

Gigantic Sale of Western Lands.

Lakeview, Ore., Sept. 14.—The Daily News: I wish to write concerning what is probably the largest sale of lands ever conducted in this country and in which 14,000 people are financially interested. The Oregon Valley Land company something over a year ago acquired a large tract of land, being a part of a certain road grant, about twelve miles wide and extending from the western edge of Klamath to the northwest corner of Malheur counties, all in southern Oregon, a distance of about 200 miles. This land the company divided into six tracts of 1,000 acres each, twelve of 640 acres each, 400 of 160 acres each, 500 of 80 acres each, 1,020 of 40 acres each, 4,080 of 20 acres each, 5,974 of 10 acres each, or a total of 11,992 tracts. Afterwards other land was acquired, bringing the total number of tracts up to something over 14,000. Contracts were sold by the company for \$200 each in payments of \$10 monthly. The sale of these contracts commenced about June, 1908, and inside of four months the entire number were sold, more being sold in Nebraska than in any other state, and forty contracts were sold in Norfolk by C. W. Lemont. On September 9, 1909, the sale of these tracts was commenced at Lakeview, Ore., same being sold by auction to the highest bidder, but with the general understanding among the contract holders that the tracts as drawn should be bid in by turn for \$200 each. The plan is working admirably, there being no competition except in a few instances.

Charles Beiersdorf has already drawn a thousand-acre tract for the minimum bid of \$200, and there are still twenty-eight contract holders in Norfolk whose turn has not been reached.

All the ten-acre tracts will be subject to irrigation, the ditch being constructed by the company to five acres in each of said tracts with perpetual water rights.

The altitude of this portion of Oregon is about 5,000 feet, and the climate is considered good, being even and without rain from about July 1 to January 1, constant sunshine and cool nights, with considerable snow, especially in the mountains, during the winter, and rain and sloppy, muddy weather for about three months in spring. The thermometer seldom drops below zero, and it is not customary to plaster the houses. Here the valleys run generally north and south, are from two to twenty miles wide, and are divided by mountainous tracts from twelve to twenty-five miles across, so that about three-fourths of this land is very rough and mountainous, on which is considerable timber and, in places, large enough for good lumber. This mountainous land in many places is in charge of government foresters, and is known as "forest reserve," and residents are entitled to twenty-six cords of fire wood yearly for their own use, free of charge. Nearly all of this mountainous land is good for grazing purposes, ten acres of which being deemed sufficient for one cow or horse. The valley and table land is mostly tillable and will grow, without irrigation, wheat yielding thirty-five bushels to the acre, barley thirty bushels, alfalfa, early potatoes and some other crops, but with irrigation apples, peaches, plums and all kinds of small fruit. The fruit is excellent, not being damaged by insects, and will bring top prices on the market. Frost, however, in places, is quite a danger to fruit and vegetables.

Here is a tract of land as large as the state of Ohio without a railroad, and the lack of transportation facilities is the greatest drawback at present, but Lakeview has good prospects for three roads in the near future, the nearest now being a narrow gauge road at Alturas, sixty miles south, connecting at Reno, Nev., 178 miles distant from Alturas.

Lakeview is the county seat of Lake county, is located in Goose Lake valley, five miles from Goose Lake, a body of water averaging fifteen miles wide and is forty miles long, being the largest fresh water lake west of the Missouri river.

The population of Lake county, comprising 5,000,000 acres of land, is only about 5,000, and little small farming has heretofore been done, large ranches being the rule, the owners being in the stock business on a large scale, so when the irrigated small tract farms come into general use and the railroads arrive, one can almost prophesy a great future in store for this section.

It is hard for a Nebraskan to see much use for this character of country when he compares it with the fertile plains of his own state and its universal cultivation and development, but those who live here think it the best on earth and great in its possibilities. However, Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa will look better than ever to the returning delegates, and the opportunities at home to be better than those thousands of miles distant.

M. C. Hazen.

First in Line, First Entered.

