

Nebraska

SHUMWAY PUTS UP VAIN FIGHT TO LIFT VALUES

Land Commissioner Disregarded by Fellow Members of State Board in Effort to Reappraise School Land.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 13.—(Special.)—Land Commissioner Grant Shumway wants to know whether he is a state officer or a mere clerk who is expected to do the bidding of the board of which he is a member, or whether as land commissioner he has any rights over the department he is expected to head.

This all comes from the fact that several times the State Board of Educational Lands and Funds, of which he is a member and which has charge of the school lands of the state, has refused to listen to the wishes of the land commissioner and has ordered him to do things contrary to his ideas of what should be done.

Shumway Disregarded. Yesterday the board held a meeting to consider the reappraisal on school lands in Box Butte and Dawes counties. Representatives of the county boards of both counties were present and their recommendation was taken instead of that of the land commissioner, who had investigated the land.

Commissioner Shumway says in Box Butte county the land has been appraised at from \$1 to \$4 an acre, which is the same as it was appraised at 10 years ago. The board raised it 40 per cent after the land commissioner had urged a raise of 100 per cent based on values of land adjoining.

Example From Dawes. In Dawes county land appraised at \$1.50 to \$4.50 an acre was raised 50 per cent, when in the opinion of the land commissioner, after viewing the land, it should have been raised 100 per cent.

The commissioner is vexed with his associates because they tuck action without waiting for any recommendation from him or giving him a chance to make a showing. He says one tract in Box Butte county valued for special purposes at \$12.50 per acre is no different in quality from land beside it which is valued for lease purposes at but \$1.75 to \$3 per acre.

Case From Box Butte. He calls attention to a tract of school land three miles north of Alliance, for which a man in Omaha has offered a rental value of \$10 per acre, yet the board places a valuation upon it of only \$2 an acre.

The constitution prescribes for the commissioner of public lands and buildings that he draw a salary of \$2,000 a year and officiate as a member of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. The statutes prescribe several duties, but none which would indicate his standing either as a clerk or a sure-enough state officer.

STATE LIQUOR PROSECUTOR TO COME TO OMAHA

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Alfred Munger, assistant attorney-general, will be located permanently in Omaha as a representative of the state, to prosecute violations of the prohibitory law.

Both Governor Neville and Attorney-General Reed say they feel the need of having a representative of the state legal department in the metropolis. The expense will be equally borne by the two departments.

Farmers Begin Spring Plowing and Planting

Beatrice, Neb., March 13.—(Special.)—A number of farmers in this section began spring plowing Tuesday, and expect to start planting in a few days. Two farmers living southwest of the city began drilling spring wheat, and others will follow in a few days.

Richard McCann was last night chosen to represent Beatrice in the declamatory contest at the Southeastern Nebraska Educational association meeting to be held here next week. Merrill Summers was selected as alternate.

Fourteen Gage county men have been ordered to report at the court house next Monday for physical examination for war service. Announcement is made of the marriage of A. V. Loy and Mrs. Hattie Loy of this city. They were divorced some years ago, but were quietly remarried at Holdrege.

Beatrice citizens are responding liberally to the call for books and magazines for soldier boys at various training camps and in France. Shipments of boxes filled with periodicals are being made every few days.

Funeral services for Charles Meis were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the family home, conducted by Dr. Clyde Clay Cissell. George Edson, owner of the Willey Spotlight plant, which was destroyed by a fire a few days ago, has arrived here from Mexico. He valued the property at \$1,500 and carried only \$800 insurance.

Bloomfield Mayor Addresses Cuming County Citizens

Beemer, Neb., March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Mayor Harm of Bloomfield, Neb., addressed Cuming county citizens at Beemer, Tuesday night on the issues of the war. At the close of the meeting it was unanimously voted to send a message of encouragement and a pledge of support to the president.

Marshall in Fremont.

Fremont, Neb., March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The first gun in the third Liberty loan campaign was fired Tuesday night when Dr. L. J. Marshall of Kansas City addressed a crowd of 500 persons at the high school on the need of the people of the country backing the government in this great struggle. Dr. Marshall came to Fremont under the auspices of the Federal Reserve bank.

Neville Issues New Proclamation Calling on State Buy War Stamps

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 13.—(Special.)—When Governor Neville shall have ended his term and laid down the executive scepter, he will be entitled to recognition as the champion proclamation promulgator of all Nebraska governors. Many of the activities along proclamation lines have been due to war conditions. The governor has nearly half his term to serve and it is possible the "worst is yet to come." Today the executive issued the following:

"The secretary of the treasury has asked the people of Nebraska to loan the government \$26,000,000 through purchase of war savings stamps during the year 1918. At the present time, our state has not nearly subscribed its quota, but it has subscribed more per capita of population than any state in the union. It is the desire of the war savings committee that Nebraska shall be the first state to

subscribe its entire quota, and to this end, I designate March 22 as War Savings day. "I earnestly urge upon all Nebraskans that they assemble on that day in the public places designated by the local committees, and after carefully considering their duty to their country, make their pledges for the amount they will purchase during the remainder of the year. "I further urge upon the business houses of the state that they make such arrangements as will enable their business personnel an opportunity to attend the war savings meetings.

