

Nebraska

SHUMWAY SEES TROUBLE IN STORE

Government's Irrigation Suit May Vitalize Affect Interests of Many in Western Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Land Commissioner Shumway believes that there is trouble in store for Nebraska in the suit filed by the federal government relating to water in the Scottsbluff country unless the state gets pretty busy. Speaking of the matter he says:

"I read with considerable interest the attempted justification of the suit filed in the federal court relating to water in the Scottsbluff country. I am inclined to think those who prepared the brief have no idea of the enormity of the wreck it would make to Nebraska irrigation enterprises for the claim to prevail that the United States owned the water of the rivers. Probably it did not occur to them that in the Enabling acts of Colorado and Wyoming the United States tried to give those states the water that rises within their borders, and it is only by combating that untenable theory that Nebraska has any water crossing the state line for irrigation or other purposes."

"Should they sustain the contention that the United States once owned the water of the North Platte river, the Enabling act of Wyoming would permit that state to dry the interstate and tri-state canals in which enterprises the government has an investment of several millions of dollars. Therefore the government has deliberately attacked itself."

"If the government has ever owned the water it has given them away. But it never did own them, and by the nature of things, it never can own them any more than it can own the air we breathe."

"At the time the United States acquired the Louisiana territory it acquired neither water nor air and whatever law obtains as to the uses of water must be based upon the English common law of Riparian rights, or upon the earlier occupation of this territory by the Spanish where the doctrine of appropriation for beneficial uses has prevailed for 400 years. Really upon the Spanish occupation is dependent the whole fabric of irrigation law. In the days of Cortez and Coronado it was recognized that individuals could divert waters from natural streams for beneficial purposes. The use of the water and not the water itself may be granted upon application. Very small fractions are actually consumed, the larger portions returning through percolation, and seepage to the original streams."

Ashland Toll Bridge Valuation Up to Board

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—On next Tuesday a hearing will be held before the state railway commission, the proposition being the valuation of the Ashland toll bridge. The bridge is situated on the Omaha-Lincoln-Denver automobile highway and the government will not put any money into any highway where a toll bridge has to be crossed.

The owners of the toll bridge have offered to sell the bridge to the state, the state taking possession under the state aid bridge law. Under such a proposition the state would pay half of the purchase price and the two counties in which the bridge is located, Saunders and Sarpy, would pay the other half.

The hearing is expected to bring out some interesting developments, as it is said that the bridge has been a big paying investment for the owners and that they are demanding a high price for the same. However, the state engineering department has been figuring on the bridge and has some figures which may be interesting.

Beatrice News Notes

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—J. R. Greening, who has been employed in the kitchen of the Paddock hotel for some time, was arrested last evening and lodged in jail on the charge of stealing a gold watch, a pocketbook containing \$1.50 in change of the chef, John McCarthy, and a suit of clothes from Ralph Johnson, night clerk at the Paddock hotel. He was lodged in the city jail to await his trial. He claims that his home is at Plattsmouth, Mo.

Fire broke out last evening in the coal bins of the Farmer Lumber and Coal company at Wynmore and destroyed nearly \$1,000 worth of property before the flames were extinguished. It is supposed to have been caused from spontaneous combustion.

John Stanbury, who was arrested here on a charge of sedition, was released yesterday by Chief of Police Hayden after he had written a statement to the effect that he had not made any utterances against the federal government or its soldiers. He states that he is heartily in sympathy with President Wilson and his principles.

Chadron News Notes

Chadron, Neb., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Chadron has a fund, subscribed by its citizens, giving Company H \$400 month for extras while the war lasts.

Mayor Dahlman of Omaha has written a Company H to let him know how the company passes through here.

The twenty-fourth annual fair of

Why Not Blossom-Out?

New Autumn Suits We have a assortment of the season's latest and can make you a suit that suits you in color, style, fit and finish. Made to your measure for

\$15 Saturday Evenings

Wunder

N. W. 15th and Harney Sts.

Dawes county is now in full swing. The exhibits are crowded into two buildings, as the three others are occupied by Company H of the Sixth Nebraska.

Mrs. Elizabeth O'Linn Smith, chairman of the Dawes county American Red Cross chapter, is organizing each precinct in the county into branches. She reports Marsland branch for Leonard precinct just in with thirty-one new members. Wayside branch for Wayside precinct with twenty.

PHELPS COUNTY TO GIVE BANQUET TO ITS SOLDIERS

Holdrege, Neb., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Monday afternoon, September 3, will be a real business holiday for Phelps county when the men of the new army will be given a farewell dinner and reception by the county board of supervisors, Commercial clubs and citizens of the county. A basket dinner will be held on the court house lawn at noon.

