

Nebraska

SHUMWAY WANTS
STATE TO BENEFIT

Land Commissioner Believes
Mineral Deposits Should
Pay the Upkeep of
the Schools.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Nebraska has a state official who is willing to consider that he may want to retire from office some time, whose term of office is not restricted by the constitution. This man is Land Commissioner Grant Shumway, and he even goes so far as to write an article starting in with, "When I retire," etc. His contribution may be taken either as a valedictory when leaving his present office, or an inaugural for a higher office.

Wants Income For Schools.
He discusses some good things as follows:

"When I retire from the land commissioner's office I will hope that the income from reappraised school lands, from invested school funds, and from potash and oil leases will pay the entire running expenses of the common schools. Today three-fourths of this expense is paid by direct taxation."

"This may look impossible, but there is nothing magical about it; simply a business administration of the land department and information concerning the inherent values of the state's property."

"The cost of running the schools of Nebraska is about \$3,000,000 per annum. Rentals on school lands for agricultural leases will produce approximately \$1,000,000 (against \$200,000 previously), and mineral lease contracts in the potash field should contribute about \$500,000, beginning next spring. It is expected that mineral contracts yet to be made in this field will double and perhaps triple that amount."

"We have begun to receive a little from potash paid on oil prospects, and it seems reasonably sure this activity will bring forth a discovery of petroleum in one or more of the ten counties now being prospected. Add to this the interest on the permanent school fund, which is approximately \$500,000. According to earning capacity at 5 per cent, our school lands had a value of \$4,000,000. This will prove to be a \$400,000 asset, unless all signs fail."

Money For Reappraisal.
"We are glad of our contribution to the achievements. We know something of land values, and the legislature, upon our recommendation, appropriated \$10,000 for reappraisal and rechecking. We have found and rented lands from which there has been no income for years, and by January 1 will have increased the total rentals fivefold."

"Mineral possibilities began to show up, and we drafted rules where no laws obtained. The state board was unanimous in assisting in this, and rules are workable and working now."

"I shall feel gratified in having performed for the schools and taxpayers of Nebraska a little goodly service, for these constructive policies will live and the state profit thereby."

Huge Income Already.
"Last month Nebraska's potash mills produced and marketed over \$500,000 worth of product. With no increase of production, a few little sand hill lakes will turn out over \$600,000 per year. But the product will double many times. One man is said to be receiving an income of over \$50,000 per month."

"I have discovered that the state has recently parted with some lands on which are very valuable potash deposits. I believe that the state board has been imposed upon by applicants to purchase, and that such applicants were well aware that the lakes on tracts which they secured contained rich potash brine. This department is investigating the records and laws with a view to having set aside some such deeds that were issued within the last year or two."

Equality for All.
"Occasionally we hear sob talk about the poor sand hills, 'into whose life has come sand hills like a vivacious maiden.' We presume this refers to men with thousands a month income particularly. Let it be known, however, that every applicant for mineral leases will receive the identical treatment from this department. These good people who are receiving rich harvests must not expect a free lance on the state property. They will be treated fairly just as others are. We will make preferred lessees much as our friendship might incline us to do."

"Now, how came this potash wealth to Nebraska? I am referring this for the speculation of geologists:

"In numerous places in the sand hills may be seen evidences of earth folding and the rocks are warped upwards. May this not have been the eastern shore of the last cretaceous sea, or perhaps have held captive marine waters during the Rocky mountain revolution?"

Where Minerals Come From.
"Were not the sand hills made of dune sand accumulating on the shore of a steadily diminishing sea, or swept from its floor after it had filled with sediment, and disappeared? To the west of this sea the igneous rocks were thrust up and were undergoing chemical disintegration. May not the beds of volcanic ash, tripoli, soda, potash and alkali, now in Nebraska, have found their genesis in the old rocks of the west, and drifted by prevailing wind, found lodgment in little estuaries on the eastern shore of the ancient inland ocean?"

"There are myriad marine shells on these sand hills, and sand granules yet intact show the very textural nature of the thrust up edges of rock in the mountains west. Are not these granules today disintegrating into the surface of the hills their 232 per cent potash to be washed by rains or to drift by winds into the valleys, where lakes with impervious bottoms stop their migration?"

"Is there not now a chemical process going on in the laboratory of nature, making more and more of this sought for material, or rather separating it from its native lithospheric element? May not the lakes that yesterday were fresh tomorrow bear the riches of the changing hills?"

"How magnificent and munificent is nature, and how great our national need, and how much consideration for

improving schools for bettering the race! How little seem the petty bickering and scramble for preferred consideration! How small the mind that cannot view the wider horizon! Inference, innuendo, small minds that seek false motive in official acts, will have no effect upon this office and its management."

