INQUEST OVER HOWE'S BODY

Despondency Causes Telegraph Operator to Take His Life.

WAS OUT OF POSITION AND MONEY

Lincoln is Having Much Trouble Over Its Funds—Suit Will Probably Be Brought Against City Treasurer.

LINCOLN, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—An inquest was held this morning over the remains of Anderson C. Howe, the young telegraph operator who committed suicide last evening in the office of the Western Union in this city. Not a cent of money was found on his person and it is supposed that his act was induced by the despondency resulting from the loss of his situation in Topeka and the barren prospect of securing another in the near future.

J. H. Lee, an operator in the office of a local bucket shop, worked for several years with young Howe in Topeka, Kan. He said the young man was considered a steady, reliable fellow and one of the best men in the employ of the company. Some eighteen months ago he was induced to resign his position and "hobo" to New York City. He soon tired of this life and returned within a year and was given his old position. Two weeks ago the company found it necessary to reduce its operating force in Topeka and as Howe was the last man employed he was the unfortunate one to be dropped from the pay roll.

From Topeka he went to Kansas City, sold his typewriter, checked his baggage through to New York and prepared to follow it immediately. In some manner as yet unexplained he lost all his money. He took a train and came to Lincoln, arriving here yesterday morning. He applied for a position at the local office of the Western Union, presenting the highest of recommendations, but his assistance was not needed. He found his former friend, Lee, who took him to breakfast. He met other friends in the city during the day, but to none of them did he confide his straitened financial condition. He even intimated that he had money, expressing his intention of going to Omaha in search of employment.

The dead man was not over 20 years of age. He began in the service of the company at the age of 8 in Topeka, where he remained up to two weeks ago with the exception of during his absence to New York. His father lived there for a number of years, but some time ago moved to Farmington, Mo. He is conducting a farm there and telegrams sent him today regarding the disposition of his son's remains received no answer. A brother of the deceased man is a section foreman in the employ of the Iron Mountain railroad near Farmington.

Smyth Files Reply.

Attorney General Smyth has filed a reply brief in the supreme court protesting against the dismissal of the Standard Oil Trust case, asked for by the defendant on the ground that the action is criminal in nature and therefore is not within the jurisdiction of the supreme court. The attorney general denies all these allegations and asserts that under the anti-trust law the supreme court has an indisputable right to try the case.

The executive board of the State Reading circle had a meeting here tonight preliminary to the annual session, which begins tomorrow. There were present: State Superintendent Jackson, Superintendents Williams and Carson of Columbus, C. A. Fulmer of Pawnee City and Prof. Beattie of Peru.

City Funds Trouble.

City Treasurer Aitken sent a letter to H. M. Bushnell this morning in which he refused to comply with the demand of the latter to turn over to the school fund all moneys received from the ordinance recently passed providing for license fees and occupation taxes. Mr. Bushnell is chairman of the finance committee of the school board and made this request of the city treasurer on the instruction of the school board at its last meeting.

Five weeks ago the city council passed an ordinance amending the one in existence providing for license fees. Under the old ordinance all fees went to the school fund. The new ordinance provides for a mere nominal license fee, which shall go to the school fund, and a high occupation tax in addition, which goes to the fire and police fund of the city. In this method one fund of the city is being built up at the expense of the school fund. To this the school board objected and Mr. Bushnell's action was the result of that objection.

A member of the school board said this afternoon that a suit would undoubtedly be brought against the city treasurer to compel him to turn over to the school fund all money he receives from the new ordinance.

ELECT HAYWARD'S SUCCESSOR

Election Called for a Man to Fill Place Left Vacant by His Resignation.

LINCOLN, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Adjutant General Barry today issued the following orders, calling for an election to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Major William Hayward to colonel of the Second regiment:

First—The promotion of Major William Hayward, Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, to the rank of colonel, Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, by election, having been approved by the commander-in-chief, the attention of commissioned officers of the Second regiment is invited to paragraphs 2 and 3 of this order.

Second—Adjutant General P. H. Barry will prepare ballots, which will be forwarded to the commissioned officers for their use in the election of major of the Second regiment; these ballots, indicating the officer's choice for appointment to the office named, must be returned to the adjutant general on or before 4 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, the 28th inst.

