

BLOW TO THE WINTER WHEAT

Wilson's Ban on Bleaching Flour Causes Radical Change.

STAR AT HIS FAVORITE DURUM

Grain Men Believe Secretary of Agriculture Has Embarrassed the Very Cereal He Wanted to Foster.

That the ruling of Secretary James Wilson of the Department of Agriculture forbidding millers to bleach flour will be a temporary blow at Nebraska winter wheat prices is the assertion of a large number of grain dealers, members of the Omaha Grain exchange.

The grain dealers are also of opinion that Mr. Wilson has taken a stab at his favorite durum wheat, which the department has been so active in introducing into the west and which is now bought by the millers at a discount ranging from 3 to 11 cents under the prices paid for winter wheat and much more under the price of the northern spring wheat.

Nebraska winter wheat makes a yellow flour, a product which must be bleached to successfully compete with the flour made from the northern spring wheat.

Now that the Department of Agriculture refuses to permit the bleaching of flour grain dealers assert the price offered for such winter wheat as is grown in Nebraska will be lower than usual and much under the prices offered for northern spring wheat.

Durum wheat which Secretary Wilson and his assistants have introduced into the west, particularly in northern Nebraska and South Dakota, makes a yellow flour—a flour which because of its appearance cannot compete with the spring wheat flour.

Prices Will Not Cause Loss.

"Eventually the prices will not be so low as to cause growers' loss," says W. H. Chambers, an Omaha grain dealer who spent many years in Minneapolis and flouring centers of the north. "I expect to see the millers cut bleaching their flour and the people begin to eat yellow bread. When this condition prevails the Nebraska winter wheat will be fully as much in demand as at present."

"One thing is certain that wherever there is an adulteration or illegitimate changing of the color of flour to make it whiter than it really is, some one is profiting by it. They take the winter wheat and make a flour which they bleach and it sells on the market with the spring wheat flour which is white. They take durum wheat and mix it after buying it at a discount, then they get the same price for the flour they would if there was not a grain of durum wheat in the bin."

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"The chief clerk was looking out over the hotel lobby, when his eyes fell on a little group near the cigar stand. "I can spot 'em before they get their names on the register," he mused. "Each one belongs to some special type. Now, the tall gentleman, for instance, with the talkative apparel and the diamond stud, he is a diamond merchant from down New York state, and that chap with him is a foot ball player. I know that by his long back with the spring wheat flour which is white. They take durum wheat and mix it after buying it at a discount, then they get the same price for the flour they would if there was not a grain of durum wheat in the bin."

"Now the guy standing near—see, the one just outside the conversation, apparently not taking any notice—never you mind, he has not let a word get into a newspaper reporter. I can tell 'em by their look of unconcern, however thrilling the story."

The assistant had now resorted to whispering in hopes of stilling this flow of information. A woman was standing near the desk coughed. Both men glanced up. The chief asked if there was anything he do for her.

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COST OF DRAINAGE NOT BIG

Not When Compared with Benefit Involved in Increase of Land Values.

OMAHA GATE FOR MASSES

Through This City Thousands of Tourists Will Pass in Summer.

Count Engineer Herman Beal is very much encouraged by the start that was made by the county board Tuesday morning toward the formation of a drainage district in western Douglas county, with a part of Sarpy taken in.

"The cost of digging the ditches will not be the big end of the undertaking," said Mr. Beal. "Where we cut through a man's land to straighten out some of the many and devious bends in the Elkhorn will involve the payment of damages. But when we consider that about 50,000 acres of Douglas county land are involved in the proposed scheme, much of which will be practically doubled in value, the great need and utility of drainage according to the plan proposed will at once appear."

"Nearly half of this land for the last three years has been entirely lost for crop production, and the balance has only produced partial crops. Now, if this plan goes through at the election to be held by property owners in the county clerk's office here on March 2, my idea is to lay out a plan to drain ultimately every quarter section, eighty and forty, in the drainage district boundaries, and then work to the conclusion of that plan as rapidly as possible."

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CONVENTIONS DRAW PEOPLE WEST

Railroads Prepare for the Largest Passenger Traffic in Their History—Omaha Will Invite Tourists to Stop.

