

Nebraska Sacking Second Greatest Beet Sugar Crop

2,076,000 Bags Expected to Result From 65,000 Acres Planted in Western Part of State.

Bridgeport, Neb., Dec. 11.—The second greatest sugar crop in Nebraska's history is being sacked in the five beet sugar factories of the North Platte valley, Edmund Simmons, assistant general manager of the Great Western Sugar company, Scottsbluff, Neb., informed the Nebraska State Irrigation association here today.

The estimated production of 2,076,000 bags, each containing a hundred-weight, may yet eclipse the 2,106,000 bags mark reached in 1921, when the last beets of the present "campaign" are converted into sparkling white sugar.

Pointing to Nebraska's annual consumption of 1,340,000 hundredweight bags of sugar, Simmons declared that approximately one-half of this is cane sugar, produced outside of the state.

"Those consumers of sugar who, when buying, neglect to specify Nebraska-grown sugar," said Simmons, "are thoughtlessly disloyal to a home industry that merits their continuous support and are thoughtlessly obstructing the progress and prosperity of Nebraska's beet growers."

Nebraska Sugar Cheapest. "The price paid for this foreign-grown sugar was 20 cents per bag above the price asked for Nebraska sugar. The people of the state, therefore, lost \$134,000 during the last year by the purchase of foreign-grown instead of home-grown sugar."

"And the importation of 670,000 bags of foreign-grown sugar into Nebraska forced 670,000 bags of Nebraska-grown sugar to seek a market outside of the state. On account of transportation costs, the sale of this Nebraska-made beet sugar in more distant markets resulted in a lower net return. The price received by Nebraska beet farmers for their sugar depends upon the net price realized for the sugar extracted therefrom."

"When we buy sugar grown outside of Nebraska we are forcing upon Nebraska farmers a lower price for their beets."

"Approximately 65,000 acres of irrigated land in western Nebraska were planted to the sugar beet crop in 1924."

"Obviously this acreage would have been planted to wheat, corn, potatoes or other crops if not in beets," said Simmons. "And the production of these crops would have increased the supply as against the demand. It is not good business for the rest of Nebraska to remain indifferent to the acreage devoted to sugar beets."

Nebraska bids fair to stand fourth in the list of beet sugar producing states in the United States this year, and with the development of the sugar industry in the North Platte valley may go even higher in the list. It is now producing 73,600,000 pounds annually in excess of the consumption of the people of this state, even if they used Nebraska-grown sugar exclusively.

"The product of Nebraska's sugar factories acknowledges no superior," said Mr. Simmons. "This is not a boast, but is an honest recognition long overdue of the ultra-modern plants and the high standards fixed in the manufacture of their beet sugar. The sugar extracted from the beets grown on Nebraska farms is second to none. From every viewpoint Nebraskaans ought to specify their own home-grown beet sugar."

The sick man is an expense to his country, to his employer, to his employer and to himself. Prevention is profit.

First Homestead Claimed In U. S. Was Near Beatrice In 1863; Settlers Lived Among Indians and Buffalo

Widow of Man Who Settled Land Recently Deeded 80 Acres Each to Children.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 11.—In a comfortable little farm home on the banks of Cub creek six miles west of Beatrice, Mrs. Agnes Freeman, 81, wife of the late Daniel Freeman, first homesteader in the United States, is spending her declining years.

Since the death of Mr. Freeman 15 years ago, she has had complete charge of the farm lands, being assisted by her three sons, Samuel, Leclair and John Freeman. Occasionally she comes to the city to spend a day with her oldest daughter, Mrs. Eliza Carre, and a son, James Freeman, but she soon becomes dissatisfied and asks to be driven back to the old home, where she has lived almost continuously since 1862.

The little log cabin, which was the first house built on the first homestead near the banks of Cub creek was long ago carried away "piecemeal" by persons living in Gage county and travelers seeking wood. Later, a small brick house was erected near the site of the old log cabin, but this burned some years ago, being replaced by a more pretentious frame building.

Homesteaded Among Indians. Daniel Freeman made the first homestead filing early in the morning on January 1, 1863, a few hours after the homestead act became a law. The country was wild then. Indians and buffalo abounded in large numbers. Not long after filing on the homestead, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman constructed a rude, but comfortable log cabin near the creek where they lived for years, rearing part of their family there.

