

## NO SHORTAGE OF FARM LABOR, SAYS FEDERAL AGENT

Employment Bureau Head Declares Report of "Desperate Situation" in Nebraska and Iowa False.

C. M. Davis, federal labor agent in charge of the co-operative employment bureau, declares there is no shortage of farm labor in Nebraska or Iowa.

This is a statement in direct contradiction of the hue and cry that has gone abroad to the effect that the farmers are faced by a desperate situation in getting help. It was stated that thousands of experienced farmers had abandoned their farms to make high wages at munitions and other manufacturing occupations and that the draft had taken hundreds of other experienced farmer boys from Nebraska and Iowa farms.

"We have had applications for about 50 farm hands through this office since March 1," said Mr. Davis. "And we have filled every one of them. About 30 more are now on file to be filled April 1 and we have men slated for every position."

"Wages are comparatively high, running up to \$50 a month for the month of March with an agreement to pay whatever is the general scale after that. Some have gone to work also at \$30 to \$45 a month."

A certain situation was revealed by a man who called at the office. He said that in his town a number of farmers ranging from 35 to 55 years old have "retired" and moved to town in order that their sons of draft age may be left in full charge of the farms and have good excuses for exemption from military service. This man, who declined to divulge his name, said:

"I have been reading a lot about the shortage of farm labor, but I want to say that according to my observations there is a superabundance of farm labor. I have been around a good deal over Cummings, Wayne and Cedar counties and everywhere there is plenty of help and the farmers are getting it. The high prices are largely responsible for this."

He told then of the middle aged farmers who are retiring and also told of one young man who, after filling out his questionnaire, married, leased an 80-acre farm and has been placed in class 4 by the exemption board.

## Ira O. Rhoades, Appointed By McAdoo, Former Omahian

Ira O. Rhoades, appointed by Director General McAdoo as one of his assistants in the conduct of the affairs of the railroads while they are under government control, is a former Omahian man. He is a brother of W. E. Rhoades, cashier of the United States National bank, and for many years was an employee of the Union Pacific.

While in Omaha, Mr. Rhoades served as a member of the Board of Education. Soon after the merger of the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Washington and Oregon railroads, through the Harriman purchase, Mr. Rhoades went west. For several years he was with the Short line and subsequently went to the Southern Pacific and at this time is the company's general purchasing agent.

Under the selection made by Mr. McAdoo, Mr. Rhoades will be a member of the committee to select purchases for all railroads of the United States operating west of the Mississippi river. His headquarters will be in Chicago.

## Gottlieb Storz Files Suit Against Skinner Brothers

Suit to compel Paul F. Skinner, president, and Lloyd Skinner, manager, of the Skinner Manufacturing company, to show the books of the concern was started Wednesday in district court by Gottlieb Storz.

The petition recites that there has been no statement of the assets and liabilities prepared for the year 1917, and for the current year to date. It is alleged that Storz is the owner of 300 shares of the capital stock of the company and desires to dispose of same, but that permission to examine the books has been refused Henry C. Moeller, his agent and representative. The case has been set for hearing before Judge Redick.

## Welfare Board to Register Vacant Lots for Gardening

The Board of Public Welfare has approved a plan of registering vacant lots and tracts which are available for gardening this season.

Those who have such property for this purpose are requested to advise the welfare board office this week. Next week those who will cultivate these tracts may obtain assignments at the same office.

Prof. G. W. Hood, from the extension department of the University of Nebraska, is expected here next week to confer with those who will promote home gardening in Omaha this season.

## New Food Ruling Orders 100 Per Cent Wheat Flour

Millers must use not more than 254 pounds of wheat, running 58 pounds per bushel, in the making of 196 pounds of flour. This is an order of the food administration. Prior to March 1 millers were allowed to extract 5 per cent of this for lower grades of flour, but under the new regulations the 194 pounds of flour taken from the 254 pounds of wheat must be 100 per cent flour.

An exception is made in the case of orders for the army, navy and marines, in which case 5 per cent may be extracted, but this 5 per cent of flour shall not be sold except for human food.

## Grand Jury to Meet Monday; Probe Ouster Suit Revelations

The grand jury will meet next Monday morning in accordance with an order signed Tuesday by the district court judges. The revelations brought out in the Lynch ouster suit testimony will be thoroughly probed, according to judges. Election Commissioner Moorhead will draw 23 names, of which 16 will be selected to form the jury.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Receipts Show Fair Increase and Prices of Corn Remain Generally Steady; Oats Show Strength.

