

Nebraska News Notes

LOW PRICE HAS BEEN REACHED ON POTATOES

LINCOLN—In view of the earlier movement of potatoes this year, it is likely that the season of lowest prices already has passed, and considering that the crop for the United States is considerably lower than the average total consumption demand, prices possibly will advance materially before another crop is produced, according to a report today from the state bureau of markets.

The latest government estimate places this year's production for the United States at 365,000,000 bushels, compared with a total production last year of 428,368,000 bushels. The bureau of markets and crop estimates places the probable carlot shipments of potatoes this year at 160,000 cars, as compared with shipments last year inclusive, 143,350 cars moved, leaving but 16,650 cars in the hands of growers the bureau states, while 35 to 40 percent of the crop has been in the hands of growers and dealers on January 1 over a period of years.

BOY CHARGED WITH STEALING A HORSE

CALLAWAY—Kenneth Allen, a 15-year-old boy residing near Comstock, was captured by Sheriff Talbot and brought to Broken Bow, where he was lodged over night in the county jail. According to the information given by the county attorney, young Allen had started out that morning with a horse, bridle and saddle belonging to William Buckbee of near Comstock and the man for whom he was working. The boy rode to Anley, where he sold the horse for \$1.50 and got \$8.50 for the saddle and bridle. He then bought a ticket to Bridgeport and left Anley on No. 39. The sheriff was notified and the boy was caught at Seneca and was brought back to Broken Bow. As he was a minor they decided to give him another chance but he is to report to the sheriff at least once a week.

BLAZE DESTROYS FOUR BUILDINGS AT LEWELLEN

OSHKOSH—Fire originating in the hardware store belonging to F. M. Gates, destroyed the hardware store, the Lewellen Mercantile company store the Robinson lunch room and a vacant building at Lewellen. The town being without water protection, the bucket brigade was brought into action and chemicals used but efforts were devoted mainly toward saving the threatened buildings. With considerable difficulty the Farmers State bank across the street was saved and the blaze was stopped on the north at the Fairmont cream station. The estimated loss is \$35,000, partly covered by insurance. The buildings consumed were all of frame construction.

COLLECTION OF TAX ON GASOLINE INEXPENSIVE

LINCOLN—The cheapness of collecting the gasoline tax in the state of Washington is one of its best recommendations, Gov. Louis F. Hart, of Washington declared in a letter to Governor McKelvie.

"The tax here is proving the most satisfactory in many ways of any tax that is levied in the state," Governor Hart wrote. "I have heard of no objections from the tourists and auto owners or dealers and am confident that they do not really feel the payment of a cent a gallon.

"In addition to this, a notable feature is the small cost of collection. In five months the state of Washington has collected \$410,000 with this tax and has not expended to exceed \$500 in cost of collection."

Either willful misrepresentation or lack of definite knowledge are responsible for recent statements to the effect that the special legislative session in February will cost the state \$130,000 Governor McKelvie declares.

"At the most it can't cost more than \$15,000," he said, "as under the statute the members cease to draw pay if they remain in session more than 10 days."

MANY SOW FARMS TO GRASS NEAR SEWARD

SEWARD—The acreage of corn in Seward and adjoining counties will be a great deal smaller for the coming year than usual, and some farmers have about decided to plant no corn and instead sow their farms to grass and forage crops. They figure that this is an opportune time to prepare their ground for raising larger crops when prices for grain are higher than at present. Therefore, a large acreage of alfalfa, red clover, sweet clover, etc., will be sown, as the soil in eastern Nebraska can be fertilized up to the standard by raising these clover crops for a period of two or three years.

The farmers claim that a price of 25 cents on corn is a losing game to them and the more they raise at this price the more money they lose.

The price of hay is also an inducement to enlarge the acreage of hay, as three, and sometimes four, crops of alfalfa can be secured during the season and, at \$10.00 to \$12.00 per

ton, is a better paying crop than any kind of grain.

It is estimated that the corn acreage for the coming season will be about one-half the usual amount.

SWINDLE ALLEGED IN LUMBER SALES

OMAHA—Charged with being a fugitive from justice, D. S. Yarges, 53, salesman, was arrested by City Detectives Ryan and English at the El Beudor apartments.

According to word received from Minneapolis, Yarges is wanted on the charge of operating an alleged swindling game in Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.

Complaint was lodged with Omaha officials by the sheriff of Fairbault county, Minn., where it is alleged Yarges passed himself off as an agent of the Stevenson Lumber company of Seattle. Officers say he had collected from \$1 to \$500 from many farmers in the middle west for promised shipments of lumber at wholesale prices. It is believed that Yarges' spoils during his several months' career will amount to many thousands of dollars.

