

Nebraska

MAINS FILES FOOD REPORT

State Commissioner Would Enlarge Scope of Weight Law.

TO APPLY IT TO ALL PACKAGES

Declares Department Has Been Hampered by Lack of Funds and is in Vital Need of More Inspectors.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—State Food Commissioner S. L. Mains, in his biennial report, makes the following recommendations for changes in the food, drug and dairy laws of Nebraska:

1. An amendment to the weight or measure clause to embrace all food offered for sale in packages form.

2. An increase of two food and drug inspectors and a provision allowing six extra drug inspectors during the months of June, July and August each year.

3. To repeal the tax on ice cream, creamery or cheese factory, or to make a tax of \$5 on all creameries and cheese factories which produce 100,000 pounds or less, and an additional graded tax on each additional 100,000 pounds of production thereof.

4. An amendment to the paint law making a heavy penalty for adulteration of linseed oil.

5. An amendment to the sanitation law making it possible to close without notice any unsanitary place where food is served or sold.

6. A law on standard weight and measure and the creation of an office of state sealer of weights and measures under this department.

7. Repeal of the law requiring commission merchants to file a bond of \$500 with the county judge to pay a tax of \$10 per year to this department. It appears to the commissioner that this law has grown almost entirely for the benefit of bonding companies.

8. Finally, and most urgent of all, a larger appropriation for inspectors' salaries and traveling expenses. This department has been hampered through the whole biennium by lack of funds.

Finances of Office. During the biennium, the food commissioner collected from creameries for permits to operate \$17,966; from operators for permits to sample or test, \$5,934; for oleomargarine permits, \$67,338; from commission merchants, \$67,338, making a total amount collected of \$133,544.

The former commissioner's biennial report showed total collections of \$4,673.25. The total increase in fees collected is \$128,870.75.

The report shows that Mr. Mains assumed the duties of his office January 25, 1909. Early in his administration he ruled that where any question existed as to the meaning of the state pure food law and where the national pure food law was explicit on the same subject the Nebraska law would be interpreted in accordance with the national act.

The principal paragraph of the Nebraska law that was under discussion, which related to misbranding, contained this wording:

"If sold for use in Nebraska and in package form, other than canned goods, contents, weight or measure are not directly stated on the outside of the package."

Some contended that this section was obeyed when the contents alone were stated. Others argued that the contents must be stated in terms of weight or measure. The national act deemed articles misbranded if in package form and the contents are stated in terms of weight or measure that are not plainly and correctly stated.

Interpretation of Net Weight. Food Commissioner Mains interpreted the Nebraska act in conformity with the national law and his ruling allowed food manufacturers who had retired from the state to place their products once more on the Nebraska market. The Nebraska legislature, being in session, amended the law, making it clear and explicit. The food commissioner reports that all manufacturers willingly complied with the weight or measure law, except one cracker company and the manufacturers of lard and cotolene. Suits are pending in the courts against these concerns.

During this term Food Commissioner Mains has inspected bakeries, hotels, meat markets and other places where food is prepared and sold. He says he believes the food laws of Nebraska are being strictly obeyed by manufacturers and distributors as those of any state in the union, and that this result has been attained with a minimum number of prosecutions.

The legislature of 1909 amended the food law by approving the bleaching of flour for state consumption by the nitrogen peroxide method. This amendment was approved by the food commissioner upon investigations made by Dr. Alway of Nebraska and Drs. Wetser and Teller of Columbia laboratory.

In the National Association of State Food and Dairy Departments, Food Commissioner Mains and State Chemist Redfern cast the Nebraska vote for a resolution approving the use of benzoate of soda as a food preservative, and the resolution was adopted.

MORE APPOINTMENTS MADE

Mrs. Hazel MacMurphy of Omaha Will Retain Place as Food Inspector.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor-elect Aldrich announced the following appointments today: State Chemist—E. L. Redfern, Lincoln; Microscopist to Food Commissioner—Miss Catherine Brown, Superior.

Food Inspector—Mrs. Harriet MacMurphy, Omaha, reappointed. Drug Inspector—R. S. Schofield, Anoka.

Dairy Inspectors—F. S. Tucker, Florence; H. G. Douglas, Osceola, and Mr. Harney of the State University.

First Assistant Physician, Norfolk—Dr. E. M. Dishard. Physician at Grand Island Soldiers' Home—Dr. W. T. Putt.

Commandant at Millford Home—Henry Howard, Elk Creek. First Inspector—Edward E. Williams, Grand Island. Physician at Hastings Asylum—Dr. Oaks, Howard.

