

FURNAS COUNTY APPEALS CASE.

Supreme Court to Decide Placing of Game License Money.

The Furnas county suit instituted to test the right of the state to place game license money in the state school fund has been appealed to the supreme court. John Stevens, a taxpayer of Furnas county, instituted an injunction suit to prevent County Clerk J. T. Nickerson from paying \$155 license money to the state treasurer. This is the amount of money collected during the year 1913 by the county clerk for fishing and hunting licenses. Mr. Stevens alleges the money should go to the county school fund under the terms of the constitution relating to the disposition of license fees, fines and penalties. The state alleges the game license is not imposed by the county and therefore the statute which says it must be paid into the state treasury for the benefit of the state school fund is valid. It is also alleged that the county clerk acts merely as agent for the state in the matter of collection. District Judge Perry decided in favor of the state and the county has appealed. About \$20,000 annually is collected throughout the state for hunting and fishing licenses.

Fresh from a trip down the Loup valley visiting the scenes where he and his brother copperskins used to chase the Buffalo or make war on the Sioux, old Chief White Eagle stopped at the capitol for a short stay before his return to Oklahoma.

The chief is 83 years old. He is in excellent health, well preserved and as vigorous as he was thirty-five or forty years ago. The only indication that he is getting well along in years is his tendency to drop asleep whenever he sits down for a moment or two. When asked about his early days in this state he said:

"Great white men have been here since my people left," he said through Chief Knife, his grandson. "Where my people used to hunt for buffalo are long trains going with the ush of the wind and in clusters more frequent than the herds we hunted then. And everywhere are the wagons without horses which run around like great devils, spitting fire and smoke and climbing hills faster than a horse. The old spots are almost gone and soon the Indian will be gone altogether. Everybody makes money now—nobody takes time to hunt and fish like we used to."

The aged chieftain was at the head of the Skidi branch of the Pawnees. He was a fearless scout and saw service galore in Frank North's Pawnee scouts. He was wounded in a skirmish and receives a pension of \$24 a month from Uncle Sam at the present time. During the period intervening between his muster out of the service and the removal of his tribe to Oklahoma the chief's people were scattered near Genoa. It was chiefly in that vicinity and as far up the river as Palmer that the old Indian has been spending his time during the past three or four weeks.

Representatives of the Nebraska Portland Cement company of Superior appeared before the state railway commission and consented to a continuance of the cement freight rate case until September 21. A large number of railroad men and agents of cement companies in other states and Nebraska dealers in building material were present. The Superior company and the Burlington road and agents of other roads will try to agree on new rates. They will prepare a schedule and submit it to interested companies prior to September 21. It is believed an agreement can be effected without a hearing of the case. The Superior company filed a complaint alleging it was ready to ship cement from its new mills but that it is unable to compete with companies in other states which take advantage of interstate rates and place their product on markets in Nebraska cheaper than the Superior mill can sell for, freight rates being considered.

According to the returns of assessors to the state board of assessment there are more than four times as many automobiles in Nebraska than typewriting machines. Assessors found 33,198 automobiles and only 8,400 typewriters. It is suspected that many typewriting machines are not listed for assessment or are listed as office furniture.

The European war has directly affected a portion of the convicts at the Nebraska state prison. Rattan which is used in the chair factory is imported from Europe and at present the supply is very short. One of the foremen of the prison shop recently made a trip to New York, but was able to secure only a small quantity of rattan. Fifteen men have already been taken from the chair shop because of the shortage of material and they are now being used to other work. Thirty-five men are still being used in the shop.

The state canvassing board, consisting of Governor Morehead, Secretary of State Wait and Auditor Howard, have canvassed the returns of the late primary.

The results show that 146,857 votes were cast in the primary, divided as follows:

Republican	74,493
Democrat	67,229
Progressive	2,364
Populist	1,396
Socialist	1,927
Prohibition	379

AMENDMENTS O. K.

THREE PROPOSITIONS FAVORED BY VOTERS OF STATE.

FIRST RELATES TO TAXATION

Second Permits Jury in Civil Cases to Return Verdict—Third Raises Officers' Salaries.

Lincoln.—All three of the constitutional amendments carried at the last primary and they are made the party proposition of all the parties and will be entitled to the benefit of all straight party ballots, so that the voter who does not vote either way on the proposition or makes a cross in the party circle votes for them.

