

STUDYING PRISON METHODS.

Nebraska's Penitentiary Compares Favorably With Those of Other States.

MORE HUMANE IN MANY RESPECTS.

How the New Cell House Will Be Constructed in Order to Insure the Best Possible Results.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special to The Bee.)—Attorney General Hastings, Secretary of State Allen, Land Commissioner Humphrey and Warden Hopkins of the state penitentiary, returned last night from a somewhat extended official tour of inspection, upon which they visited the United States military prison at Leavenworth, the Kansas state penitentiary at the same place, the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City, the south Illinois penitentiary at Chester, and the northern institution at Joliet, and the Indiana penitentiary at Michigan City.

In answer to a question as to the object of the trip, Secretary of State Allen said to The Bee representative: "The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings will soon be called upon to decide upon the plans for the cells in the new cell house that is to be erected at the Nebraska state penitentiary. We feel that, while the old cell house is well adapted to the security of the prisoners, the ventilating and sanitary conditions are not satisfactory. The members of the board visited these several institutions in order to obtain insight into the best methods of ventilating, in order that convicts may not be tortured by being confined in overcrowded, damp, unwholesome and ill-ventilated cells."

"Our inquiries, while directed largely to cells, cell houses, their several modes of construction, size, ventilation and sanitary arrangements, yet touched upon the treatment of prisoners, punishments imposed, food furnished the prisoners, manner of feeding, whether in dining rooms or in cells, manner of preparing food, the use or disuse of corporal punishment, discipline, etc., were all investigated, and our party has made many inquiries and received many information that will be of vast use and benefit in the completion of the prison. In all the institutions we have visited, we find but one where fogging was resorted to as a mode of punishment."

"While we find the ventilation of cells and cell houses in our own prison of an inferior character, yet the heating is superior to that of any institution visited. Our discipline is superior, all things considered, to any we have seen, excepting perhaps that of the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, where the military prisoners of the United States are confined. The food given the prisoners at our own penitentiary was carefully compared with that of other prisons and compares favorably with most of them. We found the lock-step, with right hand on file leader's shoulder in use in no other penitentiary we saw. In the military prison, and in Missouri, the prisoners simply fold their arms when going about the yards. We have taken copious and definite notes of matters in which we are interested concerning each institution we visited, and have gathered their reports, statistics, etc., so far as we could. We are convinced Nebraska has a less prison population per capita than any state in the union, and fewer of the prisoners are illiterate. We find also that the proportion of females to males in several states we examined is about as here—2 per cent."

"The humane treatment of prisoners in the Nebraska penitentiary stands out prominently, when like institutions are considered. We have no coal mine 800 feet down in the earth where prisoners toil each day, as in Kansas, the whipping post of Missouri does not exist, nor the hanging up by the wrists, as in Illinois."

All of the members of the party expressed views very similar to those of Secretary Allen, and there can be no question as to the benefits that will result to the Nebraska institution from the trip of inspection.

In the Supreme Court. The case of P. B. Murphy et al against Mary J. Gould was filed with the clerk of the supreme court today. Murphy was a saloon keeper in the village of Albion, county, Neb., and Mary J. Gould sued him and his bossman for damages in the amount of \$5,000 for selling liquor to her husband, Willard Gould, after it was known that he was a confirmed drunkard. On December 21, 1890, Mrs. Gould was awarded \$500 by the jury in the case. The case came to the supreme court on the ground that the verdict was contrary to and not sustained by the evidence adduced at the trial, and Murphy asks that the judgment be reversed, a new trial granted, and for such other relief as justice may require.

The case of George P. Lewis against Carrie R. Baker comes to the supreme court from Boone county. Carrie R. Baker claimed to be the owner of a lot in the village of Albion, and she had erected a fence around a piece of ground nine feet and five inches in width which belonged to the village. Carrie applied to the district court for a perpetual injunction restraining the village of Albion from removing the fence. Judge T. O. C. Harrison granted the injunction and now the village wants the supreme court to reopen the case.

