

COUNCIL OF DEFENSE HEARING CASES TODAY

Box Butte County Farmer Fined \$100 and Costs for Unwise Remarks to Drafted Man.

John Kauntz, a farmer living thirteen miles north of Alliance, was fined \$100 and costs by Judge Tash in county court this morning, on complaint filed by the county council of defense on information furnished by William and John Coupons and Raymond J. Westlake, neighbors of Kauntz.

Kauntz was charged with telling William Coupons, a drafted man, that he did not need to go to war and that he could get a gun, plenty of shells, and shoot them when they came after him. He claimed that it was said in a spirit of fun and that he had trouble Saturday morning with the men who were responsible for the complaint.

Kauntz is an Austrian, coming to this country thirteen years ago. He took out his first papers eleven years ago and as his seven years has expired he loses his rights and is now virtually an Austrian subject. He is farming heavily and claims that he is loyal to this country.

Peter Nagy, an Austrian, was arrested Wednesday after making remarks of a seditious nature in the Western hotel in Alliance. He is a typical Austrian and although he pretended that he was unable to speak English plainly or understand, he showed, after skillful cross-examination, that he was much smarter than he pretended to be. He will probably be interned.

Word was received by Mrs. L. S. Baschky of Mrs. Dan Fitzpatrick's death, which occurred Wednesday night about 12 o'clock. The body will be brought to Alliance Saturday morning, but the date of the funeral is not exactly known at this writing.

The ladies of the M. E. Aid Society will meet with Mrs. W. W. Norton, next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Election of officers and also Red cross work is the program and a large attendance is desired. Ladies are requested to bring scissors and thimbles.

Ralph Cox is now working in the office of County Judge Tash and his many friends are glad to see him out again.

LABOR PROBLEM IS GETTING SERIOUS

Shortage of Unskilled Laborers in War Work Amounts to One Million Men or More.

The fact that there is now a shortage in war work of 1,000,000 unskilled laborers and that the reserve of skilled workers as exhausted, developed last week at a conference of field agents of the federal employment service held in Washington. Further curtailment of non-essential production is planned to release men for war work.

The labor shortage is so serious that completion of a number of important war projects for the army and navy is being delayed, it was stated at the conference. The field agents declared that the only way in which the needed laborers could be secured was to take them from non-essential industry.

Western Nebraska is feeling the need of workers, both in its monster potash and sugar factories and on its farms and ranches. The Box Butte county labor board has been organized and its announcement of its personnel is made elsewhere in this issue of The Herald.

Indication of how the non-essentials may be combed was given when the community labor board of the District of Columbia announced a list of twenty-four classes of work regarded as non-essential. Employers in this class are called upon to voluntarily release their unskilled labor for war work.

Following are the industries which the district board, the first to make an announcement, has listed as non-essential:

Automobile industry accessories; drivers of pleasure cars; cleaning, repairing and delivery of same; sightseeing cars; auto trucks other than those hauling fuel or doing government work; teaming, other than delivery of products for war work; bath and barber shop attendants; bowling, billiard and pool rooms; bottlers and bottle supplies; candy manufacturers; cigars and tobacco; cleaners and dyers; clothing, confectioners and delicatessen establishments; builders and contractors not engaged in erection of structures for war work; dancing academies; mercantile stores; florists; fruit stands; junk dealers; livery and sales stables; pawn brokers; peanut vendors; shoe shining shops; window cleaners; soft drink establishments; soda fountain supplies.

One hundred and five drafted men go through Alliance tonight from the Black Hills, en route for the training camp. Five will go from Alliance and four from Bridgeport.

MARRIED MEN ARE PUT IN CLASS ONE

Eighty-three Box Butte County Married Men, Under Thirty-one, Are Placed in First Class.

