

Bankers Connive With 'Drummers,' Farmers Claim

Nebraska Financiers Aid Stock Salesmen Dispose of Worthless Securities, Congress Head Charges.

Nebraska bankers have aided stock salesmen in disposing of worthless or misrepresented securities among farmers of the state, O. G. Smith, president of the Nebraska Farmers' Congress charged during his annual address before the congress in the Hotel Rome yesterday.

"I know of a case in central Nebraska where a man connected with a bank called several farmers by telephone to tell them a man would call on them with a good proposition," declared President Smith. "He offered to loan them money to purchase these securities. Later I know positively he was given 50 per cent of the money garnered by the stock salesman."

President Smith says there is enough money subscribed by farmers for worthless stock each year to build two paved highways across the continent. Discussing the Federal Farm Land bank, President Smith said:

World Prohibit Options.

"It is to be deplored that all progress in the operation of the Federal Land banks was stopped by a suit brought by the Bankers Mortgage association attacking the constitutionality of the banks. I have been informed that if the case pending is decided favorably to the federal banks that plenty of funds are available to purchase the bonds. The releasing by banks again will relieve the farmers who are unable to obtain funds at reasonable rates at the present time. This congress should go on record praying for a favorable decision in the case."

President Smith strongly urged that the Nebraska congress demand congress to enact a law prohibiting the future option trading in all food products, and more particularly in wheat. He lauded the Volstead act granting producers the right of collective marketing and the "Truth in Fabric Bill." He urged a bitter opposition to Ralston-Nolan bill, which imposes a 1 per cent direct tax on all farms above the valuation of \$10,000, declaring the average farmer has property valued at \$35,000 and would be compelled to pay a \$250 tax each year should the bill be passed.

No Rebuke Too Harsh.

Touching on the immigration problem, he asserted that while the present class of immigrants may be fairly high, the millions which plan to come to this country probably include a large percentage of undesirable and some action should be taken to guard against such a menace. He condemned in unmeasured terms profiteering, but declared the purchasing public was largely to blame for existing high prices.

"The first and constant obligation of every citizen and of every organization of citizens is an undivided loyalty to our country," he said in conclusion. "Its institutions must be protected and its traditions preserved and respected."

Commenting on President Smith's charges against some country banks, ex-Congressman C. H. Sloan, the second speaker at the morning session, declared "a rebuke to bankers of the state who have connived with stock salesmen to swindle the farmer could be too harsh."

Favors Marketing Bill.

"Country banks should use every influence in their power to protect their depositors and their neighbors," he said. "If they don't do this they are avoiding their most important duty."

Mr. Sloan declared himself in favor of the Nelson co-operative marketing bill, which he says "places in the power of the American producer to organize for the purpose of effectively marketing their products in the form of associations or corporations, with or without stock."

"He urged the necessity of extracting duty on imported food products, stating there had actually been 35,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour imported into America, largely from Canada."

Attacks Nelson Bill.

"Argentina sent its great cargoes of corn to our eastern ports carried in from 3 to 5 cents a bushel in French vessels from Buenos Aires, while Nebraska farmers were obliged to pay from 21 to 27 cents to carry their grain to the seaboard ports," continued Mr. Sloan.

"The American farmers need a preference at our ports of from 20 to 25 cents a bushel for wheat and from 10 to 12 cents a bushel for corn."

Two Men in Office Of Attorney General Resign Positions

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Two resignations in the state attorney general's office were made today.

Judge J. B. Barnes, deputy attorney general, resigned because of ill health, his condition necessitating immediate relief from his duties. Judge Barnes, who is a former judge of the state supreme court and who formerly lived at Norfolk, Neb., will move to southern California.

Assistant Attorney General Cecil E. Lavery also resigned today on account of illness. He will go to his home at Burwell, Neb. Attorney Lavery was married about three months ago.

Neither of the vacated positions has yet been filled.