The case of the Lancaster County bank against Theodore Horn comes from Lancaster county. On October 30, 1890, the bank made a deed of assignment of its real estate property and real estate situated at Emerald, Roscoe, Stockwell and Doughton, to Sheriff McClay in trust for the benefit of its creditors. November 19, the Lancaster County bank levied upon the property covered by the deed of assignment. The bank then filed the deed of assignment with the county clerk, but not with the register of deeds. The point at issue in the district court was whether or not a deed of assignment would hold good unless filed with the register of deeds. The lower court decided that it would.

The case of H. A. Merrill against the city of Omaha comes from Judge Wateley's court and is a case wherein the plaintiff alleges the wrongful and illegal assessment of taxes on lot 8 in block 25 in the city of Omaha, which he purchased at tax sale in 1888.

A similar case to the above also comes from Douglas county and is entitled Ames C. Pennock against the county of Douglas, the city of Omaha and John Rush, ex-treasurer of Douglas county. Corner Holyoke brings a case to the supreme court in which the commissioners of Lancaster county are defendants. There has always been a squabble in this county between the coroners and the county commissioners over the payment of taxes, and this is a test case. The amount involved is only \$10.

Discrimination Remedied. On December 9 G. M. Murphy, a grain dealer at Dorchester, complained to the secretaries of the State Board of Transportation that the B. & M. railroad had neglected to furnish cars for the shipment of grain, and that point, although shippers at Crete were better supplied. Murphy claimed that he had 60,000 bushels of grain at Dorchester which he was unable to ship on account of the scarcity of cars. The secretaries at once addressed a communication to General Superintendent Calvert, calling his attention to the matter and requesting him to remedy the discrimination without delay. Today a letter was received from Mr. Calvert, which he stated that he had investigated the matter and instructed the agent at Crete that he was not to allow all cars to be loaded that responded to be there. He stated that a great many loaded cars were received at Crete and reloaded there when they should have been distributed to other points. The complaint of Mr. Murphy will be remedied at once, and it is promised that there will be no cause of complaint in the future.

In order to deceive voters, Mr. Baker alleges that the election in that precinct was held where it had been for the past six years. He further alleges that in some precincts voters purposely misled voters by insisting that ballots could be legally marked with a lead pencil in place of ink.

State House Gossip. The bureau of industrial statistics today received the report of statistics of wages in manufacturing industries issued by the interior department. Hon. Alfred Barrow, judge-elect in the Fifteenth judicial district, filed his oath of office with the secretary of state today. The Missouri Valley Medical society will meet in the senate chamber tomorrow evening. Hon. N. V. Harlan of York was a state house visitor.

The best sugar convention assemblies in representative hall tomorrow. Governor Thayer is expected to address the gathering. The adjourned session of the supreme court will convene tomorrow for the purpose of handing down opinions upon cases already heard. It is not likely that any of the district judgeship contests will come up at this session.

Judge Norval of the supreme court arrived from his home in Seward this afternoon. The annual reports of all railroad companies doing business in Nebraska have been received at the office of the State Board of Transportation, with the exception of those of the Union Pacific and the Kearney & Black Hill.

Ex-Governor Furnas is here to attend the best sugar convention. Church Howe will head the Omaha county delegation to the best sugar convention.

M. L. Elsenner, one of Adams county's delegates to the sugar convention, was here today. The daily divorce sensation was today furnished by Mrs. Mary A. Sharp, who came into district court and alleged that she married her husband, Sylvester, in 1881 and that ever since that time her domestic life has been a burden which she would gladly lay down. In her petition she enumerates a long series of injuries and indignities, and asks for an absolute divorce with alimony and the custody of two children. Sharp is a real estate agent residing at Dudley and Myrtle streets, and formerly resided at Hastings. His wife alleges that his property, real and personal, is worth at least \$12,500.

District and Police Court Notes.

Judgments against George Bossleman for \$4,175 were decreed today in favor of H. P. Loh and Harroves Bros. The May will case, involving a \$30,000 estate, was argued today and submitted to the jury late this evening.