Gregory, S. D., Sept. 21.—Special to The News: Orders have just been received at the land office here from Fred Dennett, commissioner, directing the manner in which the remaining Tripp county lands shall be allotted on October 1, 1909, into a line in the order in which they appear on the register and receiver of the land office record as follows: You are directed to supervise the formation of applicants for Tripp county lands, who appear at your office on October 1, 1909, into a line in the order in which they appear. The person first in line will be accorded the first right to make entry, the person second in line the second right, and so on. It will be well for you to assign to each person appearing in line a number corresponding with his position in the line and let

the numbers thus given control the order in which applications to enter may be presented at your office. After the persons in line have been numbered, you will begin the allowance of entries by calling the names and numbers of the persons to whom numbers have been assigned, in the order in which they were assigned. This will obviate the necessity for applicants to remain in line until their applications can be presented. If any person fails to respond and present his application to enter when his number is called, he will lose his right to make entry under the number assigned to him and you will proceed to call the name and number of the person holding the next highest number and permit him to present his application to enter.

If, in the maintenance of order and the formation of the line it becomes necessary for you to do so, you will call on the local city and county authorities for assistance.

Probably the Last Game.

Probably the last game of ball to be played in Norfolk this season was a lop sided one, Norfolk winning from Herman in the last game of the series by the score of 15 to 3. It was only a seven-inning game to allow Herman to catch the train for home. Herman did not score until the fifth inning, Norfolk getting six scores in the first, five in the third and through their wonderful base stealing toyed with the Herman players all through the game.

The features of the game were Young's one-hand catch in the left field, the best one-hand catch made here this season. Every man on the Norfolk side featured in the base stealing.

Herman was handicapped for pitchers. Two of them who were put in the box were probably worn out from travel and much playing. Norfolk goes to Madison Wednesday to play Stanton, Thursday they play Newman Grove at the same place. Friday and Saturday they play Gregory at Butte, and this will probably wind up the baseball season as far as the Norfolk team is concerned. They return here Monday and according to Manager Hall they will be disbanded.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Herman..... 0 0 0 1 2 0 0— 3 4 3 Norfolk..... 6 0 5 1 2 1 x—15 14 0 Batteries: J. West, Pipher and Krause; Kissel, Buckmaster and Spellman. Umpire, Burton and Peters. Bases on balls: Off Buckmaster 1, off Fitch 4; hit by pitched ball: by Fitch 1; two-base hits: Neno; three-base hits, Kissel.

Four Horses Cremated.

Four horses are burned to death, two sets of harness, machinery, a barn and other property destroyed, as the result of a fire which was caused by the carelessness of a man who, after lighting his pipe, threw the match into the barn of C. A. Strong, a farmer living three and one half miles south of this city. Mr. Strong, who was in the city yesterday, reports his loss at \$1,000 with no insurance.

While Mr. Strong was at work in the field two neighbors, were in the barn and when they left Mr. Strong was horrified to see his barn in flames. He declares one of the men who were in the barn carelessly threw a lighted match into his barn. One of the teams had just been purchased after the other team had been mortgaged to secure the new one.

Alvin Anderson Disappears.

Neligh, Neb., Sept. 21.—Special to The News: Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of Alvin Anderson, brother of Miss Lillian Anderson of this city. During the early part of last winter the young man started for the Alberta country in Canada from here. As he was in poor health he considered that the open air would be beneficial, and concluded to do trapping and hunting during the winter months. He had written home to his mother and sisters quite often up to January of this year, but since that time no word of any kind has been received from him. Becoming alarmed at the long silence of the son and brother, it was decided by the family to send one of the boys in search of the lost one. About three weeks ago Clyde, a younger brother, consented to make the trip. He was heard from Sunday by his mother. The letter stated that he had found the camp of his brother Alvin and also a note that he had written on January 10, 1909. This note stated in part that a fire had swept over the country and burned every thing he had, even his summer clothing, and that he had started for his home, Neligh, Neb.

The letter from Clyde also stated that the nearest town was over 200 miles distant. The description of the lost young man is: Twenty-two years of age; weight about 150; slenderly built and light complexioned.

