

A JURY IS SECURED.

Trial of Pugilist Lindsay's Case Is Actually Commenced.

COUNTY BRIDGING CONTRACT.

J. R. Sheely, Who Has Had the Work For the Past Year, Again Secures the Contract at a Much Lower Figure.

The Lindsay case, on trial in district court before Judge Chapman, took a somewhat unexpected turn yesterday and a jury was secured early after the opening of court.

Geo. Meisinger, farmer. J. M. Gardner, farmer. Milton Wolfe, farmer. J. W. Magney, farmer. Harry Todd, farmer. Jno. Vick, merchant. Jno. Brown, farmer. Jno. Adams, banker. R. E. Countryman, farmer. Wm. Sikes, school teacher. W. A. Brown, farmer. W. F. Hall, farmer.

The examination of witnesses was commenced at the afternoon session and at four o'clock the state had called six witnesses to the stand. At this rate the case can hardly go to the jury for final determination before Friday.

The court room has been well-filled and interest seems to be quite general.

The County Bridging.

The county commissioners opened the bids for county bridging for the next year at the court house yesterday and let the work to Mr. J. R. Sheely of Lincoln, the gentleman who has had the contract for the past year.

The contract price for the year just ended was \$3.80 per lineal foot, the total expense to the county for bridging during that period amounting to \$4,600.

Rawles-Cochran.

The marital nuptials of Carlos A. Rawles, Esq. and Mary Cochran were celebrated at the home of the bride's parents in the precinct at noon yesterday in the presence of a goodly company of relatives and friends.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Holmes, and for years has resided in this county. The groom is a diligent, faithful and aspiring young attorney and has resided in the city for the past four years.

Said to Have Had Many Wives.

J. A. Walters, the veteran soldier and B. & M. detective who suicided in this city several days ago, seems to have been a man with many wives. It was reported that he had one in Denver; that he attempted to kill one here when he suicided, and now there is information that he had two in Pennsylvania, one at York and still another at Harrisburg.

Dr. Alexander D. Fitzgerald block.

A Thought From the Seaford.

Those who witnessed the execution of Harry Hill Friday could not but admire his deportment throughout the trying ordeal. From the moment that those within the enclosure where the execution took place first saw him appear through the jail window, to the last, he never weakened.

Dr. Sturdevant's Office Destroyed.

The following dispatch from Elmwood in Tuesday's Lincoln Journal, dated Monday, tells of a destructive fire which visited the town of Alvo, a bustling village in the western part of this county, and well-nigh destroyed the entire business portion of the town.

The little town of Alvo, located on the Rock Island seven miles northwest of Elmwood, was visited by a destructive fire at 1 o'clock this morning, destroying the State bank, general store of Waugh & Son, drug store of B. A. Root, meat market and restaurant of Frank Scott.

The origin is unknown. There had been no fire in the building since Saturday night. Dr. Sturdevant's loss is about \$200, with no insurance. He entered the drug store to try to recover his books, but was overcome by the smoke and barely got out in time to save his life.

The Income Tax.

Tuesday's World Herald says: "Returns for income tax, which were all due yesterday until an extension to April 15 was made last week, are coming in rapidly. Collector North has about 500 already. Some of these are not properly filled out and will be sent back.

FATE SOON DECIDED.

Testimony in Lindsay's Case Ended and Arguments Taken Up.

BOTH SIDES ARE RATHER WEAK.

Testimony Introduced by Both Prosecution and Defense Hardly Up to Expectations—Some Other Miscellaneous Jottings.

The Lindsay murder trial, commenced yesterday morning in district court, after a day had been spent in securing a jury, is now all but finished and the prisoner's fate, barring an extra long session by the jury, will have been made known by tomorrow.

The state introduced its last witness shortly before the noon hour, and the defence opened its side of the controversy by putting Lindsay on the stand. The prisoner's testimony was in effect a complete denial of intentionally jabbing the deceased Robbins in the abdomen with his elbow, and the bulk of the testimony introduced by the defence was on the line that the intent was lacking by reason of the position being taken that Robbins really rushed onto Lindsay's elbow and shoulder.

