

OVER THE STATE.

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THE board of the new Wesleyan Methodist university has advertised for bids for the construction of the buildings at Lincoln, and the plans complete are at the office of the secretary.

A PLAT of ten acres of ground will be given to the party who will build a brick hotel in Fairmont to cost not less than \$10,000.

C. E. HUNTER, who has been one of the most zealous laborers in the field of Masonry in North Nebraska, was recently presented by his brethren in Corinthian lodge No. 83, of Wakefield, with \$100 in gold, as a slight token of their appreciation of his labors.

A RED WILLOW special says: To compensate us for our four days' dust storm we have had a four days' rain with about three inches of rainfall.

A STATE convention of the A. O. U. W. order will convene in Lincoln on the 10th of May.

GOV. THAYER has received a letter from the consul of her majesty, Queen Victoria, stationed at Chicago, announcing that Nebraska has been put under the consular jurisdiction of Chicago.

A BENEVOLENT dispatch says: A disgraceful row, which may lead to serious results, occurred here Saturday night.

JOHN A. BELTZER, who last fall absconded with the funds of the Dundy County bank, was drinking in Lewis Bros.' saloon, and became very offensive in his manner, swearing vengeance upon those who had denounced his career in Dundy county.

Wm. told to leave the house Belzler drew a pistol, whereupon the bartender knocked him senseless with a billiard cue. The excitement ran high, and talk of lynching was freely indulged in.

HE should be turned loose there is a strong probability that he will meet a violent death, as he has declared that he would die with his boots on sooner than submit to justice.

MRS. NANCY MARTIN, wife of Father Martin, the venerable Dakota City editor, died suddenly last week.

STROMSBURG complains of insufficient railroad accommodations, and has appealed to the state commission to remedy the evil.

EX-SECRETARY ROGGEN, the new proprietor of the Capital hotel, Lincoln, will take possession May 1.

LOCH VAN BRUNT, of Lincoln, Neb., head brakeman on a Missouri Pacific train, while crossing the top of an incoming train near Lexington, Mo., was struck on the head by the timbers in the Lewis bridge and knocked between the cars.

THE citizens of Falls City have petitioned for a suburban train to Omaha on the Missouri Pacific.

NORTHWESTERN Christian assembly grounds have been established at Long Pine, Brown county. The capital stock of the association is \$75,000.

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Which Have Been Disposed Of by the Inter-State Commission.

Washington dispatch: The following is a synopsis embodying the material points of by far the most important action yet taken by the inter-state commerce commission:

A decision is rendered in the case of two petitions—one from the order of Railway Conductors and one from the Travelers' and Travelers' union—which are of a kind that render the decision especially interesting on account of their being representatives of a very large number of applications made to the commission.

The latter petition deals with the manner in which the former system of allowing additional free baggage has been interfered with by the inter-state commerce law.

The petition of the order of Railway Conductors asks for information as to the proper interpretation of the law as applying to the issuance of passes to railway employees and their families, and to those who make railway service their business, while temporarily out of employment.

In reply to Bishop Knickerbocker, of Indiana, who inquired as to the right of a railroad to transport missionaries at special reduced rates, the commission writes that it has no power in the premises.

There is no doubt," Judge Cooley adds, "of the right of railroads to grant special privileges to religious teachers and to deal in good faith with them as they do, they can securely be said to incur the risk of penalties. The penalties are for willful violations of the law and not for errors of judgment."

In the matter of the Iowa Barb Steel Wire company of Marshalltown, Ia., which asked authority for railroads to continue certain "equalized rates" of transportation, the commission says: "It is apparent that what is prayed for is an exceptional privilege not granted to manufacturers in general, and which must be of very great value to the trade in which it is favored."

No doubt," he said, "in the petition it is true—that the described industry has prospered in consequence, and that the city where it is located has received some share of the benefit. But whether a special privilege of this sort, granted to manufacturers on a single line, but not generally, is consistent with the principles of equity and justice, which the inter-state commerce law undertakes to establish, is a question upon which an opinion ought to be expressed only after the most careful consideration."

The consequences of an answer favorable to the petitioner might to some extent affect other interests and give rise to complaints of discrimination, and the commission ought clearly to see that duty requires an answer before it proceeds to give one on extra applications.

The petitioner in this case makes no complaint of law by railroad companies. The complaint is that a privilege is not granted; but this privilege is one which, if lawful, railroad companies might withhold on their own view of what was dictated by their interest or policy.

On the other hand, if the privilege is one which railroad companies cannot grant voluntarily because of its coming under the condemnation of the law, either can the commission give authority to grant it.

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Sioux City dispatch: The jury in the case of John Aresdorf, charged with the murder of Rev. George C. Haddock, disagreed and were finally discharged by the court at 11:50 a. m. to-day.

THE jury stood eleven for acquittal and one for conviction. Dennis O'Connell was the jurymen who stood out for conviction, and when the jury was final the court thereupon discharged the jury from further service.

