

WETS TRYING TO MAKE PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN ISSUE.

Prohibition enforcement may overshadow the peace treaty ratification in the presidential election as an issue. That is the opinion of some of the more close observers of the political turmoil incident to a national election. They have been studying developments closely during the past few days and feel more certain hourly that prohibition will be injected into the national platforms.

This is almost certain if the senate fails to dispose of the ratification program during the present session and there now seems little probability of such. In fact the turn of events indicate that there is only one outcome to present engineering between the various treaty factions that bring a deadlock. Consequently the treaty will be taken before the people at the election next fall.

The next move will be to bring the matter of enforcement of the national prohibition law in to the ballot. Then the voters will be confronted with two national issues, which both should have been disposed of by their congressmen elects, but which will be thrown back upon the voter directly for his decision.

The voters will naturally be thrown into somewhat of a turmoil and it is believed that under such circumstances that national prohibition will be voted down overwhelmingly, while the outcome of the peace treaty will be a side issue. That is the wets' plan, it is understood.

The wets hold that the treaty, with its many interpretations and amendments and reservations will be conflicting and confusing to the voter and he will not be able to cast an intelligent ballot on it. Prohibition on the other hand will be plainly set forth, for or against enforcement, and there will be little chance for confusion here. The wets feel that the public will vote freely on this issue and not on the ratification program, with the result that the former will decide for once and all time, and the wets think in their favor.

Everything seems to hinge on what congress will do with the treaty before adjourning, whether they will ratify the treaty, amended or otherwise, or if they will force it into the election next fall. Should the latter course be taken there's little doubt but what national prohibition will also be made an issue and because of its simplicity will be the leading issue of the two.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.

March 2, 1920. Board met pursuant to adjournment, present full board and county clerk.

John Ketchum, road work, \$28.00. John Anthony, fixing tractor, \$5.00. A. S. Allen, office expenses, \$44.52. Ira Sage, printing, \$21.66. Neb. Tel. Co., rent and tolls, \$67.90. H. Haskins, dragging, \$25.00. The board proceeded to make and did make an estimate of expenses for the year 1920.

For Sale—1919 Ford Touring car, with winter top, best of condition at saving of over \$200. J. V. Romigh Garage. 15-2

MRS. JESSIE BACON AND HER 1000-ACRE RANCH

A writer in the Nebraska Farm Journal devotes a page of that publication to a write-up of Mrs. Jessie B. Bacon's 1000-acre ranch, part of which lies in Lincoln county. Aside from the fact that Mrs. Bacon was a former North Platte resident, interest attaches to the article in the method she handles her ranch and part of the write-up is herewith reproduced:

Alfalfa is the real gold mine of the west, according to Mrs. Jessie Bacon, owner of the "J. B." ranch in the Platte valley near Gothenburg, Neb. You could not doubt her statement if you were to visit this ranch and keep your eyes open. If you still were a doubter, Mrs. Bacon has plenty of facts and figures to convince you.

Mrs. Bacon was called the "alfalfa queen of the west" by the newspaper reporters when she visited Omaha during the Nebraska Farmers' Congress. Just what is necessary to earn such a title is not clear to me, but Mrs. Bacon is easily the most extensive grower of alfalfa among the women of Nebraska if not the entire country. Every foot of the home section in Lincoln county is alfalfa land. This has been called the finest section of land in the valley. It slopes gently to its north line, which is the South Lincoln Highway. There you will see stack upon stack of alfalfa with 12,000 sheep in the yards turning it into mutton and wool as the most profitable means of marketing it.

When you look at these stacks of alfalfa, the thousands of sheep, the large ranch house, and cottonwood windbreak, you can't help letting your imagination carry you back to the period, not so many years ago, as time goes, when all this land was virgin prairie—when the wolf, the Indian, and the white man were all busy destroying the buffalo which fed on these nutritious grasses. Even years afterward I was told this land went begging at \$17 an acre. The bankers were afraid of it. That was too much money. But Mrs. Bacon had enough vision to realize that it was a good buy and she hurried half way across the continent to make a deal. Recently she was offered \$200 an acre for it.