NEW ORGANIZATION FOR EX-SOLDIERS

LINCOLN—A grand voiture of "La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux" was organized at a meeting or promenade held in Lincoln last Saturday. Delegates were present from the local chapters at Omaha, Grand Island, Madison county, Lincoln and Humboldt. Frank Warner of Norfolk was elected "Grand Chef de Gare"; Will Cummins of Lincoln Chef de Train or vice president; Harold Prince of Grand Island Commissionaire Intendant or treasurer and Frank B. O'Connell of Lincoln Grand Correspondent or secretary.

La Societe, or the 40-8, as it is better known, is the national fun organization for members of the American Legion. It gets its name from the French box-cars made famous through the A. E. F., and its officers are called after the French train officials.

The organization is formed for fun only, and has no serious purposes other than to support the Legion program. Membership is limited to those who have been active in Legion affairs. Fifteen or twenty local voitures will be formed in Nebraska during the year, according to state officials.

SOLDIER WAITING FOR FRENCH BRIDE

ST. HELENA—In far-off France Mrs. Lester J. Mabeus, Paris newspaper woman, who was married to a St. Helena mail carrier by cable a few days ago, is experiencing a solitary honeymoon. Mabeus travels his rural route, thinking of his "in absentia" bride, whom he will not see until she comes to the United States sometime in February.

"I met Miss Marie Hahn in Paris in 1918 when I was with the A. E. F. and we became close friends," said the young husband. "Through correspondence we decided upon a cablegram wedding, since that would give her the advantage of American citizenship before sailing."

The distance-divided couple were married by County Judge Bryant at Hartington. Mabeus was asked the necessary questions in the telegraph office and Miss Hahn the same questions by cable. It took two days to tie the knot. The marriage certificate was forwarded to Mrs. Mabeus at Paris.

OMAHA WOMAN TO VISIT SON IN PRISON

OMAHA—As a part of its Christmas program the Omaha American Legion will send Mrs. Marie Anderson, past 60, a widow, to Leavenworth, Kas., to spend the holidays with her soldier son, Joe, whose release from the federal prison she is seeking, after having one sentence commuted only to see him rearrested as he stepped from the prison gates. The boy has been in the army since the age of 16 he ran away from home at Sioux Falls, S. D., to go to France with the A. E. F.

Mrs. Anderson recently returned from Washington where she "hiked" in an effort to have President Harding free her son. Joe was gassed in France, she says, and after he came back he deserted and reenlisted under a fictitious name. His sentence for this was commuted by the president, but he was rearrested for endorsing and cashing a money order under his fictitious name.

The older son of Mrs. Anderson was killed overseas during the war. The same day she received the message of his death she got a telegram saying that Joe was missing in action, and for a long time she could find no trace of him. She thinks the second charge against Joe is a frame-up, and that she will soon be able to get him pardoned.

KIDNAPPED BOY IS FOUND AT AUBURN

PAWNEE CITY—Lenn Snell, young son of O. W. Snell of Table Rock, Nebraska, was kidnapped by a stranger from near his home Sunday evening.

He was found Wednesday at Auburn and returned to his parents. The boy was playing outdoors when a car nearby which seemed to have broken down, attracted his attention. Going over to help the man, he was offered a ride, being promised that he would be returned shortly. He went, and did not return that night nor the next day. Clate Smith, local dairyman, remembered having served a man at the garage who was hailing towards Auburn, who might be the kidnapper. Snell, the boy's father, engaged Smith to go to Auburn and search a clue. Smith found the boy there with the stranger. Upon being questioned as to a motive for taking the lad, the stranger said that he wanted the boy to fix his car for him. Smith intended to have the man arrested, but the stranger managed to get away from Smith and has not been seen since. Snell is expressing his hope that the Burlington passenger running from Lincoln to Wymore by way of Pawnee City. County Sheriff Guy Avery has been put on the case.

HAVELOCK SHOPS TO BE ON 40-HOUR BASIS

LINCOLN—The Havelock shops of the Burlington employing over 1,500 men, will go on a 40-hour-a-week basis, instead of the present 40-hour schedule, January 1, announcement was made by E. Koop, superintendent of the motive power department.

The change is made rather than to inaugurate the customary winter slash in force.

When activities resume in the spring, the old schedule will be reinstated.

ANTIOCH

The Antioch fire department has been reorganized to comply with the Nebraska state laws. Harry Campbell was elected chief; James Fairfield, secretary, and J. P. Thomas, treasurer. The membership now numbers fifteen.

James Hoffland is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Sara Hilliker left Friday for Albin, Neb., to remain indefinitely. Cecil Wilson stopped in Antioch on his way to Lakeside. He was driving his Buick, which has been repaired and remodeled since the wreck on the Potash highway last September.

Tuesday J. W. Wilson and wife and Mr. and Mrs. George Dietlein motored to Alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Briggs and Mrs. George Hunsaker were Alliance shoppers Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf spent Thursday in Alliance.