The audience was large and the opinion prevails generally that, while the defence has been weak, the testimony introduced by the state has not been as strong as first anticipated, and a verdict for manslaughter is generally believed will follow.

The introduction of the state's testimony in rebuttal was concluded at about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and Judge Chapman then devoted about thirty minutes to addressing his instructions to the jury.

County Attorney Polk was making the opening argument as we go to press. Messrs. Beeson, Root and Gurley will follow for the defence in the order named and Mr. Woolsey will represent the state in the closing.

Many Claims for a Pension.

Today's Omaha Bee says: "Dr. Stone of the Grand Army of the Republic has received a letter from the woman who claims to be the first and legal wife of J. A. Walters, the soldier who suicided in this city a few days ago. She lives in Harrisburg, Pa., and in the letter she makes inquiries regarding the discharge papers which Walters had upon his person.

Mrs. Walters the first, however, thinks that she stands a pretty good show for a pension. In her letter she says that she was married to Walters on January 12, 1866. Twelve years ago he left her and started west. She did not see him till last November. At that time she says that he told her that he had married several other women, but that they would never give her any trouble as he had never been divorced from her.

Walters had given his discharge papers to the woman to whom he was married in this city. She immediately after her husband's death hunted up her marriage certificate and the four discharges and started to apply for a pension. Her marriage with Walters occurred in January, 1894, and this date barred her from receiving the pension. A recent act of Congress provides that a woman who marries a veteran soldier after June, 1893, is not entitled to receive a pension after his death.

The day before Walters killed himself he wrote to Mrs. Walters the first and told her of his intention of committing suicide, and gave her the assurance that she would get a pension. Some time before the commission of the deed the Omaha Mrs. Walters claims that Walters gave her the discharge papers, together with the assurance that she was in line for the pension. It is suspected that Walters managed to gather his many wives by promising each one that she should get the pension after his death.

Although Walters swerved somewhat from the conventional in the number of his wives, he had an excellent war record. He had four honorable discharges from the army. He enlisted in the Sixteenth Pennsylvania infantry on April 28, 1861, and was discharged on July 27, following. He re-enlisted with the One Hundred and Thirtieth Pennsylvania infantry on August 4, 1862, and remained in the company until February 16, 1863. On June 27, 1863, he enlisted in the Twentieth Pennsylvania and was discharged on January 6, 1864. He then enlisted with the Twelfth Pennsylvania cavalry on February 23, 1864, and was discharged on July 26, 1865.

Bank Robber Has a Bad Record. There is a possibility that one of the Griswold bank robbers arrested in Council Bluffs a short time ago is guilty of a greater crime than safe blowing. The one in question is the robber who was wounded during the battle between the officers and the crooks, and who gave his name as L. B. Smith. The crime that it is thought he may have committed is murder. It is a well established fact that the members of the gang which took part in the robbery are eastern criminals and of the most experienced and dangerous kind.

The murder in which Smith is suspected of being implicated was committed in Cleveland, O., on the night of September 15 of last year. At that time there were operating in that city a very skillful lot of safe blowers and the police were keeping a pretty sharp lookout for them. One of the officers who was trying to get on the trail was Sergeant N. H. Sheehan. On the night in question he stumbled across three men in the act of blowing a safe in a jewelry store. He endeavored to capture them, but the true nature of the encounter between the officer and the burglars can never be told, as nothing was known of it until the next morning, when the sergeant was found lying dead beside a kit of tools and a half opened safe.

Two of the safe blowers were afterwards captured and from them it was discovered that there were three doing the job. They admitted that they were doing the work when the officer entered but denied that either had fired the fatal shot. Both claimed that it was fired by the third man, who has never been captured. They gave his name as Henry Jackson, Jackson is a crook known to the eastern police and has served long terms in New York and New Jersey penitentiaries for burglaries and safe blowing. He is not only a skillful criminal in these lines, but also a very dangerous man.