Third—A board of officers, to consist of Adjutant General P. H. Barry, Colonel Charles W. Bryan, aide-de-camp, and First Lieutenant Frederick J. Bolshaw, Company F, Second Regiment, Nebraska National Guard, will convene at 4 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, the 28th inst., in the office of the adjutant general of the state of Nebraska for the purpose of canvassing and recording the votes of the commissioned officers of the Second regiment for the position of major of the Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard. No vote will be received and recorded after the hour named for the meeting of the board. The junior member will record the proceedings for the board.

The adjutant general also granted Edward J. Streight, captain of Company F of this city, to proceed to Plattsmouth Friday, with any number of his command that he may deem necessary, to be present at the funeral services of Henry G. Livingstone, who died while in the service in Manila.

Business Men Organize.

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Nearly 100 business men of Kearney met tonight and organized the Kearney Business Mens' association. The object of the organization is to promote the commercial, industrial, manufacturing and all business and laboring interests of the city and to secure the active co-operation of all classes for this purpose. The meeting was harmonious and enthusiastic and there is a fixed determination to make the year 1900 a prosperous one for Kearney. After adopting a plan of organization, constitution and by-laws, the meeting adjourned until next Wednesday, when the officers will be elected.

Real Estate Changes.

DIXON, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The following real estate in the vicinity of Dixon has changed hands recently: Eighty acres adjoining Dixon on the west has been sold by A. E. Sparks to W. R. Rice at $20 per acre. Mr. Rice will erect buildings on the land in the spring. A. D. Morgan has sold his 120-acre farm, seven miles north of Dixon, to E. W. Closson; consideration $2,500. Theodore Otte has sold his farm of 160 acres, three miles east of Dixon, to Fremont Everett at $21 per acre. Mr. Otte has purchased eighty acres five miles northwest of Laurel, where he will remove in the spring. A. D. Morgan has purchased the residence property in Dixon occupied by Simon Larsen. C. S. Karnes has bought the residence of E. W. Closson, in the southeast part of town, and will move there March 1.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE SESSIONS.

Number of Speakers Discuss Subjects of Interest to Farmers.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—A farmers' institute was held at Kenesaw Tuesday and Wednesday of the week and was most successful regardless of the inclement weather. Speakers from abroad were present and spoke upon different topics of interest to farmers. Some of the well-informed farmers gave their experience in certain lines of farming.

The newly elected officers for the institute are: W. Z. Parmenter, president; I. D. Evans, vice president; H. Carrier, secretary; C. H. Buhler, treasurer. An executive committee consisting of five was appointed by the president as follows: George Norton, H. E. Rose, Oscar Kent, L. W. Parmenter and George Kidd.

FRIEND, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—A series of farmers' institute meetings closed at this place last evening, during which Prof. Hunter delivered an address on "Insect Pests," E. Whitcomb on "Foul Brood and Its Treatment," P. J. Gossard on "The Brood Sow; How to Select and Care for Her Brood," Rev. Ludden on "Poultry," D. J. Beghtol on "Raising the Boy," E. F. Stephens of Crete on "Horticulture," Mrs. C. A. Blanchard on "Poultry on the Farm," J. H. Rushton on "Dairying," C. A. Whitford on "How to Make the Farm Pay." The meetings were well attended and considerable interest was manifest throughout.

MERCURY DROPS DOWN THE TUBE.

Cold Wave is Reported from the Various State Towns.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—It snowed here for thirty-six hours, there being seven inches on the ground. Sleighing is better than for a number of years.

HARVARD, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The mercury went 10 degrees below zero last night, while this morning it is very cold, without wind. Ice has reached a thickness of twelve to sixteen inches and ice dealers are happy in the fact that they can put away their summer supply.

WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Intense cold prevailed last night, the thermometer registering 14 degrees below zero. The weather is fine. Sleighing good.

ORD, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Fully eight inches of snow has fallen here during the last three days.

LYONS, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Six inches of snow fell here during Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. This amount of snow at this time will prove a good thing for spring crops. Sleighing is good.