"We have carefully considered every means for the conservation of this wealth to the state and its early development. We are ready for any suggestion with this in view. We confess inefficient rules or knowledge when the first contract was made, and will undertake all honorable means for the modification of that contract to meet present emergencies. We will be glad of any public interest that will prompt a suggestion for improvement in handling the affair."

Representative La Bounty
Pays Visit to the Capitol

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Representative Albert LaBounty of Frontier county, accompanied by W. H. Barton, editor of the Maywood Eagle-Republic, R. C. Norris, secretary of the Southwestern Nebraska Fair association, and Dr. L. A. Chamberlain of Curtis were callers at the state house today.

The partial failure of crops in their section of the state, due to a lack of sufficient rain, does not bother the average Frontier county farmer very much, according to Mr. LaBounty. "Of course we like to get good crops," he said, "but it is not essential to the prosperity which we are having. Long ago we ceased worrying very much about the crop business and went to raising cows and other kinds of stock and as a consequence we are doing nicely. The income from our cows alone keeps us from getting the worry feeling and take it all around we are not kicking very much when the corn crop doesn't pan out very big."

Secretary Norris of the fair association was feeling good over the success of the fair held last week. This is the association which the legislature voted \$5,000 to help it get started last winter. The expenditure appears to have been merited as the fair was a big success and will help materially in encouraging agricultural industries.

Editor Barton has just bought a new typesetting machine and was also feeling happy over newspaper prospects. Dr. Chamberlain came along to keep the rest of the bunch from getting into trouble.

News Notes of Chadron.

Chadron, Neb., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Miss Ina Sullivan, daughter of Judge Sullivan of Broken Bow, and Miss Cecile Sims have opened a millinery and ladies' outfitting establishment here.

Attorney Allen G. Fisher, chairman of the Daves County Council of Defense, is calling the eligible men of the county to organize a company of home guards. Daves county has already sent Company H to Fort Deming.

O. J. Schweiger, president of the Northwest Nebraska Potato company, has been summoned to Washington by Food Commissioner Hoover.

Married Ansel Leonard Newblom to Mae Morrissey, by Rev. F. M. Sturdevant of the First Baptist church. They will live on the large ranch of the groom on Pepper creek, Daves county.

Lester Brown of Council Bluffs, Ia., was married to Mollie Florence Olds by Rev. Mr. Sturdevant at the First Baptist church.

More than 350 students already have enrolled in the normal school, the largest number ever attending so early in the season. About thirty of the students enlisted.

Youth Bound and Gagged
By Mysterious Woman

Seward, Neb., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—The son of Postmaster Tobey of Gresham was bound and gagged in a corn field by a woman of mysterious origin Friday. She drove a car.

Banquet for Garfield Boys.

Burwell, Neb., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—A banquet at the Burwell house and a public meeting at the Opera house last night was given by the Burwell people to the boys who left for Fort Riley.

The boys from Garfield county are: John Boule, Jr., M. Bernard Hoyt, Alvin Zlomke, Harvey Shelton, William Graboski, Thomas Banks, Edwin Joynt, Jr., and Cecil F. Lavery. The last being in charge of the bunch. The boys from Blaine county also started from Burwell and were included in the banquet and reception.

Many Go From Custer.

Anselmo, Neb., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Anselmo and vicinity tendered the men from this community who are called to the colors a reception Friday evening. A program of songs and reading was given and the Anselmo Concert band gave a number of appropriate selections. The speaker of the evening was Rev. George P. Triles, pastor of the M. E. church, Broken Bow. Nine young men occupied the seats of honor. Five of these men left Broken Bow Saturday with the eighty-one from this county, who constitute the present call.

Greeley County Boys Leave.

Greeley, Neb., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Twelve Greeley county boys left this morning for the training camp at Fort Riley, Kan. Citizens of Greeley gave them a rousing sendoff at the depot and presented them with large quantities of tobacco, cigars, fruits, etc. The following left: John Kinney, P. J. McManaman, S. H. Riebold, B. J. Schudal, L. M. Sautter, F. J. Bernt, Fred York, Edward Peterson, William Burns, E. J. McCarthy, Roy Shartzer and Thomas Weekes.

Scottsbluff Men Depart.

Gering, Neb., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Saturday the second quota of the Scottsbluff county men, sixty-two in number, left for Camp Funston.

Through the city organizations, the Gering Community club, the Improvement league and the citizens generally, a farewell banquet was tendered them at the new Gering hotel.

All business houses were closed from noon until the departure of the train, when a large parade and other features took place.