Omaha, the gateway to the west, will be a busy place on the railroad map this summer, for many of the largest annual gatherings of the year are to be held in the west and the majority of those attending will pass through Omaha, many stopping over. The railroads of the west are preparing for the biggest year in passenger business and are starting their campaign of advertising and also of preparation for the big summer business.

The Grand Army of the Republic encampment at Salt Lake City in August, the National Educational association at Denver in July, the annual convention of the Christian Endeavor at St. Paul in July, the general assembly of the Presbyterian church at Denver the last week in May, the annual convention of the Elks at Los Angeles in July, summer tourist business to Colorado and to the Yellowstone National park and the Seattle exposition are a few of the magnets which will draw thousands and thousands of customers to the west this summer.

Nearly 1,000 variable routes are offered by the railroads as an inducement to the easterner to "travel America First," a cry which will be recognized by many who have heretofore spent the summer in the old world. The Burlington took the lead of the low rates to the west and all the roads have now joined in it and so arranged that a traveler may go by any route he chooses and return by any other.

The Omaha Ad club has started a movement to provide a plan by which these thousands of travelers may be induced to stop over on their long jump and see Omaha.

The Portland exposition more than doubled the number of sightseers who made the trip through Yellowstone park and the Seattle exposition is expected to do even better. At the meeting of the Burlington passenger representatives at Chicago last week a campaign of advertising for the summer was arranged.

The enormous hotels on the Pacific coast are built for the accommodation of winter tourists who prefer to spend their winters in California than in the colder climate of the middle and eastern states. These hotels cut their rates in two during the summer as an inducement to people to visit the Pacific coast during the summer months.

Bridal couples, Elks, professional men, school teachers and hundreds of other classes will journey to the great west this summer.

Park Returns February 10. W. L. Park, general superintendent of the Union Pacific, who has been making a tour of the lines of the Harriman system that he might make recommendations looking toward the standardizing of the various lines and for the betterment of various lines and will return to Omaha February 10 and resume his work as general superintendent of the Union Pacific. He will make his reports to Julius Kruttschnitt, in charge of maintenance and operation of the Harriman system.

Illinois Central Changes. Donald Rose is appointed assistant to the president of the Illinois Central to take the place of L. C. Fritch, who is appointed consulting engineer, with headquarters at Chicago, vice L. T. Moore, who will continue as chairman of the board of pensions. The changes are also effective on the Indianapolis Southern Railroad company and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad company, subsidiary companies to the Illinois Central.

The annual meeting of the mechanical and maintenance department of the lines of the Harriman system will be held this year at New Orleans, the date of the meeting being February 15.

Eugene Duval, assistant general western agent of the Milwaukee, left Wednesday for Salt Lake City and Denver to visit the western agencies of the Milwaukee.

BONDS TAKEN TO LINCOLN. Million-Dollar Court House Securities Registered with the State Treasurer.

County Comptroller Solomon, County Clerk Haverly and Commissioner Kennard went to Lincoln Wednesday morning, taking with them the \$1,000,000 in bonds that represent the cost of the new Douglas county court house. The bonds are taken to Lincoln to be registered in the office of the state treasurer. Par is all the bonds bring from the state, but the county officers will have the advantage of drawing the money from the state treasury in amount as needed from time to time.

Do you remember seeing the "Butter Lady" at the Corn show? Perfection in butter is what we aim for. We call it "IDLEWILD." All leading grocers handle IDLEWILD brand of creamy butter. Be sure you get IDLEWILD.

If your grocer does not handle it, telephone Douglas 185. DAVID COLE CREAMERY CO.

JOHN W. BRAMWOOD RESIGNS. Secretary-Treasurer of International Typographical Union Succeeded by John W. Hays.

Word has come to Omaha announcing the resignation of John W. Bramwood, secretary-treasurer of the International Typographical union, because of ill health. John W. Hays of Minneapolis, first vice president, has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Bramwood has been secretary-treasurer for the past fourteen years.

HOTEL CLERK CAN NAME 'EM

But He Misses Several Good Shots This Time—Woman Calls Him.