Pictures of the old cabin have been printed and sent to various parts of the United States for years. In the early seventies Daniel Freeman was elected sheriff on the Democratic ticket, serving one term. However, he never gave up the farm and would drive back and forth to his office. After his term of office expired he returned to farm life which he followed until his death 15 years ago.

After his death it was proposed to make a national shrine out of the old homestead plot. The daughters of the American Revolution later discussed establishing a park there.

Land to Children. Mrs. Freeman recently deeded to each of her six children an 80-acre farm and one of them a quarter section tract. She also gave her four grandchildren, 80 acres each.

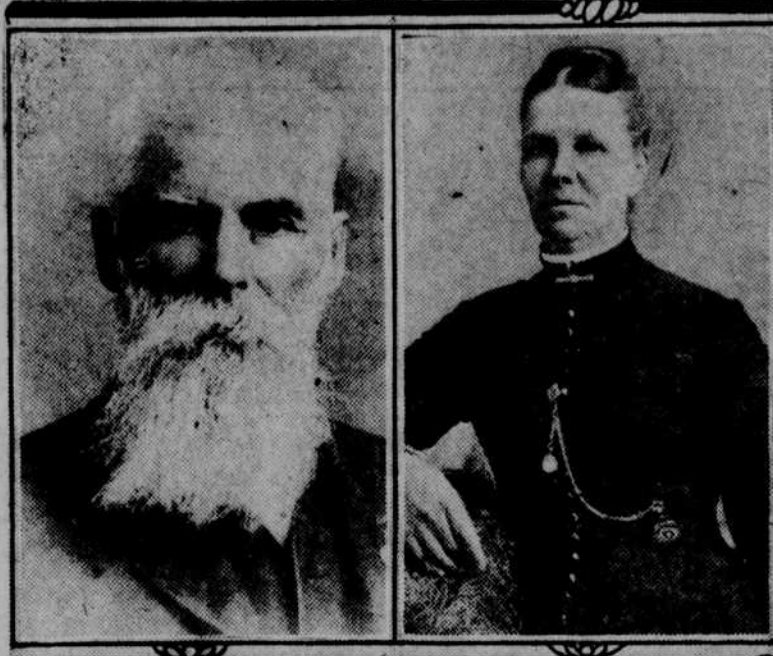
Eighty-acre tracts were deeded to Mrs. Eliza Carre, James H. John A. George, Leclair Freeman and Mrs. Agnes Freeman. Samuel Freeman was deeded a quarter section farm. The total value of the property is placed at \$170,000.

Mrs. Agnes Freeman recently took an extended trip through the east with one of her sons, and reported that she greatly enjoyed her vacation, although she was glad to get back to the old homestead where she has spent most of her life.

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PRICES SLUMP ON BEET SUGAR

Denver, Colo., Dec. 11.—Beet sugar prices today dropped to the lowest mark recorded in local markets in years when the product from the manufacturer was quoted at \$7.05 per 100 pounds. Since last Saturday reductions totalling \$1.20 per hundred-weight have been made.

Cane sugar prices underwent a similar drop, sinking to \$7.25 from the manufacturer. Dealers' prices today were quoted as beet sugar \$7.30 and cane sugar \$7.05.

Other produce registered a drop today in sympathy with the sugar market. A heavy market and record breaking sugar cane and beet crops are the reasons assigned for the consistent reductions according to the Great Western Sugar company here. Further reductions are not unlikely, officials of the company declared.

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M. E. Smith Files Bankruptcy Plea in Reorganization

Petition Purely Formal and Will Not Interfere in Transaction of Business, Says Manager.

The first step in the new reorganization plans of M. E. Smith & Co. were taken Thursday morning when a bankruptcy petition was filed in federal court.

The petition, although technically involuntary and filed by 600 merchandising and banking creditors, was decided upon at a meeting of 92 percent of the creditors and the board of directors of the company and was drawn up with the assistance of C. J. Farley, president and general manager of M. E. Smith & Co. and the firm's attorney.

In connection with the petition this explanatory statement was issued by Mr. Farley:

Decided at Meeting. "The filing of the petition in bankruptcy under the M. E. Smith & Co. will not interfere in any way with the regular business of the company and was only filed in order to aid in the general reorganization plans of the company."

