

SCOTTSBLUFF BANK FIGHT IS NIPPED IN BUD

Grant Shumway Withdraws Application for Charter; Field Already Covered by Five Banks.

By a Staff Correspondent.

Lincoln, April 18.—A prospective siring of banking differences at Scottsbluff, Neb., was nipped Friday afternoon when former Land Commissioner Grant L. Shumway withdrew his application for a charter for a state bank at that place.

Shumway was slated to be vice president of the bank. Four banks already are doing business at Scottsbluff and the other, which recently obtained a charter, is now opening up. The bankers there thought the field already covered and filed a vigorous protest with the state banking board against a charter for a sixth bank being granted.

Their protests set forth these grounds in opposition to the proposed Shumway bank:

1. Illegal stock selling.
2. Gross misrepresentation to facilitate the sale.
3. Violation of the 1917 act forbidding sale of stock above par.
4. Some of the directors and stockholders not men of integrity and responsibility.
5. Violation of the new law which prohibits paying of commission for the sale of stock.

Demand Hearing. "We demand a hearing," S. K. Warrick, president of the First National bank at Scottsbluff, wired the board.

Attorney General Davis, presiding at the board meeting, called attention to the fact that the state banking board has recently adopted a rule which requires each stockholder in a proposed bank to submit an affidavit showing that he owns property worth twice as much as the amount of his stock so as to meet his individual liability for double the value as provided by the state constitution. The property is to be listed under the headings of real estate, personal property and chattels.

The only showing made on behalf of the new bank in this respect was by Mr. Shumway himself.

Charged Commission. It was claimed by the protestants that in selling stock for the new Scottsbluff enterprise, an extra \$4 commission was collected on every \$100 subscription to cover the bank guaranty law and \$10 more for commissions to promoters, or \$14 in all.

The legislature of 1917 passed a law forbidding the sales of stocks at a higher price than par. The present session passed S. F. 224, which provides that no premiums, bonus, commission, compensation, reward, salary or other remuneration shall be paid or promised for selling stock or inducing any subscription thereto.

The withdrawal of the application prevented an airing of the matter.

O'Brien Will Receive \$300 Salary Increase

Lincoln, April 18.—(Special.)—Supt. W. J. O'Brien of the state hatcheries will get a salary boost from \$1,800 to \$2,100, and Chief Game Warden Koster from \$1,600 to \$1,800, under a compromise agreement between the house and senate conferees on the general salaries bill, H. R. 557, which was reported Friday and approved by both branches.

The house passed the bill without raising the pay of either officer in the fish and game department, but the senate voted to give O'Brien \$2,400 and Koster \$2,000. In the first conference it was recommended that the house figures stand, but the senate refused to adopt that feature of it and the committees went out again. They decided to split the difference half way.

Tank and Soldiers to Take Part in Fremont Parade

Fremont, Neb., April 18.—(Special.)—A parade in which returned soldiers and sailors will take part and a public meeting in the city park are planned for Sunday afternoon when the war tank advertising the Victory loan came to Fremont. The tank will be driven through the streets of the business district and will give a demonstration at the city park, following the speaking. Former Congressman Dan V. Stephens of Fremont, and Charles H. Stewart of Norfolk will be the speakers.

New Fremont Bank to Open for Business at Early Date

Fremont, Neb., April 18.—(Special.)—Officers and directors for the Fremont Joint Stock Land bank have been named and the institution will be opened for business soon. Dan V. Stephens, former congressman, is president, and William Meyer, Hooper banker, is secretary. The directors are the officers and D. W. Killen, Schuyler; T. J. Kastle, North Bend, and Benjamin Harrison, son-in-law of Mr. Stephens, Omaha.

Town of Geneva to Furnish Site for New 40-Room Hotel

Geneva, Neb., April 18.—(Special.)—A new hotel is among the recent improvements planned for Geneva at a meeting of the Community club this week. A site will be donated by the city for the erection of a modern 40-room structure, if agreement with the parties who made the proposition can be completed.

Pioneer Dies at Geneva.

Geneva, Neb., April 18.—(Special.)—T. F. Combs, resident of Geneva for the past 20 years, died here Thursday night. His wife and seven children survive him. Mr. Combs has been a resident of Fillmore county since 1871, and resided in Grafton before coming to Geneva.

Hires New Superintendent.

Geneva, Neb., April 18.—(Special.)—The school board has hired L. W. Weisel for superintendent of schools to succeed G. H. Hansen, who recently resigned the position. Superintendent Weisel at present head of the schools at Giltner.

Date of Phone Hearing Set; Omaha Co. Asks War Rate to Go On

By a Staff Correspondent.

Lincoln, April 18.—Hearing on the application of the Lincoln Telephone company to extend the period of its wartime emergency rates has been set for April 26 by the state railway commission. May 1 is the time set for the expiration of the increased rate schedule, according to the order issued November 1, 1918, which is now in force.

