

Nebraska BIDDERS OFFER BONUS FOR LAND

State Board of Public Funds Opens Propositions to Lease Public Property Contain- ing Potash Lakes.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—The State Board of Public Funds was in session nearly all day considering the lease of certain lands near Antioch belonging to the state on which are situated valuable potash lakes.

The board decided to open bids on the right to lease and set the time for 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Some of the men interested declared that the matter of the right of the state to lease lands for mineral rights after it had already leased the same lands for agricultural rights, put it up to the man who secured the lease of fighting it out in a lawsuit.

Must Pay For Use.

The lease which Briggs holds, which is an assignment from T. Roy Wilkins dated April 1, 1898, provides that a specified sum shall be paid each year "for the use of said lands." It binds him "not to commit any waste or spoil in or upon said lands."

Richardson County Land Increases \$47.50 Per Acre

Stella, Neb., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Jule Corners has sold his 120-acre farm north of Stella to Elmer Stiers of Nemaha for \$135 per acre.

State House Employee Narrowly Escapes Injury

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Miss Pearl Scott, an employee in the office of the state auditor, narrowly escaped a serious injury yesterday, when an automobile in which she was riding home from work with a friend was struck by another car.

Shumway Gives Explanation.

Land Commissioner Grant Shumway doesn't care what the promoters and speculators think about the action of the board of public funds on the potash leases and so in explanation of the situation he sets forth the following:

"That so-called Ridgell potash lease was approved by the state board May 3, 1917, and received some criticism. I felt there might have been a mistake made and that we should have rules to govern our action concerning the issuance of such mineral-oil prospector's leases.

"On May 16 this office received an unsigned application for a mineral lease on section 36-26-45 and the necessity of rules became more apparent. On June 13, the board requested the land commissioner to prepare and submit a set of rules.

"On June 18, I received an application from Mr. Briggs for the above described section.

"On June 22 rules were adopted governing leasing for mineral purposes subject to approval of a lease form.

Lease Form Adopted.

"On July 3, the lease form was adopted by the board and I ordered a supply printed. These office did not receive until I started on my western trip, July 19. On the day of my leaving Lincoln, I received the application of M. V. Honnold for said section.

"I wrote Mr. Briggs July 26 from Scottsbluff, of the other application, suggesting as follows: 'The state was particularly interested in securing the earliest possible development of the potash industry on its lands while the war prices and conditions are on, and by development companies that are best equipped to handle the matter quickly. It might be well for you not to tie up to anyone at present, for the other applicant's ability to handle the matter might be just as well for you and the state and better for the country.' I believe the state board might wish to discriminate in favor of one best equipped to get immediate re-



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sults. If this meets with the disapproval of speculators and promoters, I am sorry, but it goes just the same, until someone shows me a better method.

"Perhaps I overstepped the ethics of official dignity, but I will continue to urge for quick action for the good of the state and country until someone shows me a better way, and I will continue to advise personally and officially, with this in view. I quote from the Briggs communication as above, for there are disappointed fellows seeking to destroy the meaning of the letter, and impute to it a sinister purpose."

Regimental Supply Company For Seventh Is Mustered In

Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—The regimental supply company for the Seventh Nebraska was organized and mustered in this city with only a few members shy of the maximum number permitted, and these few members have now been obtained. The mustering in was done by Major Hallingsworth and Lieutenant Leidy of Omaha.

Captain Irwin of Lincoln was elected as captain and Emil Wolbach of this city as second lieutenant. Only one of all of the applicants failed to pass the physical examination. The oldest member of the company is 39 years and the only married man enlisted. The youngest is 19 years of age. The following is the personnel of the company:

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| Ashton, Oliver C. | Palmer, George S. |
| Buechler, Walter E. | Paulsen, Albert C. |
| Crosby, Neil T. | Reber, Albert |
| Dahlstrom, Frank R. | Rogers, Francis B. |
| Dennon, P. Sumner | Sooville, Max L. |
| Fass, George A. | Sheehy, Leo G. |
| Hackman, Henry C. | Soderstrom, Ernest R. |
| Kiteart, Elton L. | Sullivan, George A. |
| Larrison, Edward V. | Taylor, John F. |
| Lew, Hank H. | Tevoldale, William |
| Menck, Harold C. | Troat, Lawrence E. |
| Mendinger, K. B. | Troat, Roland D. |
| Miller, Stanley C. | Wade, John W. |
| Myers, Lawrence W. | Walker, William C. |
| Nelson, Jens | Wolbach, Emil |
| Nicholson, Edwin A. | Krahl, Herman |

Girl Bitten by Snake Gives Self First Aid

Scottsbluff, Neb., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—An unusual amount of nerve and heroism were displayed by the 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Kelly, who live on a ranch south of Gering. The little girl stepped on a large rattlesnake in their yard and was bitten on the foot. While they were awaiting the arrival of a physician the mother, following instructions of the physician, procured a sharp knife, with which the little girl coolly cut deep into the wound and sucked out as much of the poison as she could. The child is now out of danger, owing, perhaps, to her own pluck and coolness in administering "first aid" to herself.