"Hundreds of orders from all parts of the United States are arriving at our office every day and several hundred thousands of dollars in immediate and future orders are now being handled by our company. There will not be any letup in the prompt filling of these orders and any future orders."

"The bankruptcy step was decided upon at a meeting between 92 percent of the creditors and the board of directors of the M. E. Smith company. Our attorney and myself helped draw up the petition together with the attorneys for the creditors. Although being termed an involuntary petition in bankruptcy, it has the full endorsement of all those vitally and generally concerned in conserving the assets of

M. E. Smith & Co. and in the preservation of it as a going concern in Omaha.

"The M. E. Smith company since the first reorganization on May 7, 1924, has shown excellent development and progress in spite of the many obstacles which we have had to overcome. During the past few months the company has shown a net profit above operating expenses."

"We decided to permit the petition to be filed in order to place us under the protection of the courts and enable us to move faster with our reorganization plans. This will prevent the obtaining of judgments and levying on the assets of the company and will prevent the filing of any other suits on the part of small creditors seeking to obtain preference in the paying of claims. It will also enable us to effect some kind of a settlement which will lift from our necks the heavy load of \$120,000 a year rent until 1943 on the building owned by the M. E. Smith Building company."

"Further plans will be announced within a short time and I hope that they will put the M. E. Smith company on a stronger foundation."

Business as Usual. Immediately after the filing Federal Judge Woodruff issued an order to permit the business to be carried on as usual.

"Claims by four of the principal banking creditors of New York and Chicago total \$1,075,000. These petitioners are the Hanover National bank, with a claim of \$325,000; the Guaranty Trust company, \$185,000; the Continental and Commercial National bank, \$325,000; and the Chase National bank, \$240,000.

The largest merchandise creditors are Amory, Browne & Co., with a claim of \$100,000 for goods delivered within the last two years.

AUGUST BELMONT RITES ARRANGED. New York, Dec. 11.—Funeral arrangements were being completed today for August Belmont, internationally known financier and sportsman who died last night from cellular inflammation following an operation on his right arm.

Burial will be made in the family vault at Newport, it was said.

Military Honors Given Schaefer

Aviator Killed in Plane Accident in Texas Is Buried at Beatrice.

Beatrice, Dec. 11.—A military funeral was accorded Lieut. Herbert Schaefer at the Episcopal church here this morning at 10:30. The sermon was read by Rev. W. A. Mulligan, and the services were largely attended. Members of the Officers' Reserve corps acted as pallbearers and a squad from Company C fired a salute over the grave in Evergreen Home cemetery, taps being sounded by Bugler Collier.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Schaefer, the young man's parents, and daughter, Mrs. Patterson, of Storm Lake, Ia., attended the services. Lieutenant Schaefer lost his life last week in a plane accident at a flying field in Texas. He was 24 years of age and was graduated from the Beatrice High school and West Point military academy. He served overseas during the world war in the signal corps.

Prostrated by Hiccoughs. Beatrice, Dec. 11.—Col. H. H. Ruyle, auctioneer of this city, has been confined to his home the past few days with a severe attack of hiccoughs. At last reports his condition was slightly improved.

ASA G. CANDLER, WIFE, REUNITED

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 11.—Asa G. Candler and his wife, Mrs. May Little Regan, who have been estranged for some time, have settled their troubles and Mrs. Candler is living in the paternal Candler residence here, according to members of the family today. Mrs. Candler, sons of the aged capitalist said, returned to the Candler fireside from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Little, and the divorce action brought by Candler following arrest of his wife on charges of "frequenting a dive" probably will be dropped.

Candler's attorneys said they had received no instructions to withdraw the divorce action.

Mrs. Candler's parents could not be reached and the capitalist himself declined to comment.

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T. H. INCE ESTATE NEAR \$4,000,000

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 11.—Thomas H. Ince, motion picture producer, who died here last month after falling ill aboard a yacht in San Diego harbor, left an estate of approximately \$4,000,000 it was revealed tonight by Charles Fourl, counsel for the executor.

Virtually all of the estate goes to the producer's widow and three children under the terms of the will, which Fourl says will be filed for probate this week.

Premier Herriot Improved. Paris, Dec. 11.—Premier Herriot was slightly better today, according to physicians treating him for his gripe. They ordered that he remain in bed several days more, however.

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