Dorothy Wilson left Friday night for Peru, Ia., for her Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Harrington has taken charge of the hotel in Hoffland. The family will move there at once.

Helen Stowell and Irma Graham of the Antioch teaching force left for eastern Nebraska to spend their vacation.

Friday was a banner day for the Women's Progressive club. A paper was read by Mrs. William Conner on "The Madonnas." A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Homer Wilson, Mrs. Otto Smith, Mrs. Valentine and Mrs. Moore. A Christmas grab bag was provided which proved a pleasant surprise. Santa Claus was present at the meeting.

Mrs. Hoffland entertained at Christmas dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Conner. There were fourteen guests present. The house was beautifully decorated with Oregon grape and mistletoe.

Mrs. Lillian Hobbs went to Alliance Tuesday to make the acquaintance of her new grand-daughter, Miss Myers. Jack Craven and wife spent Christmas with Ab Bliss in Antioch. Jack is employed by the oil company at Lakeside as a mechanic.

Walter Hoffland is home from Bingham to spend the holidays with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson of north of Antioch attended the funeral of A. Brost at Alliance Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson were Alliance shoppers Tuesday.

Mrs. C. C. Rice and little daughter, Dellerie, of Plattsmouth, Neb., arrived Monday on 41 for a short visit with Mrs. Rice's mother, Mrs. L. A. Hobbs.

H. P. Holt is busy hauling lumber from the Lincoln potash plant, sixteen miles south of town, which he purchased and has wrecked.

George Hunsaker returned to Antioch Monday. He has been absent two weeks wrecking the Lincoln potash plant.

James Keeley, who is working on the Spade ranch, is spending a few days in Antioch.

Mr. Miller, west-end road contractor of the Potash highway at Hoffland, is moving his family to Antioch for school advantages.

Emil Fingal spent Sunday afternoon and evening in Antioch, the guest of William Conner returning to Alliance Monday morning.

Miss Zilma Smith of the Antioch teaching force is leaving Monday to spend the Christmas vacation on her homestead, near Glendo, Wyo., and to visit her brother, Fred V. Smith and family.

Miss Margaret Klingman will spend her Christmas vacation in Wood Lake.

Miss Helen Stowell entertained the teachers' club Tuesday evening. Each guest brought a present to hang on the tree. A delicious lunch was served, after which the guests gathered around the fire-place telling stories and enjoying the evening. The teachers

voted Miss Stowell a delightful hostess.

BLACKROOT

Harry Grosse spent last week at the Cal Leis home.

The program and Christmas tree, which was held December 22, at the school house, was well attended. The program was excellent, three schools taking part in it.

John Caha and family of Hemingford spent Thursday and Friday at the C. F. Hookham home. They came out to attend the program.

Miss Murray, the teacher in district 31, left Friday morning for Manville, Wyo., where she will spend her Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Cal Leis was on the sick list last week but is improved at this writing.

Pete Farrell's and Marshall Sheldon's finished threshing last week.

Mr. Henderson went to Hemingford Thursday on the mail wagon. Dale went in after him Saturday. Mr. Henderson went to Alliance to see his daughter-in-law, who is in the hospital.

Louise McCart has been suffering from an abscess in her throat for the past week.

Pete Farrell's and Marshall Sheldon's spent Christmas at Al McCart's. George Flaherty's took Christmas dinner at Henderson's.

Mrs. Byri Dyer and Percy Dyer left overland for Phelps county Thursday morning. They expect to spend the holidays there.

Mr. Meeker is visiting his son, Ivor, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Bain and daughter were Hemingford visitors Monday and Tuesday.

R. O. Grosse and family, Harry Grosse, Mrs. Bain and daughter and Cal Leis spent Christmas at the Charles Hookham home.

L. L. Dyer's and G. E. Dyer's spent Christmas at the Bert Lance home.

Mrs. Lora Dyer returned home from the east last Tuesday.

Cal Leis received word from Murdock last Tuesday morning that his mother had passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Leis left on the midnight train Tuesday. They expect to be gone nearly two weeks.

Danger From Automobile Exhaust Gases

Investigations made by the United States Government show that gases dangerous to life are frequently present in the exhaust gases of automobiles. These gases are often present in sufficient quantities to produce disagreeable symptoms, or even cause death. The effect of these gases is produced very quickly, usually before the victim realizes the danger.

Observe the following precautions at all times:

Always open the garage door and leave it open before starting the engine.

Do not allow the engine to run for any length of time in a closed garage. Do not work near the exhaust of a running engine.

Special precautions as to ventilation are necessary when in garage pits.

When the exhaust is used for heating a closed car, the system must be free from leaks.

Persons overcome by exhaust gases from automobiles and gasoline engines should be removed to fresh air and artificial respiration performed until a physician arrives.

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