Amendment No. 1 is a proposition to get a more adequate system of taxation for Nebraska and carries by a vote of 54,597 for to 25,725 against.

The second proposition gives a jury the right to return a verdict in civil cases, five-sixths of the jury being only necessary instead of the entire jury governing the verdict.

The third proposition is the one of raising the salaries of state officers. There has long been a contention that Nebraska had outgrown the point where it should pay the meager salaries to its state officers that it has done for so many years and the last legislature provided for a change if the people so desired. The proposition calls for the raising of salaries of state officers as follows:

New	Old
Governor	\$5,000
Attorney general ..	4,000
State treasurer ..	3,000
State auditor ..	2,500
Secretary of state..	2,500
State sup't	2,500
Land commissioner..	2,600

The proposition provides that there shall be no allowance for clerk hire in the offices of the state superintendent and attorney general.

The proposition carried at the primary by a vote of 45,230 for and 29,752 against.

Railroad Tax Statement.

E. M. Polley, tax commissioner of the Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, has prepared a statement showing the true or sale value of lands in counties through which his road operates, the assessed valuation this year and the amount of the tax per acre. He also shows the proportion of taxes borne by personal property:

True or sale Assessed Taxes, per Co. val for 1914. for 1914. acre, cts.

Stanton	\$105.50	\$62.70	46.38
Wayne	121.50	72.25	48.85
Thurston	98.00	66.90	71.50
Washington	132.00	79.05	67.02
Dixon	103.50	50.70	47.63
Madison	103.00	58.20	48.84
Knox	66.50	31.45	36.91
Burt	125.50	78.80	72.65
Cedar	99.25	59.75	42.71
Cuming	135.00	77.30	58.40
Dakota	107.75	60.00	47.86

A table showing the proportion of taxes borne by personal property and showing also the 1913 increase over the total 1912 taxes is given in percentage by Mr. Polley's in his paper. These are as follows for the same counties:

Proportion of total taxes born by per- 1913 increase	personal property. over 1912.
Dakota	15.9
Cuming	16.1
Cedar	19.1
Burt	16.0
Knox	19.2
Madison	17.3
Dixon	19.7
Washington	22.6
Thurston	16.4
Wayne	16.4
Stanton	14.6
	12.5

Milford Well Under Way.

The state board of control has chosen Joseph Burns to complete the well, already under way, at the Milford old soldiers home. The well is being drilled eighteen feet in diameter and five feet of water-bearing sand has been struck. The trouble has been encountered in walling in this sand, so that the work can be completed to the bed rock below. This is the task Mr. Burns is to tackle for \$8 per day. The well is being drilled by the state, which is its own contractor in this instance.

Copies of Rate Schedule Ready.

The State Railway commission has received the first copies of the new freight schedule promulgated in order No. 19. The copies are to be sold for \$1.75 each, about the cost of printing. The Burlington railroad has taken 400 copies, the Union Pacific 200, the Northwestern 175 and the Rock Island 75. The Missouri Pacific will prepare its own schedules.

State Aid Bridges.

State Engineer D. D. Price has gone to Lexington to assist the county board in awarding contracts for a bridge at Overton and another at Lexington, both over the Platte river. Each bridge will cost about \$75,000, and the state will pay half the cost under the state aid bridge law. Two types of concrete bridges have been put in the plans of the state engineer, one a girder bridge and the other an arch bridge. Each will be 800 feet long.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

The Nemaha river at Falls City is lower than it has been for many years.

A Nemaha county fruit raiser has sold his apple crop from a thirty acre orchard for \$6,500.

The state democratic headquarters will be in Lincoln, with Secretary A. B. Sprague in charge.

J. Radebach won the regular weekly shoot of the Willow Creek Gun club near West Point.

The Lincoln county fair and fall festival at North Platte will be made a permanent institution.

Three thousand five hundred people attended the Labor Day picnic and celebration at Alliance.

The Nebraska Osteopathic society has voted to hold its annual meeting in Lincoln next September.

Four Fremont young men were injured when an automobile in which they were driving to the Snyder carnival upset.

The Table Rock schools opened with a fair attendance. L. E. Trout is superintendent and Ruth Thatcher principal.