Having come into possession of this land—1,000 acres in all—the problem confronting the owner was to devise and adopt a system of farming which would best lend itself to the management of a woman rancher. The development of this system and the consequent improvement of the ranch have shown a keen business ability and foresight that would do credit to our most successful ranchmen. So efficiently has she systematized her work that she can go to Chicago, or Paris and study music for recreation purposes and a change of surroundings, while operations on the ranch go on as usual. The extensive growing of alfalfa was a large factor in the development of this system.

Alfalfa the Crop Now Mrs. Bacon tried hog raising on a large scale. She lost the first year's crop by cholera, but this did not discourage her for she fed out 800 head the next year. But the keeping and feeding of stock, Mrs. Bacon soon found, required her constant presence and personal supervision to make things go right. She was compelled to be out in work clothes doing manual labor practically the year around. The plan she is following now is to grow as large an acreage of alfalfa as possible, and to rent all the rest of the land on a crop share basis.

At present Mrs. Bacon has 350 acres in alfalfa. She intends to seed more this spring regardless of the high price of seed. She says the longer we wait for seed prices to come down the more money we lose by not having more alfalfa on our farms. I

had to admit that her reasoning was sound, and that, no matter what the price, alfalfa seed is never too high to sow. The only seed, we agreed, which was too high priced to sow is the cheap-in-quality kind.

Mrs. Bacon thinks alfalfa is the one crop that is easy for a woman to handle. I have known many a man who thought 80 acres of it was too much for one farmer to undertake. Probably it is, but Mrs. Bacon finds no trouble in taking care of her 350 acres. She hires gangs of men to put it up for her by the ton, but she is there on the ground to see that it is cut when just at the right stage of maturity, and to see that the weather prevailing is taken into consideration. There is only one way to put up alfalfa, in her estimation, and that is the way which will preserve its maximum quality. Speaking of the weather, I am convinced that if the stacker were to put a poor top on a stack, there would be a decided "frost" next morning so far as he was concerned. Nothing is left to chance or mere man during the alfalfa harvest. And why should this not be so? This hay is to be sold the following fall and the better it is put up the better the quality and the better her chances to sell it at a good profit.

When the hay is in the stack Mrs. Bacon's expense for handling the crop is over. She sells the alfalfa at so much a ton in the stack but this hay is not hauled off and fed in the feedlots of some other ranch, as you may infer. Nothing like that in Mrs. Bacon's system of farming. Instead of taking the alfalfa away to his stock the buyer brings his stock to the alfalfa. There is no danger of wanting from her crop of 1919 Mrs. Bacon sold 1,000 tons to Leavenworth and Bond, of Wood River, the feeders who at present have 12,000 sheep on the place. There is no danger of wanting fertility on a ranch which grows 1,000 tons of alfalfa in a season, and all of it fed to sheep right on the place.

Fertility Kept on Farm Mrs. Bacon sells all her grain, except wheat, received as rent, and all of the alfalfa, to the same buyer. The 1000 tons of alfalfa sold at \$17 a ton in the stack last fall, and she received \$1.35 a bushel for her corn. Thus both grain and roughness are right on the place and handy to be fed. The feedlots in which the sheep are fed cover about 5 acres. The yards are partitioned off into long, narrow lots, 40x300 feet, with a rack running the entire length of every lot. Connected with the end of every such lot is a second in which the grain is fed. The sheep are kept in the former until their grain is ready for them. Every lot is a unit and by this method the feeder keeps his sheep separated in small droves, and avoids crowding. I cannot see any reason why anyone who could feed 200 sheep in one lot could not feed 12,000 in 60 such lots.

I omitted the cost of putting up the alfalfa intentionally until now. Mrs. Bacon pays from \$3.25 to \$4 a ton for putting the hay in the stack. This is a good price, certainly, but still it shows good judgment. Pay well when you hire a piece of work done and you can demand good service. If Mrs. Bacon were penny wise and pound foolish as some folks are, she would hold the price down in dealing with the hay men, and hold it up when talking with the feeder. Then it would not be long until she would have trouble in finding someone to put up her hay as it should be put up, and more trouble in selling the crop to one man, and that a good feeder. In short, instead of running her own business she soon would find herself being run by the business. This is Mrs. Bacon's way of looking at this question.

