

# NEBRASKA NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

## THE WORK OF THE LAND OFFICE

Deputy Commissioner Shiveley Gives Some Statistics of Interest to the Public—Other Matters Here and There in the Antelope State.

### Work of Land Commissioner.

Deputy Land Commissioner Shiveley has completed compiling a table of statistics showing the work the office has done since January 1, 1905, in the matter of selling and appraising school lands. Up to July 1 applications were filed to purchase \$1,868,433 acres. All of this land was reviewed by the land commissioner, or his deputy, except in a few cases where members of the board knew the land and passed upon the appraisal made by the local authorities. The total increase in the appraisal over the figures of the local appraisers amounted to \$365,223.91.

During the eighteen months 56,249.16 acres were sold, the appraised value as fixed by the local appraisers being \$714,125.07. The same lands sold for \$893,705.31, an increase amounting to \$179,570.24. Of the above but 14,317 acres were sold at a value placed thereon by appraisers; the other lands at from 10 to 18 per cent higher than the appraised value. These lands were sold at prices ranging from \$7 per acre—the minimum price as fixed by the constitution of the state—to \$65 per acre.

Additional applications covering 11,873.23 acres have been approved by the board, but sale certificates have not yet been issued. These lands were valued by appraisers at \$189,604.76 and approved for sale at an increase of \$44,968.46, or \$234,573.22.

Applications for 13,716.04 acres have been rejected by the board on account of low appraisal, the same being appraised at \$145,470.29 and valued by the land department at \$226,155.50, a difference of \$80,685.21, and as yet have not been reappraised by freeholders.

### Last of Rotation Ballot.

Lieutenant Governor McGilton has this to say about the rotation ballot used in the last election in Omaha: "The next legislature will, of course, amend the law so as to prevent another such ballot as was used at the recent election. I have never looked into the law very closely, but I suppose under its provisions it was necessary for the court to hold the names of the candidates for delegates to the state convention should be rotated. In my opinion the law should be amended so candidates would have to pay a certain filing fee. This would prevent many persons from filing who do so, not because they have a chance to be elected or nominated, but merely to get their names in the papers or for other reasons. I have not looked into the fee matter, either, to any extent, but I should think it could be done legally."

### Big Damage Suit Dismissed.

NEBRASKA CITY—Attorneys representing C. D. Butterfield of Hamburg, Ia., and M. E. Catron of this city arrived at a settlement, which resulted in the dismissal of the \$30,000 damage suit brought by Butterfield in the district court of this county against Catron, alleging the alienation of the affections of Butterfield's wife by Catron. Other suits between the parties grew out of the filing of the damage suit and the settlement is complete and clears the dockets of all the heretofore pending litigation. The settlement was arranged in Hamburg at a conference of the parties interested. The terms of the settlement have not been made public.

### Improvements at Elm Creek.

ELM CREEK—Elm Creek is now on the way of coming to the front rank of being one of the best little cities out in the state since the fire of Sunday morning, July 1, which wiped out almost half the business houses of the city. Six new brick buildings are now in progress and will be ready for business soon, four of them being one story and the other two two stories. These six buildings will almost fill up the vacancy on Front street.

### Officer's Blows Fatal.

ALLIANCE—The marshal of Bridgeport attempted to arrest a young man by the name of Jack Anderson in the rear of a saloon and an altercation arose, when the officer administered several heavy blows on the head of the prisoner. The young man, as a result of the blows, died, and the marshal has been held to answer for his doings.

### Dr. Greene Resigns.

LINCOLN—Dr. James L. Greene, superintendent of the Lincoln insane asylum, resigned to take the position of superintendent of the Eastern Illinois hospital for the insane at Kankakee. The resignation takes effect July 16.

### Big Wheat Yield.

The biggest wheat yield yet reported was raised in Saline county, near Wilbur. Charles Sykes, who has just threshed, reported his wheat raised on fifteen acres lacked just fourteen pounds of running forty-three bushels to the acre.

### Will Camp at Weeping Water.

WEeping WATER—The Thirtieth regiment, United States infantry, about six hundred strong, will camp here over night on July 17, on their way from Fort Crook to Fort Riley.

## OVER THE STATE.

New wheat is bring about 65 cents per bushel.

The Y. M. C. A. building at Beatrice is nearing completion.

The summer school at Peru has an attendance of eight hundred. There were fourteen deaths and four births in Columbus in June.

Where wheat has been threshed the yield is generally better than was anticipated.