As soon as Jackson was given away by his accomplices his photograph and a description were sent over the country and a reward of \$1,500 offered for his arrest. The description shows that he is a man of 35 years of age, weighs in the neighborhood of 160 pounds, is five feet nine inches in height, has dark hair and a dark complexion. His eyes are very peculiar, being very deepy sunken. This description almost identically corresponds to that of the wounded Griswold bank robber, Smith, who has admitted that he is 34 years of age. His appearance answers to that of the escaped murderer, even the peculiarity of the eyes. The Council Bluffs police are much struck with this similarity that it is understood that they will communicate with the Cleveland police in order to discover if he is Jackson.

The kits of tools found on the Griswold robbers when they were captured are of exactly the same kind as those found beside the murdered sergeant in Cleveland. This is taken as an indication that the robbers may be members of the same gang who worked the east last fall.

While he was in Council Bluffs Smith gave two other names, registering at the Ogden house as W. W. Barnes and under another name at another hotel.

AROUND THE GOVERNOR'S ROOMS.

DISTRICT COURT.

The arguments in the case of Welton vs. Atkinson, tried Tuesday in district court, were submitted this morning, and after a four hours' session, the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$150.28. This takes the costs up to Welton and is virtually a victory for the defense.

COUNTY COURT.

License to wed was issued in county court today to Mr. Chas. Oliver McDonald and Miss Zoe Anna Clifford. They are aged 19 and 17 years respectively.

License to wed was issued in county court Saturday to Mr. Edgar M. Stone and Miss Lula Kitzel, also to Mr. I. Dean Stone and Miss Leah M. Hartman. The two prospective grooms are sons of Isaac Stone of Greenwood precinct, an ex-member of the state legislature from this county. The Miss Hartman mentioned is a daughter of Jeremiah Hartman, a former resident of this city.

JUSTICE COURT.

Robert Hill, an employe in the Cullem stone quarries, took unto himself an enormous jag and the police very kindly allowed him the privilege of passing the night in jail. Saturday morning Police Judge Archer assessed his pleasure as being worth \$5.25 and on payment of same was released.

Justice Archer was hearing the testimony Monday in the suit of Loren Raney vs. Van Horn, the barber. Raney, for cause of action, alleges that Van Horn was to teach him the barber's trade for the sum of \$10, and in turn was to receive his board free for six months. Raney to receive nothing for his labor. After working for three weeks, Van Horn is charged with sending the apprentice away and would give the latter no further instructions in the trade. Raney fixes his damages at \$25. Justice Archer has the matter under advisement.

A Question of Jurisdiction.

Milton Remley, attorney general of Iowa; A. S. Churehill, attorney general for Nebraska; C. W. Kellogg, attorney for Harrison county, Iowa, and C. W. Sears, attorney for Burt county, Nebraska; Sheriffs Coulthard of Harrison county and H. H. Bowers of Burt county, were in Council Bluffs Tuesday in conference over the question as to whether Burt or Harrison county has jurisdiction over a small piece of land at present joined to the Nebraska side of the Missouri river, but at various times in the past on first the Iowa and then the Nebraska side.

Last month Robert Phillips was murdered in a quarrel over the ownership of some land in this disputed strip. The question as to jurisdiction immediately arose, and neither county is willing to admit that the land belongs within its boundaries, and each is trying to shift the burden of dealing with the murder on the shoulders of the other.

The conference developed a wide difference of opinion, but no conclusion was arrived at.

To the Humane Society.

The following letter, in the handwriting of Harry Hill, was handed us for publication as a final message of the condemned man to the Omaha Humane society, which had shown a kind disposition toward him. The letter was placed in an envelope and directed to "Reverend Father Cook," who was one of the priests that attended the condemned man:

PLATTSMOUTH, Feb 28th, '95. The object of this life is simply a preparation for the one to come. To embrace the time and only saving faith of that living church, founded and handed down to us through all ages and time, by the living God himself. It is not the work of a man, but the grand and sublime work of a God, viz: Grand and old Roman Catholic church. HARRY HILL.

Is Sincerely Thankful.

