it is understood, is that they will get their purchase money back with interest, or may retain the land with only the surface rights.

Fred Davison was in from the ranch Wednesday, taking out a big load of lumber.

Otto Ulrig made a business trip to Alliance Friday.

### HEAD STUFFED FROM CATARRH OR A COLD

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twelve hours when found. A dairy there it stopped. The body was turned over to A. E. Bartlett, Edgemont he had gotten safely to Newcastle and undertaker.



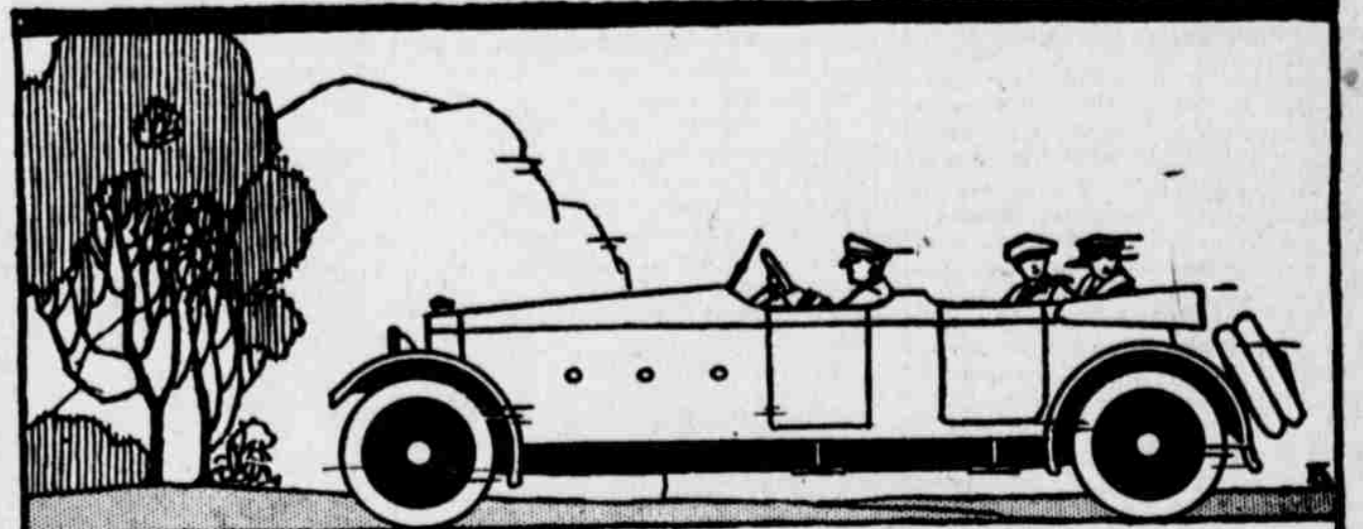
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