The jury in the case of the state against A. G. Spielman, the old man charged with criminally assaulting a young girl, has been unable to reach an agreement.

John Ryan was given fifteen and John Johnson thirty days in the county jail for stealing overcoats.

Six unornamented drunks contributed \$6.30 each to the school fund this morning. Grant Hertran pleaded guilty to vagrancy and was shown the way out of town.

The case of Breed against Wright was finally compromised today to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

The trial of H. L. Barrett for murder in the second degree commenced today. The jury has not as yet been secured. Barrett will plead self defense.

Found Guilty of Assault.

The cases of V. L. Rice and W. H. Stenberg were tried before Judge Tibbets today. Both men were employees of one of the Lincoln street railway companies and were arrested upon the charge of assault and battery, preferred by George Bush, who had been forcibly ejected from a car by the two men because he refused to pay 5 cents for his fare. Bush tendered the court 50 cents for six checks, as the city ordinance clearly entitled him to, but the conductor refused to accept. In the lower court the men were found guilty and the jury in the district court today sustained the former verdict.

Four Policemen Dismissed.

Mayor Weir last evening removed Sergeant Spahn and Officers Carnahan, Enoch and Kemp from the police force. The peremptory discharge of the men was somewhat of a surprise, not only to them, but to the public. Sergeant Spahn has been one of the most popular and efficient men on the force and many expressions of regret were today heard over his dismissal. Mayor Weir stated last evening that he had the efficiency of the force in view in ordering the dismissals.

Odds and Ends.

The home of B. K. Shaffer at 3414 O street has been quarantined on account of diphtheria. A carriage and a motor car collided at the corner of Sixteenth and O streets this afternoon and the motor car got the worst of the deal.

The citizens of the Seventh ward have agreed to organize a volunteer fire department provided the city will furnish them with a hose cart, 1,000 feet of hose and other necessary apparatus.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething gives quiet, helpful rest. 25 cents a bottle.

SLAVE DEALERS IN VICTORIA.

Young Chinese Girls Bought and Sold for Immoral Purposes. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 16.—The authorities of Victoria have discovered in that city regular slave handlers. They buy women as they would buy tea. Investigation has just revealed the career of six Chinese girls who arrived by the Empress of China about the middle of October. These girls, ranging in age from 11 to 14 years, were in charge of two old women. Immediately upon the arrival of the girls the money peddlers of the city offered for \$1,400 and \$1,500 respectively, but they found the four younger ones over to Lin Yoo, a famous procurer, and with instructions to wait for a better market. On Monday last she sold them for \$1,400, \$1,000, \$880 and \$770 respectively, cash being paid down. This sale was made with the assistance of Moy Chung, the head of the High-bauer gang in Victoria, for which he received a commission.

The new Hotel Brunswick, 16th and Jackson, with all modern improvements. Now open for guests. Moderate prices.

Grippe Ravages in Massachusetts. Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—Influenza is raging throughout the state. Mills and schools are suffering and every workshop, store and profession is affected.

Indigestion. Dizziness. Take Beecham's Pills. Died from His Injuries. NEWBURG, N. Y., Dec. 16.—James Kelley, the engineer injured in the Central train wreck at Fishkill last night, died this morning.

Van Houten's Cocoa—"Once tried, used always." Five Drowned in the Tay. LONDON, Dec. 16.—The fishing boat Osprey has foundered in the Tay. Her crew of five men were drowned.

DR. PRICE'S DELICIOUS Flavoring Extracts. NATURAL FRUIT FLAVORS. Vanilla - Of perfect purity. Lemon - Of great strength. Orange - Economy in their use. Almond - Flavor as delicately and deliciously as the fresh fruit. Rose etc.

MUST EXPLAIN THE AFFAIR.

Illinois Insane Asylum will be Thoroughly Overhauled.

WHAT AN INQUIRY MAY DEVELOP.

Though Sensations Have Been Less Frequent Here Than in Other State Institutions, it will be Investigated.