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February Twelfth. Will be observed as the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of the Great Emancipator and Civil War President Abraham Lincoln. All over the land the most elaborate preparations for properly commemorating this event are being made. While every publication of note is giving up considerable space concerning Lincoln. The Omaha Bee, in conjunction with the Chicago Tribune, will print on Sunday, February Seventh the most complete and artistic Lincoln Section of any paper in the West. The Omaha Sunday Bee LINCOLN CENTENARY NUMBER.

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Moot Print It. Patak Watches, Edholm, Jeweler. Smoke House for Smokes, 316 S. 15th. Rudolph F. Swoboda, Public Accountant. Rinehart, photographer, 18th & Farnam. Key, photographer, removed to 16 & Howard. Douglas Printing Co. Both telephones. Gloves Cleaned, Thos. Kilpatrick's glove Dept. Equitable Life—Policies, eight drafts at maturity. H. D. Neely, manager, Omaha. After a fire you want your money. Keep your insurance papers and money in the American Safe Deposit vaults in The Bee building; \$1 rent a box.

Mecca Court No. 13.—Tribute of Ben Hur will give a card party Thursday evening, February 4, at Bright's hall, Nineteenth and Farnam. Prizes and refreshments.

Woman's Socialist Union.—The Woman's Socialist union will give a literary social Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Bauer, Twenty-fifth and Fort streets.

Royal Arcanum Smoker.—Union Pacific County Arcanum will entertain its members and friends Thursday night with a big smoker. An invitation has been extended to the councils of Omaha and South Omaha to join in the festivities. Deputy Supreme Regent F. D. Muse will be the guest of honor of the evening.

Singleton in Inaugural Parade.—M. Y. Singleton, ex-gauger for Uncle Sam, has been tendered the position of aid on the staff of G. D. Williston for the inauguration ceremony at Washington on March 4. Mr. Williston is marshal of the third division of the parade. Mr. Singleton will accept the appointment tendered.

Wants Divorce for too Much Drink.—Grace V. Jacobs is suing for a divorce from William H. Jacobs. She alleges drunkenness, cruelty and non-support, also that the husband, who is a railroad fireman, had stolen away and deserted their only child, of whom she asks the custody after the court shall have procured its production in court.

Sticks Knife into Auto Tire.—For sticking a knife into a tire on J. H. Shively's automobile, M. J. Shea was sentenced to serve fifteen days in jail by Police Judge Crawford Wednesday morning. The machine stood at the corner of Sixteenth and Farnam streets Tuesday evening and the testimony in Shea's trial was to the effect that he had maliciously cut the tire.

Sunday School Convention.—The religious and Sunday school conventions of the northern Nebraska district of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints will be held in the Saint's chapel, 1818 North Twenty-first street, Omaha, Thursday and Friday. The first session will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30. This will be a Sunday school business session. A religious business session will be held Friday afternoon and other session on Thursday evening and Friday morning and evening.

Danish Theatrical Society.—"Dagmar" is the name of a Danish theatrical society recently organized for the purpose of presenting theatrical productions of the fatherland. These productions will be put on at Washington hall and the first will be Sunday evening. C. Hough's classic idyl "The Sisters from Kinnakullen," a play evolved from the old adage that money is the root of all evil, will be then enacted, the play to be given in the Danish tongue. The officers of "Dagmar" are J. Jensen Dreyer, president; John Enkelbo, secretary; Waldemar Michaelson, treasurer.

Suicide in the Wanda Verdict.—Suicide by inhaling gas was the cause of death as-

signed by Coroner Healey's jury in the case of Bert Wendt, the man who was found dead in his room at Prague hotel Tuesday noon. No relatives of Wendt have been located, although telegrams have been sent by Coroner Healey in an effort to do so. It is believed that the man's father, Fred Wendt, lives in Toledo Co., and is a well known ex-sheriff. It is thought that Bert Wendt lived in Rocky Ridge, O., although there are indications that he has lived in a number of towns, supposedly where he had worked at his trade of bridge building.

PRIZE JOINT WIPERS COMING. Fourth Annual Convention of Plumbers Inspectors