Sues for Husband's Death. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. Edith MacAuley, executrix of the estate of Henry MacAuley, has filed a suit in the district court against the Missouri Pacific railway, praying for \$25,000 damages for the killing of her husband by a special train on that line in the limits of this city on October 19, 1910. Her husband, who was 71 years of age, was walking down the track of the railroad, when he was struck by a special train which was going south and had on board a number of the officials of that road and several others. She claims her husband was a good, strong man and capable of earning \$100 per month and was her sole support.

Worse than an alarm of fire at night to the metallic cough of croup, bringing dread to the household. Careful mothers know Foley's Honey and Tar in the house and give it at the first sign of danger. It contains no opiates. Sold by all druggists.

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Kinkaid Struck; His Neck is Broken

Edward Cooney Charged with Murder of Elmer Mercer by Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Edward Cooney, a stranger in this city, is in jail charged with the murder of Elmer Mercer, who was struck down as he left Martin Moran's saloon here Wednesday night, and died within an hour. His neck had been broken by the blow.

A coroner's jury this afternoon returned a verdict after close examination of several men who had seen or heard the two men quarreling, that Mercer had come to his death by blows inflicted by Cooney. Albert Greder was the only witness to the killing, and testified that Mercer had called Cooney a foul name, whereupon a quarrel ensued, and Cooney struck Mercer in the face, felling him to the walk. He then bent over him and struck him twice.

After vainly attempting to help Mercer to his feet, Cooney fled upon the approach of a night policeman, who had seen the man fall while a block away, a snowstorm obscuring details. Mercer was a Kinkaid homesteader and was here to spend Christmas with relatives at Gibbon. He was not addicted to habitual use of liquor.

Testing in a bartender and has been here two days. He worked with a threshing gang during the fall and lives in Dawson county.

DISTRICT COURT AT CENTRAL CITY

Temporary Injunction in Fence Case is Continued.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Judge Thomas was up from Columbus Tuesday and held a short session of the district court to hear the injunction suit of William Stratman, the Virex farmer who is resisting the action of the United States in setting its fences out over 200 feet on either side of its tracks across his farm, which was set for that date. However, Judge Thomas did nothing further than to continue in force the temporary injunction issued by Judge Peterson. He will come up again on January 16, when the case will again be up for hearing.

In the action of Emma Blise against Bert Blise the plaintiff was granted a divorce on the grounds of non-support. In the O'Hern partition suit, in which the heirs of the O'Hern estate, near Chapman, sought for a division of the farm land, the referee, John Persinger, reported that an equitable division could be made, and so his recommendation that the land be sold and the proceeds divided was ordered by the court. No other matters were taken up.

Cuming County Corn Prices.

WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The executive committee of the Cuming county corn show has announced prizes to be awarded as follows:

On Yellow Corn (ten ears)—First, \$10; second, \$5; third, \$2.50. Single ear, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, \$2.50.

White Corn (ten ears)—First, \$10; second, \$5; third, \$2.50. Single ear, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, \$2.50.

Sweet Corn (ten ears any variety)—First, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$1.50. Single Ear (any variety)—First, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$1.50.

Pop Corn (half bushel)—First, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$1.50. Calco (ten ears)—First, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$1.50.

Bushel Exhibit—Yellow, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$1.50. White, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$1.50. Calco, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$1.50.

Various other prizes of merchandise will be given. In the corn judging contest prizes ranging from \$5 to \$11 will be awarded for the best ten-ear exhibits of yellow and white corn and also for single ears.

Oratorical Contest at Crete.

CRETE, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—At the Barnum prize speaking contest of Crete academy last evening there were eight competitors. Clifford S. Higby won the prize, \$10 worth of books. The judges were Mr. P. E. Craig, Mr. C. B. Perry and Mrs. W. H. Hottel.

There will be no home oratorical contest this year at Doane college, as there is but one aspirant, Mr. T. D. Rife, who will represent the college in the state contest.

Kearney Women Burned.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Charles O. Norton was burned seriously this afternoon by the explosion of a gas burner. She was attempting to light the burner when it exploded, enveloping her in flames and badly burning her eyes. It is her second similar injury within a year. Mrs. Norton is prominent in state D. A. R. circles, and will recover.

Nebraska News Notes.

NEBRASKA CITY.—The Elks initiated a class of twenty-five new members Wednesday evening. This was the first meeting in their new lodge room.

M'COOK.—Last Saturday evening Mr. Frank A. Taylor of this city and Miss Edna Keenan of Kearney were married in this city. Rev. R. T. Bayne of the Congregational church officiating at the paragon.

