

### Coal Men Deny Colonial Claim

#### Declare in Federal Court They Own Land "Annexed" by Corporation.

Operators of big coal mines in West Virginia and other owners of large land tracts testified in Federal Judge Woodrough's court Thursday denying claims of the Colonial Timber and Coal corporation that it owns 700,000 acres of land in West Virginia. E. C. Berkley, superintendent of the Youghiogheny & Ohio Coal company, told of the purchase of 7,000 acres of this land in 1918 for nearly \$1,000,000. The company's mines are at Van and will produce about 5,000 tons a day, he said. The coal crops out on the mountain sides and is mined cheaply. C. H. Kirby of Charleston, W. Va., owner of 1,200 acres within the tract claimed by the Colonial concern, told of the operations of his Laurel Creek Fuel company at the town of Seth. A. E. Moore of Charleston, former president of the Orange Gas and Coal company, whose principal mine is at the junction of Jim's branch and Horse Creek, showed the deeds and tax receipts of this company. T. F. DeWilling, representing ownership of 7,200 acres, testified to three "large towns" within these holdings, Landale, Loredo and Three Forks.

Commenting on the claim of Walter Stickle and others of the 16 defendants in the present fraud trial, that they acquired title to the 700,000 acres by payment of taxes for one year, Mr. Kirby said: "Anyone can pay taxes. The tax collector is not a title examiner, and when any person appears in his office and offers the cash to pay taxes, he asks no questions but accepts the money. Such a transaction doesn't convey any title."

### Nebraskan Named Head of U. S. Grain Growers

Chicago, March 29.—Harry L. Kerr of Walthill, Neb., has been elected president of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., at a meeting of the board of directors here, it was announced today. J. H. Mehlor, Chicago, was elected secretary. The officers said the present policy of the Grain Growers will be to bring into proper relationship to each other the existing forces, including the local farmers' elevators and the single commodity marketing organizations. A committee was named to meet a committee of the American Wheat Growers' association at Kansas City to discuss plans for harmonizing the two movements. The organization also voted to acquire elevators and terminal facilities for the conditioning and selling of grain. Bee Want Ads produce results.

### New Omaha Radio Heard in Florida

#### First Test Program Brings in Deluge of Telegrams and Letters.

Omaha cast its newest radio "bread" upon air waves Wednesday night and it came floating back Thursday morning in the form of 84 letters and 450 telegrams congratulating WOAW—Woodmen of the World station—on its efficiency. WOAW got its first test. Mac Ohman, vocalist, and Herbert Fierman, pianist, sang and played many numbers and persons listening in were asked to report. The response was so voluminous that counting not reading was in order at Woodmen of the World headquarters Thursday morning. Jacksonville, Fla.; Rochester, N. Y.; Port Arthur, Canada; seven other Canadian cities, and Salt Lake City, Utah, were a few of the points answering. **First Announcement.** "You are listening to WOAW, Omaha, Neb., the gateway to the west and to the east," said Gene Rouse, program conductor, as the first words to go out through the new station. Omaha will be advertised similarly in every program that is broadcast over WOAW. Orson Stiles, assistant to W. A. Fraser, sovereign commander of the W. O. W., said Thursday it was believed later reports on the test program would show the radio waves carried overseas. **Plan Test Programs.** Test programs will be given every night until Monday, when the station will be opened formally. Prior to the opening Monday night, an entertainment will be held in the main assembly room at Chamber of Commerce headquarters, with Walter W. Head presiding. Mr. Fraser will be the principal speaker. The celebrants will inspect WOAW after the meeting.

### Decoration Expert to Speak at Exhibit



Walter Murray, formerly director of the New York School of Practical Decoration, will lecture at the Auditorium during the Better Homes exhibit to be staged by The Omaha Bee in cooperation with local furniture dealers. He is an authority of note on beautifying the home, and lectures on the auspices of the American Homes bureau. Mr. Murray is best known through his lectures in the Better Homes institutes formerly conducted by the Chicago Art Institute extension department. His authority and his experience as a lecturer is assurance of interesting and instructive discourse. Mr. Murray's subjects are "The Cottage of Everyman," "The Colonial Room," "Furniture and Pictures," "The Hall and Other Small Rooms," "The Breakfast Room," "The Child's Own Room," and "The Combination of Various Period Styles in One Room."

### Mystic Shriners Suspended Testify

#### Tangier Temple Court Case Expected to Reach End Today.

Six members of Tangier Temple of the Mystic Shrine who were suspended by the imperial council a year ago testified before District Judge Fitzgerald yesterday that they were not served with notices or told of the charges preferred against them before they were temporarily dismissed from the order. The members who testified are Nathan Bernsatein, Fred C. Rogers, William J. Kobbs, Elmer Zimmerman, R. V. Cole and Walter MacCue. They seek to enjoin the temple from denying them the rights and privileges of the order. They testified that they did not distribute ballots to control legislation in the temple as charged, nor did they have any opportunity to be heard. Both sides are expected to rest their cases today. Imperial Potentate Cutts, who was present at a special hearing given the men, alleged that they were suspended because they belonged to a club whose aim, he said, was to control power in the lodge.

