

CASH WILL BE FORTHCOMING

Insurance Companies Will Pay Shortage on Account of Moore's Defalcation.

TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS DUE

Some Companies Protest, but Some of Them Refuse to Pay—Deputy Food Commissioner Hibbard Still After His Pay.

LINCOLN, Feb. 27.—(Special).—Auditor Cornell does not anticipate any serious trouble in collecting from the insurance companies the amount of the shortage caused by the defalcation of ex-Auditor Eugene Moore. One or two companies have disputed the amount claimed by Cornell to be due the state, but up to date not a single company has refused to settle because the fees were once paid to Moore for his services. The amount of the shortage amounts to \$23,298, and claims covering this amount have been drawn against 103 companies. This amount includes all but \$9,000 of the fees paid to Moore by insurance companies during the years 1885 and 1896. The records of the auditor's office show that during the two years a total of \$32,209 was paid as fees by insurance companies and that of this amount only \$9,999 was turned into the treasury by Moore. A record was kept of each payment as it was made, but there is no way of ascertaining what companies paid the \$9,999. Auditor Cornell has credited this amount to the companies making the first payments. There has been some objection to this plan, it being suggested that the \$9,999 should be divided among all the companies in proportion to the total amount paid.

Several of the companies asserted by the auditor have asked for an itemized statement showing the amount of each payment and when it was made. This will necessitate much additional labor in the auditor's office and will greatly delay the final settlement of the claim.

Hibbard After His Salary.

A brief in support of the petition of Deputy Food Commissioner Hibbard for a writ of mandamus to compel Auditor Cornell to approve his salary this suit is entitled the State of Nebraska ex rel. Frank A. Hibbard against Auditor Cornell, and A. M. Post and E. J. Hainer of Aurora are named as the attorneys for the state. An unsuccessful attempt was made to introduce general Smyth as appearing as one of the attorneys on the case. William B. Price appears for Auditor Cornell. Auditor Cornell contends that the appropriation for the expenses of the Pure Food Commission is illegal, for the reason that the constitution provides that bills making appropriations for the payment of officers of the government shall contain no other provision or subject than the appropriation itself. The attorneys for Hibbard place a difference in the constitution between the bills making appropriations to the supreme court today. This suit is entitled the State of Nebraska ex rel. Frank A. Hibbard against Auditor Cornell, and A. M. Post and E. J. Hainer of Aurora are named as the attorneys for the state. An unsuccessful attempt was made to introduce general Smyth as appearing as one of the attorneys on the case. William B. Price appears for Auditor Cornell. Auditor Cornell contends that the appropriation for the expenses of the Pure Food Commission is illegal, for the reason that the constitution provides that bills making appropriations for the payment of officers of the government shall contain no other provision or subject than the appropriation itself. The attorneys for Hibbard place a difference in the constitution between the bills making appropriations to the supreme court today.

The returns in the governor's office profess to be highly indignant at the intimation in the Bee that they were riding on railroad passes, while the governor was paying his fare.

"You can say for us," said one of them as spokesman, "that we have had no annuals since Governor Poynter came into office. Not that we would not like to have them, or have any conscientious objections to them, but as the governor said he did not want us to have them, they were sent back. I, myself, had to return three that have been sent to me, although I rode on an annual pass when I took this position."

"I haven't any annual, either," chimed in another, "but I want you to understand that I am going to ride on passes whenever I have a chance to do so. What I don't like is to have the name of riding free without the passes."

Nobody in any other part of the state knows, however, has taken exception to being placed in the free-pass brigade.

Poynter is Home Again. Governor Poynter returned today from Washington, where he attended a meeting of the governors of all states, called in the interests of the proposed celebration to commemorate the founding of a permanent seat of government. While in Washington Governor Poynter called a meeting of the governors of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, South Dakota, Arizona, Colorado and Nebraska for the purpose of taking action concerning the bill now pending in congress which provides for locating the arid and semi-arid lands in the western states. Governor Poynter said today that the governors of the western states were unanimous in their opposition to this bill. It was suggested that all government lands be ceded to the states in which they are located, to be disposed of as provided by the legislature. It was claimed that the leasing of such lands by the government would be damaging to the resident cattlemen, who would be unable to compete with speculators and syndicates. Another meeting of the governors of these states will be held in Salt Lake City April 18, when a formal petition to congress will be drawn and forwarded to Washington.

The jury in the case of Lancaster county against the retention of the left-of-center merchants' bank returned a verdict this morning finding in favor of the county in the sum of \$18,857. William Fullerton, R. S. Young and C. L. Hooper were released from liability. The bondsmen against whom the judgment was returned are W. B. Brown, L. Chipman, C. M. Crawford, J. W. Fullerton, J. W. Sheen, J. C. Fullerton, M. H. and J. C. Everett and E. A. Stephens. C. M. Crawford denied that he ever signed the bond, but the jury took a different view of the case and entered judgment against him.