Dies at Naval Camp.

Greeley, Neb., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Emmett Long, a Greeley county boy who joined the United States army at Omaha a few weeks ago, is dead at the Great Lakes training camp, according to word reaching here today. Young Long was 22 years old. The body will be accompanied home by Greeley county youths in training at Great Lakes.

Nuckolls County Fair
Draws Large Crowds

Nelson, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The Nuckolls county fair came to a close today after four of the most successful days during the entire history of the institution and with record breaking crowds.

Tuesday, the opening day, was Children's Day and more than 2,000 automobiles entered the grounds and the crowd was estimated at between 10,000 and 12,000.

Wednesday was Soldier's Day and addresses, exercises, and addresses were made for the benefit of the registered men who constituted the second call of the quota and who left the next morning for Fort Riley, Kan., to enter training.

The exhibits this year were exceptionally fine, in the various lines. The agricultural exhibits had more entries this year and all entries were of a much higher class than heretofore, and the same was true in all other lines.

One particular feature that attracted attention was the fine exhibit of automobiles. More than \$50,000 worth of automobiles was on exhibit on the grounds at all times and salesmen were in attendance at each booth. An unusually fine display of fire works was given each night.

HYMENEAL.

Wasser-Beels.
Rose Addie Sticks Beels of Omaha and Will Wasser of Avoca, Ia., were married at 11:30 a. m. Saturday at the People's church by Rev. Charles W. Savidge.

The attendants were Philip Kline and Mrs. M. E. Shillington.

Leas-Frank.
Charles E. Leas and Miss Anna Frank, both of Omaha, were married at 2:30 p. m. Saturday by Rev. Charles W. Savidge.

Brick Plant Reopened.
Table Rock, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The Table Rock Brick and Material company of Table Rock, for some years closed down, reopened Wednesday. Messrs. F. A. Stech and E. E. Hanel, president and cashier of the Community State bank of Table Rock, which opened a few months ago, organized a new company with the aid and assistance of Willis C. Fellers, formerly connected with the old company. They organized with the following corps of officers: F. A. Stech, president; W. C. Fellers, vice president; F. E. Schaff, vice president; E. E. Hanel, secretary; J. N. Phillips, treasurer. R. W. Besley, formerly manager of the sales department of the Hydraulic Hixtex Press Brick company of Omaha, is the manager, and J. V. Tomack of Table Rock, assistant manager of the plant.

Chadron Normal Notes.

The enrollment at the normal is very gratifying so far considering the existing conditions. It is estimated that the increase over this time last year is 15 to 20 per cent. The manual training department is practically in readiness now. The room given over to this work is about 60x75 feet. Professor Clements, the manual training instructor, spent the last two weeks in August setting the room in shape and building a tool room, finishing room and lumber room. Nearly all the domestic science equipment is on hand and will be installed as soon as the carpenters have finished the woodwork in the new wing.

The recital given by Prof. Townsend Monday morning was well received.

Prof. Tardieu comes from Asheville, N. C., to have charge of the voice department and will organize glee clubs and choruses.

Plans are now being made for a pageant to be given under the direction of Miss Anna Hoffland. Punch was served by Florence Collins, Wanda Adams, Jean Blish and Josephine Marcy.

The girls in the Cookery III class are doing canning and preserving as well as the girls in the second division of the Model High.

Hastings College Notes.

Miss Billie Scherich, 17, who is teaching at St. Edwards, and Miss Minerva Tomlinson, who has charge of the public school music at that place, also a former Hastings college student, were given a few days' vacation on account of the Boone county fair. They found their way back to the college, where they were pleasantly surprised by the good enrollment of the institution.

Rev. James B. Brown, '99, who has been the efficient pastor of the Gordon church for the past three years, stopped at Hastings on his way to his new pastorate at University Place. He led chapel last Wednesday.

Prof. Kent is now classifying the minerals which he got on his trip to Arizona last summer. He is also placing attractively a collection of water birds which just came to the college from our taxidermist, Mr. A. M. Brookings. These consist of an avocet, a grebe, snow goose, Bonaparte gull, American rough leg hawk, a pair of American mergansers, hooded merganser, yellow breasted chat, and still snapper. Prof. Kent also received a snake from the Sand Hills from Mr. M. M. Haynes of this city.

Dr. Fox of Nelson was at the college recently visiting his daughter, who is one of our new students this year.

Superintendent Dorsey of Hebron and Mrs. Theobald of Ottumwa were at the college last week. The former was in search of a teacher, the latter entered her daughter in the college.

Mr. A. J. Gaymon recently presented the library with some valuable books.