SEWARD.—Mrs. D. D. Potter was granted a divorce from Dr. D. D. Potter by Judge Good at a special sitting of the court on Monday. Both are well known residents of this city.

HILDRETH.—Mrs. Anna Meyer, living one mile north of town, died this morning. She will be buried tomorrow in the city cemetery. George and Ed Meyer of this place are her sons.

SEWARD.—Mr. and Mrs. William Haddinger celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary here yesterday with a family reunion and a large party of neighbors and friends at their home during the day.

HILDRETH.—Charles Dewitt of Omaha was married to Miss Juliet Johnson of Oakland Tuesday at West Point by Rev. I. J. Powell, pastor of the German Evangelical church. The newly married couple left immediately for their new home in Omaha.

WEST POINT.—Rev. J. Scherbach, former pastor of the German Evangelical church at West Point, united in marriage James Cadwell and Miss Alvina Hinzpeter, well known young people of Winona.

NEBRASKA CITY.—M. Erickson, an old soldier, who has been confined in the county jail for some time for safe keeping, was taken before the board of commissioners on Thursday and declared insane.

M'COOK.—The resignation of Deputy County Treasurer H. W. Conover was handed County Treasurer Clifford Naden yesterday, effective at noon. No appointment has yet been made to fill the vacancy.

HILDRETH.—The first wolf hunt of the season for this place was held this afternoon. The drive was between West Point and the west and Hildreth on the east, the two parties meeting about five miles west of Hildreth. Five wolves are reported killed.

WEST POINT.—County Judge Dewald officiated at the wedding of John Brantley and Miss Mary Schwarz, both of Beatrice, Erskine Colgrove and Miss Minnie Armstrong of Holt, C. Pippy Reber and Miss Bernice Fringle of College View, Neb., A. Ogilvie and Dora McDown of Beatrice, Arnold Barry and Miss Orla Hill of Pilley.

NEBRASKA CITY.—The Jones Grain company has filed in the district court against the Western Union Telegraph company for \$250, for the non-delivery of messages which were taken to the office here, and the market had declined in the meantime.

NEBRASKA CITY.—Word has been received in this city of the death of Charles Bauger at New Hampshire, Mo. He was called there to attend the funeral of his mother, and was taken ill with pneumonia and died after an illness of two weeks. He was a painter and decorator and had been a resident of this city for many years. His body will be brought to this city for interment.

WEST POINT.—A home wedding took place at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Gibson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Gibbon at high noon Saturday, when their daughter, Miss Belle, was united in marriage to Harry Henkin of Tobias. Rev. G. H. Houston, pastor of the German Evangelical church of West Point, father of the groom, officiated. The couple will make their home at Tobias.

HILDRETH.—Saturday evening "Grandma" Shattuck, who lives alone in a small house in the town, was taken ill with a mild form of paralysis. She fell to the floor and was unable to move until about four hours after she was discovered. She managed to pull herself onto a lounge. Neighbors, going in the next day, discovered her condition and notified her son, who lives a short distance in the country.

CENTRAL CITY.—A large delegation of old soldiers went from here yesterday to attend the funeral of William Ray at Marquette. Mr. Ray was for many years a prominent resident of Central City and a prominent member of the G. A. R. post. He owned a big farm near Marquette and a few years ago moved away to Marquette so that he could better attend to his business affairs. He died after an illness of ten days.

NEBRASKA CITY.—Judge Travis, who was holding an adjourned court of the district court, has adjourned court and gone home to spend the holidays. Judge Robertson is still here holding court for him and is hearing the arguments in the matter of the franchise which was granted by the city council and opposed by J. D. Houston, a member of the council. The case was reported against the company, holding that the election was illegal and unfair means had been used to influence the voters, and besides, it was a dual proposition and should have been submitted separately. The case has been argued for two days.

WEST POINT.—The programme for the Cuming County Farmers' Institute is announced as follows: First day—"The Selection and Breeding of Dairy Cows," Prof. John Bower of Lincoln; "The Breeding and Feeding of Beef Cattle," J. F. Cooper of Falls City; "The Value of the Silo in Feeding Dairy Stock and Other Farm Animals," Prof. Bower, Miss Nellie Maxwell of Neenah, Wis., will lecture at the women's session on "New Methods of Cooking and Canning Fruits and Vegetables." At 3:30 a stock judging demonstration will be given by Mr. Coupe. In the evening the following subjects will be taken up: "Home Nursing," Miss Maxwell; "There is Money in Raising Chickens," Mr. Coupe, and "Opportunities for Nebraska Boys," Prof. Bower. The programme for the second and third days will be announced next week.

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