PERU, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Snow fell here all night Tuesday and Wednesday morning. It is by far the heaviest snow of the winter.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—A heavy snow storm commenced Tuesday morning here and lasted through Wednesday.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Last night was the coldest of the winter, the mercury registering 10 degrees below zero. There are about four inches of snow on the ground. The ice men, who have not yet put up their ice, are happy.

HOLDREGE, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—It has snowed continuously here for three days and there is now about ten inches of snow on the level. This is the best snow for several seasons. The citizens of Holdrege are putting up ice which is cut on Curtis lake and shipped here. It is twenty inches thick and of good quality.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—It was 14 degrees below zero this morning at 6 o'clock. It is still snowing. The cold weather has produced an abundant ice crop, which is now being housed.

State Court Election.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska State Court of the Supreme Court of Honor formed a permanent organization by electing the following officers: Chancellor, G. P. Marvin, Beatrice; vice chancellor, Mrs. W. S. Charlton, Bruning; recorder, J. L. Cornell, Upland; treasurer, F. E. Smith, Belvidere; chaplain, Jennie Ireland, Shickley; conductor, C. W. Adams, Ruskin; guard, Curtis Gilmore, Prosser; sentinel, J. M. Kellogg, Stratton; past chancellor, J. C. Lanham, Nora; directors, Curtis Gilmore, W. R. Wonderly, C. W. Adams, J. C. Day, J. M. Kellogg, W. H. Strawser, R. B. Enslow; delegates to supreme court, to be held at Peoria, Ill., May next, Hattie S. Perkins of Lincoln, F. M. Phillips of Guide Rock; alternate delegates, Mrs. W. S. Charlton, M. S. Gray. The reports of officers showed the order to be in a flourishing condition.

Conference Members in Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The members of the North Nebraska conference of the Methodist Episcopal church are here on committee work. Among those present are Rev. William Geret, presiding elder of the Neligh district; Rev. D. K. Tindall, presiding elder of the Grand Island district; Rev. Jesse W. Jennings, presiding elder of the Omaha district.

Prepare for Soldier's Funeral.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The body of H. Guy Livingston did not arrive from San Francisco today as expected, but will tomorrow and the funeral will be held Saturday afternoon. The Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans and ex-soldiers will attend. The business houses will be closed as requested by Mayor P. M. Richey.

Close Revival Meetings.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Rev. C. B. Leufert of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Beaver of the Congregational church and Rev. Mr. Meeks of the Presbyterian church, last night closed a series of meetings that has been in progress for the last four weeks.

Thrown from a Wagon.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—While hauling wood on his farm just east of the city, Dr. John Cochran was thrown from the load, striking the ground on his head and shoulders. No bones were broken, but he remained in an unconscious condition for twelve hours.

Judge Passes Sentence.

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Judge Sullivan sentenced Lester Strong to the penitentiary for seven years for criminal assault; John Tatum, two and a half years for horse stealing, and William Pierce, fourteen months for grand larceny.

Dedicate New Church.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The new Methodist Episcopal church in this city was dedicated last Sunday. Dr. Shell of Chicago conducted the services. In less than one hour $2,855 was raised to pay a $2,500 debt. The building cost about $5,000.

Celebrate Wedding Anniversary.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—John Aylor, sr., and his wife, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last night at their residence here. There was a large party present.

Ernst is a Candidate.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—William Ernst, a wealthy farmer, is out for the republican candidacy to the legislature from Johnson county.

SETTLE WITH THE INDIANS

Long-Drawn-Out Controversy with Redskins May Soon Be Fired Up.

SETTLERS ON OTOE AND MISSOURI LANDS

Thurston Will Introduce a Bill Today Voicing Secretary Hitchcock's Ideas on the Subject—Details of the Matter.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—There is evidence at hand to indicate that the long-drawn-out controversy between settlers on Otoe and Missouri lands in Gage county and the Indians will soon be settled.

Secretary Hitchcock, after laboring with the question for several months, has finally decided that the agreement between the Indians and settlers entered into in November last year is the only solution to this most perplexing problem, and he has accordingly recommended to Senator Thurston, chairman of the Indian affairs committee, that such legislation be enacted as will put an end to the trouble.