Dr. F. G. Knauer and Fred Anderson were in attendance at the Presbytery of Hastings, held at Holdrege last Wednesday. Prof. Anderson represented the First church as elder, Dr. Knauer the college.

The Christian association hand books for the students were distributed one day last week.

Mr. Adam Breeds has recently been licensed by the state department as bird and game collector for the college.

Dr. Foulkes, secretary of the sustentation board of Philadelphia, has recently been promised the college for the series of meetings which occur during the week of prayer in the latter part of February. As President Croge has been trying to secure Dr. Foulkes for several years, he is greatly pleased with the announcement.

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s held meetings last Thursday at the chapel house. Miss Frances Fylen, president of the Y. W. C. A., led the girls' meeting. Prof. Anderson spoke to the young men on the subject of "The Difference Between the Successful and the Unsuccessful Man."

Doane College Notes.

In chapel Monday a short program was given commemorating the signing of the constitution of the United States.

The different classes have organized with presidents, secretaries and advisers.

Roses were distributed to each young woman student in Gaylord hall in memory of Mrs. Mary Stephens. The flowers were bought by means of a fund provided by E. F. Stephens for the purpose of continuing the ministrations enjoyed by his wife during her life in Creta. The directors of the fund are Mrs. G. A. Gregory and Mrs. R. D. Brown.

Gay E. Mickle, '13, principal of the high school at Kearney, was married to Miss Marion Whitfield of Lincoln September 22.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude Phillips, '16, of Friend, to Paul Kannow, banker of Kearney, has been announced.

Word has come of more graduates who are in the army. Dr. Arnold, '10, is in France with the Young Men's Christian association. M. T. Gates, '14, is in the ambulance service at Allentown, Pa.

W. E. Jilison, '08, is in the aviation section of the United States regular army at Columbus barracks, Ohio.

Miss Sexton, head of the expression department and teacher of freshman English, arrived Sunday and has her work in hand. Mrs. M. M. Curtis Waite, normal '06, has a position in the school at Advance.

Miss Lora F. Smith, '09, is on her way to her mission school in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, after a year in California waiting for more settled conditions in Mexico.

First Sammie Captured to
Interview Crown Prince

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 23.—Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, commander of the German army on the northern end of the western front, according to a dispatch from Munich, has issued an order that the first American officer captured on his front shall be taken immediately to his headquarters.

Reports that the German military authorities had offered a reward to the first German capturing an American soldier were denied September 20 in a statement from the Wolff bureau, the official German news agency. The diary of a Prussian sergeant captured previous to September 15 mentioned that a German general on the western front had offered for the first American, dead or alive, 400 marks, two weeks' leave and the iron cross of the first class as a reward for his captor.

Kearney Normal Notes.

Miss Belva Anderson of Hodge, graduated in 1917 from Kearney State Normal school, is teaching domestic science in the Kearney city schools.

A vesper service, under the direction of the Young Women's Christian association, was held Sunday afternoon at Green Terrace hall.

Jerold Scott, halfback on the 1917 foot team, has gone to Manhattan, Kas., to enter the Kansas State Agricultural college.

A class in Red Cross knitting is being rapidly organized among the women students by Miss Anna E. Caldwell, supervisor of the kindergarten.

Robert Swift, a prominent student in school during 1917, certified for service in the national army in the October enlistment, was here visiting friends in and about school this week.

William Donahoe of Ohio, a member of the senior class, who was last year captain of the Antelope basketball team, work here.

A. J. Rock, a former student of Kearney State Normal school, while on his way to Creighton university to continue his studies in medicine, visited with friends about a normal school Thursday and Friday.

"Go to Sunday school day" was observed by the girls of the normal school September 16. Seventy girls met on the campus and from there they went to the church of their choice.

Miss Marion Smith of the art department of the Kearney State Normal school has purchased the Charles H. Voller property. After making extensive improvements she expects to make it her home.

York College.

The reception to new students given by the Christian association was postponed from Saturday evening to the next Friday evening.

George Weber, '17, was a chapel visitor and speaker Tuesday morning. He will preach at Hampton again this year.

Football prospects are good. Several of the old players are back and new material is promising.

Ernest Frank of Scottsbluff has been obtained as coach. The first game will be played with Nebraska Central October 6.

President McLaughlin is making a trip to Colorado this week.

Dr. W. O. Jones, college evangelist, has been offered the presidency of Leander Clark college, Toledo, Ia.

The only decrease in the enrollment this year from last year is in the freshman class and the academy. The other classes are larger than last year. The business college shows a large enrollment.