The Holdrege, Bertrand and Funk bands will furnish music. A mass meeting will be held in the auditorium. A chorus composed of singers from over the county will sing at the meeting. The main address will be given by Dr. Jeffrey of Lincoln.

The 119 boys will be banqueted in the auditorium dining room in the evening. Practically every business house in the county has already announced that it will be closed at noon Monday.

Phelps county's quota is as follows: Roy H. Johnson, Frank Mather, Carl H. E. Gustafson, John W. Garman, Dale Williams, Harold Erickson, Daniel E. Porro, Charles Martin, Victor J. Hultquist, Carl Olson, Aaron Barnes, M. E. Kirkpatrick, William F. Beck, George H. Erickson, Fred Johnson, Leslie Johnson, Oscar E. Yensmark, Carl G. Johnson, Douglas L. Berry, John P. Anderson, John T. Nelson, Carl E. Schostak, Evar Grania, Lyle Hawkins, Carl J. Hanson, David L. Erickson, LeRoy Chapman, F. L. Streker, Alvin E. Skoog, Orlo V. Brown, John V. Brown, Arney O. Anderson, Edward Gillette, Richard Anderson, Albert Nelson, E. W. Hurd, Oscar E. Olson, Walter J. Smith, Also Norberg, Otis Meent, Elmer E. Blatt, Harold Bruce, Alfred Just.

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Seward Physician Gets 'Mysterious' Discharge

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Dr. Carl R. Roh, a physician of Seward, who made application to the medical reserve corps and passed both physically and otherwise and was given a captain's commission, received notice that he was discharged "because his services were not needed."

Dr. Roh is at a loss to know just why, after receiving a commission, he should be discharged when physicians are needed badly by the War department, especially those of experience. He was at the state house today, but could gather nothing satisfactory in the matter.

Mark Site of Stockade

Yankton, S. D., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Yankton chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, on Friday placed a bronze tablet on a Boulder to mark the Yankton stockade of 1862, erected during the Indian outbreak. Appropriate exercises marked the occasion. Amongst the speakers were Captain J. M. Hanson, son of Major J. R. Hanson, who was a soldier in the stockade, and G. W. Kingsbury, the dean of newspaperdom in the Dakotas.

Name Sheldon as Hoover's Representative in England

London, Aug. 31.—Louis P. Sheldon, who is associated with a London banking firm, has been asked by Herbert C. Hoover to accept appointment as representative of the American food administration board in the United Kingdom. It is understood Mr. Sheldon, who is a Yale graduate, has accepted and that it is now being determined whether he shall become an attaché of the American embassy. As Mr. Hoover's representative Mr. Sheldon will deal with the British food controller for the purpose of bringing about close co-operation between the United States and England in regard to the control of food.

Bakers Stand Aghast At Prospect of Five Cent Loaf of Bread

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ciation of property, insurance, rent, feed, delivery costs and numerous other charges, all amounting to a minimum of 40 per cent of the whole-sale cost. All told, this will amount to around \$3.20 a barrel of flour. This added to the cost, \$13.12, makes a total cost of \$18.62 for 325 fourteen-ounce loaves delivered at the store of the retailer. Or, to be more exact, 53¢ cents a loaf, without leaving the baker a penny of profit.

Grain Dealers Pessimistic. In connection with the probable effect of the \$2.15 price on wheat, some grain dealers believe that the farmers will restrict their sales to a minimum, on the theory that a depleted supply for milling purposes would result in the government advancing the price.

Others maintain that any backward tendency on the part of the wheat raisers would be followed by a federal commanding of stocks. There is, however, a strong sentiment in favor of a hearty response by the farmers when they realize that the government has spoken.

Omaha millers and grain men declare that until they receive official confirmation of newspaper dispatches announcing the 1917 wheat price has been fixed at \$2.15 in Omaha they cannot say what bearing the government's action will have on the situation locally.

H. K. Schafer, general manager for the Maney Milling company, said: "The fixing of wheat prices at that figure by the government will, to be true, mean lower prices on wheat and flour. Of course, we have no confirmation as yet of this action and cannot say much until we have. As to the talk about fixing the standard nickel loaf of bread, we millers know nothing. That is absolutely foreign to our line. We know that we are limited by the food administration to a profit of a maximum of 25 cents per barrel of flour which we manufacture."

Nathan Merriam of the Merriam & Millard Grain company said: "We grain men are all at sea. We don't know a thing about it yet."

Will Not Effect Receipts

Charles T. Neal, the local representative of the federal price fixing board, does not believe that new conditions brought about by a maximum selling price having been set upon wheat of the 1917 crop will have any material effect upon receipts, especially at this market.