The Nebraska Telephone company of Omaha also received permission for an emergency increase, but this was to run from December 1 until June 1. This company has indicated to the railway commission that it will also make application for extension of time. Many of the materials are higher than they were before, the Omaha company believes, although copper has dropped somewhat in value.

DeWitt Women May Contest Election on Pool Halls

De Witt, Neb., April 18.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Ladies' Booster club of De Witt, held this week, the following officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. George Dunn, president; Mrs. Gus Klein, vice president; Mrs. Daisy Kiburtz, secretary; Mrs. J. E. Green, treasurer. Members of council: Mrs. M. A. Crane, Mrs. Ribble and Mrs. G. B. Miller. Since the pool hall question was decided in favor of the same in De Witt by a majority of only one vote, the Booster club intends to contest the election, and if possible, have the issue presented again to the voters of De Witt.

University to Experiment With Poultry in the West

Lincoln, Neb., April 18.—A thousand-bird poultry plant has been added to the University of Nebraska experimental station at North Platte. The purpose is to experiment with poultry under central and western Nebraska conditions. Four or five of the most popular varieties will be used. They will be divided into flocks about the size raised on the average Nebraska farm. Only standard-bred chickens will be raised, and the flock will be a source from which standard-bred breeding stock may be distributed in that section of the state.

Sixty-Six Men Enter Short Course at Tractor School

Lincoln, Neb., April 18.—Sixty-six men registered for the university school of agriculture short course being staged to help provide operators for the Nebraska good roads program. Several of the men are middle-aged and several are returned soldiers and sailors. The course will continue four weeks. It consists of instruction in the practical operation and repair of all kinds of tractors. Two hours of lecture and six hours of practical experience are given each day.

Federated Women's Clubs Close Meet at Broken Bow

Broken Bow, Neb., April 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The Federation of Women's clubs of the Sixth district came to a close Thursday evening with a big banquet after a two days' session. Outside of routine business the main issue was the proposition of dividing the Sixth into a north and south territory. The convention was almost unanimously against the proposition.

Bills Passed

By a Staff Correspondent.

Lincoln, April 18.—S. F. 237, providing that all public meetings of a political nature shall be held in the English language, was included in a long list of senate and house measures signed by Governor McKelvie, Friday morning.

Another important bill was S. F. 218, asking congress to appropriate six months' pay to discharged soldiers.

Following are the bills signed:

- H. R. 528—Relating to dairy herds at state institutions.
- H. R. 529—Relating to renewals of leases on school lands.
- H. R. 530—Relating to salaries of officials and employees.
- H. R. 490—Relating to the state council of defense.
- H. R. 305—Relating to paving the highway to the Nebraska institute for the Feeble Minded.
- H. R. 381—Giving cities of the second class powers of eminent domain.
- H. R. 390—Relating to title of real estate.
- S. F. 137—Relating to insurance.
- S. F. 134—Relating to use of illuminating oil.
- S. F. 140—Relating to employer's liability.
- S. F. 45—Relating to tuition in high schools.
- S. F. 180—Relating to county and state certificates.
- S. F. 90—Relating to the right of eminent domain by cities of the first class.
- S. F. 119—Providing for the registration of nurses.
- S. F. 204—Fixing salaries of county controller's deputies.
- S. F. 94—Regulating fees of county attorneys.
- S. F. 68—Authorizes boards of commissioners to lay out and construct public roads.
- S. F. 214—Amends mothers' pension law.
- S. F. 237—Provides that all public meetings of a political nature be held in the English language.
- S. F. 212—Concurrent resolution of soldiers' compensation.
- S. F. 112—Relating to a board of irrigation, highways and drainage.
- S. F. 207—Relating to the Department of Justice.
- S. F. 235—Relating to the abatement of a nuisance.
- S. F. 23—Providing for the publication of statements of towns and villages.
- S. F. 147—Relating to the fees collected by the clerk of the district court.

Soldiers' Home Notes.

Grand Island, Neb., April 18.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a large number of the members bade farewell to Burdett Thursday morning on short and long furloughs, one comrade going to Milwaukee, Wis., to take a smile at that which made the city famous.

May 19, 20 and 21 of this year are the days set apart for the G. A. R. encampment to be held at York, Neb., to which they are cordially invited. On Monday, the first day, there will be a general reception in which all orders will affiliate. First on the program is the patriotic institute which will be in charge of Conrad Addison Waite, the present adjutant of the Soldiers and Sailors home at Burdett. Waite is the department patriotic instructor and the same will be held at 2 o'clock on Monday, May 19, at the York opera house. As this is about the last encampment which many of the members will be able to attend and because of the short distance to be traveled, it behooves one and all to the fullest remember the dates are May 19, 20 and 21.

A letter was recently received at the Burdett postoffice addressed to Allan Gardard, who has been dead for five years.

Matron Atwood of the main building, Matron Ber of the war hospital and Assistant Martha Rhodes are busy issuing clothing to the women at Burdett, while Max Leiber is very busy over the commissary issuing clothing to the men. As Gregory Palmer is on the sick list.