West Point News.

West Point, Neb., Sept. 21.—Special to The News: A heavy rain, accompanied by large hail occurred here yesterday morning, and intermittent showers fell throughout the day. The hail was not sufficiently strong to do any damage to the corn or other crops not matured. In fact, the moisture comes as a benefit.

The news was received in the city that Charles Provaznic, formerly of West Point but now of Denver, was married in that city Sunday to Miss Mary Fleming. The groom is one of West Point's former young men, who lived here all his life, until several years ago, when he left for the west to seek his fortune. The couple will reside at Denver, where the groom is in business.

The following persons were admitted to full United States citizenship at the term of district court just closed: Charles Gadeken, A. J. Carlson, Henry Aschoff, William Sabln, C. A. Nielke, Hugo Hachmeier, H. J. Neuhaus and Miss Francisca Renner. H. Stanley Heinrichs, government examiner of applicants for citizenship, acting for the United States courts, conducted the examinations.

Statistics show that in the year just closed Cuming county shipped out 496,515 bushels of corn, 26,400 bushels of wheat, 339,000 bushels oats, 4,000 bushels barley, 69,626 hogs, 4,800 sheep, 220 horses and mules, 19,890 cattle, 10,555 pounds of dressed poultry, 9,010 pounds of dressed meat, 53,460 dozens eggs, 52,760 pounds of butter and 24,840 gallons cream.

Mrs. Josephine Weltz received a decree of divorce from her husband, August Weltz, at this term of court. Mrs. Weltz was formerly Mrs. Josephine Hoffman of Wahoo. Mrs. Weltz is a resident of Cuming county.

The old settlers' picnic occurs in West Point on next Thursday at the Riverside park. All due preparations have been made and it is expected that a large number of pioneers will be present to celebrate the day.

The marriage ceremony uniting the lives of Fred Holst and Miss Anna G. Givens took place in St. Mary's Catholic church at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Very Rev. Joseph Ruesing officiating. The bride is the daughter of Felix Givens of this city and was born in this county. The groom is the son of Fred Holst, a prominent hardware merchant of this city.

J. E. Faltys, who has been for many years a director of a symphony orchestra of forty-six pieces at the leading theater at Peoria, Ill., has opened a school for instruction on the violin at West Point. He will teach harmony, orchestration and counterpoint. Mr. Faltys has recently opened a stationery, book and news store in West Point and has had experience in his line of instruction at Omaha, Kansas City, Toledo and Akron, Ill.

District court adjourned on Saturday for an adjourned term, which is not yet set.

The criminal case against Joseph Morrow, who is accused of assaulting his fellow workman at Wisner, resulted in a verdict of assault and battery. The charge was intent to kill. The parties were Greek laborers on the section in the west part of the county, and, considering the fact that the defendant had been in jail for some four months, the court sentenced him to five days' imprisonment, which appeared to satisfy the public feeling in the matter.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Mrs. Joseph Pilant went to Sioux City. Dr. C. J. Verges returned from Pierce. Miss Evelyn Chamberlain is reported ill. H. E. Snyder of Elgin is in the city today. August Fischer has business at Emerson.

A. H. Corbett of Atkinson is here on business. Dr. J. H. Mackay returned from Omaha today.

Mrs. Henry Faubel of Hadar was in the city today. J. C. Chamberlain returned from Long Pine Monday.

Mrs. Hagel of Osmond is visiting with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Balleweg returned from Tilden yesterday.

Mrs. Cunningham of Enola was in the city for a short time today. H. A. Vail went to Gregory county to visit with his son. Mrs. H. A. Vail went to Stanton to visit with her daughter.

Mrs. Gustave Mai of Hoskins was visiting with friends here today. Mrs. Berry and daughter of Warnerville were visiting friends here today. Mrs. Roy Road of Canada is here visiting her sister, Mrs. F. E. Davenport.

Miss Hattie Lichtenberg and August Lichtenberg of Hadar spent a short time here today. Miss Lu Spayde, who has been spending her vacation at Denver, returned yesterday.