Reavis Cites Need of Bureau Reorganization

It Took 26 Men and 78 Letters Two Weeks' Time to Kill Mule, and Then They Got the Wrong One.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Reavis, in charge of his joint resolution providing for the appointment of the three members of the house, together with a like number of the senate and constituting a joint committee to be known as "the joint committee on reorganization," whose duty it will be to make a survey of the administrative services of the government for the purpose of terminating overlapping and duplication of authority, made a number of interesting illustrations as to overlapping of bureaus in his speech today.

He said there were 39 separate governmental agencies that are handling engineering works at the present time; that there were 23 agencies scattered through all the departments engaged in surveying and mapping; 27 engaged in building operations; 16 engaged in public roads; 14 doing work on rivers; 10 engaged in public land functions and 15 making chemical investigations.

Red Tape to Kill Mule.

Then he told an actual story, furnished by the zone supply office, of the red tape necessary to execute a mule. He said the matter had passed through the hands of 26 different individuals, 78 letters being written upon the execution which took two weeks to bring about and when the morning of the execution arrived they found they had the wrong mule and the officials had to go over the whole proceeding again.

Needless Expense Cited.

Chairman Campbell of the rules committee, in giving right of way to the Reavis resolution, which passed the house today, said that the "sociologist, rather than the political economist, had been dominating the political activities of the government for the last quarter of a century. He sighted the fact that there were more than 40 bureaus actively interested in public health, "to say nothing of the bureaus printing serious pamphlets on how to kill rats—by dogs, by traps and by poisons—which is costing the people hundreds of thousands a year."

District Judges Announce Terms of Court for 1921

Columbus, Mo., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Frederick Burton of Fremont and A. M. Post of Columbus have set the following dates and places for district court during the coming year:

Boone county, February 21, May 2 and October 17.
Cass county, February 2, April 18 and October 2.
Dodge county, January 10, April 4 and September 5.
Merrick county, February 21, May 2 and October 17.
Nance county, February 7, April 18 and October 17.
Platte county, January 10, April 4 and September 5.

Gage County Judge-Elect Sets Dates for Court Term

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Gen. L. W. Colby, district judge-elect, has named City Attorney Ernest Kretschmer, world war veteran, as his court reporter. Lloyd Crocker, Dr. C. A. Bradley, and F. E. Lenhart were appointed members of the insanity commission.

Dates for holding court have been agreed upon by Colby, February 5, and jury called February 7; June 6, no jury; October 6, and jury called October 10. In Jefferson county: March 14, jury called March 15; June 20, no jury; November 7, jury called November 8.

Shenandoah Children Help Starving Kiddies

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 15.—The first donation for the starving children of central Europe made in Shenandoah comes from the school children who are members of the junior Red Cross society. Two hundred dollars was pledged, enough to keep 20 children alive until harvest time.

Rev. Hudson H. Pittman and a committee composed of Judge Fredrickson, E. B. Brown, Robert C. Tindall, Dwight H. Teter, Earl Ferguson, Miss Daisy Deighton and W. B. Darrah are in charge of the relief work in Shenandoah.

West Point Citizens on Way Home From Washington

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—O. C. Anderson of West Point, Neb., who has been a Washington guest for several days, has left for Nebraska, but will remain in Chicago until his daughter, Ruth, can join him for the Christmas holidays. Miss Anderson is a student at National Park seminary.

Disposition of Balloon School Yet Undecided

Removal Depends on General Menoher's Decision After Visiting Omaha, Congressman Jefferis Reports.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Jefferis, who has been the recipient of a number of letters from Omaha constituents interested in city and state welfare, containing all manner of rumors as to what was going to follow when the Fort Omaha balloon school is moved to Belleville, Ill., decided to devote the day to "ghost laying" and, judging from the results accomplished, the day was eminently successful.