CHICAGO BUREAU OF THE BEE.

The result of the disclosures about the rotten state of affairs at the state insane asylum, it is said, will be a thorough overhauling of the institution by order of Governor Filer. Charges against this institution are not altogether unknown, but they have been less frequent than in the case of some of the other state charitable institutions.

In official circles Dr. Carver's management has been presumed to be of the first-class order, and on that account the effect of the exposure was more deeply felt. The governor has for more than two weeks been confined to his room at the executive mansion. The chances are that he will wait for the result of the inquiry made by Dr. Fred H. Wents, secretary of the state board of public charities. Dr. Wents is now on his way home from Boston and will arrive today.

Odds and Ends.

Another elevated railway ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting of the city council. The Chicago and South Park Elevated Railway company, of which A. J. Cooper is president, has bought the franchise of the Equitable Transportation company in the Town of Lake, and in connection with the franchise to be asked of the council, will build a new cross street.

The Illinois Central officials emphatically deny the story published in an afternoon paper yesterday which alleges that the stockholders were agitating the construction of an elevated road to the World's fair grounds on the present right of way of the road.

In spite of the suicide verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of Carrie Smith, whose body was taken from Lake Michigan at the foot of the city, the coroner's jury of November 21, there are strong indications that death did not come at her own seeking. It now develops that on the night preceding the discovery of the body, the coroner was assisting the carriages of a man close to where the body was found a few hours afterwards, and that at the time of the recovery of the body a stone was found about the neck which was removed before the coroner's inquest had been held.

Gerlie Bouze, a buxom German girl 16 years of age, committed suicide while dependent over unrequited love, by taking 25 cents worth of morphine at her home, 104 south Morgan street. Gerlie secured the drug by forging a receipt for it which purported to come from the lady by whom she was employed.

Charles Parker married Etta Cham, aged 26, at Princeville, and then becoming dependent went to Peoria and jumped into the river. But the cold water changed his mind, and calling for help he was pulled out.

John McDermott of 11 Wells street went to the third floor at 104 South Water street to visit a friend and fell out of a window. He got up with a cut on his forehead, but refused the aid of the police and quietly walked away.

At the meeting of the Illinois Swine Breeders' association a resolution was adopted setting forth the grounds for the World's fair on swine, "would deprive the animals on exhibition of the rest which is in accordance with the laws of nature and God's plan in the constitution of the Sabbath, and which is so much needed in order that they may appear at their best on the remaining six days."

Western People in Chicago.

The following western people are in the city: At the Grand Pacific—S. B. Cook, Muscatine, Ia.; John C. Bliss, Davenport, Ia.; E. M. Norris, Mason City, Ia.; W. K. Burdick, Des Moines, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. John M. Thurston, W. C. Vandervoort, A. H. Fuller, W. C. Mulford, Omaha; E. T. Koch, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

At the Palmer—H. L. Spencer, Oskaloosa, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Babcock, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; At the Wellington—Arthur W. Edwards, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; E. P. Pratt, Des Moines, Ia.

At the Auditorium—W. G. Pace, George F. Barton, Omaha.

Small in size, great in results: DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Best little pill ever made. Cure constipation every time. None equal. Use them now.

Water Rents Due Jan. 1. Payable at company's office, Bee building. Five per cent discount allowed if paid on or before January 1. Failure to receive bill will not entitle consumer to discount.

May Be Liberated. E. A. Houser, the man who is being held by the police as a fugitive from justice, was taken into court yesterday and the judge stated that unless Denver officers arrived today he would turn the prisoner loose.

There seems to be some hitch about the Denver officers coming after the man, who is perfectly willing to go without papers. Two or three money orders from the mountain city have been here and had long talks with Heuser and evidently trying to effect a settlement of some sort.

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Four hundred and fifty collar piano. Warranted seven years for \$187.50. New scale. Hayden Bros.