WALKOUT BY ALL NEW YORK UNIONS NOW THREATENED

General Strike to Begin Sunday Unless Boat Owners Settle Differences With Marine Workers.

New York, April 18.—A strike of all the trades unionists in the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn was threatened late today unless private boat owners make "reasonable concessions" to their men in an effort to end the strike of the Marine Workers' affiliation.

The declaration that a general strike was imminent was made by Edward I. Haunah, president of the Central Federated union, which includes all the trades in Manhattan, after a conference at the city hall presided over by Mayor Hylan, at which the armistice granted by the harbor workers was extended another 24 hours.

The truce was prolonged to give the mayor another opportunity to confer with private boat owners regarding acceptance of an arbitration offer made by their employees.

The point of dispute is the question of hours. The workers demand a basic eight-hour day, while the boat owners insist on a 12-hour day. Mayor Hylan has suggested nine hours as a compromise pending arbitration of the entire question by a board of nine members as proposed by the unions.

Cursing Innocuous in Army; Navy's Oaths Not So Interesting

(By Universal Service.)

London, April 12.—It has been said that as soon as a man dons khaki and becomes a soldier he begins to swear. It has also been said that it is enough to make anybody swear; but of course, it depends whether one is inclined toward a military career or not.

When a soldier calls another soldier (or civilian for that matter) all the things his mother never meant him to be, does he really mean what he says? Prebentary Carl of the church army thinks he does not.

"It is true that soldiers do use bad language," he said, "and so do a great many other people. In my opinion, their swearing is entirely meaningless. To consign a man to eternal damnation over a trivial argument is a very terrible thing, but if they know not what they say, what harm is done? It is the language that is filthy that has the demoralizing effect. Filthy sayings may lead to filthy thoughts and so to filthy actions."

Capt. A. H. Lloyd, of the Church army, who has had a wide experience of naval and barrack-room life, said that swearing was part of a soldier's conversation, but in his opinion it might be classified as an affectation of speech such as school-boys' slang.

"I have heard far worse language in the Lancashire mills than I ever heard in the barrack-room," said Captain Lloyd. "I always found the old time-serving soldier quite sparing with his curses. The modern war-time soldier is far worse, and if you want to hear some really hard, selected swearing, full of new oaths, you should go to the University cadet battalions."

Will Deliver Ships

Washington, April 18.—The remaining 12 of the 12 German passenger liners assigned to the United States for troop transport service will be delivered soon in England, where American naval crews will be put on board. A dispatch to the Navy department today said the Brandenburg and the Santa Elena were expected within a short time and that the Imperator and Berlin

Bank Charters.

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Jefferson County Goes Over the Top in Victory Loan Drive

Fairbury, Neb., April 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Jefferson county went over the top Friday for the Victory loan. The payment of its quota of \$300,000 was guaranteed by the 16 banks of the county. The banks will make disposition of the issue by popular subscription retaining the unsold bonds themselves. This arrangement was perfected by a conference of bankers.

PHONE SCALE IS SUBMITTED BY HIGH OFFICIAL

Postmaster General Takes Initiative in Telephone Strike and Tells Arbitrator of Demands.

Boston, Mass., April 18.—Leaders of the striking telephone workers conferred today regarding Postmaster General Burleson's plan for breaking the deadlock that has arisen in connection with their demands for wage increases and the privilege of collective bargaining.

Mr. Burleson yesterday sent word to the operators' committee that as they had failed to adopt his suggestion that they place their proposed wage scale before the general manager of the company, William R. Driver, jr., he (Mr. Burleson) had decided to take the initiative in their behalf and had submitted their demand to Mr. Driver.

Members of the operators' committee asserted that as the strike of young women which started Tuesday had spread until it involved about 12,000 male employees in addition to the 8,000 operators, and conferences now must be with a committee of the New England joint council of electrical workers. The council was to make a definite announcement of its position during the day.

In transmitting the statement of the postmaster general to the union leaders Mr. Driver asked that the strikers' representatives meet him at an early hour for a preliminary discussion.

Officials of the company claimed some improvement in the service today, but little effort was made in this city to care for more than emergency calls. In some of the outside exchanges it was possible to make local calls and occasionally to get a toll call through.

Fremont Man Killed While Inspecting Brakes of Train

Fremont, Neb., April 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Martin Christensen, 42 years old, was killed this morning when he was crushed under a North-western train as he was inspecting the air brakes. His body was found half an hour later by a passerby. He was unmarried and a native of Denmark. He came to Fremont six years ago. He was a member of the Council Bluffs Odd Fellows.

Travelers' Protective Association Meets at York

York, Neb., April 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The Travelers' Protective association, Nebraska division, convened in its annual state convention Friday afternoon in this city. Several hundred delegates were present from all points in the state. Mayor A. G. Wray delivered an address of welcome and Governor McKelvie delivered an address.

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