A little son of Mike Sullivan of Utica had his right hand nearly shot to pieces by a large cannon cracker. It required fifteen stitches to close the wound.

The farm residence of Robert Schram, two miles southwest of Papillion, burned to the ground, with all its contents.

With nearly all the hot, sweltering days of summer yet before them, the citizens of Hartington are confronted with an ice famine.

Walter Cash of Fremont, colored, tried to commit suicide by taking poison. He had been drinking heavily since the Fourth and had some little trouble with his wife.

John Schmoker has just completed taking the school census and reports that in Columbus there are 755 males and 777 females between the ages of 5 and 21, a total of 1,532.

Jesse Hill and George Fulton of Beatrice were each sentenced to the county jail for sixty days for throwing cayenne pepper in the faces of young women passing along the street.

The postmaster of Kearney received official notification of the passage of the bill providing for a postoffice building in Kearney. It is already evident that there will be a strong rivalry for the site.

Dr. W. E. McCray, a veterinary surgeon, who has been located in West Point the past year, has been appointed an inspector in the bureau of animal industry and has gone to Chicago to assume the duties of the position.

The list of entries for the circuit race meeting to be held in Beatrice the week of July 22 is out and comprises some of the best horses in the west. There are twenty-nine entries in the 2:30 pace, eleven in the 2:22 trot, twenty in the 2:16 pace, eight in the 2:17 trot, seven in the 3-year-old trot, twenty-four in the 2:22 pace.

There is a substantial gain in personal property in Frontier county as shown by the abstract of the county assessor's returns. In 1905 the assessed value of personal property in Frontier county was \$598,200, in 1906 it is \$695,090, a gain of \$96,710 assessed value. Improvements on real estate add to its assessed value \$21,779.

The mortgage record of Platte county for June shows farm mortgages were filed amounting to \$52,181, released \$38,833; town mortgages filed \$18,825, released \$14,178; chattel mortgages filed \$24,918, released \$12,573, making the increased indebtedness amount to \$29,240.

Unable to close his mouth after a yawn, Jacob Moneypenney, a farmer residing a few miles south of Plattsmouth, went to town and Dr. E. W. Cook soon had his jaws at work again. While walking down the street his jaws again became set and he returned to the physician.

No license has yet been issued by the insurance department to the Western Life and Indemnity company of Chicago to do business in Nebraska. Special Examiner Wiggins, who went to Chicago to investigate the company, having recommended the license to be held in abeyance for the present.

Farmers in the vicinity of Pawnee City are just beginning to thresh their wheat, which is making a fine yield and of superior quality. Thus far three fields have been cleaned up. Charles Barnett's field yielded forty-four bushels per acre, Frank Anderson's thirty bushels and Titus Davis' thirty bushels.

A number of the members of the Grand Island fire department met and decided to hold a carnival in the streets of the city during the week of August 6-11. The proceeds will go to the moneys raised for the entertainment of the next annual convention of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association, to be held there in January.

Mr. McSweeney of Kansas City, who is to establish a packing plant in Beatrice, in company with a committee from the Commercial club visited several proposed sites along the Blue river bottom. As the necessary bonds have been raised, Mr. McSweeney assures the Commercial club that work will be started on the plant within ten days after the site is agreed upon.

W. E. Bryson, living near Adams, on Thursday afternoon started the harvester cutting his wheat. As fast as it was cut it was hauled to the threshing machine, which was running in the same field, and was there threshed. The wheat was next hauled two miles to Adams, where it was run through the elevator, some of it being ground into flour. The flour was then taken to Mr. Bryson's residence on the farm and there made into biscuits which were served on the table for the threshing crew for the 6 o'clock supper.

Willie Warner, eight years old, was shot as he was walking along the street in Geneva. As he passed an open space some one back of a building fired, the ball passing into the little fellow's mouth and lodging somewhere in the neck. He will recover.

Adolph Shada, formerly a compositor on West Point papers, is under arrest at McCook, charged with placing railroad ties on the Burlington tracks with intent to wreck a train. He has been bound over to the district court. He is considered slightly demented.

