

Nebraska WILL SELL POTASH LAKES AT AUCTION

State Board of Public Lands
Decides This Is Manner in
Which Mineral Rights
Are to Go.

(From a Staff Correspondent,
Lincoln, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—

Parties who want control of the potash rights on the lakes situated in section 36, township 26, range 45, in Sheridan county, will have to bid in open auction in the office of the State Board of Public Buildings on Thursday, October 25, in order to obtain the lease, according to action of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, taken this morning.

After a discussion which lasted most of the day yesterday, the board met again this morning and rejected the bids made yesterday. Then it adopted the following resolution, on motion of State Treasurer Hall, and seconded by Secretary of State Pool:

"Resolved, That the attorney general be, and is hereby requested, to forthwith institute in the supreme court such action as in his judgment may be necessary to determine the title of the state and its present right to remove the potash or other minerals, gas or oils which may be found upon the school lands in Nebraska, notwithstanding such lands may have been heretofore leased to individuals or corporations for grazing or agricultural purposes; this resolution contemplating the doing of simple justice to the present holders of leases for grazing or agricultural purposes, as well as to the educational interests deriving revenue from such lands."

Secretary of State Pool then moved that all bids received be rejected and that the secretary of the board be authorized to advertise for auction bids for the lease of the land on which the lakes are located. This motion was seconded by Attorney General Reed, but was voted against by Land Commissioner Shumway and State Treasurer Hall. However, it carried, Lieutenant Governor Howard, who becomes a member of the board by reason of being acting governor, Mr. Reed and Mr. Pool voting for the motion.

It is pretty well known that two of the big companies are trying to obtain control of the potash rights on these lakes. One company, headed by Arthur English of Omaha, made the heaviest bid yesterday, but some members of the board appeared to favor a little lower bid made by J. J. Harrington of O'Neill, who represented the Nebraska Potash company, of which W. S. Ridgell is head. The time to be given these companies to get the potash is so short that the state could receive a revenue therefrom, appeared to one of the main points covered by the controversy, and together with the fact that the matter of the legal right of the state to lease lands for mineral rights which had already been leased for agricultural rights was another matter to be considered.

The board authorized the attorney general to at once begin suit to test the legal right of the state in the matter in the supreme court and also authorized him to notify President Ridgell of the Nebraska company to within thirty days make his selection of the five sections of land he will be entitled to receive a lease on of the twenty-nine he has already obtained an option on.

Conference Adopts Four-Year Program

York, Neb., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—The United Brethren Conference at York, in harmony with action taken at the general conference held in Wichita, accepted their share of the great four-year program adopted at that time which was as follows:

One hundred and fifty thousand souls won for Christ, 100,000 net increase in membership, 25 per cent increase in Sunday school enrollment, 25 per cent in Christian Endeavor membership, 2,000 new students in our colleges, 500 new trained ministers and missionaries, \$2,000,000 new endowment for colleges, \$200,000 for benevolences.

The annual educational rally for the conference was held Thursday afternoon with the following speakers: Rev. W. E. Schell, D. D., national educational secretary; President M. O. McLaughlin of York college and Dr. W. O. Jones, the new conference superintendent. The student body were present in a body and gave their yells, etc. York college won the intercollegiate championship in football last year and will have a strong team this year to try again.

On Thursday morning Dr. P. M. Camp, general home secretary of Dayton, Ohio, gave a special address with the conference goals for the year.

Among those present Thursday was Rev. W. H. Widdoes, missionary to the Philippines, who gave an address in the afternoon.

Anniversary Meeting Of Sunday Workers

An anniversary meeting of the Billy Sunday workers will be held at the Young Men's Christian association building Sunday afternoon. Dr. W. W. Ward will be in charge of the meeting. The singing will be in charge of M. B. Carnal. A quartet and trombone player have been secured to assist.

Soldiers' Home Notes

Matron Johnson of the west hospital has been confined to her room through sickness. Mrs. Stockbury, a patient in the west hospital, is enjoying a visit from her son of Garner, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. Cobert, also patients in the west hospital, are enjoying a visit from their son.