General Menoher, chief of the air service branch of the army, said that he proposed to visit Fort Omaha before any final action is taken on the removal of the balloon school to Belleville, across the river from St. Louis. He said that he would have arranged to visit Omaha before this, but had been detained because of hearings now in progress before the subcommittee of the appropriations committee.

Officer Justifies Action.

"The removal of the balloon school, or rather the school for the lighter-than-air craft, at Fort Omaha will be made on its merits, General Menoher told me today," said Mr. Jefferis. "Then he justified the action of the department in transferring the balloon school because of the lack of space for the experimental purposes in conjunction with the school. At Belleville a very large number of areas are available, while at Fort Omaha the acreage is limited."

"He spoke of the number of reserve officers who would be in training at such a place and members of the national guard and as congress had set about to cut expenses, General Menoher saw no other way out of the dilemma than to reduce the overhead by centralizing the several departments of the air service."

May Visit Omaha Soon.

"General Menoher expressed the hope that he might reach Fort Omaha before Christmas," said Mr. Jefferis. "While I admit that the decision of the head of the aircraft service was quite a blow to me," continued Congressman Jefferis, "I was more than encouraged that all would work out to Omaha's ultimate good when General March, chief of staff, told me that Omaha would remain the headquarters of the Seventh army corps area and that in the event of the Fort Omaha balloon school being removed to another location that the transfer of the Seventh army corps headquarters to Fort Crook to Fort Omaha would be favored."

Will Keep Troops Here.

"General March said that the troops would always be stationed in and about Omaha, not only because of its strategic importance, but with the headquarters of the Seventh army corps at Fort Omaha the infantry post at Fort Crook would remain active."

"I was pleased with my reception by General March. I found him, most receptive and interested in our problems, for he served in Omaha quite a while when it was headquarters for the Department of the Platte. And he has many relatives living in Chase county, so he is not altogether a stranger to our people."

Farmer Blows Off Head With Shotgun

Hebron, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Arch Dakan, about 45, wealthy farmer living two miles south of Hebron on the Meridian road, committed suicide this afternoon by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun. The mutilated body was found by the brother, Edward, lying in a hog lot near the barn on the farm, with the shotgun underneath the prostrate form.

Near the body, pinned down by a rock, was a note which read: "Don't blame anybody for this, as I did it myself, Arch."

The brother and sister, Alice, who live on the farm are at a loss to account for the motive of the suicide. Discovery of the tragedy was made at 4 in the afternoon when Edward, who had just returned from a trip to Hebron, went in search of his brother.

Omaha Man Released From Bigamy Charge at Creston

Creston, Ia., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank J. Laurence of Omaha, who had been held here on a charge of bigamy, was released today when the plaintiff, an alleged wife, refused to testify against him at a preliminary hearing in justice court.

Laurence married a Creston girl a few months ago. Later a woman from Craig, Neb., who said she was the man's wife, appeared and filed charges of bigamy against him. She said they were married at Kansas City four years ago and that they have a 3-year-old child.

Hotel Facilities Stop Meetings in Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The annual meeting of the Dempster traveling salesmen and branch house managers, will not be held here this year because of the lack of hotel facilities for the next six years. For the first time in 20 years the employees of the local plant are working on an eight-hour schedule.

Old Soldiers Raise \$150 for Fund to Feed Hungry Tots

Contributions Already Total \$5,000 Although Campaign Does Not Open Officially Until Sunday.

State and local civic, social and business clubs are enthusiastically endorsing the nation-wide drive to be conducted by Herbert S. Hoover to raise \$35,000,000 to feed starving children of Europe.

While the campaign does not officially open until Sunday, G. W. Wattles, in charge of the Nebraska forces, has received preliminary contributions in the form of checks ranging from \$50 to \$300, totaling in all approximately \$5,000.

Tuesday he received contributions from the following donors: Dr. A. F. Jones, \$200; Drs. Lemere & Lemere, \$100; Edgar Scott, \$300; Lonegar Chapter of the Accepted Scottish Rite, \$100.