## BIG GAME.



## TO SHIFT SCENE OF FIGHT ON OIL TRUST

### PROSECUTION OF STANDARD COMPANY AT CLEVELAND DROPPED—TO BE CONTINUED AT CHICAGO.

Cleveland, O.—The federal grand jury, which has been in session here investigating alleged violations of the interstate commerce laws and anti-railroad rebate laws, adjourned Tuesday afternoon without bringing any indictments. The investigation was directed particularly concerning the Standard Oil company and the Lake Shore Railroad company, and was the result of testimony of witnesses before the interstate commerce commission here recently in which evidence of alleged rebating by the Lake Shore in favor of the Standard Oil company had been given. The failure to return indictments, it is officially stated, was due to the fact that the investigation developed the fact that the court here was without jurisdiction of the alleged offenses upon which testimony was given and that all of the evidence secured here is to be transferred to the federal officials at Chicago, where the cases are to be prosecuted. Following the discharge of the grand jury, which made no report, District Attorney Sullivan gave out the following statement:

### Mr. Sullivan's Statement.

"On Monday Attorney General Moody and myself met in the United States attorney's office in New York city and reviewed the evidence brought before the present grand jury relative to alleged violations of the federal law by the Standard Oil company, in connection with the transportation and storage of its products by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company. We came to the conclusion that the aforesaid testimony fixed the legal jurisdiction for indictment and prosecution elsewhere than in the jurisdiction of the northern district of Ohio, and Special Counsel Oliver E. Pagin confirms our joint opinion in this respect. This confined the inquiry before the present grand jury to an investigation of all alleged violations of law, as they might be the subject of prosecution in other jurisdictions.

Prosecution at Chicago. "Evidence valuable to the government in any prosecution which may

## TO PROBE GRAIN BUSINESS

Railroads Asked to Forward Information Regarding Elevators to Interstate Commission.

Washington.—An investigation is to be made by the interstate commerce commission, by authority of the United States senate, of the elevator, grain buying and forwarding business of the country to determine to what extent special favors have been granted to them by railroad companies; the influence which the alleged monopolizing of this branch of business has had upon the market; the injury it has worked to grain producers; the extent to which railroads, their officers, directors, stockholders and employees own or control the grain buying and grain forwarding companies; and the manner in which such holdings, if any, were secured.

### Typhoid Epidemic.

Ipswich, S. D.—Over 100 cases of typhoid fever have already been reported in this section as the result of drinking lemonade which was served at a celebration at Everts. The water was taken from an old well.

### Castro Clears Prisons.

Washington.—Advice received at the Venezuelan legation here confirm the report that Gen. Castro in commemoration of his resumption of the presidency, has pardoned all offenders sentenced by the state courts.

be commenced elsewhere has been adjuce before the grand jury, and will probably at once be put into force and effect in the proper jurisdiction, probably Chicago, by the attorney general.

"The attorney general has directed that the summing up of the evidence taken before the present grand jury, the preparation of the case and the conduct of the trial in Chicago be assumed by myself, with the help of a specially appointed assistant attorney general and the United States attorney in Chicago.

### Court Lacks Jurisdiction.

"It appearing under this statement that, under the facts as they now appear, there is no lawful jurisdiction in this particular judicial district, the grand jury did not vote upon the question of indictments at all, but the sitting of that body at the present time was very important in not only developing where the prosecution of the alleged offenses should be had, but also brought out important testimony that can be effectively used all along the line, according to the programme adopted by the attorney general in his earnest and vigorous campaign against corporate and individual violators of the 'Elkins law' and the act to regulate commerce among the states."

### Chicago Gets Cases.

Chicago.—District Attorney Morrison has received a transcript of the evidence taken before the Cleveland grand jury in the Standard Oil inquiry and he is going over it with Oliver E. Pagin, special attorney delegated by Attorney General Moody to have supervision of the prosecution of the Standard Oil company. Messrs. Morrison and Pagin returned from Cleveland Wednesday. A special grand jury will be called to hear the oil trust cases in ten days.

The prosecution will be directed against the Standard Oil company only, and not against the Lake Shore road, as in Cleveland, at the beginning of the session there. Should the railroad company be indicted the officials are safe, owing to the immunity baths they have received.

The grand jury must consider the rebates paid the Standard Oil company by the Alton road on business between Whiting, Ind., and East St. Louis. These rebates were uncovered by the Garfield report.

## ARMISTICE IS IN EFFECT.

Guatemala Minister Denies Report That His Country Violated Provisions for Temporary Peace.

Washington.—The Guatemalan minister, Mr. Munoz, is much annoyed by reports from Salvadoran points that Guatemala continued fighting after it had agreed to cease hostilities. "Such stories are absolutely without foundation," he said. "There was no agreement to cease fighting until the armistice went into effect Wednesday morning, and the enemies put it in a false light. Negotiations for an armistice have been confused with the actual agreement to stop war, and in justice to my government I hope it will be generally understood that any fighting done previous to Wednesday was not in violation of any peace compact."