Secretary Hitchcock, in his letter, enclosed a bill, which Senator Thurston will present tomorrow as an administration measure, and hopes either to get it in the Indian appropriation bill or pass it as a separate measure. The bill, as drafted by the Interior department, is short and carries out the provisions of the agreement. Secretary Hitchcock states in his letter that under the act of March 3, 1893, repeated but unavailing efforts had been made by succeeding secretaries of the Interior to revise and adjust the sale of these lands on principles of equity, so as to extend the benefits of, as contemplated by the act, to both full paid and delinquent purchasers, their heirs and legal representatives; that these efforts have been repeated so often and have been so uniformly unsuccessful that there is no possible hope of making any revision or adjustment of sales with the consent of the Indians, and which include both classes of purchasers.

Settlement in 1899.

On November 20, 1899, United States Indian Inspector James McLaughlin at Otoe sub-agency, Otoe, O. T., made a settlement with the Otoe and Missouri tribe of Indians upon the basis that the original appraised value of land, together with 25 per cent of such appraised value, should, for the purpose of settlement, represent the purchase price of said lands; that interest shall be computed on the purchase price so ascertained at the rate of 5 per cent, and further, from the amount so ascertained to be due in each instance shall be deducted all payments heretofore made on said land.

This agreement was signed by seventy-three adult male members of the tribe, out of a total of eighty-eight, which is more than three-fourths, required by tribal customs and regulations of the department. It is the belief of the secretary that after having had two conferences with delegations from the tribes and after careful consideration of the matter, that the best interests of all concerned will be subserved if the plan of adjustment between the Indians and delinquent purchasers is authoritatively adopted and carried into effect, and this controversy, he says, so long pending, should be closed without further delay. He says that while under the act of March 3, 1893, consent of the purchasers was not made a condition to revision and adjustment thereby authorized, it is worthy of consideration that about 110 out of a total of 123 delinquent purchasers have joined in proposing this adjustment and stand ready to comply with its terms if it be approved. He therefore earnestly recommends the adoption of the measure.

Plea for the Veterans.

Congressman Gamble's bill for the establishment, control and maintenance of the northern branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Hot Springs, S. D., was considered by subcommittee No. 1 of the military affairs committee of the house today. Captain H. E. Palmer, chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic committee of seven post department commanders, appointed by the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic pursuant to a resolution adopted at the national encampment at Cincinnati in 1898 and continued in service by a resolution adopted at the national encampment at Philadelphia in September, 1899, appeared before the committee and made an exhaustive argument in favor of this home or sanitarium. He showed the positive necessity of adding to the capacity of the hospital service of the already overcrowded national homes, eight in number, and all located within 500 feet of the sea level, two west of the Mississippi, one in Kansas and one in California. He said there were about 30,000 inmates in all the homes, one-third of whom were hospital patients, more than half of these being afflicted with rheumatism, for which the waters of the hot springs of South Dakota were an almost sure cure. He said there were 163,000 old soldiers now living in twenty states and four territories west of the Mississippi river and they were especially interested in the measure.

Congressman Gamble followed Palmer, quoting from several letters just received from members of the board of managers of national homes, all endorsing the Hot Springs scheme. The subcommittee unanimously recommended the passage of the bill and Congressman Capron of Rhode Island was instructed to draw up a report, which will be submitted to the full committee next Tuesday. Congressman Burke was also present and did active work for the Gamble bill.

The senate committee on military affairs reported favorably on the house bill for erecting a military post at or near Des Moines, Ia.

Congressman Mercer is the busiest man in congress. The committee of which he is chairman—public buildings and grounds—has before it some 200 public building bills, and as members are vitally interested in these measures, the pressure upon Mercer is something tremendous. Whether or not the committee will endeavor to pass an omnibus bill, as at last session, is being considered, but no definite conclusion has been reached.

TROOPS ASSIGNED TO ALASKA.