During the past week thirty-three cars of cattle have been shipped from Harrison and Coffee Siding, just west of that place.

A telegram from Rock Springs, Wyo., received at Fremont announced the death of Howard van Deusen, a former well known Fremont man.

Fremont ministers at a meeting voted unanimously to join in the movement to observe October 4 as a day for prayer for peace in Europe.

A can of phosphorous rat poison which was being opened by C. I. Van Patten of Hastings exploded and endangered Mr. Van Patten's eyesight.

An artificial ice plant is being built at West Point. The building is 40x70 feet and has a capacity of ten tons a day. The total investment is over \$10,000.

Harry Anderton or Edgar sustained a broken shoulder blade while playing foot ball with a picked-up team which was practicing with the high school squad.

Sheriff Boesl of Bennett county, So. Dakota, was arrested in Gordon for engaging in a street brawl resulting from a decision on a horse race during the county fair.

Rev. Nathaniel McGiffin, who went to Fremont from Omaha a few weeks ago, has been formally installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Fremont.

Since the price of wheat has gone to \$1 and above, Hastings grain men have received three or four times as much grain as they did when the price was lower.

C. H. Taylor, republican nominee for county attorney of Cass county, has withdrawn from the race and the party is confronted with the selection of a candidate.

Samuel Juelson has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late Ole J. Sohus of Newman Grove. The will was admitted to probate in county court at Madison.

Mr. Mintum of the Fremont normal school was seriously and five other young men painfully injured when an automobile in which they were riding turned over near Mead.

Frank Winter, claiming to be from Cleveland, O., was sentenced to serve thirty days in the county jail by Justice M. H. Marble at Table Rock. He was charged with petit larceny.

A coroner's jury has exonerated M. H. Tyson of Elmwood from blame for the death of John Swanson at Plattsmouth. Mr. Johnson was struck and killed by Mr. Tyson's automobile.

L. E. Shuler, father of Henry Shuler who was killed in an automobile accident near Fremont, is in Minnesota seeking land and efforts to notify him of his son's death have been futile.

The second annual Thayer county fair has closed at Deshler after a successful week. Over six thousand people were present one day and six hundred teams were on the grounds.

The Adams county board of supervisors has filed a claim for \$1,000 against the estate of John O'Connor of Hastings, claiming that amount is due for back personal taxes of the Hastings recluse whose fortune has been claimed by many "heirs."

Ida M. Seichell of Madison has brought suit against the Union Pacific Railroad company for \$3,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by her in the city of Norfolk, March 13, 1914, by reason of a defective rail which caused her to fall.

Roy and Ross Acton, thirteen and eleven years old, were drowned at Meadow, when a flatboat which they were paddling in thirty-five feet of water, became leaky and sank. Rescue parties worked for two hours before the bodies were recovered.

Nebraska's 1914 corn crop was estimated at 172,000,000 bushels on September 1, by the United States bureau of crop estimates. The United States National bank of Omaha estimated the corn crop at 150,235,000. The 1913 crop was 114,000,000 bushels.

Mrs. Ida Effie, aged 38, was killed and three others injured in an automobile accident near Norfolk.

William Mayfield, 15, son of E. M. Mayfield of Stapleton, fell in front of a mower, receiving injuries so severe that amputation of his left arm was necessary.