### Elks Select Meeting Place.

Denver, Col.—Philadelphia was chosen by the grand lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks as the convention city for next year. Philadelphia received 495 votes, Baltimore 265, St. Joseph was withdrawn.

### King Not to Visit Canada.

Ottawa, Ont.—King Edward will not visit Canada. A dispatch from his majesty through Lord Elgin, secretary of state for the colonies, to the governor-general, says the king is physically unable to make the trip.

## SAYS ICE TRUST EXISTS

MOVE MADE AGAINST ALLEGED ST. LOUIS COMBINE.

Heavy Fine and Revocation of Charter Is Demanded by Circuit Attorney Sager.

St. Louis.—After an investigation of three weeks, Circuit Attorney Sager Tuesday filed suits in the circuit court against the Polar Wave Ice and Fuel company and the Merchants' Ice and Coal company on the allegation that these companies were in an alleged combination to restrain trade and to fix and maintain the price of ice.

The suit asks that judgment for \$71,400 be assessed against each company as fines for the 714 days that the alleged agreement has been in effect, and it further asks that the charters under which they have been doing business be declared null and void. The charges are based on sections 8565, 8566 and 8568 of the Revised Statutes of the state of Missouri.

The sections upon which the prosecutions are based provide that any association of individuals or company which shall combine to regulate or fix the price of any article shall be deemed guilty of conspiracy to defraud and may be fined from \$5 to \$100 for every day such association continues to do so.

The petition states that the Polar Wave company was organized February 13, 1903, and the Merchants' on February 1, 1897.

Investigation into the ice situation in St. Louis was practically begun early in the spring, soon after an increase in the price of ice to householders was announced of from 30 cents a hundred pounds to 40 cents, an arbitrary raise of 33 1/3 per cent. Circuit Attorney Sager sent assistants to Toledo, O., to watch the progress of the legal contest between the authorities there against an alleged combination of ice dealers. Three weeks ago Circuit Attorney Sager, his assistant, George N. Fleckissen and the grand jury began an investigation of witnesses and the filing of the suits resulted. The petition alleges that the Polar Wave and Merchants' companies "on or about the first day of August, 1904, entered into an unlawful agreement, combination and understanding with each other and with other persons, firms and corporations whose names at this time are to the informant unknown, to jointly fix the prices to be charged by each of them for ice at wholesale and retail in St. Louis and to jointly maintain the prices for ice at wholesale and retail in violation of the laws of the state of Missouri."

FILTHY KILLING PLANT FOUND  
One Slaughter House in Kansas So Vile It Can Only Be Cleaned by Being Burned.

Topeka, Kan.—A meat slaughtering house near Wellington, inspected by order of the state board of health, has been found to be in such filthy condition that Dr. J. S. Crumline, secretary of the board, has sent notices to the county commissioners of every county in the state, directing them to examine the slaughter houses in their districts and if not found to be in a sanitary condition, to allow five days for cleaning up, as permitted by law. If the order is not complied with in the time specified arrest and prosecution may follow.

"It's impossible for me to describe the actual conditions as I found them," said Dr. Crumline. "No person who hasn't seen the place can conceive the filthiness of it. It was so bad that I cannot see how the place can be cleaned in five days, or 50 days. It's my opinion that the burning of the house will be the only means of eradicating the disease germs. There may be other slaughter houses in almost as bad a condition, none can be as bad, and I hope by sending notices to all county commissioners there may be a general cleaning up."

Death of Diamond King.  
London.—Alfred Beit, the well-known South African financier, died Monday. He had been in bad health for some time. Mr. Beit was born in 1853 in Hamburg. Mr. Beit, who is said to have been the richest man in London, and who controlled the output of gold in South Africa, was at one time alleged to be forming a "gold trust," in which the names of prominent American financiers were mentioned. He gave large sums of money to the Red Cross and other institutions, and recently gave \$500,000 to found a university at Hamburg.

H. H. Rogers Loses Suit.  
Boston.—A decision favorable to the plaintiff was handed down Wednesday in the United States circuit court in the case of George W. Pepper, receiver of the Bay State Gas company, of Decatur, against Henry H. Rogers, of New York, in the suit to recover \$3,000,000 alleged to be due the gas company in connection with the sale of the Boston companies.

