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## OUR LINCOLN LETTER.

(Special Correspondence.)

Lincoln, Nebr., April 6.—Now that the legislature has adjourned it might be well to inquire whether or not some of the strictures sought to be placed upon it by republican newspapers is justified. We venture the statement without fear of successful contradiction that no legislature that has ever met in Nebraska has placed so many meritorious and wise laws upon the statute books, and that no legislature has passed measures that so little fault can be found with. It has absolutely kept faith, and has enacted into law the pledges made to the people at the election last fall. The two great things demanded were the passage of a bank guarantee law and restoration of the precinct assessors. While these two things have been done, many other remedial measures have been passed. The bank guaranty law is conceded by bankers to be the best that could be framed. President Black, who for some time was the president of the bankers' association in this state, made this statement to the committee before which he appeared at Lincoln. The objections that have been made are inspired by interests that are controlled by selfish reasons, and by men who do not concede that other men are entitled to the same opportunities as themselves. The precinct assessors will have charge of the assessment schedules hereafter and will be elected by the people.

In addition to this the right of the state board of equalization to raise the totals of the county assessments and valuation has been taken away. This has been a glaring evil and one of which the people bitterly complained.

The primary law has been changed so that platforms will be written hereafter before the primary election.

The clerk of the supreme court has been placed upon a salary basis and it is conceded that the state will be richer each year by more than \$10,000. A tax has been placed upon corporations providing for the payment of fees for filing articles of incorporation that will net the state treasury \$300,000.

The special bill of Gov. Shallenberger has been passed which provides that no stocks or bonds can be issued by corporations without first obtaining the consent of the state railway commission, thus protecting the investor, and at the same time preventing the loading up of a corporation with watered stock thus necessitating the charging of exorbitant rates to pay the interest.

The physical valuation of railroads has been provided for, making it possible to get at the real value of these properties. Hereafter it will not be necessary to take the word of the company as to the value of its property. This will be done by the state itself, and will forever settle the rate question; as rates will be based upon the value of the property and justice done to everybody.

A new oil law by which Kansas oil may be shipped here for fuel, and other provisions that will save the people of this state \$250,000 in the next year.

The Ollis warehouse will be in force by which cereal can be stored,

certificates issued against it and these made negotiable, thus preventing the farmer from being compelled to sell his grain at any price that is offered.

The appropriations have been kept with the revenues of the state treasury.

No legislature that has ever met in Nebraska has given as much attention to educational matters as has this one. Every bill that has had for its object the promotion of the educational interests of the state has received earnest attention and enthusiastic support. The members of this body have taken the position that there is not a taxpayer in the state who would seriously object to appropriating money for the benefit of our educational interest. The bill providing for the purchase of the Wayne normal school buildings and appropriating \$90,000 to pay for the same has passed. It conceded that these buildings are worth a sum greatly in excess of this amount and that the state has done a wise thing in making the purchase.

One of the best measures passed by this legislature from the standpoint of right and justice is the bill preventing the taking of soldiers' pensions at the different soldiers' homes. It has been the practice of the last administration to take these pensions, at a certain per cent of them and utilize the funds in running the home. The soldiers themselves bitterly complained of this and efforts were made by their friends to obtain injunctions preventing the state board from mulcting the old veterans. The more serious that the soldiers' injuries were and the greater the pension he obtained the more the board took from him. All this will be prevented by the new law, and these men who guarded the nation will be permitted to utilize the few dollars the government gives them as they see proper.

The bill providing that no more drinking will be permitted on trains will become a law. In speaking of the question of legislation along temperance lines it may be said that the Slocumb law as it now stands has not been changed in any respect. Strong efforts were made by the brewery interests to amend this law, and thereby open up the gates for a more liberal construction but these efforts were nipped in the bud. Every measure that had that purpose in view met with instant death. It has been the sense of this legislature that the liquor question was not an issue in the campaign last fall, except locally, and that there was no mandate from the people to change existing laws and in consequence no radical laws upon this question have been placed upon the statute books.

It must not be forgotten that the new oil law is of vast importance to the people of this state. It reduces the rate on Kansas oil and it will now be possible to get this oil here for fuel purposes. It changes the test so that the quality of the oil may be tested as well as its inflammability. It is conceded by everyone who has investigated the matter that the new law will be the means of saving a large sum to the people of the state. Gasoline is 2 and 3 cents per gallon cheaper than it was one week ago.

Gov. Shallenberger has signed a

bill providing that hereafter it will be the duty of road overseers to see that carcasses of dead hogs are buried within 24 hours after the hog is dead.

## Preparation of Seed Bed for Corn Planting.

One of the important duties on the farm for the month of April is the preparation for corn planting, which planting in Nebraska is usually commenced by the 20th of April, and finished by the 10th of May.