The undersigned hereby returns his most sincere thanks to Sheriff Eikenbary; also to Jailer Denson and the guards for their gentlemanly courtesies to me during my visits to the late Harry Hill. FATHER CARNEY.

Sheriff Eikenbary has filed a bill for \$500 with the county commissioners for "reading death warrant and conducting execution of Harry Hill." The law fixes a fee for conducting executions at any sum which the commissioners may deem just and fair. The board had the bill under advisement today, but at four o'clock no action had been taken.

Only the very best cigars sold at Gerwig & Co.'s.

OFFICERS SELECTED.

Business Affairs Of the Agricultural Society In Good Hands.

NEW SECRETARY IS CHOSEN.

Geo. M. Spurlock Resigns the Secretaryship And Mr. T. H. Pollock Is Named To Attend To the Duties of That Office—Notes.

Some two dozen members of the Cass County Agricultural society met at the court house Saturday afternoon and discussed various subjects in relation to the next annual meeting of the society, to be held in this city next September.

In the selection of officers the following was the result:

President—F. M. Richey. Vice-president—R. B. Windham. Secretary—T. H. Pollock. Treasurer—Jno. H. Becker. Gen'l sup't—Henry Eikenbary. Directors—Levi Churchill, Amos Todd, Wm. Wattenkamp, Jacob Valley, Jr., Henry Boeck and Samuel Richardson.

Mr. Geo. M. Spurlock, who has served as secretary for the fairs of '93 and '94, was unanimously tendered a re-election, but he declined, and urged the society to choose Mr. T. H. Pollock, which was done by acclamation. The new secretary is a young business man possessing every qualification needed in fulfilling the office, and the society is to be congratulated on its choice.

A committee composed of the president, secretary and Mr. Spurlock was selected to fix the dates for the '95 fair and to revise and prepare the premium list.

For and Against the Orton Bill.

Representative Ed Heward of Sarpy county writes to his paper, the Papillon Times, as follows:

"We had a merry time on Wednesday of last week before the roads and bridges committee. County Attorney Leifer, Clerk Wilson, Commissioners Begley and Grell, Editor Raker, Arthur Spearman and P. J. Lingdon were here to help me defeat the obnoxious Orton bill, which proposed in effect to permit the Cass county board to transact business for Sarpy county. Our two commissioners and county clerk testified as officials that Sarpy county had no earthly use for Platte river bridges, and that not ten voters in the county would ask the commissioners to accept the Clarke bridge as a gift. Attorney Leifer made a splendid argument against the Orton measure, proving conclusively that the measure is a piece of vicious class legislation, intended to vote money into the pockets of H. T. Clarke, the owner of the bridge, and St. Patterson, the South Bend merchant prince. Mr. Chace, chairman of the bridge committee, now informs me that his committee will report in favor of killing the bill, all of which will be good news to the taxpayers, who will be under renewed obligations to our commissioners, clerk and attorney for their successful fight against the enemy. While the Orton bill now lies dead, there are others to take its place, two in the senate and one in the house, both of which have the same aim. However, I feel confident in predicting at this time that the house will kill all such bills.

Sought a Rehearing.

The supreme court at Lincoln listened all day yesterday to reargument of two points in the famous suit of Fitzgerald against the Missouri Pacific railroad. The original judgment in favor of John Fitzgerald and the Malory Construction company was for \$765,000. A rehearing was granted on two claims, one for \$500,000 as a discount of Missouri Pacific bonds, and the other for \$150,000, being a discount of \$1,000 per mile on a road constructed. The claim for \$500,000 was allowed by the court in the original judgment, but the \$150,000 claim was disallowed at that time. The Missouri Pacific company was represented by Messrs. Waggoner and John L. Webster, while the plaintiffs were represented by Messrs. DeWeese, Hail and Woolworth.

The Mortgage Record.

The February mortgage record, as compiled at the court house, is as follows: Farm property—filed, \$49,445.55; satisfied, \$25,494.55. Town property—filed, \$32,939.50; satisfied, \$5,348.25. Chattel mortgages—filed, \$5,259.80; satisfied, \$6,427.48.

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