Death of Gen. Gwyn.  
Philadelphia.—Word was received in this city Wednesday of the death in Yonkers, N. Y., of Brevet Maj. Gen. James Gwyn. He was 78 years of age. Gen. Gwyn served with distinction in the war of the rebellion.

Former Railroad President Dead.  
Cedar Rapids, Ia.—C. J. Ives, who was president of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railroad before its absorption by the Rock Island, died Wednesday at Woodstock, Vt. He was 75 years old.

## EIGHT HOUR LAW

ACTION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO LABOR CIRCLES.

### ENACTMENT BE MUST ENFORCED

President Directs that Government Officers See to It—Contractors Violating the Law Are to Be Subjects of Punishment.

WASHINGTON—Action of the greatest importance to labor circles is contemplated in a direction given by the president to officers in charge of public works, at the instance of Secretary Taft. This is to employ the government's own officers to direct and punish violations of the law of 1903, providing, except that in case of an emergency, work on government buildings, ships and other properties shall be limited to eight hours each day for each workman.

An effort was made by the forces of organized labor during the last session of congress to secure legislation to this end, but so effective was the opposition of the great contracting firms that adjournment was had without any action on the pending bill, though the house committee on labor consumed many hours in listening to powerful arguments on either side of the question.

Heretofore it has been the practice of executive officers, when complaint was made by labor unions that the eight-hour law was being violated by contractors engaged in public enterprises, to reply that it was not their business; that the law was binding on the contractors; and that if the labor unions felt aggrieved and knew of violations of the law they should proceed themselves legally against the offenders. The labor unions asserted that it was almost impossible for them to secure the necessary evidence.

The effect of the order on the cost of government work is expected to be very great. It is known that it has been almost the rule for government contractors to work their men ten and twelve and even more hours a day; if they cannot do this they assert that they must increase by 20 or 25 per cent the amount of their bids, so that congress must either increase by like percentage the appropriations for public works or must correspondingly reduce the amount of work authorized.

### CHECK PUT ON THE GAMBLERS.

Mayor of Shoshoni Takes a Hand in the Game.

SHOSHONI, Wyo.—Another determined step in the direction of law and order in this temporarily busy town was taken when Mayor Quintal issued an order closing all the gambling houses in the place. The mayor has the backing of a large law-abiding element of the permanent population. For several days the gamblers have been running things with a high hand, and several of the homesekers, who are finding time hanging heavily on their hands, have been caught by surething games. Finding they were not interfered with, the gamblers have grown bolder, but the action of the mayor has put a stop to their practices.

### Pastor Killed Abroad.

BELOIT, Wis.—A cable dispatch from Prof. T. L. Wright announced that Rev. B. Royal Cheney, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church at Beloit, was killed in an elevator accident at Florence, Italy. Rev. Cheney was spending the summer in Europe.

### Senator's Daughter to Wed.

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—Announcement is made of the approaching wedding of Miss Laura Clark, eldest daughter of United States Senator C. D. Clark, to Charles Pixley Blyth, a wholesale grocer of Salt Lake City. The wedding will take place at Evanston, Wyo., on August 6.

### Foreign Trade is Growing.

WASHINGTON—A statement issued Thursday by the Department of Commerce and Labor says the foreign commerce of the United States in the fiscal year just ended aggregated \$2,970,000,000. If the trade with Porto Rico and Hawaii which was included in our foreign commerce prior to their annexation, were added, the total would materially exceed \$3,000,000,000. Both imports and exports exceeded those of any earlier year. The total imports were \$1,225,000,000 and exports \$1,744,000,000.

### Plans for Big Dry Dock.

WASHINGTON—Plans for the largest and best dry dock in the world are being prepared in the bureau of yards and docks at the Navy Department. The last naval appropriation act contained a provision for a dock to cost \$1,250,000, to be constructed at the Bremerton navy yard, Puget Sound, Washington. This amount is larger than ever heretofore appropriated for a dock, and the new dock will be able to take the largest battleship either in course of construction or in contemplation.

### Report from Guatemala.

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala—The armistice arranged between the armies of Guatemala and Salvador and the latter's ally, Honduras, as a result of the humane and highly appreciated intervention of Presidents Roosevelt and Diaz, went into effect at 4 o'clock Thursday morning. The belligerents have appointed commissioners who will go on board the cruiser Marblehead and draw up and sign a treaty of peace on the high seas.