

RAILROAD NOTES

Arthur Lenox, traveling refrigerator inspector, was in the city Wednesday, on business.

Jack Gwynn of the western weighing and inspection bureau was in the city Thursday on business. He is the proud father of a baby son, born Thanksgiving night. The youngster will be called Robert Frank. Mr. Gwynn has lots to be thankful for this year.

Miss Myrtle Queen of the freight house force moved this week from 303 1/2 Box Butte avenue to 123 Niobrara.

H. K. Tiller, formerly employed as night baggage helper, is now night bill clerk, taking the place of Thomas Howard, who will work nights on the baggage job.

Engineer Harry Beans and wife were called to Crawford yesterday on account of the illness of Mr. Bean's sister, Mrs. J. E. Arner. They returned Wednesday night on No. 42.

Harold Beans, son of Engineer Beans, has gone to Gering to work for Charles Shaffer, formerly of Alliance.

Brakeman R. C. Wereman is laying off on account of a sprained ankle.

Brakeman R. V. Andress is laying off on account of sickness.

Brakeman C. L. Woodman is laying off on account of illness.

Conductor W. C. Zollinger returned from a business trip to Chicago.

Machinist Carl Swarde is visiting in Rapid City, S. D.

Machinist B. L. Abare is kept from work by a smallpox quarantine. Three of his family are ill with the disease.

W. M. Breckner scalded his hands by pulling the petcock on a live engine.

C. H. Kerr, who is in the automobile business at Edgemont, S. D., was visiting Alliance friends the middle of the week. Mr. Kerr was formerly cashier in the freight house.

Mrs. A. R. Reynolds, wife of Brakeman Reynolds, has returned from Denver, where she has been visiting friends.

P. M. Scott, formerly of the roadmaster's office, is assisting in the superintendent's office this week.

Ira Irby has returned after a few days' visit with relatives in Denver.

John Scott of the freight house is laying off this week on account of illness.

Mrs. Anna L. Arrison has returned home after an extended visit in Kansas City, St. Louis and points in Iowa.

OIL NOTES

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rary permits or temporary relief to operate oil lands on the public domain pending the passage of a leasing law. Under those permits the secretary very fairly placed the royalty at one-eighth, which was according to the usages of oil men among themselves. This allowed the operators seven-eighths of the avails, but one the eighth day of August, 1915, the secretary using the power given to him under the law and under political pressure changed the amount required to be impounded from the one-eighth to the total amount of production. This of course was ruinous and it was particularly damaging to small operators with lesser amounts of moneys with which to

operate. It worked in favor of big companies which could undergo a severe test. They could wait while little fellows in many instances could not.

The treaty of peace and league of nations has been the real cause of the delay in enacting a leasing law, but it now appears the international questions will be settled in this present special term of congress and that the leasing bill will be one of the first things considered in the general session of congress which convenes the first Monday of December, which this year is December 1.

Last February the leasing bill was passed the house by over 3 to 1 and it just passed the senate again 3-1-3 to 1. It passed the senate last February by a vote of 3 to 1 and now it does not appear there are over ten votes in the United States senate against a good leasing bill.

The many good results of the passage of a leasing bill are hard to estimate. The different withdrawals affect many millions of acres of oil, coal, phosphate and sodium lands on the public domain in the United States. The oil lands alone run into millions of acres, a great part of which were taken up and located pursuant to the provisions of the placer mining law. In accordance with various patents issued by the United States government on such lands, besides several strong court decisions, many claimants of lands are clearly entitled to those lands, but the policy of the government under the so-called conservation refuses to grant any more patents on any lands short of those having commercial oil or gas wells on them. The whole policy is to withhold patents and start a new policy never heretofore entered into by the United States government—that is, for the government to become a landlord and charge a rental on lands which it proposes to lease rather than to grant outright to its citizens.

It is argued by the oil, coal and other mineral men that this is an unjust, unusual and unfair discrimination, that the other states of the union have been settled by the old method of patenting without withholding the fee and the legal ownership and without charging a rental, and the claimants to these western lands further point out that not only is the government proposing to charge a royalty, but it proposes to take a large part of that royalty—evidently from 50 to 70 per cent—and apply it to the general national affairs, largely to the reclamation service.

It must be kept in mind that until lands are patented by the United States they are not subject to taxation by the states in which they lie, so the leasing system takes away the power of the states to collect taxes to carry on their governments. The older states have not been burdened this way and their representatives should not be advocates of such a system.

There is one wholesome thing about the failure to pass the leasing bill before this, and that is there were many so-called conservationists who were branding mining men as a class with being "looters" and "exploiters" of the public domain until a storm of hatred and opposition was generated to oppose the mineral men, but after many exhaustive examinations it has come to be pretty generally understood that the mineral men are right.

