

Farmers Favor Ship Subsidy, Says Federation Head

J. R. Howard, President of Organization, Tells Joint Meeting of Committees Stand of Middle West.

Washington, May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The interest which the middle west has in building up the American merchant marine was described today by J. R. Howard, expressing the view of the American Farm Bureau federation, which claims more than 1,250,000 farmer members. Mr. Howard is the federation's president.

Mr. Howard addressed the joint meeting of the senate committee on commerce and the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries in favor of the merchant marine bill, which was the subject of the recent White House conference participated in by Representative Jeffers of Omaha.

Representing the farmers of the middle west, Mr. Howard dissipated the idea that his section is opposed to ship subsidy. He acknowledged that the farmers are opposed to subsidies as a matter of principle, but principle must yield to fact when the country is confronted with a condition which warrants the abandonment.

While no reference was made to the St. Lawrence waterway project, it is well understood by the members of the committee that the middle west farmers are interested in this project as part of the nation's merchant marine program.

Argument is Comprehensive. The argument presented by Mr. Howard was the most comprehensive expression yet made of the relationship existing between the agricultural interests of the country and ocean transportation.

In view of the development of co-operative marketing and organization among farmers, Mr. Howard suggested the time might come when the farmers themselves might undertake the transportation and selling of their products abroad, and accordingly, might become ship owners, thus benefitting directly by the subsidy proposed in the merchant marine bill, which his organization is supporting.

The representative of the farm bureau said that farmers were waking up to the fact that ocean freight rates are just as important to them as railroad rates. This is due to the fact, he explained, that the United States has become a debtor nation instead of a creditor nation and that now it must go to the markets, instead of waiting for the markets to come here. He called attention to the fact that the plains of Russia will soon be producing again and that the time had already come when the farmer must seek a foreign market for his surplus crops and products.

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Under cross-examination, Mr. Howard said that his organization questioned only one provision of the pending bill. This is the section which permits income tax exemption on amounts paid for freights in American ships.

"We are on record against tax exemption of every kind," he said; "even tax exemption on farm loan bonds. To be consistent we must definitely oppose this section, but I will say it is the only section which we do oppose."

Cousin of Joe Stecher Wins Suit for Farm Wages

Fremont, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Joann, a cousin of former wrestling champion, Joe Stecher, was awarded a verdict of \$1,600 in county court from the estate of her father, as a result of her suit to recover farm wages she claimed to have been accruing for the past years.

Miss Stecher told the court that she had worked on the farm of her father, the late Lewis Stecher, for five years after she became of age and she demanded \$30 per month for her labor. County Judge Wintersteen reduced the compensation to \$25 a month. The original suit was for \$1,800.

\$75,000 Railroad Station to Be Erected in Kearney

Kearney, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Within 30 to 60 days ground will be broken in Kearney for a new Union Pacific passenger station. Plans and specifications for the structure were submitted at a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce by Superintendent A. W. Woodruff and S. H. Osborne, division engineer. They were unanimously approved by the chamber committee. Construction of the new station will involve an expenditure of approximately \$75,000, it is announced. The structure now doing service was erected nearly 40 years ago.

Young Elmwood Farmer Make Profit on Shortorns

Henry Vogt, a young farmer of Elmwood, brought to the Omaha market two loads of well-finished 1,500-pound Shortorn beeves that he sold for \$8.35 a hundred.

He said he bought the cattle on the Omaha market last September at \$6.50 a hundred, weighing an average of about 900 pounds at that time, and that he had put them on a feed of ground corn and alfalfa, which made them weigh up to a pretty good gain.

Occurs in Grand Island Pool

Grand Island, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The first case of drowning for the season occurred here, when C. R. Schoelkopf, St. Paul, Minn., agent for a hail insurance company, was found dead in the Y. M. C. A. swimming pool. He had been taking a room in the association building intermittently for some time and made it a custom to take a plunge before breakfast. The fire department pump crew worked 30 minutes in an effort to restore a spark of life. The physician attending expressed the belief that Schoelkopf had suffered an attack of the heart.

Large Cattle Supply Reported at Cozad

According to Frank Johnson, livestock man of Cozad, more livestock has been fed around this section than ever before and the town has the distinction of being the heaviest shipping point along the Union Pacific.

"We have a heavy hay-producing area," said Mr. Johnson, "a year ago 20,000 tons of alfalfa were shipped from Cozad alone. This year the tonnage will fall far short of last year as most of it was fed instead of being shipped. Corn in my section was almost all fed to livestock."

Mr. Johnson was on the Omaha market with a load of choice steers that brought him \$8.40 a hundred, the shipment averaging 1,453 pounds. He said about one-third of the cattle production of the Cozad district is still in pens and will be shipped soon.

Business Follows War Finance Aid

Excellent Reports Coming in of Better Conditions in Farm Sections.

Washington, May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The War Finance corporation announced today that from the period from May 8 to May 10, it has made 61 advances for agricultural purposes, aggregating \$3,033,000. Of this sum, \$47,000 was advanced in Nebraska.