Mrs. John Erhardt of Stanton is a visitor with the W. A. Kingsley and Joseph Pilant families. No change has been reported in the condition of Mrs. D. Baum, who was reported seriously ill last evening. Miss Minnie Brauch, who has been spending a few days at Lincoln taking in the state fair, returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walters and Miss Anna Uble spent Sunday with friends near Madison and report a delightful outing.

Walter Melcher and wife of Pierce were in the city on their way home from Omaha, where Mrs. Melcher has been in a hospital.

Miss Edith Herman and Miss Mae Johnson have started on their vacation, which they will spend at the Corl Jenkins farm.

Mrs. Bertha Ahlman has just received word from Germany telling of the death of her sister, Mrs. Augusta Hoge. She was 67 years old.

J. Dewhurst, who drove here from Lincoln and was visiting with A. W. Finkhouse, drove to Page this morning. Mr. Dewhurst is from University Place.

Fred Ahlman and his son, Albert Ahlman, went to Dallas this morning to prove up on a claim. They will probably stay there for fourteen months.

On account of the excavation for their new building making it impossible to receive shipments in the rear, Deeler Bros. are unloading their new stock on the sidewalk.

Miss Ethel Chady was in the city visiting Miss Fay Livingston. She left for Hooper, where she will attend the fair, and probably will return here Saturday for a longer stay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stadelman went to Portland this morning. They will

visit Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria, Tacoma, Spokane and other coast cities. Mr. Stadelman, who had a business call to Portland, will make the trip one of both business and pleasure.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McGune, a son. John F. Klug was purchased a fine four-seated Rambler automobile from H. H. Howarth of West Point.

On account of the impossibility of reaching a quorum last night, no meeting of the city council was held. J. D. Sturgeon is reported much worse today and in much pain. He has been kept under the influence of an opiate for the past three days.

Mr. Best of Battle Creek purchased three Overland touring cars from A. Koyen of Norfolk. Mr. Best intends to open up a garage at Battle Creek.

In Justice Eiseley's court yesterday the case of John C. Chamberlain against Mrs. Sarah Clements of Creighton for commission in a real estate transaction, was continued till September 28.

The Northeast Nebraska Dental Association, held in this city this afternoon, is being well attended, and an interesting program is being carried out. The meeting is being held in Marguardt hall and this evening the visitors will have supper at the Oxnard hotel.

The German Lutheran St. Lucas church of Stanton on Sunday afternoon, September 26, will hold their missionfest in the city park at Stanton. Rev. Mr. Fricke of Madison, Rev. Mr. Mathiesen of Pierce and Rev. Mr. Gensichen of Leigh will be the speakers. Lunch will be served. The money collected will be used for home missions in Nebraska. Everyone is cordially invited.

On account of most of the members of the local company of the national guard attending the theater last evening, there was no drill held at the armory, although Captain Anderson had sent out orders for all members to be present. Sergeant Hans Anderson Thursday, while at target practice, probably made one of the best records made here for skirmish firing. Starting at 500 yards he hit the target sixteen times out of eighteen.

Trap shooting is a new means of entertainment at the Country club, and is being enthusiastically upheld by the sportsmen belonging to the club. The shooting range is situated in the southwest corner of the club grounds and offers an excellent place for the breaking up of the clay pigeons. In the second shoot of the season, which was held yesterday, E. S. Martin and J. S. Mathewson headed the list of shooters. W. J. Stadelman, B. T. Reid and Dr. Simmons followed them very close. The new sport at the Country club will be enjoyed once every week.

J. A. Cole returned to his home in Long Pine last evening, after a few days' visit with relatives.

Ralph White of Fremont came in last evening for a few days' visit, on his way to Deadwood, where he has secured a position as table waiter in a hotel.

Frank Styler of Oakdale was a Norfolk business traveler yesterday. A group of Indians passed through the Junction last evening, bound for Deadwood, S. D.

Mrs. Barrett left for Alnsworth last evening for a few days. Mrs. H. H. Hughs and daughter left yesterday for Calloway for a few weeks' visit with her parents.

