

RECLAIMS SCHOOL LANDS

Board of Educational Lands and Funds Acts With Vigor.

CANCELS MANY LEASES AND CONTRACTS

Four Hundred Thousand Acres on Which \$220,000 of Rent is Past Due Restored to State Control.

LINCOLN, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The Board of Educational Lands and Funds on Wednesday cancelled delinquent lease and sale contracts in the counties shown in the accompanying table, which also shows by counties, the number of acres on which cancellation was declared, the average number of years for which the contracts were delinquent and the amount of rental and interest which is lost by reason of its being necessary to make such cancellations, these payments having been allowed to become so far delinquent that the holders of the contracts will not pay up. Many contracts are delinquent seven and eight years, while in other cases operators have paid only \$1, or sometimes less, for quarter of section, and have paid nothing since, these running delinquent two, three and four years.

It is not the policy of the present board to cancel contracts held by persons living on the land and who are making an honest effort to pay for the same, and where this has been proven to the commissioner of public lands and buildings, the board has frequently paid, extension to the end of the year have been granted, with the understanding that the delinquent party, Commissioner Wolfe is traveling over the state, leasing those and other vacant school lands as rapidly as possible, with the result that a great many contracts which have been idle, rental having been lost by failure to keep up the collections, will now begin drawing rental, and will continue to do so if the present policy is followed; much of this land having been held heretofore by speculators and others who have paid little or nothing for the use thereof. This table shows all:

Table with columns: No. of contracts, No. of acres, No. of years, Average amount, etc. Lists counties and their respective statistics.

SOME DECISIONS REACHED

In the matter of the application of J. P. Butte for a deed from the state of Nebraska and the protest of Lavina N. Snow against the issuance of a deed, the board finds: That an assignment of a contract of sale, covering the land above described and mentioned in the petition, was made to the plaintiff, J. P. Butte, by Simon W. Snow, for the purpose of securing an indebtedness for the sum of \$1,122, and that said J. P. Butte holds said contract in violation of the purpose of security and not otherwise.

That the note and assignment to secure the same was executed only by said Simon Snow, that said Simon Snow is the head of the family and that his wife, Lavina N. Snow, the defendant herein, claims said contract as her property, and that the assignment is illegal and void for the reason that it was not executed by both husband and wife.

The board further finds that the controversy between the said J. P. Butte and the said Lavina N. Snow is settled in a court of competent jurisdiction and the rights of said Lavina N. Snow are established by an interest in said land is established by such proceedings, this board is satisfied that the said J. P. Butte is entitled to said contract and entitled to make payment of the balance due thereon and receive the deed thereon.

It is further ordered that the application for deed be denied, the same is hereby denied, and the said Simon W. Snow is ordered to deposit with the county treasurer until further order of the board the sum of \$1,122, which has been adjudicated in a court of competent jurisdiction.

In the matter of the petition for appointment of a trustee upon the market of the school land in Arthur county, it being certified by the county clerk and the county commissioner of McPherson county that the petition is signed by 100 or more resident freeholders of said McPherson county, it was ordered by the board that the commissioner make suitable arrangements for the appraisal and placing upon the market of the school land in Arthur county, now attached to McPherson county.

HEAVY SHOWERS IN THE STATE

Corn Gets a Final Wetting and is Expected to Grow Well. BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Two and a half inches of rain fell here this afternoon in the space of thirty minutes. The storm came from the northwest and was preceded by a wind that closely approached a hurricane.

PREMONT, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—This vicinity has been shower since May this afternoon. It lasted a week and the total precipitation is estimated at over an inch. It will be of great benefit to pastures, which were very dry, and will help the corn to get the start of the season.

SCHUBNER, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Schubner and vicinity were soaked with a good rain today, for which the farmers had been waiting. It rained heavily for about half an hour.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Three-quarters of an inch of rain fell here this afternoon. The crop is in the best of shape.

BENNINGTON, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—One of the finest showers of the season fell here this afternoon. This will be a great crop year.

PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR LUTHERANS

Biennial Meeting of the Western District Synod at Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—On August 5 the western district of the Iowa Lutheran synod convened for its biennial meeting at Hickory Grove, near Auburn, Neb. The district president, Rev. M. F. Fisher, presided. The meeting was opened by the Rev. M. F. Fisher, who presided over the meeting with the Lord's supper and a very able sermon.

Forty-eight ministers and twenty-six lay delegates were present. On application four ministers and seven congregations joined the synod. The president reported the district financial condition, showing a net gain of fifty-eight ministers and eighty-six congregations, the number of communicants in the year being 5,518.

Rev. J. B. Bergness of Burr, Neb., reported 1,640 children in day schools; in 1910, 1,800; in 1911, 1,900; in 1912, 2,000; in 1913, 2,100; in 1914, 2,200; in 1915, 2,300; in 1916, 2,400; in 1917, 2,500; in 1918, 2,600; in 1919, 2,700; in 1920, 2,800; in 1921, 2,900; in 1922, 3,000; in 1923, 3,100; in 1924, 3,200; in 1925, 3,300; in 1926, 3,400; in 1927, 3,500; in 1928, 3,600; in 1929, 3,700; in 1930, 3,800; in 1931, 3,900; in 1932, 4,000; in 1933, 4,100; in 1934, 4,200; in 1935, 4,300; in 1936, 4,400; in 1937, 4,500; in 1938, 4,600; in 1939, 4,700; in 1940, 4,800; in 1941, 4,900; in 1942, 5,000; in 1943, 5,100; in 1944, 5,200; in 1945, 5,300; in 1946, 5,400; in 1947, 5,500; in 1948, 5,600; in 1949, 5,700; in 1950, 5,800; in 1951, 5,900; in 1952, 6,000; in 1953, 6,100; in 1954, 6,200; in 1955, 6,300; in 1956, 6,400; in 1957, 6,500; in 1958, 6,600; in 1959, 6,700; in 1960, 6,800; in 1961, 6,900; in 1962, 7,000; in 1963, 7,100; in 1964, 7,200; in 1965, 7,300; in 1966, 7,400; in 1967, 7,500; in 1968, 7,600; 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