The excellent results following the advances heretofore made by the War Finance corporation continue to demonstrate the wisdom of the policy adopted. Excellent reports are coming in daily of better conditions in the farming sections of the country.

Bearing on the same subject, a prominent official of the Northwestern railroad told the correspondent of The Bee that for the first week in May the road did more business than it had done in the corresponding period of 1921, which was the banner year in volume of business. This is in spite of the fact that the road is not carrying coal on account of the strike and the shipments of iron ore have not commenced, owing to the lateness with which the lake navigation is opening.

Much of the business consisted of automobiles, on their way to agricultural sections of the country.

Exservice Man Charged With Forging \$60 Check

Deputy County Attorney Henry Beal swore out a complaint yesterday charging Clifford Hammond, exservice man attending vocational school, with "forgery and passing a forged instrument."

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Employment Agent Given 10-Day Term for Vagrancy

H. C. Harlow, member of the firm of Steiner & Harlow, employment agent, was sentenced in Central county court yesterday to 10 days in jail for vagrancy.

"If the firm doesn't get rid of him I'll start proceedings to have his license revoked," Frank Dineen, prosecutor, declared.

City Concert Club Gives Its Last Audience Program

A large audience attended the final free municipal concert of the City Concert club at the Auditorium. The concert was in the nature of an anniversary celebration, in commemoration of the second anniversary of the organization of the club.

The summer activities of the club will consist of a series of band concerts in the public parks, if sufficient funds are available to carry the work through. Only Omaha musicians will be employed, it was announced. The club now has nearly 1,500 members and about \$1,100. At least \$2,500 is needed to put over the summer program.

"Sunrise Special" Trade Trip Said to Be Assured

Although all reservations have not been received, enough business houses have signified their intention to participate in the "Sunrise Special" trade trip to assure its success, it was announced at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Good Prices for Cows

A load of prime heavy cows averaging 1,493 pounds was brought to the Omaha market by Joseph Zweimer of Pleasanton. The shipment was composed of mature Herefords and brought the good price of \$7.35 a hundred.

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Norris Introduces Bill to Operate Muscle Shoals

Nitrate Plant Would Be Run as Semi-Government Corporation Under Terms of Measure.

Washington, May 11.—Four developments in congressional consideration of proposals for developing the Muscle Shoals (Ala.) nitrate and power projects occurred in the senate agricultural and house military committees and on the senate floor. Chairman Norris, Nebraska, of the senate committee, introduced a bill providing for semi-government control to take over and operate the nitrate and power projects for 50 years. The measure was drafted by James T. Lloyd, former representative from Missouri, and submitted by J. H. Levering, consulting engineer at Los Angeles, as a modification of the bill Senator Norris recently introduced.

The Nebraska Senator also made public a proposal received from L. Stern, a Baltimore consulting engineer and manufacturer of chemical products, who requested the committee to hear him at its operations, and said the formal tender would be made later.

The tentative offer of Mr. Stern provided for the operation of the nitrate and power projects for 25 or 30 years or any suitable number of years that might be determined upon. It further stated that all expenses incurred by the government at Muscle Shoals would be repaid to it at the rate of 2 per cent annually, and contained a provision by which the government would receive 60 per cent of all net profits made during the operation, with the lease retainer 40 per cent.

In the house committee, an agreement was reached by which any lease of the shoals properties would be compelled to manufacture finished fertilizer whether at a profit or loss throughout the term of its operation, whether it be 50 or 100 years. An amendment to this effect was made to the bill the committee is formulating for the house in connection with its report on the various proposals.

Nebraska Winter Wheat of 82 Per Cent Reported

Lincoln, May 12.—(By A. P.)—A winter wheat condition of 82 per cent, an abandonment in acreage approximately three times as large as usual and severe in some counties, a ryegrass condition of 89 per cent, belated spring plowing and planting, and a considerable increase in losses of live stock, particularly pigs, is shown in the May crop report issued co-operatively today by the state and federal bureaus of markets and crop estimates.

The winter wheat condition of 82 per cent compares with 92 per cent a year ago, and a 10-year average of 89 per cent, according to the report. A production of 54,140,000 bushels is forecast upon this condition, compared with 57,559,000 bushels last year.

Former Policeman Is Convicted on Liquor Charge

Nebraska City, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—John Ingram of Talmage was convicted by a jury in the district court here on a charge of illegal possession of liquor. The defendant did not take the stand and there was no cross-examination of the state's witnesses by the defendant's attorney. The arguments were brief and Ingram's attorney declared the state had not proved alcoholic content of the liquor seized at the Ingram place in Talmage.

Outline of Road Probe Report Made by Committee

Lincoln, May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The road investigation committee decided today upon an outline of the report to be submitted to the next session of the legislature and returned to their homes pending preparation of the report in Lincoln. Upon its completion the report will be sent to members for their signatures. When the committee concludes its work, it was announced every member would sign the report, including Representative Charles H. Epperson, leader of the fight against George E. Johnson, state engineer.