Probably the ideal seed bed for corn, in parts of the state where there is abundant moisture, would be an alfalfa field, plowed up in the fall and left in its rough state through the winter; but alfalfa fields are yet too scarce in Nebraska for any great number of farmers to avail themselves of such an opportunity, and very many of our corn fields must necessarily be planted on land which bore a crop of corn last year. It is too late now, however, to dwell upon what should have been done last fall, so we will devote our attention to present season methods. If you are to use stubble ground for corn, or if your planting is to be on land which was in corn last year, thoroughly double disc and on the corn land disc across the field and then around it, or disc diagonally so as to level up the land and cut up the old stalks and trash before plowing or listing. In case of very heavy corn stalks, some farmers prefer to break the stalks down with a heavy harrow or railroad iron, rake into windrows and burn; but we believe that all plant food should be conserved, and by a little additional labor in using a stalk cutter before discing and plowing deep and well firming the seed bed, which is made possible from the discing before plowing, the fertility and capillary qualities of your land is conserved.

One of the most important things to be avoided is "clods" which prevents the firming of the soil at the bottom of the furrow and deprives the plant from obtaining sufficient moisture. When you plow, add an extra horse to your team, and attach one section of the harrow to follow on the newly turned ground after the plow. By this method the subsoil will be more thoroughly firmed, and the surface fined under the favorable conditions then existing, as the section of the harrow will cover all the ground plowed about three times.

The objects of plowing are to alter the texture of the soil to a considerable depth, and to bury completely any vegetable or other organic matter on the surface of the ground as weeds absorb the moisture which is needed for the crop. Do not plow when the ground is so wet that the bottom of the furrow slice turns up slick, and the particles of soil run together rather than crumble. Such a surface will bake in the sunshine and the clods thus formed will sometimes remain unchanged during the entire season. Do not fail to use your harrow if any length of time intervenes between plowing and planting, so as to stir the

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**Notice to Creditors.**  
In the County Court within and for Cherry county, Nebraska.  
In the matter of the estate of Levi N. Layport deceased.  
To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, That I will sit at the County Court Room in Valentine in said county on the 15th day of April, 1909 at 10 o'clock a. m. to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 15th day of October A. D. 1908 and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 15th day of October, 1908.  
Witness my hand and the seal of said SEAL County Court this 13th day of March, 1909. JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

**Contest Notice.**  
U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebr. s. d. April 5, 1909.  
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Henry Demery, contestant against the land owned by Mrs. M. B. Demery, made October 2, 1902, for E. S. N. 34, section 19 and S. 1/2 S. 34, section 20, township 33, range 33, by Anna L. Beach, contestee, it is hereby ordered that said Anna L. Beach has wholly abandoned said land and changed her residence therefrom for more than six months last past; that the said land is not settled upon, and cultivated or sown in any way by her, or any of her heirs, and that she has changed her residence therefrom for more than six months last past; that said land is not settled upon, and cultivated or sown in any way by her, or any of her heirs, and that she has changed her residence therefrom for more than six months last past; that said land is not settled upon, and cultivated or sown in any way by her, or any of her heirs, and that she has changed her residence therefrom for more than six months last past; that said land is not settled upon, and cultivated or sown in any way by her, or any of her heirs, and that she has changed her residence therefrom for more than six months last past.

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.**  
In the matter of the application of Elma C. Richards, guardian of Evelyn J. Richards, Gladys L. Richards, Robert E. Richards, and John H. Richards, minor heirs of Edward R. Richards, deceased, for leave to sell real estate.  
On reading the petition duly verified, of Elma C. Richards, guardian of the person and estate of Evelyn J. Richards, Gladys L. Richards, Robert E. Richards, and John H. Richards, minors, for license to sell the following described real estate to-wit:  
The South Half of the Northwest Quarter, Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter, Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of section 26, South Half of Southeast Quarter of section 32, township 30, range 29, and Lots Three and Four, section 19, township 30, range 29, Cherry county, Nebraska, for the maintenance of said minors, and for the investment of any residue that may remain in the hands of said guardian, and it appearing from said petition that said real estate consists of unimproved range, pasture and meadow land in Cherry county, Nebraska, and that it would be for the best interests of said minors that said real estate be sold and the proceeds thereof used for the purpose of educating and maintaining said minors and investing any residue in approved real estate securities, it is therefore ordered that the next of kin of the said minors and all persons interested in said estate appear before me at the regular April 1909 term of the district court of Cherry county, Nebraska, to-wit on the 15th day of April 1909 at the court house in the city of Valentine, Cherry county, Nebraska, at 10 o'clock a. m. to show cause if any there be why a license should not be granted to the said Elma C. Richards to sell said real estate for the purpose above set forth.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be served on all persons interested in said estate by publication for three successive weeks in the Valentine Democrat, a newspaper printed and published in said county of Cherry and State of Nebraska.  
Dated at Chambers in the city of O'Neill, county of Holt, and State of Nebraska, this 13th day of March, 1909.  
J. J. HARRINGTON, Judge of the District Court.

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