KANSAS CAN SEND MEN TO SHUCK CORN

Government Employment Agent Receives Word That Sun- flower State Will Help Out in Nebraska This Fall.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Efforts of A. G. Cowles, representative of the government in the employment service, who has been connected with the State Bureau of Labor, to obtain outside assistance for the corn husking season, appear to be partially successful.

Mr. Cowles recently sent a hundred letters to places in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma, where the corn crop is short, taking up the matter of employment of men, and responses have been forthcoming in about 20 per cent of the communications.

Norton county, Kansas, according to a letter from that section, can send about 500 men to Nebraska if the price for shucking can be agreed upon. In talking with farmers, Mr. Cowles has gathered the information that they do not feel like paying more than 7 cents per bushel for shucking. Some are of the opinion, however, that it will be necessary to pay as high as 8 cents if help is secured.

In years gone by farmers have received for their corn from 35 to 50 cents per bushel and have paid from 3 to 4 cents for picking. This year they will receive \$2 or more at least per bushel, and on the ratio of former prices could pay considerable more than is being offered. However, this is a matter that will have to be adjusted when the emergency arises. It has been suggested that in case the farmers refuse to pay the price demanded by the government, might take hold of the matter and make the proper adjustment.

Coupland Hopes Men at Home Will Tend to the Corn Crop

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Vice Chairman George Coupland of the council of defense received a letter today from Howard L. Wahlgren, who was one of the quota of drafted men from Washington county, who passed through Lincoln last week.

While the boys were getting their meal at the Lindell hotel, Mr. Coupland passed among them and engaged several in conversation, assuring them that the council of defense was endeavoring to solve the problem of taking care of the farm work while the farmer boys were serving their country.

Young Wahlgren told Mr. Coupland that he has 175 acres of corn and had put in sixty acres of wheat. He did not know what would become of it, but just now his first duty was to his country. In his letter to Mr. Coupland he stated that as a general thing the boys were feeling pretty well and willing to leave the matter of harvesting the corn crop to the people at home. "The boys generally understand the situation and its seriousness as relates to the war and are doing the best they can without grumbling," said he in his letter.

Mr. Coupland hopes that the men who stay at home will be awake to the needs of saving the crop and that as little worry as possible will be left for the boys on the way to France.

Lieutenant Governor Howard Back on Job at Lincoln

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—The state government was handed by Private Secretary Lee Metcalfe after Governor Neville passed across the Big Muddy last night until early this morning, when the private secretary got in telephone communication with Lieutenant Governor Howard, "somewhere in Nebraska," and that official at once made ready to come to Lincoln and assume the cares and responsibilities.

Governor Neville is hurrying to Washington in the interests of keeping the Nebraska brigade at Deming intact.

State House Employees Collect Library Fund Cash

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Two hundred and nine dollars and three cents were subscribed and paid by occupants of the state house offices today when Clerk Harry Lindsay of the supreme court and Private Secretary Lee Metcalfe of the governor's official family passed over the building securing subscriptions to the library fund for the soldiers.

Some were absent, but these will be given a chance later to assist in the work of furnishing books for the soldiers to read in the various cantonment camps of the country and which will later be sent across the water for the boys in the trenches and war camps.



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Who Is Making the Profits Out of the War?

Public condemnation of those who regard the war as a chance to make big profits is virtually unanimous. But opinion begins to divide when an attempt is made to identify these war profiteers.

Thus A. C. Townley, President of the National Non-Partisan League, the new farmers' party, says, "There is a great difference between our patriotism, the patriotism of the men who toil that the profiteers may make \$4,000,000,000, and the patriotism of the men who make the billions. While the farmers and other producers have been raising crops to feed the armies of liberty, making ships, and munitions, and implements of war, a lot of gentlemen have been spending their ample leisure in announcing their patriotism. When you work sixteen hours a day for liberty and democracy, you have not much time or will to wave the flag. * * * If we were to put in as much time waving it as they do, the whole world would starve to death."

On the other hand, the New York World, in criticising this same league of farmers, declares that "Every speaker in that interesting assembly holds that although dollar wheat in time of peace was considered ideal, the cereal cannot be profitably grown today unless the Government price is \$3.00 a bushel."

In the very interesting leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for September 29th, all phases of the subject of war profiteering are shown by quoting leading American newspapers and men like Herbert Hoover. Other articles which go to make up an exceptionally important number of this foremost American periodical are:

Aliens Must "Do Their Bit" in the Army

The Chamberlain Resolution to "Force Alien Slackers Either to Enlist in the American Ranks or Go Home and Fight for Their Own Country," Meets With the Approval of American Editors Everywhere. This Article Is of Particular Interest Just Now.

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