Orders Issued for Establishment of Garrisons in New Department.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Arrangements are making at the War department for the establishment of additional garrisons and troops in the new military department of Alaska. General George M. Randall commanding. Orders were issued today making the following assignments of troops to the new department:

Company A, Seventh infantry, now in the Department of the Dakotas, is transferred to the Department of Alaska, with station at Fort St. Michael. Companies B, I and K, Seventh infantry, now in the Department of the East, stationed Fort St. Michael. Company G, Seventh infantry, now in the Department of the Lakes, to be stationed at Fort Valdez. The last named company will be sent to Seattle, Wash., fully equipped for arctic service, ready to embark not later than May 1. The companies designated for Fort St. Michael, also, will be sent to Seattle fully equipped to embark not later than June 1 next.

Majors F. M. H. Kendrick and John T. Van Orsdale, Seventh infantry, have been ordered to accompany these troops.

Confirmed as Dubuque's Surveyor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The senate today confirmed John M. Lenahan of Iowa to be surveyor of customs for the port of Dubuque.

SUIT ON THE COKE CONTRACT

Frick-Carnegie Litigation Taking a New Turn Which Involves Millions.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 15.—Although the suit which H. C. Frick filed Tuesday to break the binding force of the "ironclad" agreement and recover from the Carnegie Steel company, limited, the market value of his holdings in that concern, is the main line of attack opened by the anti-Carnegie adherents, the minority stockholders, who are lined up against the policy of Mr. Carnegie, it is said, are certain to follow it up with the suit attacking the validity of the coke contract of the Carnegie company with the H. C. Frick company.

Attorney William B. Rogers, although refusing to deny or affirm his connection with the big case, is commonly credited with having in charge the preparation of the coke contract end of the matter. It is expected that this suit will be filed in Greensburg, as Mr. Frick's attorneys at that point have been in frequent consultation with attorneys representing Mr. Frick in this city. The suit, however, will not likely be precipitated for some days yet, and perhaps several weeks may elapse before it is ready for filing in the courts.

The sum of money involved in the proposed suit is said to run up to a gigantic figure. The estimated total of the Carnegie Steel company's daily consumption of coke is 900 cars. The Frick company produces about 1,500 cars of coke per day, so that three-fifths of the whole goes to the steel concern at the low price of $1.35 per ton. In other words, the Carnegie Steel company, it is alleged, saves from $15,000 to $18,000 a day. With the cost of production and freight rates and other items of expense in the manufacture of coke constantly going up, the minority stockholders of the coke company say that if the contract is allowed to run their profits will be eventually cut to almost nothing. The suit, then, will ask the court to annul the agreement altogether and relieve them from a situation that has been forced upon them by the majority holdings.

HAVANA REMEMBERS MAINE

Second Anniversary of Its Destruction Suitably Observed in Cuban City.

HAVANA, Feb. 15.—The second anniversary of the destruction of the United States battleship Maine in this harbor was suitably observed here today. Several hundred Americans went out to the wreck of the Maine, over which the United States flag was flying at half-mast. Every available piece of wreckage above the water was banked with laurels. From the searchlight platform short prayers were offered by Dr. McGee of the Episcopal church and Father Jones of the Catholic church.

At the church of Mercede the municipality arranged for imposing memorial services, which were attended by Governor General Wood and other civil and military officers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Today was the second anniversary of the destruction of the Maine in the harbor of Havana. Mrs. Hillington of Chicago sent a large box of flowers for distribution upon the graves of the victims of that disaster. Her son was a member of the crew of the Maine and lost his life on that occasion. Colonel True, the depot quartermaster, personally undertook the work of placing the flowers upon the graves of the Maine dead.

NO ACTION REGARDING CANAL

Nicaragua Has Not Declared Maritime Company Concession Void.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, January 25.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The government of Nicaragua has not, up to the present, acknowledged the receipt of the official letter delivered personally by Colonel Rodolph Wieser, resident agent of the Maritime Canal company of Nicaragua, to the minister of public works, several weeks ago, requesting the government to appoint arbitrators to represent it in deciding disputed questions relative to Nicaragua's concessions to the company. It is currently reported, however, that President Zelaya will soon name Jose Dolorez Rodriguez and Bruno Buitrado in this connection. It is semi-officially announced that the government has not declared the company's concession void.