"WORTH A GUINEA A BOX." Blind. They are blind who will not try a box of BEECHAM'S PILLS. For the disorders which grow out of Impaired Digestion. For a Weak Stomach, Constipation, Headache, Sick Headache, Biliousness, and Nervous ailments, they take the place of an entire medicine chest. Of all druggists. Price 25 cents a box.

Bids will be received by the state Board of Printing at the office of the secretary of state, on or before 2 o'clock p. m., December 25, 1891, for printing and binding in cloth one thousand copies of the report of the state Board of Transportation for the year 1891, to be delivered complete to the secretary of state, at the office of the secretary of state, on or before 2 o'clock p. m., December 25, 1891. The size of paper, weight and quality of binding, style of lettering on cover, and in all respects the work to be the same as the sample to be seen in the office of the secretary of state. Each proposal must be accompanied by a bond in the sum of \$500. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. JOHN C. ALLEN, Secretary of State, December 8, 1891.

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CONTINENTAL CLOTHING HOUSE

Second Week of Our Great Overcoat Sale.

Over \$50,000 worth of Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats and Ulsters from the wholesale stock of the Continental Clothing House of Boston, shipped to Omaha and offered this week at prices averaging about 60 cents on the dollar of the regular retail prices, affording the public an opportunity of buying an overcoat at less than manufacturer's cost. A sale of this magnitude has never been attempted in Omaha. We mean to unload these goods in the next 15 days. Come early.

The prices at which these goods are marked places us in a position to undersell all competitors. This sale means goods retailed at less than jobbers' prices.

We cannot attempt a description. The extent and variety of this stock is bewildering and when it is borne in mind that we sell only reliable, first-class goods, it makes this sale worthy the attention of every person in Nebraska.

Our limited space will allow us to mention only a few of the most attractive lots.

\$8.00 Lot No. 1. We call attention to 100 pure, all wool, heavy weight diagonal overcoats, made in the best manner, guaranteed color, and sold in any retail store at \$13. Our price \$8.

\$6.50 Lot No. 2. We offer 125 black Beaver Overcoats, serge lined, silk velvet collars, fly front and made up in excellent style at \$6.50 each. Sold in the usual course of trade for \$10.

\$11.00 Lot No. 3. This is one of the choicest lots in the whole stock, made from a handsome Kersey, handsomely lined, velvet collar and in every respect a first class garment. Usually retailed at \$18. Our price at this sale, \$11 each.

\$13.00 Lot No. 4. We offer 75 Oxford mixed Kersey Overcoats, satin sleeve linings, a regular tailor made overcoat of the highest grade, the average retail price of which is \$22; we offer until closed at \$13.

\$14.00 Lot No. 5. We offer 125 Kersey Overcoats in three different shades, goods made by us early in the season for our finest trade, elegantly trimmed, and cannot be bought outside of our store for less than \$20. Our price at this sale will be \$14.

MEN'S SUIT SALE.

The balance of the Miner, Beal & Co. stock will positively be closed this week. About 500 suits remain from all the different lots, and have been arranged so as to be conveniently shown. The following list shows the prices at which we are offering these goods. The prices marked on these goods are not fictitious values. The wholesale prices named in the first column are guaranteed by the well known firm of Miner, Beal & Co., to be their wholesale figures. The figures in the second column we believe represent the lowest prices that these could be ordinarily bought for in retail houses throughout the United States, and the difference between the prices in this column and the third column will show the actual reductions.

Table with 4 columns: Lot No., Wholesale Price, Usual Retail Price, Our Price. Rows include items like Fine Silk Stripe Cassimere Suit, Fine All Wool Velour Finish Business Suit, etc.

We never disappoint the public, but always have just what we advertise; hence our store was crowded all last week, and hundreds more, despite the warm weather, will take advantage of this sale, for every garment sold sells another, and the second week of our sales are always the largest.

Special bargain line during this sale at \$3, \$3.50, \$4 and \$4.50. CONTINENTAL CLOTHING HOUSE, Cor. Douglas and 15th Sts. The Largest Wholesale and Retail Clothing House West of the Mississippi