Mrs. Jewel Fountain went to Omaha yesterday on business. Among the day's out-of-town visitors in Norfolk were: Oscar Lambert and daughter, Fairfax; J. J. Clements, Madison; M. Engle, Dallas, S. D.; Howard Neary, Winside; J. W. Johnson, Wayne; F. G. Phillip, Wayne; Ralph Gilman, Verdel; F. W. Bender, Gregory, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Cameron, Gregory, S. D.; H. L. Kindred, Meadow Grove; Charles Farserwald, Herrick, S. D.; Gertrude Haight, Herrick, S. D.; Harry Leggett, Dallas, S. D.; Vadie Nicola, Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bushendall, Pierce; Mr. and Mrs. W. Condon, Humphrey; E. J. Hoopman, Madison.

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Returns From Convention.

C. E. Burnham returned from Chicago this morning and reports one of the best times in many years. Mr. Burnham was attending the American Bankers association and from the many cartoons the Chicago papers have printed of him during his stay in the Illinois city, he surely has made a hit with the Chicago papers.

Thursday Mr. Burnham witnessed the ball game between the Cubs and the Giants and had the honor of shaking hands with President Taft, who was a guest of the Hamilton club, of which club the bankers were also guests, and a reserved section in the grandstand very close to the president was occupied by the bankers, of whom forty were from Nebraska.

J. J. Hill's and Reynolds' speeches seem to be a feature of the addresses, according to Mr. Burnham, "but, in fact," says Mr. Burnham, "the convention was more entertainment and good time than an intellectual feast." The ball alone cost \$1,000. One of the features of the entertainments to the bankers was the souvenir spoons they received at the theater. When com-

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fortably seated and after the second curtain began rising, uniformed waiters served ice cream, a great surprise to the bankers, who did not think they would put the miniature souvenirs to use so quickly. The spoons, which altogether cost \$2,500, are very pretty and unique, decorated on one side with the "American Bankers' association," and on the other with "Chicago, 1909." Mr. Burnham did not say anything of the golf championship.

Water Spout at Beaver City.

Beaver City, Neb., Sept. 21.—There was a terrible waterspout in the southern part of this county, and at the town of Stamford last night the rainfall was at least eight inches, coming in the limited time. The water was three feet deep on the principal street of Stamford.

The Boone County Fair.

Albion, Sept. 21.—Special to The News: In spite of the fact of a rumor about Tuesday that there was an epidemic here, warning people not to come to the fair, that the schools were closed, and no one over 18 years of age was allowed on the ground, the twenty-fifth annual fair of Boone county was a success in every way. Gate receipts showed fully as many in attendance as last year.

Live stock taking premiums at the state fair was on exhibition. Racing and the ball games seemed to be the greatest features. The hipodrome and chariot race created great excitement. Tom, the guileless created intense interest. Lindsay won from Spaulding at baseball, 5 to 3, Norfolk taking the games the two days following.

A fine display of fruit and farm product was never on display at a county fair.

The feature Wednesday was the visit of Fremont commercial club, in their special train. They numbered 100 or more and carried a juvenile band, ranging from 9 to 17 years of age.

Charles Culver won the Jones' silver cup at the county fair here this week. The prize was awarded for the best exhibition herd of beef cattle. They were the Shorthorn breed. The cup, valued at \$50, must be won twice to become the property of the holder.

Mystery Still Unsolved.

Albion, Neb., Sept. 21.—Special to The News: Mystery still hovers about Albion in that authorities are unable to locate the body of J. C. Botsford, who is supposed to have taken his life Saturday night because of ill health and financial trouble.

The search Sunday enlightened the case none and yesterday another party on horseback thoroughly ransacked the corn fields. Another party of men dragged the river at points where he is supposed to have been. No new clues have been worked out and nothing has come about to help lift the mystery. The hand writing of the note found in the bottle was identified by his son. The search is being continued in hopes of clearing up the mystery.