All married men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one, registered in Box Butte county, who have no children, are placed in class one of the army draft by the local board, in compliance with an order received from the office of the provost marshal. The notices of the change of classification from class 4-A to class 1-A were mailed out on Tuesday, August 27, and the registrants have a week from the time of mailing the notices in which to file their appeal to the district board, should they desire to claim exemption.

The list of men placed in class one is as follows:

Carl E. Amsberry
Paul Armstrong
Chester Hardy Aldrich, Jr.
Thomas Aspden
Roy Blake Burns
Maury Wade Buckley
Albert Bauer
Harry Oscar Beard
Frank Bartos
John Leroy Brannigan
James E. Brittain
Frank Henry Bronkhorst
Henry Joseph Blanchard
Lee Banya
Clyde C. Curry
Jesse Chilson
Daniel W. Colerick
Ejner Christensen
Joseph Derr
Herman W. Fricke
Claude W. Foerst
John Fanando
Mell Farley
Philip W. Fraker
Fred E. Feagins
Ulysses Granankos
Alexis E. Gerhard
George A. Hellman
Daniel L. Hammond
Jacob Henry Herman
Henry Halbur
William F. Hart
Hans Christen Hansen
Leon C. Ives
John H. King
Henry Sheridan Keane
Martin Kocar
John Herbert Klassin
Leo V. Lennear
Theron Axel Lyman
Ernest D. McCarty
Sterling G. Mendenhall
Samuel Earl Morrison
Lyle Morris
Allen C. McInnes
A. Claude McDonald
Orville H. Newman
Paul A. Noecker
Royce L. Nichols
Chas. E. Person
Oscar H. Person
Reginald C. Pearson
Seth Gilbert Peebles
Howard E. Reddish
Burton Seth Rowland
Julius Reinders
William Roes
Clarence O. Rosenberger
Merle M. Reynolds
George D. Reed
King E. Robinson
Dean Wright Ray
Arthur R. Reynolds
Charles Johan Schluter
Henry C. Sternberg
Guy A. Strother
Leon L. Smith
Ben J. Sallows
Glen D. Schrader
William L. Slaughter
Lloyd Alex Smith
Raymond H. Thurston
Lloyd C. Thomas
Claude R. Watson
Charles E. Wilkinson
Henry Loy Woods
J. Carl Thomas
Floyd Eugene Walbridge
Milton H. Whaley
Michael Walters
Jay O. Walker
Adam Zwetzig

This committee will assist in the enforcement of the state and city laws regarding vagrancy. It will endeavor to find places for all idle men and women and will assist in securing farm labor where needed.

The committee desires to call the attention of every patriotic citizen of Alliance, Hemingford and Box Butte county to its work and to ask their assistance. Any person knowing of any man in the county who is not engaged in some useful work or occupation is requested to report his name to the chairman of the committee. The committee will investigate the matter thoroughly and take whatever action is necessary to induce or compel the man to become engaged in some useful labor. The committee further desires to say that all communications received by it will be held in strict confidence.

Any man who is unwilling to produce as well as consume at this time is a menace and a stone in the road toward winning the war, and the committee is therefore asking every patriotic citizen for assistance in the work that they have undertaken.

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CITY PARK PICNIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Big Crowd Expected This Afternoon at the Bible School Picnic in City Park

Starting at two o'clock this afternoon, the Christian church Bible school picnic will be held at the city park. The prizes for the athletic program will be paid in thrift stamps and the program is as follows:

Boys' foot race, ages 6 to 10—10 to 15.
Girls' foot race, ages 6 to 10—10 to 15.
Tug of war between girls and boys.
Boys' rope climbing contest, age 6 to 10—10 to 15.
Boys' chinning contest, age 6 to 10—10 to 15.
Girls' running broad jump, age 10 to 15.
Boys' running board jump, age 6 to 10—10 to 15.
Boys' 50 yard dash, age 6 to 12.
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Boys' sack race, age 6 to 10—10 to 15.
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Boys and girls' potato race.
Boys' three leged race.
Boys' watermelon eating contest.
Volley ball contest, ladies vs. men.
Ladies' tennis contest.
Ladies' and men's wheelbarrow contest.
Ladies' baseball throwing contest.
Young ladies' nail driving contest.
Young ladies' foot race.