Omaha, March 13, 1918.

Receipts of grain here today showed a fair increase over those of yesterday, totaling 364 cars, and constituted 19 cars of wheat, 297 cars of corn, 27 cars of oats, 4 cars of rye and 17 cars of barley.

Cash corn was steady, sales of the different grades corresponding generally with the prices paid yesterday. A few cars, however, sold several cents under, while a few odd cars went at a slight advance. Prices toward the close of the session showed off slightly after the buyers' wants were apparently satisfied. Trade in general was quite active, but considerable poor stuff was noticed on the tables late in the day, sellers finding it hard to dispose of without making any great concessions. No. 3 white sold at \$1.15 and \$1.17 and No. 4 white at \$1.10 and \$1.12, while the No. 5 white went at \$1.05 and \$1.06, the bulk of this grade selling from \$1.03 to \$1.05. No. 4 yellow sold at \$1.10, \$1.11 and \$1.12, No. 5 yellow at \$1.05 and \$1.06. No. 4 mixed corn sold at \$1.05 and \$1.06 and the No. 5 grade at \$1.00 and \$1.01.

Oats displayed considerable strength, the spot being quoted 1/4 to 1/2 higher. The demand for this cereal was fairly good, shippers taking a good part of the offerings. No. 1 white oats sold at 97 1/2 and the No. 2 white and standard grades at 95 1/2. No. 3 white oats brought 92 1/2 and the sample grade 91c.

Rye was about unchanged, while barley suffered a severe decline, selling off 1/2 to 1c. Rye changed hands quickly, while barley was hard to pick up at the bids offered. No. 2 and No. 3 rye sold at \$2.50, No. 3 barley sold at \$2.10 and the No. 4 grade at \$2.10 and \$2.15. One car of rye, No. 1, brought \$2.02.

Clearances were: Wheat and flour, equal to 163,000 bushels. Primary wheat receipts were 218,000 bushels and shipments 124,000 bushels, against receipts of 260,000 bushels and shipments of 710,000 bushels last year.

Primary corn receipts were 2,255,000 bushels and shipments 1,109,000 bushels, against receipts of 1,064,000 bushels and shipments of 42,000 bushels last year.

Primary oats receipts were 1,079,000 bushels and shipments 904,000 bushels, against receipts of 1,074,000 bushels and shipments of 921,000 bushels last year.

CARLOT RECEIPTS

Chicago, Wheat, Corn, Oats

Minneapolis, 11 497

Duluth, 11 267

Omaha, 11 155

Kansas City, 11 15

St. Louis, 14 99

Winnipeg, 14 99

These sales were reported today:

Chicago, No. 1, 11 1/2; No. 2, 11 1/4; No. 3, 11 1/4; No. 4, 11 1/4; No. 5, 11 1/4; No. 6, 11 1/4; No. 7, 11 1/4; No. 8, 11 1/4; No. 9, 11 1/4; No. 10, 11 1/4; No. 11, 11 1/4; No. 12, 11 1/4; No. 13, 11 1/4; No. 14, 11 1/4; No. 15, 11 1/4; No. 16, 11 1/4; No. 17, 11 1/4; No. 18, 11 1/4; No. 19, 11 1/4; No. 20, 11 1/4; No. 21, 11 1/4; No. 22, 11 1/4; No. 23, 11 1/4; No. 24, 11 1/4; No. 25, 11 1/4; No. 26, 11 1/4; No. 27, 11 1/4; No. 28, 11 1/4; No. 29, 11 1/4; No. 30, 11 1/4; No. 31, 11 1/4; No. 32, 11 1/4; No. 33, 11 1/4; No. 34, 11 1/4; No. 35, 11 1/4; No. 36, 11 1/4; No. 37, 11 1/4; No. 38, 11 1/4; No. 39, 11 1/4; No. 40, 11 1/4; No. 41, 11 1/4; No. 42, 11 1/4; No. 43, 11 1/4; No. 44, 11 1/4; No. 45, 11 1/4; No. 46, 11 1/4; No. 47, 11 1/4; No. 48, 11 1/4; No. 49, 11 1/4; No. 50, 11 1/4; No. 51, 11 1/4; No. 52, 11 1/4; No. 53, 11 1/4; No. 54, 11 1/4; No. 55, 11 1/4; No. 56, 11 1/4; No. 57, 11 1/4; No. 58, 11 1/4; No. 59, 11 1/4; No. 60, 11 1/4; No. 61, 11 1/4; No. 62, 11 1/4; No. 63, 11 1/4; 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