A Year's Crop—\$13,000 Subtracting \$4 from \$17 we have \$13 as the profit Mrs. Bacon realized from a ton of alfalfa grown last year, to say nothing of the fertilizer by-product left on the place. Since she sold 1000 tons at that price, Mrs. Bacon made \$13,000 on her crop of alfalfa from 350 acres, a trifle more than \$37 on acre. Dropping the extra dollar there is still enough money, \$36 to pay 6 per cent interest on land worth \$600 an acre. And Mrs. Bacon's "gold mine" is inexhaustible for she is constantly enriching the soil with the humus and nitrogen brought to it by growing and feeding alfalfa as she does.

Public Sale of Short Horn Cattle We want to call your attention to our coming Short Horn cattle sale March 26, 1920. In this sale will be cows with big calves at foot, and bred back to a pure Scotch bull, and some of the cows heavy in calf to different Scotch bulls, and an extra fine lot of open heifers and seven good young bulls of serviceable ages, reds and reans.

For catalogue address Frank Strollberg, manager, North Platte, Neb. W. P. Snyder, Experiment Farm and Frank Strollberg, owners. 16-3

Confirmation Lectures at the Episcopal Church Sundays 4:30 p. m. at the church for adults. Fridays 4:30 p. m. at the rectory for children.

For Sale—8 foot McCormick binder nearly new; new McCormick corn binder, 6 foot McCormick mower, riding lister, riding cultivator and several other articles of farm machinery. Also about 40 head of light stock hogs. I am moving about March 1st and wish to dispose of these at once. R. S. SMITH. 12-3*

Mrs. H. Harsted, of Paxton, visited with friends in town yesterday. Miss McCoy, of Lewellen, visited with friends in town yesterday.

Mrs. Morris, of Oakshosh, was the guest of friends in town yesterday. Mrs. Arthur Giddens, of Arthur, visited with friends in town this week.

Christian Science service Sunday 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meetings every week at 8:00. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services. Building & Loan building, room 25.

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R. I. SHAPPELL GENERAL AUCTIONEER See or write me for dates SUTHERLAND, NEBRASKA ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES On this 2d day of March, 1920, the county commissioners proceeded to make, and did make, the following estimate of expenses for the year 1920: County General \$70,000 County Bridge 40,000 County Roads 50,000 Agricultural Society 1,000 Bridge Bonds Osgood \$1,000 Birdwood 1,500 South Platte 1,500 Platte 1,500 Bostwick 500 Hershey 700 East Platte 2,000 School Bonds No. 1 \$12,000 No. 7 1,750 No. 23 500 No. 47 100 No. 55 3,000 No. 67 350 No. 94 300 No. 95 300 No. 98 200 No. 105 300 No. 111 200 No. 119 2,000 No. 120 200 No. 122 200 No. 126 300 No. 131 350 No. 132 500 No. 133 500 No. 21 300 No. 113 200 No. 116 200 No. 18 300 Special Building No. 33 \$2,500 No. 60 900 No. 130 200 No. 131 200 No. 19 200 No. 31 500 No. 65 1,000 No. 132 300 No. 133 300 No. 91 200 No. 78 200 No. 100 200 No. 112 300 F. W. HERMINGHAUSEN, S. J. KOCH, E. H. SPRINGER, County Commissioners.

Notice of Sale Under Chattel Mortgage Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage dated the 9th day of May, 1919, and duly filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on the 10th day of May, 1919, and executed by E. E. Cramm to W. J. Hendy and E. N. Ogier, doing business under the firm name and style of "Hendy-Ogier Auto Company" to secure payment of a note for the sum of \$900.00 upon which there is now due the sum of \$596.23 with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 27th day of February, 1920, default has been made in the payments of said sums secured therein and no suit or other proceedings at law, have been had for the recovery of said sum or any part thereof, the undersigned will sell at public auction the property herein described to satisfy the sum above named, together with interest and costs to the day of sale, to-wit: One Ford Model "T" Sedan, engine No. 2661231; said sale will be held at the Hendy-Ogier Auto Company Garage, in the city of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, on the 23rd day of March, 1920, at 2 o'clock P. M. Dated this 1st day of March, 1920. W. J. HENDY, E. N. OGIER, doing business under the firm name and style of Hendy-Ogier Auto Co. By BEELER, CROSBY & BASKINS, Attorneys.