Semi-official reports say that in a few days President Zelaya will appoint a new cabinet of ministers, including Jose Dolorez Rodriguez, Dr. Luciano Gomez, Salvador Castrillo and General Velasquez. These men have had experience in former cabinets.

HYMENEAL.

Warrick-Shoemaker.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The social event of the season here was the marriage of Miss Frankie Warrick and Mr. Joe Shoemaker. The wedding was at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. P. Weatherby. The house was beautifully decorated. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker leave on the morning train for Denver and points of interest in Colorado. They will be at home after March 1 in Salida county.

Gaffy-Warwick.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Loring E. Gaffy of this city, judge of the Sixth judicial circuit, was married last night to Miss Adallade Warwick, at Grand Island, Neb., Bishop Anson R. Graves of Nebraska officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Gaffy will make a tour of the south before returning to this city. They will be home about March 6.

FIRE RECORD.

New York Firms Lose.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Fire did $50,000 damage at 251 Mercer street tonight in a building occupied by business firms. The losses are divided among Morris Rosenstein, furs and skins; J. Levy & Co., children's clothing; Roseuberg & Krause, clothing; M. Joseph & Co., clothing; H. H. Ginsberg, clothing; American fur dyeing works and the Phoenix Pants company.

Early Morning Blaze at Red Oak.

RED OAK, Ia., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire this morning destroyed W. F. Coonley's restaurant and the grocery store of Price & Newquist. Most of the goods were saved, but the two buildings, which were of frame, were destroyed. The buildings are among the few frame buildings left on the square and are old landmarks. Coonley is in Omaha on his wedding trip.

Bank Assets Bring Little.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Assets of the defunct Chemical National bank of Chicago, representing a face value of more than $600,000, were sold at auction by Receiver William C. Niblack today for $89,75. The assets represented mile receivable, judgments in favor of the receiver, amounts due from national banks (disputed balances), stocks and overdrafts. Real estate held by the bank valued at $4,000 will be sold later. One judgment for $106,408 was sold for $1.50. The Chemical bank started in business in 1899 and went under in 1903.

Killed by Falling Down Stairs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—John B. Ollman, a broker, was killed at the New York Athletic club early today by falling down the marble stairs to the main floor. When half way down the stairs he slipped and fell, then slid down the remaining steps, his head striking each step and the blood, which flowed profusely, reddening the white marble. Mr. Ollman was picked up unconscious and died soon afterward.

POLITICS IN BLACK HILLS

Republicans of that Section Learning What They Want.

MAKE PREPARATIONS TO ELECT A SENATOR

Martin Will Probably Be the Man—Fusionists Have Made Up a Slate with Pettigrew a Senatorial Champion.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The Black Hills republicans seem to be coming to a more definite understanding about what they want this coming election. There has been a good deal of uncertainty for some time, whether to ask for a senator or a congressman, but there now seems to be a settled feeling that Mr. Gamble will not stand for the senate, in which case the Black Hills republicans will claim that office and they would be conceded it by the republicans of the eastern part of the state. There have been a good many prospective "candidates" from the different cities of the Hills, for either the office of senator or congressman. In the last few days sentiment seems to have centered upon E. W. Martin, an attorney of Deadwood, for senator. He is being taken up by the republican papers of the entire Black Hills, especially in Fall River county, which is in the most southern part of the Hills. The outside Black Hills towns have quite generally conceded the senatorship to a Deadwood man. A number of the leading republicans of the eastern part of the state are in Deadwood at present attending court. They, speaking for the party across the river, concede a senator to the Black Hills. Mr. Martin, who will probably be the man for the place, is popular all over the Hills and he would be able to unite all of the counties with Lawrence county.

Slate of Fusionists.

The fusionists of the Hills have already made up their slate, although it may be changed quite materially before the campaign is really on. Senator Pettigrew is the senatorial champion and Judge Joseph B. Moore is his running mate. The Lead Call, which is Judge Moore's organ, prints a two-column article boosting him for congress. Senator Pettigrew is claimed to be "making a gallant fight against imperialism and militarism in behalf of the great common people of the United States, as against the birelings of the concerted wealth of the world."