Farmers will realize, says Mr. Neal

that the prices as they are now are fixed are going to remain and there will be no inducement for them to hold on to their wheat. It is apparent that the 1918 prices are not going to be any higher and consequently there could be no inducement to hold the present surplus to sell next year.

In the event farmers should not be inclined to sell wheat at the prices fixed by the government, according to Mr. Neal, there would be nothing to do but to let them hold their stocks. While the law prevents hoarding of grain and other food supplies, the farmers are exempt from all of its provisions. Consequently, under the provisions of the present law, the wheat could not be commandeered, no matter how badly it might be needed, unless that need should be for food for the army.

Will Extend Omaha Field

While Omaha grain men are not of the opinion that the government wheat price fixing board showed this market any preference, they are of the opinion that the differentials will bring considerable new territory. The new prices do not become effective until Saturday and in the meantime the local men are laying their wires to secure new customers in new fields.

Omaha men figure that in the future they are going to get a large quantity of wheat that under the marketing method would have gone to Minneapolis.

Formerly the differentials on wheat were 4 to 5 cents in favor of Minneapolis and Duluth and against Omaha. Under the price-fixing plan of the government these Minnesota markets have a market price but 2 cents over Omaha. As a result it is predicted that all of the grain grown in a territory of equal distance between Minneapolis and Duluth and Omaha will come here. The freight rate will be the same and the 2-cent differential of the government, it is expected, will move the grain in this direction.

Depresses Wheat Market

The fixing of selling prices by the government brought about a depressed condition on the wheat market, so far as the Omaha Grain exchange was concerned. Wheat today sold at 13¢@15 cents, with a good demand, but light offerings. One carload of No. 1 yellow hard sold at \$2.18, or 7 cents above the price fixed for this particular grade. It was bought by a miller who wanted it badly.

Generally wheat prices were around \$2.09@2.15, with some of the poorer grades slightly lower. Receipts were five carloads.

Corn advanced 6@7 cents and sold at \$1.84@1.87, with a heavy demand. Receipts were twelve carloads.

Oats were 1/4¢@1/2¢ cents up and sold 56¢@57 cents a bushel. The receipts were thirty-five carloads.

Announcing the Opening SATURDAY

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WELCOME! The last nail is driven—the workmen have gone—every case is opened and the last goods placed on the racks. We are ready and bid you come and welcome. Familiar faces will greet you.

BONOFF'S is an old firm with new goods in a new location. For many years we were located on North Sixteenth street under the name of the New York Sample Store, a store where value was supreme. We propose to maintain our high standard of merchandise at the same LOW PRICES as always, in spite of the raise in price by manufacturers. Let us prove it to you. This is a store for Women—and a store for every woman. On the floor is collected so great a variety of fresh, new Outer Garments that the wish of the most particular will be satisfied.

A Souvenir to Every Visitor Saturday

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These special prices will be for one day—Saturday—only. Come and see the merchandise and you will be convinced of the real values we are offering. Hundreds of other garments on special sale.

- \$35.00 Fall Suits, \$22.50
\$24.00 Wool Velour Coats, \$17.50
\$24.50 Fall Suits, \$17.50
\$27.50 Plush Coats, \$17.50

Cotton Crop Forecast at 12,499,000 Quarter Ton Bales

Washington, Aug. 31.—The cotton crop was forecast today at 12,499,000 equivalent 500-pound bales by the Department of Agriculture in its revised estimate based on the condition of the crop August 25, which is reported as 67.8 per cent of a normal crop.

Secretary Merrill, Chicago Board of Trade, Dies at Home

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Charles F. Merrill, secretary of the Chicago board

of trade, died today of angina pectoris. Mr. Merrill was 66 years of age. He was president of the board in 1911 and since that time has been its secretary.

Provincial Government Planned For Siberia, With Own Duma

London, Aug. 31.—A Reuter dispatch from Tomsk, Russia, says that a conference of delegates representing the Siberian provinces has drawn up a project for federative autonomy for Siberia, with the legislative power invested in a Siberian Duma and an executive consisting of a council of ministers, senate and judiciary.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

Sturgis, S. D., Boy Shot And Killed by Companion

Sturgis, S. D., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—The 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wellman of Piedmont, died last night from a bullet wound in the chest. The boy was accidentally shot by a companion while the two boys were hunting.

BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

First Glance at the New WALK-OVER Fall Boots For Smart Women. The new colors for autumn are extremely good as well as being practical. \$7 to \$14. WALK-OVER BOOT SHOP 317 SOUTH 16TH STREET.

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