The trial of Charles Sharpe, charged with robbing a freight car on the Rock Island railroad, was begun before Judge Frost in the district court this afternoon. Sharpe has been tried twice before for the same crime within two months. In each case entrance was gained by cutting out a window in the rear of the building and breaking through an inner door. The trial was opened last night, as usual, but the thieves were evidently afraid of marked coins, for the money was untouched. A considerable amount of provisions and cigars was taken.

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REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

At the republican primaries this afternoon for nominating candidates for city officers under the Lincoln system, the following nominations were made: Police judge, W. B. Comstock; city engineer, Adna Dobson; water commissioner, James Trifer; councilmen, M. D. Clary, Charles Speers, M. L. Bacon, W. L. Freyer, C. I. Lyman; Board of Education, G. C. Adams and L. P. Ludden. A second primary election will be held for nominating candidates for city attorney and councilmen from the Second and Fifth wards also on Tuesday. The Board of Education, none of the candidates for those nominations having received the necessary majority of the votes cast today.

CONVENTION DATE NAMED

Call is issued for Lincoln, April 12, by Republican Congressional Committee.

NEBRASKA CITY, Feb. 27.—(Special Telegram).—A meeting of the republican congressional committee was held at the Grand Pacific hotel here this morning. The meeting was attended by Dr. E. L. Holyoke of Lancaster, F. O. Dorr of Johnson, J. F. Griffith of Pawnee, J. W. Jamison of Richardson, Dr. S. W. McGrew of Nemaha and F. H. Helvey of Oneida.

The convention will be held at Lincoln April 12, at 8 p. m. The basis of representation is the vote cast for E. J. Burket in 1898, under which the different counties in the district are entitled to the following delegates: Cass, 25; Johnson, 14; Lancaster, 58; York, 22; Richardson, 24; Pawnee, 16; Nemaha, 17; total, 177.

The call for the convention embraces the nomination of a candidate for congress and also the selection of two delegates and two alternates to the republican national convention to be held at Philadelphia, June 19.

The meeting was harmonious, the members of the committee being unanimously in favor of the nomination of E. J. Burket by acclamation, and also of the renomination of William McKinley.

SNOW AGAIN FALLS IN NEBRASKA.

Farmers Rejoice in Another Covering of Moisture for Cattle.

BRADY ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special Telegram).—A wet, heavy snow, accompanied with wind, commenced falling about dusk last evening and continued through the night and a part of today. It has thawed slightly, but the ground is covered to the depth of several inches.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special).—Two inches of very heavy snow fell Monday night and is still coming down this morning.

SHELTON, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special).—This section of Nebraska is again covered by snow, which began falling during the early part of last night and is still snowing hard. Fully six inches of snow is now on the level, with no wind blowing to disturb it. This will create more moisture when it melts than any previous snow of the season.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special).—Snow fell here last night and this forenoon and the prospects at present are good for a continuation of the storm. So far there has been no strong wind and the snow lies evenly on the ground, which will aid very materially in putting the soil in excellent condition for spring sowing.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special).—About three inches of light snow has fallen since 8 o'clock last evening, and it is still snowing. There is a light wind from the south.

GOTHENBURG, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special).—It commenced snowing here last evening and has continued ever since. Fully eight inches has fallen on the level. It is the heaviest snow we have had for several years and puts the ground in splendid condition for spring work. The dry crop is looking bright and as soon as spring opens a large area of wheat will be sown. No stock suffered from the storm, as the weather was mild and there was no wind with the snow. Farmers are in good spirits and will farm heavier this year than at any time heretofore.

GIBBON, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special).—Snow began falling at 8 o'clock yesterday evening with a southeast wind. Six inches of heavy damp snow now lie on the ground. The wind has veered to the northeast, but it is still snowing.

TRENTON, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special Telegram).—A snow and rain storm visited Trenton and vicinity yesterday in the afternoon. It began to snow and continued until a late hour this afternoon. This is the best snow for several years. About seven inches of snow has fallen. No damage or inconvenience reported, as the storm was mild.

Ashland to Vote on Bonds. ASHLAND, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special).—At a special meeting of the city council of Ashland Monday evening a resolution was unanimously adopted for the issuing of bonds in the sum of \$4,000, the proposition to be voted on at the city election April 3, for the purpose of replacing the boiler for the waterworks and putting in a new pump-house. The waterworks have been in bad condition for several months, the boiler having nearly rusted through. The engine house has been in need of repairs also.