Mr. Charles Binkley, head nurse at the west hospital, has notified the administration of his intention to resign October 1. Librarian Madden has some thirty stacks of mail of old records that he will ship today to Washington, D. C. The space that is made vacant is to be supplied by new works direct from the Congressional library, which will be a very handsome present and highly appreciated by the members.

Mr. Larson, the home baker, is very proud of his new electric oven. It is in excellent working order and does splendid work.

Mrs. Lucy McCord, who has been absent from Burdett since March 29, came in for a few days' visit with her many friends here.

Mrs. Eliza Shultz has returned to Burdett after a two months' visit with relatives at a distance.

Mrs. M. J. Henderson went to Calisto today for a few days' visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Blair have gone to Orest for a fifteen days' visit.

Robber Cuts Throat Of Station Agent At Wilber, Neb.

Wilber, Neb., Sept. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Sam Diller, Burlington agent at Wilber, Neb., was found in a dying condition in the depot at 2 o'clock this morning with his throat cut.

When an officer reached his side he murmured that robbers did it. Sheriff Greer was unable to find a knife or sharp instrument about the room which Diller might have used in case he had attempted suicide and this leads to the belief that he was attacked by robbers who were frightened away. No money was taken. Diller's recovery is doubtful.

As near as can be learned Diller was called to the depot some time between 11:30 and 1 this morning by the phone. He was found about an hour afterward by a train crew in the freight room of the depot unconscious and with his neck badly cut and a deep gash on the top of his head. He was unconscious from loss of blood and the wound on his head indicated that he had been slugged.

Hall County Exemptions Hold Up by State Board

Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—County Clerk Lyle, clerk of the local exemption board, finds upon checking over the names of men certified to the district board at Lincoln as available for service in the selective list that there are a score or more names which have not been passed upon by the district board, among them some of the very first names sent in. The local board of 161 and seems to prefer a report on those already passed upon before calling in an unnecessary additional number.

West Point News Notes.

West Point, Neb., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—The third contingent of Cumming county's quota, comprising fifty-six men, will leave West Point for Fort Riley on Sunday, October 7. A reception will be tendered them by the citizens of West Point and the county on Thursday evening. This will leave twenty-two men yet to complete the county's quota of 141. Another call has been issued, the men being called for examination October 1.

James Burke, a former homesteader of this county, was brought here some weeks ago from Elko, Nev., and died at the home of his brother, Thomas Burke of this city, at the age of 74. Mr. Burke was a veteran of the civil war and homesteaded land near West Point immediately after the close of the war, later removing to Nevada. He is survived by two brothers and one sister. Funeral services were held from St. Mary's Catholic church.

Mrs. August Bloedorn of this place celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday anniversary this week. The aged lady is in robust health and works hard every day.

The municipal tax levy for the coming year has been fixed at 33 mills by the city council. The amount is the same as last year.

The marriage of Anton Ravich of Dodge county to Miss Ruth Rupp of West Point, was solemnized by the county judge of Dodge county at Fremont on Thursday. The young people will live on the groom's farm near Snyder.

William Graunke, a farmer of the north side, is close to the top in production of oats in this county. He threshed a ten-acre field of Kherson oats that averaged a little over eighty bushels to the acre.

Prof. William Schmidt, teacher of the German Lutheran parochial school, northwest of West Point, was married at the home of the bride's parents to Miss Anna Pfueger, Rev. M. Leimer performed the wedding ceremony.

Ninety per cent of the corn in Cumming county is safely out of the way of the frost. The remainder is late planted corn and is on low lands. The yield is going to be a big one, judging by samples now on exhibition of the earliest matured corn.

George Doane left Wednesday for Memphis, Tenn., to do some work in connection with the army cantonment the government is building near there. Mr. Doane expects to be south two months. E. A. Wickham of Council Bluffs, who has been asked to take over the contract, has been there two weeks.

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PRESSON EXPLAINS VICKSBURG RATE

Clerk in Governor's Office Goes
Into Detail Regarding Man-
ner in Which Excursion
Money to Be Divided.