### Beatrice Power Plant Is Sold

#### Nebraska Gas and Electric Company Pays \$100,000 for Holmesville Power Site.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., March 29.—Announcement was made today of the sale of the Holmesville Mill and Power company's plant at Holmesville to the Nebraska Gas and Electric company. The consideration is said to have been \$100,000. The Holmesville hydro-electric plant was built in 1910, and since that time the company has been furnishing current to Beatrice and Wymore. J. H. Steinmeyer was president, P. B. Ryons vice president and G. W. Steinmeyer secretary-treasurer. The new owners will assume control of the property on April 1. G. W. Steinmeyer, who superintended the construction of Harboston hydro-electric plant, which cost \$300,000, says that he intends to develop similar concerns in other parts of Nebraska and at one or two towns outside the state. The airplane is being developed faster than any invention in history.

### Work of Repairing French Dreadnaughts Continues

Paris, March 29.—The work of repairing France's six dreadnaughts, including such changes as will increase the range of their guns, is continuing. Elevation of the sights on the big rifles of the Bretagne and Lorraine has been completed, work is going forward at the present time on the Provence and Paris, and similar changes will soon be undertaken on the Courbet and Jean Bart. The total cost of the repairs is estimated at upwards of 5,000,000 francs.

Poppy Day May 26. St. Michel post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will stage a poppy day drive May 26 to raise funds for the relief of disabled veterans.

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### Bunco Jurors Before Grand Jury at Denver

(Continued From Page One.) turned an indictment against three of the defendants, Lou Blonger, A. W. Duff and Jack French, and Deputy Sheriff Thomas Clarke, charging them with violation of the prohibition law, as the result of a drinking party alleged to have taken place in the grand jury room at the court house Saturday afternoon, after the jury had retired. Leniency was recommended to the court by the district court jury, for all the defendants, but especially for three of them, in a communication handed to Judge George Dunkle, after the verdict had been returned. **Verdict "On Condition."** George Sharp, juror No. 2, started the court, attorneys and spectators when the jury was being polled individually, by announcing that his verdict was "on condition." Horace Hawkins, chief counsel for the defense, leaped to his feet and saved exceptions to the finding of the jury, and requested permission to question the jurors. The prosecution objected and was sustained. After he had been questioned several times by the court, Sharp gave his verdict as guilty with qualifications and the court accepted the verdict. Sharp declared he had been ill since Saturday. The 29 men face penitentiary terms ranging from 1 to 10 years. They were convicted on three counts, conspiracy to commit fraud through the operation of a confidence game; general conspiracy of committing or attempting to commit crime through the operation of a confidence game and larceny in connection with a confidence game. **About Evenly Divided.** Statements of jurors after the discharge of the jury indicated that the 12 men had been about evenly divided Monday but that sentiment for conviction grew stronger as more ballots were taken, until agreement finally was reached late yesterday afternoon. The 103 hours the jury was out, set a new record for jury deliberation in criminal court here. At the request of the defense, the court granted 29 days in which to file a motion for a new trial. District Attorney Van Cise last night telegraphed the verdict to each of the victims of the bunco ring who had come to Denver to testify. They were from all parts of the United States, and one, Herbert Gray, lives in Devon, England. He lost \$25,000 to the men convicted, and made a special trip to England to bring the money to Denver.

### Feature Transactions of Livestock Exchange

A load of lambs was brought to the local market yesterday by L. R. Chickman of Newell, S. D., and they were good enough to sell for \$14.15 a hundred. Mr. Chiesman said lambing was under way in a small way in his section at the present time, but that most of the lambs will arrive in May when the sheep are turned out on the ranges. "There has been no effort in his part of the country to contract this year's lamb crop so far as he knew, but he said he had heard of inquiries being made for the wool clip. He also said the good price of wool as compared with a year ago ought to make the lamb market strong. Robert Steppat came in from Schuyler with a shipment of 77 head of choice Hampshire hogs. He said he had about 100 more head of hogs and a load of cattle which he expected to bring to market soon. The cattle market was topped yesterday by Constant Jacobson with a load of medium-light steers he brought in from Lyons. They were Herefords and some he bought on the local market as calves last August. "I pastured those cattle last summer," said Mr. Jacobson, "and during the winter gave them a ration of straight corn and alfalfa and they gained wonderfully in weight. Farmers in my section are a little late in getting at their spring work as the ground is too wet for field work. It will depend upon the weather in regards to getting our oats planted." A load of 18 head of steers averaging 1,289 pounds and selling for \$9 a hundred was brought to the local market by Edward Walsh of Spalding.



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