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NOTICE OF SALE. By virtue of an order of sale issued by the District Court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, on December 17, 1919, in an action in partition wherein A. Belle Swarthout is plaintiff and William E. Pickens, the heirs, devisees, legatees and personal representatives of said William E. Pickens, and all persons interested in the estate of said William E. Pickens are defendants, I will sell at public auction at the east front door of the court house in the city of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, on the third day of April, 1920, at the hour of one o'clock P. M. the following described real estate situated in Lincoln county, Nebraska, to-wit: Lots five (5) and six (6), Block one hundred and eighty-six (186) of the original town of the city of North Platte; part of lot three (3), Union Pacific plat lying south of lots five (5) and six (6), block one hundred eighty-six (186) in the city of North Platte; the north forty-four feet of lots one (1) and two (2), block one hundred seventeen of the original town of the city of North Platte; all of lot three (3), block one hundred twenty-seven (127), of the original town of the city of North Platte; west twenty-two feet of lot three (3), block one hundred four (104) of the original town of the city of North Platte; part of lot six (6), block one hundred four (104) of the original town of the city of North Platte, described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said lot, thence 132 feet in a southerly direction along the east side of said lot to the southeast corner thereof, thence 66 feet in a westerly direction along the south line of said lot to the southwest corner thereof, thence 82 feet in a northerly direction along the west line of said lot, thence east 3 feet, thence 15 feet in a northerly direction on a line parallel with the west line of said lot thence east 3 feet, thence 35 feet in a northerly direction on a line parallel with the west line of said lot to the north line of said lot, thence east 60 feet to the place of beginning; all of blocks one (1) and two (2) in Thompson's sub-division of a part of lot 4 of Section 4, Township 13, North of Range 20, west of the 6th P. M. of the city of North Platte, Nebraska. I will sell at public auction at the west front door of the court house in the city of Lexington, Dawson county, Nebraska, on the second day of April, 1920, at the hour of one o'clock P. M. the following described real estate situated in Dawson county, Nebraska, to-wit: Lots one (1), two (2), and three (3) in block fifty-six (56) of the original town of the city of Lexington; all of block ten (10) in C. L. Ervin's addition to the city of Lexington; and a part of block seventeen (17), MacColl's Addition to the city of Lexington, Nebraska, described as follows: Commencing 100 feet west of the northeast corner of said block 17, thence south parallel with the east line of said block 150 feet, thence west parallel with the north line of said block 100 feet, thence north parallel with the west line of said block 150 feet, thence east to the place of beginning. The terms of said sale to be cash in hand. Dated at North Platte, Nebraska, this 1st day of March, 1920. O. E. ELDER, Referee.

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EXTENSION ROAD NO. 309. To Whom It May Concern: The special Commissioner appointed to locate a road as follows: Commencing at station 21 of Road No. 309 in the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 35, T. 13 N., R. 29 W., running thence in a northerly direction along the slope of the east side of a canyon about 40 rods to the North line of the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of section 3, T. 12 N., R. 29 W., terminating there, said road to be 40 feet wide, has reported in favor thereof as follows: Beginning at a point on the North and South center line of Section 35, T. 13 N., R. 29 W., 7.60 chs. North of the 1/4 section corner on the South line of said Section, running thence N. 85 degrees W. about 9 chains, thence S. 45 degrees W. about 1 chain, thence S. 10 degrees W. about 7 chains, to a point on the South line of said Section 35, or N. line of Section 3, T. 12 N., R. 29 W., about 10.25 chains west of the 1/4 Section corner on the South line of said Section 35; all objections thereto or claiming for damages by the reason of the establishing above road must be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on or before 12 o'clock noon on the 5th day of May, 1920. Witness my hand and official seal this 24th day of February, 1920. (SEAL) A. S. ALLEN, County Clerk.

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