A pennant will be given to the primary class having the largest attendance on the grounds at roll call, also one will be given to the juniors and adults class having the largest number of members present that day will be given a book.

The men are urged to come right from work in their every day clothes to the grounds, the contest between the men and women starts at 5:30. The picnic lunch will be served at 7 p. m., after which a short musical program will be given. Other prizes will be given besides the ones mentioned above, so come early, prepared to have a big time and enjoy the day.

CLASS ONE MEN MAY NOT PICK SERVICE

Men Placed in Class One of the Draft Not Allowed Voluntary Induction Into Army Branches.

Men placed in class one of the draft will not be allowed to pick the branch of service desired by them and enter the same by voluntary induction, as has been done in the past, according to the ruling of Capt. Walter L. Anderson, provost marshal for Nebraska. The local board had made this ruling and were sustained in it by the provost marshal.

Capt. Anderson replied "No" to the following telegram, sent to him yesterday:

"Advise if men placed in class 1-A but not yet called for service, have privilege of selecting branch of service desired by voluntary induction?"

The ruling under which the married men were placed in class 1-A is as follows:

"If a registrant has a wife but no children and there are such other sources of support available that the removal of the registrant will not deprive the wife of reasonably adequate support the registrant goes in class one as not being included in any other division in the schedule."

LABOR COMMITTEE FOR BOX BUTTE COUNTY

Prominent Box Butte County Citizens Compose Committee Appointed to Handle Labor Situation.

The national committee on prisons and prison labor is making a nationwide effort to have every able bodied man engaged in some useful occupation, whereby he may produce sufficient to support himself and those legally dependent upon him. Subcommittees have been appointed to act and represent the national committee throughout the nation.

For Box Butte county the following committee has been named:

Alliance—
Lloyd C. Thomas, chairman.
Mayor W. E. Rousey
I. E. Tash, county judge.
G. L. Griggs
J. A. Wittowack
T. D. Roberts, police magistrate.
M. W. Buckley
Chas. Brittan
F. A. Bald
D. E. Purinton
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DRAFTED MEN TO HELP LOCAL BOARDS

Men Will Be Drafted Into Service to Aid Selective Service Organizations.

The local, district and medical selective service boards will soon be given power to induct into service either as privates or non-commissioned grades for clerical and administrative work a number of class one registrants. These men are to be physically disqualified for general military service, but are qualified for special or limited service and also specially qualified for such clerical or administrative work.

The order has been transmitted to the local organization from the state officials and reads as follows:

"Fully realizing the difficulties of securing and maintaining competent and ample clerical forces for state headquarters and for local, district and medical advisory boards, and in anticipation of the largely increased volume of work which will result from the enactment into law of the bill now pending in congress to increase the age limits and the necessity for expeditiously classifying the new registrants in order to be ready to respond instantly to all calls for men, this office has requested and secured authority to induct into service either as privates or in non-commissioned grades for clerical and administrative work at state headquarters and of local, district and medical advisory boards, class 1 registrants, who are physically disqualified for general military service, but qualified for special or limited military service and also specially qualified for such clerical and administrative work. Detailed instructions concerning the induction of such registrants, their mustering in, the non-commissioned rank which may be allowed in certain cases, etc., will be issued in due course. Until such instructions are promulgated and specific authority issued by this office for the induction of such registrants no steps should be taken except that boards should make careful inspection of their lists of class 1 limited service men qualified as clerks and ascertain whether or not there may be some registrants in deferred classes who will be willing to waive deferred classification and be inducted for this purpose. Local boards should make a tentative list of such men, bearing in mind that such registrants will be needed not only for localboards, but also headquarters and district medical advisory boards."