It is supposed that a man's property cannot be taken from him without just compensation and due process of law, but nevertheless it is evident that men who have fulfilled the provisions of the placer mining law and the law pertaining to possessory title are not being allowed to enjoy their lands as their property. On the contrary they are to be charged a rental or royalty as stated.

Owing to the fact that several of the public land states have statutes requiring locators on the public domain to perform at least \$100 in assessment work on each claim each year until patent issues, some question has arisen regarding the extent of the relief that is granted by a recent act of congress suspending such work in 1919. To discover whether or not the states having laws of this character have the right to insist upon their enforcement in the face of suspension of the federal requirements of the Colorado chapter of the American Mining congress took the subject up with the department of the interior and received on Saturday the following wire:

"Wyoming oil placer claim holders are protected by mine assessment bill. Wyoming has no authority to require assessment work to be done on public land claims. National law supercedes and abrogates any state requirements."

In a telegram to Colin C. Rae, petroleum engineer, A. L. Weill, attorney general of California, said:

"It has been held that compliance with terms of a federal status suspending work is the equivalent of doing the work and therefore there is no room for the contention mentioned by you. To avoid any suggestion that claim has been abandoned I have recommended in all cases that work be done and a full record made as it might be difficult to prove matters in later years when your witnesses are dispersed."

FOREMAN TELLS ABOUT TROUBLE

For Twenty Years He Had Suffered—Gains Eleven Pounds and Is Restored to Health

"For about two years before I began taking Tanlac my health was so bad that I lost two or three hours from my work nearly every day," said C. H. Melton, a construction foreman for the Western Union Telegraph Co., Omaha, Neb. Mr. Melton's home is at 3336 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo., and it was while he was in Kansas City one week-end on business for his company that he made this statement to the Tanlac representative.

"For twenty years before I started taking Tanlac I suffered from stomach trouble and nervous indigestion," he continued, "and my condition kept getting worse until about five years ago I was in such awful shape that nearly everything I ate caused me terrible suffering. I had bursting headaches, and gas would form on my stomach so bad at times that I could hardly breathe, and felt heavy and stuffy all the time. I suffered from constipation and got so weak and run down that I could hardly drag about and sometimes it looked like I would just have to give up my work entirely.

"A friend of mine, who had tried Tanlac, recommended it to me so strongly that I began taking it. Well, sir, in three days' time I could tell that I had at last struck the right medicine, for my appetite began to improve, my stomach got better and I was feeling built up in every way. I have now taken five bottles of Tanlac, eat anything I want, have gained eleven pounds in weight, and never had a pain in my stomach. I have

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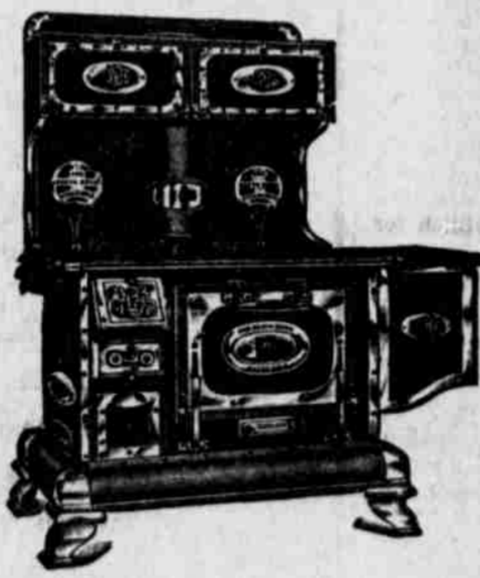
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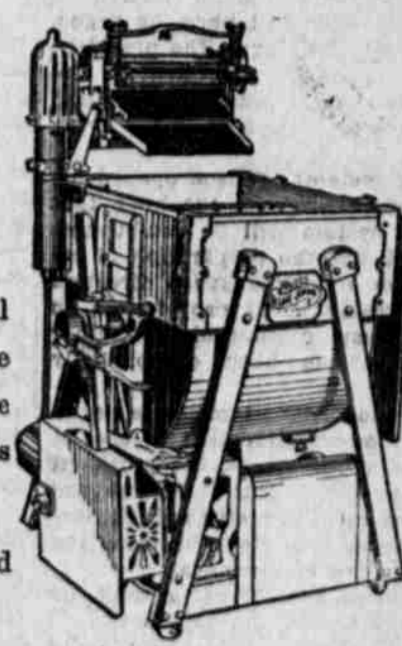
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