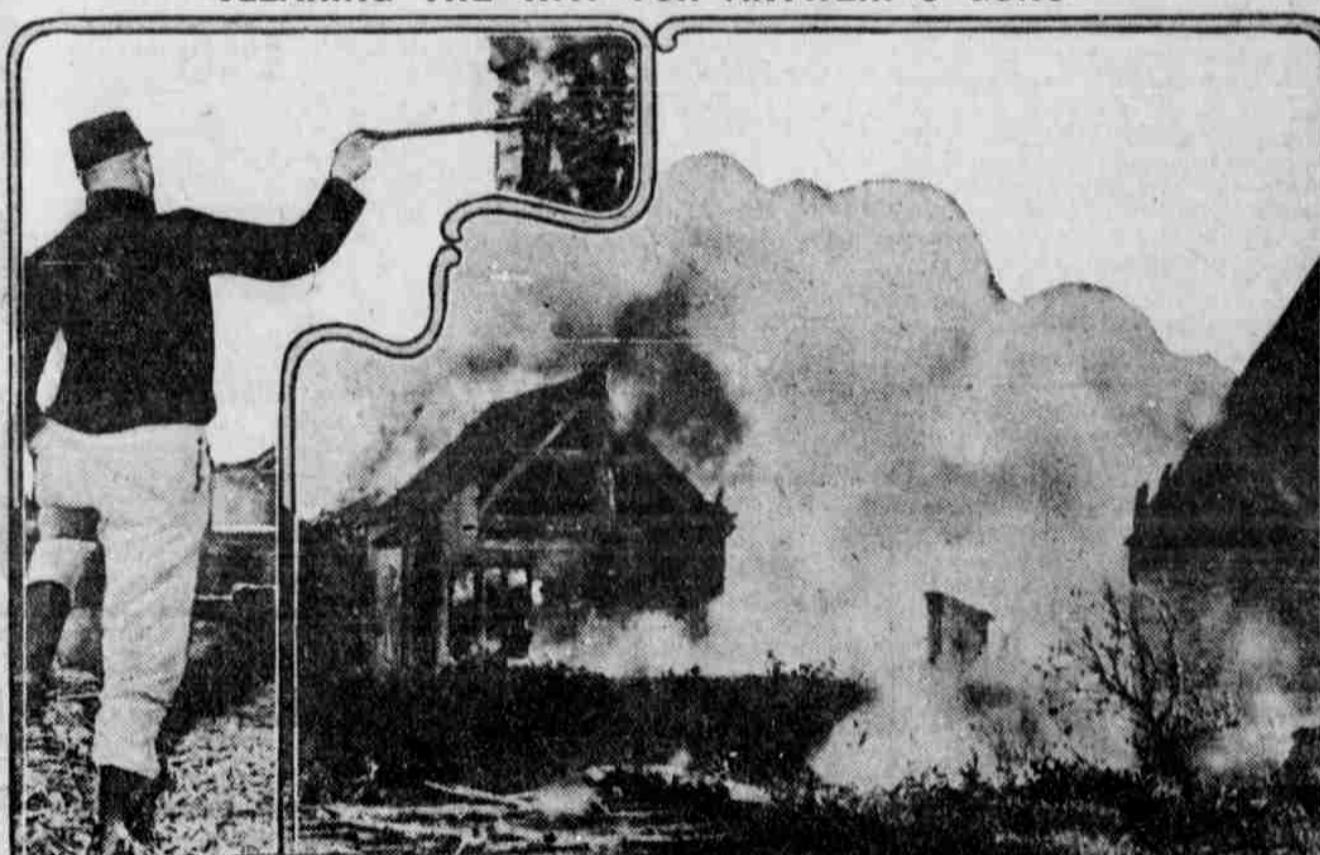
Furnas county has appealed to the supreme court in a suit for the purpose of recovering from Bertin F. Moore, county treasurer, \$497.68 alleged to be due the county as interest on county funds deposited in banks. The case was dismissed in the district court.

BELGIANS FLEEING AND ADVANCING



Below, the entire population of Tirlemont fleeing for life from the rapidly advancing Germans, carrying their most precious little possessions. Above, Belgian infantry in column formation screened by artillery in the distance, marching to repulse the Germans at Haelen.

CLEARING THE WAY FOR ANTWERP'S GUNS



When the Belgians retired to Antwerp many houses in the suburbs were burned in order to clear the land in front of the fortifications. At the left a soldier is seen setting fire to a cottage with a lighted broom.

BRIDGE ACROSS THE MEUSE DESTROYED BY BELGIANS



In order to impede the advance of the Germans the Belgians destroyed this steel and concrete bridge across the Meuse river. This photograph was made at great risk, as an order had been issued to shoot photographers caught making pictures.

READY FOR THEIR ERRAND OF MERCY



Some of the American Red Cross nurses ready to sail on the steamer Red Cross for service on the battlefields of Europe. In front are Mary Francis Keller, May A. Brownell and Anna L. Rentinger. At the rear, Mary E. Gladwin, Helen Scott Hay (in charge), Lucy Minnegerode and Mary F. Farley.

REFUGEES IN CATTLE CAR