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efforts have been made to resume normal service. About 200 non-union conductors and motormen had arrived from Chicago yesterday, but only a few of them were put to work. This morning, it is understood, the number had been doubled and the company decided to make an effort to restore the service to normal. Up to the middle of the forenoon there had been no interference by the strikers or their sympathizers.

Will Build New Steel Bridge.

Neligh, Neb., Sept. 21.—Special to The News: The supervisors of Antelope county were called together in special session yesterday in this city to determine what action should be taken in regard to bettering the condition of the river bridge at this place. It was with one accord that the present bridge should be taken down and replaced with one of steel 150 feet long. The old one will be removed to some other part of the county, probably near the vicinity of Clearwater.

As the Northwestern Construction company of Omaha were here, they were given the opportunity to figure on the new structure at once, and their terms were accepted and contract let in a very short time. It is estimated that the new bridge all complete will cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000. Work is to begin as soon as material arrives, which is anticipated will be in about four or five weeks.

A. E. Ward.

The following quotations are copied from letters having reference to Mr. Ward's work as city and county superintendent, received by former State Superintendent J. L. McBrien, and written by citizens of Cedar County, Nebraska:

O. G. Ritchie (ex-county commissioner of Cedar county and member board of education, Coleridge) says: "I have known him very intimately for a number of years as county superintendent of Cedar county, having served six years as a member of the board of county commissioners, being in touch with him at all times. I know he is an untiring worker and his repeated re-election to office in this county is evidence of the esteem and the confidence the people hold and have in him."

M. T. Woods, Hartington, (ex-clerk district court and county clerk) says: "I come in contact with many who are connected with school work and who are patrons of the schools and, judging by their opinions, I think Mr. Ward, as superintendent of Cedar county's schools, is a very efficient public servant."

F. W. Barnhart, Hartington, (member of board of education) says: "Mr. Ward has been elected to the office of county superintendent of this county for four terms and his long term of office has been made possible and his re-election has been accomplished on account of the splendid work he has done for our schools. He is a tireless worker and permits nothing to drag along with a slightest attention. He stands well with all the teachers and members of school boards, and has a thorough knowledge of school work."

Wilbur F. Bryant, Hartington, (lawyer) says: "I have known Mr. Ward for fifteen years. Before I went to Lincoln he was seven years my neighbor. Mr. Ward has been four times elected county superintendent of Cedar county, and has filled the office with great credit and greater credit than any person ever filled it before. He served for an equally long time in high school work. His administration of his office has been most satisfactory; his private life is without a stain."

J. F. Jenal, Hartington, (ex-county clerk) says: "We are likewise unable in recommending him as capable, honorable, of clean character and record, affable, thoroughly acquainted over the state, and popular everywhere. His repeated election as county superintendent in Cedar county, and at a time when everything was intensely democratic, indicates his standing at home, and the perfect manner in which he has kept and conducted the school work in Cedar county shows sufficiently the ability with which he would administer the work of any other position in which he might be placed."

Henry L. Peck, Randolph, (editor of Times) says: "My acquaintance with Mr. Ward extends over a period of some twenty-five years. He is a thorough school man and a most congenial co-worker."

Dr. F. O. Robinson, Hartington, (banker and member of board of education, Laurel) says: "We have known Mr. Ward as county superintendent for several years, and have known him to be a faithful and competent officer in that capacity."

Paul Buol and C. H. Randall, Randolph, (bankers and members of board of education, Randolph) say: "His work in Cedar county as superintendent of high schools and as county superintendent, has shown a marked ability as a school man."

John Bridenbaugh, Hartington, (ex-county attorney at large, member of board of education, Hartington) says: "My services the past seven years, either as president or secretary of our city school board, has brought me in close touch with Mr. Ward's administration of our county schools. I have known him also as city superintendent. I regard his record as an educator as excellent."

J. F. Rosenberger, Hartington, (ex-officer and member of rural school board) says: "His record as county and city superintendent of schools of this county for the past sixteen years has demonstrated that he is possessed of large executive ability, is a splendid organizer, an energetic and enthusiastic worker and, above all, a perfect gentleman, loyal to every interest which would better the community in which he resides."