Misses Etta and Hannah Keane left Sunday night for Lincoln, where they will visit relatives for a short time.

Mrs. Jerry Rowan left Sunday night for Omaha to take special instruction in war lecture work. Mrs. Rowan is a very competent woman and will be a great help in this line of work.

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POTASH STUDY IN SCHOOL OF MINES

Colorado Realizes Importance of Potash Industry and Takes Up Study of Resources

Realizing the importance of the potash industry of western Nebraska to the United States and allies, the officials in charge of the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colorado, are adding a special course at the fall term which opens on September 3.

Prof. L. D. Roberts, who has joined the faculty from the University of Chicago, will have charge of the potash course of study. He will keep in close touch with the experiments now being conducted by the federal bureau of mines, at the old Portland mill in Colorado City, and also with the development of the potash industry in western Nebraska, from which 45 per cent of America's supply was derived in 1917. Former members of the school of mines faculty are largely in charge of the Nebraska enterprises, backed to a large extent by Camaha capital.

The establishment of a wool scouring plant at Denver is being seriously considered. A New Mexico citizen claims to have invented a method of scouring wool with dry chemical powders, rescuing valuable by-products in potash which are lost by the wet method of scouring. It may not be long until every sheep will assist the farmers of the east by contributing his mite of potash via way of the wool which goes with his clip.

J. O. Kerns, former traveling freight agent for the Burlington railroad company in the live stock division, is now holding a responsible position with the Kansas City Union Stock Yards company. Mr. Kerns was an Alliance visitor on Thursday and Friday of last week and reports an excellent business. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the live stock section of western Nebraska and adjoining states.

A delegation headed by A. F. Stryker, of the South Omaha stockyards, has been in Washington urging that Secretary McAdoo, as director general of the railroads, to intervene in behalf of aiding the shipment of thousands of cattle from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and other southern states to western Nebraska—the "long grass country." Confidence was expressed by members of the delegation that their suggestion would be complied with by the railroad administration. It was said that Mr. McAdoo would investigate the situation and if it is as represented he will furnish cars and right of way for speedy shipment of the stock, which it is claimed is in danger of being lost through lack of forage.

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GROCERIES DONATED TO ALLIANCE-RED CROSS

Merchants Found Guilty of Violation of Food Regulations Make Donations.

Two Alliance grocery firms were found guilty last week of violation of the federal food administration regulations and were given the alternative of donating \$10 dollars each to the Alliance chapter of the Red Cross or of standing prosecution under the food regulations. Each paid the doation to the Red Cross and promised to be good in the future.

R. T. Morgan, manager of the Hamilton Grocery Co., admitted he had sold 20 pounds of sugar without requiring the proper receipt and credentials. He assumed the blame and said that because it was brown sugar he believed he had the right to sell the amount. He promised to be good in the future, after receiving a severe scolding from County food administrator Ira E. Tash.

H. Essay was found guilty of selling twenty-four pounds of white flour and only ten pounds of substitutes to Mrs. H. H. Bostrum on August 22. He promised to observe the regulations faithfully in the future.

Arthur Bomgardner, who sold his ranch some months ago and purchased a house in Alliance, afterwards renting it to Sam Sims, a painter, retained one room for the storage of his furniture. Sims reported that food was hoarded there and County food administrator Ira E. Tash went before County Judge Ira E. Tash, who having faith in the integrity of the food administrator, issued a search warrant, with the result that ten sacks of flour and forty-five pounds of sugar were discovered in the room. Bomgardner appeared and said that he was not aware of the regulation. The foodstuffs were sold and the net proceeds, amounting to \$29 were given to the Red Cross.

According to instructions received yesterday, there will be no more wheatless days or meals after September 1. It will be necessary to use war bread, however, made on the ratio of twenty per cent substitutes and 80 per cent white flour. Ready mixed Victory flour, made on the 80-20 basis, will be sold. Or the person who desires to eat white bread for four days and corn bread for the next day, may do so.

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