Camouflage Tactics Reducing
America's Toll to Submarines

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 22.—Unless some new outbreak of submarine activity develops, many officials are satisfied that the situation is well under control. Encouraging results have been obtained through convoying of fleets of merchant craft, the loss having been reduced to less than one-half of one per cent. The employment of smoke screens, kite balloons and other detection devices also has shown good results and progress is being made with the reduction of smoke from merchantmen and by painting ships to make them almost invisible at a distance through a periscope.

In discussing submarine conditions today, Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations and acting secretary in the absence of Secretary Daniels, indicated the department's intention to make known more of its accomplishments hereafter than in the past.

Admiral Benson said the department had been unable to find any support for reports that the German submarines either had begun operations off the American coast or were preparing to do so. The department, however, is ready for any emergency.

The "smoke box," a device to be thrown overboard from a vessel when a submarine appears, has proved highly successful in some cases. A great smoke rises instantly when the chemicals in the box come in contact with the water and under the screen created the vessel has opportunity to change her course.

Experimenting continues with many other devices. Thomas A. Edison is still at work on investigation to which he devoted himself at the outbreak of war.

Fetters Complimented
By Secretary Daniels

Albert H. Fetters, mechanical engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad company is considerably pleased over the receipt of a personal letter from Joseph Daniels, secretary of the navy.

Not long ago Mr. Fetters prepared and mailed to Secretary Daniels a chart showing the number of British ships reported sunk by submarines during the period from February 28 to and including September 13, this year, according to data supplied by the newspapers. Replying to Mr. Fetters, Secretary Daniels says:

"Allow me to thank you for your letter of August 28, enclosing a graphic chart showing the British weekly reports of submarine losses. This chart is very interesting and encouraging and I thank you for your thoughtful courtesy in sending it to me."

The chart is done in ink and has to do with vessels of under and over 1,600 tons carrying capacity, as well as dealing with fishing craft. It shows that the high water mark of destruction of vessels of the first and second class was reached during the week ending April 25. There was another week of considerable destruction about the middle of June and after that there was a pronounced falling off that has since continued.

Fairbury Entertains
Boys from the West

Fairbury, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—A crowd from Fairbury and surrounding territory, estimated at 10,000, last night welcomed 350 boys en route from western Nebraska to Camp

Funston at Fort Riley. The Sammies detained and marched to the Moose hall on the east side of the square where an elaborate supper was served to the visitors, as well as the fifty Jefferson county soldiers included in the second quota.

Assure Commercial Club
Fort Crook Will Be Used

President Randall K. Brown of the Commercial club, who has been in Washington a week has been assured that Fort Crook will never be occupied by troops during the war. A battalion of infantry from Fort Snelling is coming soon to occupy the fort.

With this fort kept in occupation, the vast growth of the balloon school at Fort Omaha and the great expansion of the quartermaster's depot, Omaha will have much military activity.

Burt County Fair This Week.

Oakland, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—September 25 to 27 the Burt county fair will be on at Oakland, with assurance of a larger number of exhibitors than ever before. Additional hog, cattle and horse barns are being erected this week in order to house the animals already assured.

The domestic science and agricultural space has been greatly increased and the school exhibits promise to be exceptionally good.

Wing Shot Stops Dope
Fiend in Full Flight

"Yassah, heah ah am. An ah don't wanna heah ah won't run no moah," said Jesse Fowler, colored, 1014 North Twenty-first, as he was escorted into

the police station by Officer Buford, who a few minutes before had found it necessary to "wing" a shot at the prisoner.

Fowler was arrested at Tenth and Davenport streets last night charged with being a dope fiend. As he neared the door of the "hoosegow," the injected drug took effect and it'll Jesse threw down his coat and started to run.

Buford sent a bullet towards him, which struck the ground directly in front of his feet, and with his arms pointing skyward, legs wobbling, and teeth chattering, Jesse waited for Officer Buford to pinch him. He emphatically said he would "scape no moah."

Young Omaha Doctor
Receives Commission

Dr. Lynn T. Hall has received an appointment as first lieutenant in the army medical unit and has been assigned to the Omaha ambulance company. He has been ordered to Louisville, Ky., and left last night. He will be temporarily assigned to the Eighty-fourth division of the National Guard at Camp Taylor.

Coyotes Full of Mutton;
Herders Appeal to Hoover

Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 23.—Five hundred thousand sheep have been destroyed by predatory animals in Utah this year, according to a survey just concluded by C. B. Stewart of the Wool Growers' association. Besides the loss of mutton, 4,000,000 pounds of wool has been destroyed, and the association will urge Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, to use his influence to make congress grant a larger appropriation for the slaying of coyotes and other predatory animals.

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