Counties Organizing.

Contributions totalling \$1,500 have been received from out-state organizations, with the information enclosed that this is just indicative of the fact that the counties are organizing for the purpose of sending Nebraska over the top before the campaign closes at the end of the holiday season.

Yesterday Mr. Wattles received checks for \$100 from F. A. Brogan, L. F. Crowfoot, the Thomas Kilpatrick company, and Governor McKelvie.

Veterans Raise \$150.

"The public generally is interested tremendously in this campaign," declared Mr. Wattles, "not only because of its merits, but because the funds are going to be handled by Mr. Hoover, and they know that he will use them prudently."

Oil Light Beats Electric or Gas Burns 94 Per Cent Air

A new oil lamp that gives an amazingly brilliant, soft, white light, even better than gas or electricity, has been tested by the U. S. Government and 35 leading universities and found to be superior to 10 ordinary oil lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise—no pumping up, is simple, clean, safe. Burns 94 per cent air and 6 per cent kerosene (total cost \$250 to \$500 per month).

The inventor, A. K. Johnson, 699 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill., is offering to send a lamp 10 days FREE trial or even to give one FREE to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for full particulars. Also ask him to explain how you can get the agency, and without experience or money, make \$250 to \$500 per month.

The Truth About Eczema and Piles

Thousands and thousands of people, says Peterson of Buffalo, are learning every week that one 50 cent box of Peterson's Ointment will hold the eczema and banish piles, and the grateful letters I receive every day are worth more to me than money.

I had eczema for many years on my head and could not get anything to stop the itching. I saw your ad and bought one box and I owe you many thanks for the good it has done me. There isn't a blotch on my head now and I couldn't help but thank Peterson for the cure is great. Miss Mary Hill, 420 Third Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

I have had itching piles for 15 years and Peterson's is the only ointment that relieves me, besides the piles seem to have gone. A. B. Ruser, 1127 Washington Avenue, Racine, Wis.

Peterson's Ointment for old sores, salt rheum, chafing and all skin diseases. Druggists recommend it. Mail order filled by Peterson Ointment Co., Inc., Buffalo, N. Y. Sherman & McConnell Drug Co. will supply you.

Burkett, Neb., brought the information that the inmates of the old soldiers and sailors home there have raised \$150 for the cause, and are soliciting for more. Mr. Wattles' address is 1602 Farnam street.

To Launch Drive.

York, Casper, Lancaster, Jefferson, Harrison, Sioux, Custer are the counties which have reported organization for the drive. Word will be received from others daily until the drive is formally opened.

Ministers and priests will formally launch the drive from the pulpits in the churches of every denomination next Sunday. All sermons will be based on the dire needs of the younger generation in war-torn Europe.

Snowstorms Reported in Various Parts of State

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The heaviest snow of the season fell in this section of the state, melting almost as fast as it fell. Farmers say the moisture will be beneficial to winter wheat.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Light snowstorms were general around Norfolk Tuesday evening. A heavy northwest gale has been in progress all day.

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Veteran Beatrice Fireman Resigns After 42 Years

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—John S. Walker, probably one of the oldest volunteer firemen in the state, submitted his resignation as secretary and was presented with a check for \$100 by the fire boys for his long and faithful service as secretary. He has attended state and national meetings of firemen, and has been connected with the department here since 1879, when he moved to Beatrice. He left for Fresno, Cal., to join his son, Raymond Walker, who some time ago was elected a member of the fire department there.

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We want only our patrons to share in this great sale and so we will not sell these garments to dealers for resale.

The gowns are cut full, patterns are neat and desirable, all are trimmed with feather stitchings. The Bungalow Aprons come in both short and long sleeves, they are fashioned from fine ginghams, percales and chambray. Plain, checks, plaids, stripes and figured, all sizes, all colors. You'll want four of these aprons and you'll find it to your interest to be down early Friday morning.

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