Nebraska Soldiers' Home Inspected by U. S. Officers

Grand Island, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. J. A. Pringle, head of the neuro-psychiatric unit of the St. Louis division, veterans' bureau, and Charles F. Beck of the training division, inspected the soldiers' home building and lands offered to the nation for a federal hospital and soldiers' home, and will report their findings to the head of the bureau at Washington.

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The Dancing Master

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(Continued from Yesterday.) She dropped the brush with a clatter to the floor, and, turning, caught Elizabeth by both arms, bursting into tears. "He helped you when you had nothing," she said passionately. "It's due to him that you're where you are now. You, Elizabeth, you won't let him die!"

Elizabeth closed her eyes and swayed in the elder girl's grasp; for a moment everything seemed to fade away from her, leaving her cold and sick; she opened her eyes with an effort.

"What do you mean? What do you mean?" she whispered. "Mean? Why, that you must get the money to save him," Netta said fiercely. "I don't know if you care for him—I suppose you don't or you wouldn't keep a car of us both like you do. What are you made of?" she demanded in despair.

"If he loved me as he loves you, do you think anything in the world would keep me away from him? I shouldn't care if he'd got 50 wives. She ought to be dead, that woman! You don't know her as I do—you don't know how bad she is." She let Elizabeth go so suddenly that the girl almost fell, but Netta did not heed her; she began pacing about the room, crying and wringing her hands.

"She'd sell her soul for money. She's taken every penny he had, I know." She swung round again. "She blackmailed him about you, too. She threatened to spread all manner of lies about you both if he didn't give her what money she wanted. She found out that he cared for you, or she imagined she'd found out, and she made him pay every time. She's a brute, a brute—I wish she was dead."

Netta broke into fresh sobbing. She was tired out and her nerves were on edge. This unexpected visit from Elizabeth had proved the last straw. For a moment there was silence in the room, then Elizabeth said in a cold list voice: "You know he would never take the money from me—you know."

She could not go on; she felt that her heart was breaking. Netta's words of passionate injustice had hurt her cruelly when the only thing in the world that mattered was that Royston was ill and in trouble.

Netta looked up, her face swollen with crying. "Do you think I'd let him know it was from you?" she asked brokenly. "I'm not such a fool as t—that. There are ways it could be done; there are lots of people who owe him money. He's a saint; you're not the only one he's helped. I could find a way to make him take it if he killed me for it." She went back to where Elizabeth stood and looked at her earnestly. "You don't love him, Elizabeth," she said.

Elizabeth raised her eyes; eyes that were all the more pitiful because they could not find the relief of tears. "I'd give my life for him," she said tonelessly. "He knows, and he—sent me away."

There was a tragic silence, then Netta said with a rough humility: "I'm sorry I spoke like a fool; forgive me, Elizabeth, but I've been so miserable." She dried her eyes fiercely. "You must get the money," she said. "You will get it, won't you?"

"Yes." Elizabeth spoke with quiet confidence. If Netta had demanded 1,000 pounds she would unhesitatingly have promised it; it no longer troubled her to know that she had to go to Farmer for it—she hardly gave him a thought; the money was for Royston, that was enough; she would have sold herself body and soul to help him.

"How much must he have?" she asked. "Netta laughed mirthlessly. "There's a man named Bruton who owes him 200 pounds," she said. "If you could get that—" she broke off, to add in despair: "But you can't get all of that of course."

"Yes, I can," Elizabeth said, "if you—if you are sure you can do the rest—make him take it, I mean."

\$20,000 Colon Home Is Burned

Village Recently Swept by Fire Threatened Again—Owner of House Frantic.

Fremont, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Nearly wiped out by fire some months ago, the village of Colon, Saunders county, was visited by another disastrous blaze this morning which burned to the ground the recently completed modern home of Albert Syverson, with a loss estimated at \$20,000. The blaze is believed to have started from a bonfire left smoldering in the rear yard.

The flames gained considerable headway before discovered and the bucket brigades were able to make no impression upon the burning building. The Fremont fire department responded to a hurry call and saved surrounding buildings.

The Syverson home was just completed and had been equipped with its own power plant water supply and latest plumbing and heating fixtures.

The distracted owner, agent for the Nye-Schneider-Jenks company of Omaha, was repeatedly restrained from dashing into the burning house by firemen. At one time he broke through the cordons after his shirt was torn from his back as a bystander grabbed him.

As a result of a recent fire at Colon all that remained was the station, one store and a few dwelling houses.

Target Practice Held for Fremont Police

Fremont, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—"Shoot straight and shoot to kill" is the order again emphasized by Fremont's mayor, Charles H. Green, with the inauguration of a series of practice shoots at the Fremont trap shooting club under the tutelage of Al Koyen, marksman of national note. Mayor Green escorted his squad of cops.

deputies and special officers to the traps of the local club, where pistols, rifles and saved-off shotguns blazed away at mythical lawbreakers.

Mayor Green insists that the men be familiar with their firearms, and be able to shoot straight. In addition he is anxious to let all criminals know that they will be given a reception of well-aimed lead in the event that they arouse the ire of Fremont policemen.

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