All fusionists, however, do not coincide with the Call's boost for Judge Moore's nomination. It is rumored that ex-Congressman Knowles will come to the front at the right time and will stand for another run. Mr. Knowles has his reform paper running now with a good circulation in the Hills, and he may give Judge Moore a close run.

The indications are that the campaign this fall will be one of the hottest that the Black Hills has ever had.

IRISH CLAIMANTS STILL AHEAD.

Disposition of McLellan Estate is Still Fought Over.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—As the result of the hearing today before Judge Jones of the state circuit court, the matter of the writ of prohibition issued a few days ago preventing County Judge Wilkes and William Van Epps from taking any action looking to the settlement of affairs of the estate of John McLellan, a wealthy pioneer who was killed last August, the attorneys for the defeated Canadian and American claimants withdrew the application for the writ, leaving the case precisely as it was on the 8th instant, when County Judge Wilkes decided it in favor of the Irish claimants and appointed William Van Epps administrator. Just what move will next be made in behalf of the Canadian and American claimants is a matter of considerable speculation.

Mayor Lien has appointed the following citizens to represent Sioux Falls at the Mining congress to be held in Milwaukee next June: H. H. Natwick, S. E. Young, L. E. Estabrook, Dr. J. Steensen and John Schazel.

Transfer of Railroads.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—A deed was filed with the secretary of state today which transfers all the lines of the Dakota Central railroad in South Dakota and North Dakota to the Winona & St. Peter railroad. While the consideration is stated at $1, the instrument bears revenue stamps to the amount of $10,295.

Another deed was filed transferring the Winona & St. Peter road, the line extending from Tyler, Minn., to Lake Hendericks, this state, for a consideration of $1, which bears $528 worth of revenue stamps.

Sioux Falls Wants the Convention.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—At a mass meeting tonight it was decided to enter Sioux Falls in the contest for location of the populist national convention and a committee headed by Mayor B. H. Lien was selected to go to Lincoln, Neb., to urge the claims of Sioux Falls upon the populist national convention, which meets at that place next Monday to select the place for holding the next national convention. A telegram from Senator Pettigrew was read at the meeting, in which he announces that several influential members of the populist national committee already have pledged themselves to support Sioux Falls.

DEATH RECORD.

Baptist Minister.

PERU, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Rev. Bedell, who died Sunday morning after a short illness, was buried Tuesday. Father Bedell was 78 years old and has been pastor of the Baptist church here for seventeen years.

Prominent Miller.

ORD, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—A. F. Will, who died here Monday and was taken to Grand Island for burial yesterday, was 74 years old and had for forty years been a miller. He was born in Germany.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair and Continued Cold Today and Saturday—Winds to Be Variable Still.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday:

For Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas—Fair and continued cold Friday and Saturday; variable winds.

For Iowa—Fair and continued cold Friday and Saturday; fresh northwest winds.

For Missouri—Fair and continued cold Friday; northerly winds; Saturday fair.

For Wyoming—Snow flurries and continued cold Friday and Saturday; variable winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Feb. 15.—Omaha record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.
Maximum temperature	4	45	32	35
Minimum temperature	-9	31	24	24
Average temperature	-2	40	28	30
Precipitation	.00	.00	T	.01

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1899:

Normal for the day	22
Deficiency for the day	24
Excess in temperature since March 1	628
Normal rainfall for the day	.02 inch
Deficiency in rainfall for day	.02 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	4.45 inches
Deficiency since March 1	28 .85 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1899	4.29 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1897	10.50 inches

Report from Stations at 8 p. m.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature.	Highest temperature.	Rainfall or snow.
Omaha, cloudy	6	4	.00
North Platte, snowing	4	2	.10
Salt Lake City, snowing	24	24	.02
Cheyenne, snowing	4	18	T
Rapid City, clear	4	8	.00
Huron, clear	4	8	.00
Williston, cloudy	4	6	.00
Chicago, clear	8	18	.00
St. Louis, snowing	12	20	T
St. Paul, clear	4	10	.00
Davenport, clear	8	14	.00
Helena, clear	12	4	.00
Kansas City, cloudy	6	8	T
Havre, clear	10	6	.00
Bismarck, clear	8	6	.00
Galveston, cloudy	36	32	T

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