(From a Staff Correspondent,
Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—

Criticism of the committee which has in charge the matter of distribution of the \$20,000 appropriated by the last legislature for the payment of railway fare of veterans of the civil war to the Vicksburg reunion is so far out of the way as concerns the real facts that Colonel J. H. Presson, secretary of the commission, has been led to make the following statement:

"Mr. B. A. Ward of York, who makes certain charges against the committee because he appears to think that there is something wrong in the handling of the funds, should first have submitted his complaint to the committee that he might know the facts before publicly charging the committee with what is nothing more or less than mismanagement of the funds.

Would Know Why.

"Mr. Ward wants to know why the members of the Grand Army of the Republic who go to Vicksburg have to pay \$7.50 out of their own pockets when the last legislature appropriated \$20,000 for their transportation, and says that the round trip from Lincoln to Omaha to Vicksburg is \$30, which for the 583 veterans reported as going, would only make a total of \$17,490, and that with the \$575 added for each one, making \$4,862.25, would more than cover the appropriation.

"Mr. Ward is entitled to be set right and so I will simply say that in the first place he is wrong when he says that the round trip from Omaha or Lincoln to Vicksburg is \$30. The round trip from Omaha to Vicksburg is exactly \$39.31. The round trip from Lincoln to Vicksburg is exactly \$36.13. The basis of arranging the distribution of funds so that each veteran would have the same privileges as any other veteran was based upon the railroad fare for the round trip from the nearest railroad competing point. This was considerable work, but when completed it was discovered the exact amount needed to purchase all the tickets.

Distance No Bar.

"The amount over and above the appropriation less expense of getting the registrations, etc., was then divided by the number of veterans going and this gave the amount each one would have to pay extra, which was \$7.50. The veteran who happens to live out at Chadron, for instance, receives the same consideration as the one who happens to live in Lincoln or Omaha.

"The smallest round trip fare from any point was \$34.21 in two or three towns in the southern part of the state. The highest fare was from Chadron, which was \$55.67. If each veteran had only been given an equal amount, say \$30, Mr. Ward says, some of the old veterans in the distant parts of the state would have been unable to attend, for the extra fare would have been more than they could have stood. For instance, it would cost a Chadron veteran \$19.54 more than it would cost one from Lincoln, and that would not have carried out the intent of the appropriation, which was expected to treat all alike."

Fred Clarke, Jr., and Roger Keelino are putting in a strenuous time at the officers' training camp at the Presidio at San Francisco, where their fellow students are largely older men, who have been given the preference in the second training camp.

News Notes from In and Around City of Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—William Ellis, pioneer resident of Ellis, aged 80 years, died yesterday after a short illness. He was a civil war veteran and for years resided on a farm near Odell, later removing to town. He is survived by a widow and five children, two sons and three daughters.

A meeting of the voters of Filley school district has been called for October 5, when plans will be discussed for the erection of a new

school house. The present building has been found inadequate.

The Gage county fair closed this afternoon. It was in all respects the biggest and most successful ever held in the county. The cattle and hog exhibits were especially fine. A number of state winners were shown by Gage county stockmen.

Fourteen business men, a number of them retired capitalists, have leased 160 acres of land southeast of Rockford on the Fred Van Liew farm, where they expect to prospect for oil. They have been found on the water in that vicinity, and a number of

soft rocks placed in a kettle and boiled have produced oil.

The Beatrice football team is home from Fairbury, where it played a tie game yesterday afternoon, the score being 14 to 14. Captain Cheek, of Beatrice, starred with touchdowns. Lieutenant Emmet Powell, who recently passed a successful examination at Fort Snelling training camp, and who has been stationed at Fort Logan, Houston, Tex., has been transferred to an Illinois company. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Powell of this city.

In the stock-judging contest yesterday at the county fair, in which forty

boys and three girls participated, Chester Fry, aged 13, won first prize, \$5, on dairy cattle judging. Hanford Chase, Beatrice, was a first in beef cattle judging, and Wilber Woodbridge, Virginia, third. The contest was in charge of County Agent Rist.

Casper Offutt, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Yost, who recently passed his examinations for the diplomatic service and has been in Washington awaiting assignment, received orders last week and left Sunday by way of Key West for Chile, where he is to be acting first secretary at the American legation there. This is only a temporary assignment during the absence of the American ambassador, who comes home for two months' leave, and Mr. Offutt hopes by spring to be sent abroad.

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