There were but few persons in the courtroom when the judge asked the Haddock jury to report. When the foreman announced that eleven jurors were agreed to acquit the prisoner, Juror O'Connell, who is a farmer living in Liberty township, arose and said in a feeling manner that he did not wish to be considered a stubborn man, but he had taken the oath before God and man to honestly determine the case as far as he was concerned, and that he endeavored to regard that obligation. If he were to remain in the jury room a month, he could not and would not change his opinion. No one who heard Juror O'Connell and witnessed his emotions could doubt the sincerity of his motive. Judge Lewis thereupon discharged the jury.

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A Memorial Meeting in the Assembly Chamber at Albany, N. Y.

Albany (N. Y.) special: The exercises in memory of the late President Arthur, which were held in the assembly chamber this evening, attracted a large and distinguished audience, including most of the senators and assemblymen and many of their wives; the relatives of Mr. Arthur, including C. A. Arthur, jr., Miss Ellen Arthur, James S. Masten and Arthur H. Masten, of Cohoes, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McElroy, Miss Mamie McElroy and Mr. W. H. McElroy. Among others present were Surgeon Robins of New York and ex-United States Marshal McMichael of Washington.

The chamber was simply draped with the national colors. A large portrait of Mr. Arthur was placed behind the speaker's desk. The meeting was called to order by Senator Smith, who introduced Governor Hill, as chairman. The governor, who was warmly applauded, responded in a few words appropriate to the occasion. Addresses were then delivered by ex-United States Attorney-General Brewster, who eloquently outlined the career of the ex-president, and by the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew who paid a high tribute to the character and achievements of the deceased. In the course of his address Mr. Depew said:

"When the end came for Gen. Garfield, Arthur entered the white house, as he had taken the oath of office, alone. A weaker man would have succumbed, a narrower one would have seized upon the patronage and endeavored to build up his power by strengthening his faction. But the lineage and training of Arthur stood in this solemn and critical hour for patriotism and manliness. Friends, co-workers within the lines, and associates under the old conditions looking for opportunities, for recognition or for revenge retired chastened and enlightened from the presence of the United States."

"President Arthur will be distinguished both for what he did and what he refrained from doing. The calm and judiciousness of his public feeling, the vehemence of the angry and vindictive passions of the time, demanded the rarest of negative as well as positive qualities. The calm and even course of the government allowed all excitement and appeal to the better judgment of the people. In the hour of adversity or brilliant, his administration was sensible and strong, and admirably adjusted to the conditions which created and attended it. He spoke vigorously for the reform and improvement of the civil service, and when congress, acting upon his suggestions, enacted the law for the civil service machinery for its executions which has since accomplished most satisfactory results. On questions of currency and finance he met the needs of public and private credit and the best commercial sentiment of the country. He knew the necessity for efficient coast defenses and a navy equal to the requirements of the age. He keenly felt the weakness of our merchant marine and the total destruction of the proud position we had formerly held among the maritime nations of the world, and did what he could to rectify the defects of our maritime and patriotic legislation. There has rarely been, in the history of popular governments, so great a contrast in the public appreciation of Gen. Arthur at the time of his inauguration and when he returned from office. The president of whom little was expected and much feared, for his private life enjoying in a larger degree than most of his predecessors the profound respect and warm regard of the people, without distinction of party. He said to me early in his administration: 'My sole ambition is to enjoy the confidence of my countrymen.' Toward this noble ideal he strove with unswerving purpose. Even in the mistakes he made could be seen his manly struggle to be right. Once again in private station and resuming the practice of his profession, he moved among his fellow-citizens receiving the homage and recognition which came of their pride in the man who had borne the honors and administered the duties of the chief magistracy of the republic. In his last illness he had the sympathy and prayers of the nation, and the grand gathering of men most distinguished in every department of our public and private life, who sorrowfully bore him to the grave, was the solemn tribute of the whole people through their representatives to his worth as a man and his eminence as a public servant."

THE WORK COMPLETED.

Revision of the Constitution of the Knights of Labor.

Boston special: Henry Abrahams, one of the committee of four appointed at the last national assembly of the Knights of Labor to revise the constitution of the order, said today that the work had been completed. The new constitution will permit the formation of national trade districts, but those local assemblies composed exclusively of one trade, but attached to a district assembly of mixed trades, must obtain permission of the district assembly in order to go out and form a national trade district. After obtaining this consent they must forward their application to the general secretary, who will lay the matter before the general executive board, and the secretary will then submit the matter to all local assemblies of that craft in the country. Another law is to the effect that no trades union can require a person to join their union before they can join the Knights of Labor organization of their craft. The temperance feature of the organization will be more strongly enforced than ever before. Not only will rum-sellers be prohibited from membership, but no local assembly will be allowed to have any social gathering or any picnic where liquor is sold, and no members will be allowed to dispense liquor for and in the name of the assembly.

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