"Thousands of the finest of Nebraska's young men have entered the military and naval service of their country, prepared to make the supreme sacrifice, if need be, in its defense. Those who remain at home can, as patriotic citizens, do no less than make the small sacrifice necessary for the subscription of our quota of war savings stamps."

STATE OFFICERS OFFER TO SERVE AS CLERKS FREE

Propose to Act in This Capacity in Special Legislative Session in Order to Save Money for State.

Lincoln, Neb., March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—In order that the coming special session may be conducted as cheaply as possible, state officers met this afternoon and decided to give their clerks a vacation by allowing them to fill the places in the legislature so that the state would not have to pay the cost necessary to hire outsiders.

State Auditor Smith even offered to act as secretary of the senate gratis, while Secretary of State Pool thought he could preside over the house as formerly. Both of these officials have served in the house before.

State Treasurer Hall thought he could fill the vacancy from Franklin county caused by the appointment of Representative Dorsey as district judge, while Attorney General Reed thought he could fill the position of United States senator, although he didn't offer to do it for nothing.

JACKSON SAYS HE'LL PRESIDE; POOL SAYS NAY

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 13.—(Special.)—Charlie Pool, secretary of state, and Speaker Jackson of the legislature are at odds.

Mr. Pool has said that no official of the last session has any right to hold over for the special session about to be called by the governor, and nails his declaration to the mast by saying that when the session adjourns sine die it means that the session was at an end. He says no official can legally hold over unless re-elected.

Speaker Jackson says he will preside over the special session if he busts a ham string, and that any attempt by the secretary of state to declare him null and void and just a common scrub legislator is "non compos mentis e lucius pinkiniskus."

History of special sessions discloses that they have convened and gone ahead with the business prescribed in the governor's call under the regular organization of the former sessions.

U. S. Consul to Finland Safe at Bjoerneborg

Stockholm, March 13.—American Consul Thornwell Haynes, who fled from Helingsfors with 15 American residents in that city, is now at Bjoerneborg, Finland, according to a message reaching Minister I. N. Morris. The Germans are reported to be arresting Americans and Englishmen of military age wherever encountered, which makes it impossible that Haynes and his party traveled by the way of the Aland islands. They may have traveled by sledge under a flag of truce through the lines of the white guards to Tornea, and thence to Bjoerneborg.

Miss Lydia McMahon to Have Public Hearing Before Board

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 13.—(Special.)—At last the wishes of Miss Lydia McMahon, deposed superintendent of the girl's industrial home at Millford are to receive consideration and she will be given a hearing soon before the state board of control.

It has not yet been determined whether the hearing will be before the board here or at Geneva, nor has there been a date set for the meeting. It will be public.

Valley County Board to Hire Agricultural Agent

Ord, Neb., March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—County board of supervisors of Valley county made an appropriation for employment of a county agricultural agent. A farm bureau meeting is called for the purpose of organizing Thursday, at which time a county demonstrator will be selected. The Co-Operative Grain and Supply company of Ord, has purchased the General store of Frank Fafeta & Sons.

Begin Draft Examination.

Fremont, Neb., March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The local exemption board will begin Monday the examination of all selectees in class one. The county has more than 500 registrants in that class. Two physicians will pass on the physical fitness of the selectees. Sixty men will be examined each day.

Shot Was Accidental.

Fremont, Neb., March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—A coroner's jury empaneled at the request of relatives, returned a verdict finding that the shot that caused the death here Sunday of Walter Rydberg was fired accidentally.

One More Good Road Project Is Approved

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 13.—(Special.)—State Engineer George Thompson has received notice from the government that another good road project has been approved.

This is project No. 5 and consists of 52.25 miles, starting at Columbus, running west and north through Platte Center, Tarnov and Humphrey, in Platte county, and then north through Madison to Norfolk.

The plans and specifications are yet to be approved and the project statement must be signed before contracts are let.

Former Governor Aldrich May Try for Supreme Bench

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 13.—(Special.)—It was rumored today former Governor Chester H. Aldrich may be a candidate for a position on the supreme bench. Since re-entering private life Governor Aldrich has resumed the practice of law and has spent some time on the lecture platform.

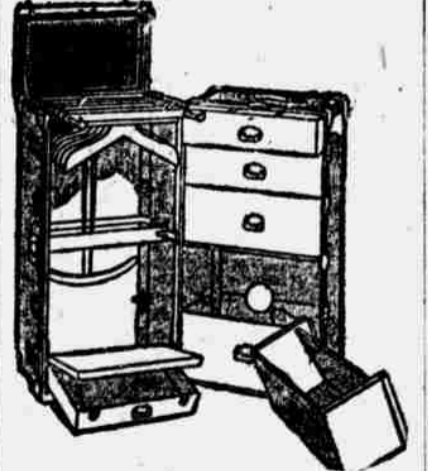
Governor Aldrich admitted today he had been "approached" and sounded on the proposition and urged to get in

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