Claim Not Allowed. HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special).—At the regular meeting of the city council last night the claim of Miss Helen Knight for \$12,000 alleged damages was disallowed. Miss Knight is a teacher in the public schools of this city and while riding a bicycle one evening last fall she rode against a stop-box of the city waterworks and was thrown to the ground in such a way as to seriously injure her knee. It is understood that Miss Knight will immediately proceed with the case in the courts.

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FREIGHT TARIFF OPPRESSIVE

Norfolk Business Men Show How They Are Hampered by High Rates.

SECOND DAY OF INTERSTATE HEARING

Hidwell of the Elkhorn Road Gives His Views of the Matter—Society Norfolk People Feel Hurt.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special Telegram).—In the interstate hearing today C. A. Alexander, manager of the cold storage plant, was the first to appear. He presented a list of rates on butter and eggs in and out of Norfolk. Cross-examined by Attorney White, he said his firm bought in Fremont territory and that Fremont bought here and westward.

When questioned as to his claim for reparation for overcharges, he said he expected to recover the excess over the Lincoln or Fremont rate, both being the same. When asked as to how his business was affected by the rates shown by the man who exhibits filled yesterday, he said the rates put goods into Omaha at 80 cents and Lincoln at 85 cents, while the local rate from Omaha to Lincoln is 30 cents, this giving Lincoln merchants an advantage of 25 cents over Omaha in all southern Nebraska, Fremont and all southern towns have this advantage. Norfolk has no advantage and if it wants to do business in smaller towns must lose freight in every case in competition with Omaha and Lincoln. It could not be readily presented that the rates on freight to Omaha and Lincoln were not for the discriminating rate. No town in Nebraska seventy-four miles from the Missouri river and no town in Nebraska or South Dakota 584 miles from Chicago has as high a rate as Omaha. Many articles of merchandise can be shipped cheaper by express than freight. He could not see how it would hurt the railroads entering Norfolk to reduce the rates so that industries and enterprises could be established and a business in competition with the favored towns from Blair to Beatrice. Questioned by Attorney White as to the effect of reduced rates to Norfolk, he said it would benefit every town in north Nebraska. All Norfolk wanted was a fair show and would take its chances in getting business.

Agricultural Implements Business.

H. A. Pasewalk was next called and testified as to rates on agricultural implements and repairs, showing that it was impossible to make this a distributing point, because rates favored Missouri river points. He had been distributing agent for Warder, Burns and Glasgow for many years, but had to give it up on account of rates. He could sell two binders in Battle Creek and deliver there by wagon for half the cost of freight.

General Manager Bidwell of the Elkhorn Road, who presided at the stockholders' meeting, he said the effect of giving Norfolk a Lincoln rate would be to decrease every rate from Norfolk east to Fremont and west probably to the west line of the state and would also affect almost all the other lines in the state. Norfolk is in a position to begin building up rates at Columbus, and by reason of competition at common points reduce rates on that line and all lines south of the Union Pacific. In answer to questions as to territory, Mr. Bidwell said it was not a thickly settled, profitable railroad territory. The line was not a through line and the earnings per mile had never exceeded \$3,000. Continuing, he said the wisest heads in railway management had been for a long time endeavoring to overcome the apparent discrepancies and discriminations in tariff rates, but had not succeeded. It was a matter of great grief to the Elkhorn management that the people of Norfolk felt that their road had imposed burdens upon them. They had done more for Norfolk than any town on the road. They had their division terminals and a sort of Newburg in Norfolk. They had the population of Norfolk was supported by railroad employment. He claimed that these apparent discriminations resulted from situations incident to the rapid development of the country and no reason could be given for them except the existence of the Commissioner Prouty asked: "What amount of consideration has been given in fixing the Norfolk rate to the desire of Norfolk people to do a jobbing business in competition with Fremont?"

Given Due Consideration. Mr. Bidwell said all the consideration possible had been given to the rate. It was producing the revenue required to pay operating expenses and give a legitimate profit. Witness admitted that no city in Nebraska seventy-four miles from the Missouri river had as high a rate as Norfolk, but he did not believe it possible for Norfolk to ever become a manufacturing town, and the growth of the place showed, in his mind, that it had every advantage of rates needed. It was impossible to establish too many distributing centers.

"Your idea then is that it pays better to distribute from Omaha on the local rate than to bring Norfolk and distribute on shorter hauls?" asked Commissioner Prouty. Witness did not think Fremont had grown as rapidly as Norfolk, notwithstanding its advantage in rates.

Commissioner Prouty asked the witness if he thought it right to charge the same rate for shipments brought through Fremont, with change to Norfolk, as for local shipments, with attendant expenses, from Fremont to Norfolk. Mr. Bidwell said he thought it was all right. It was the common practice of all railroads. In answer to a question by Attorney Smith if the Elkhorn would meet the Lincoln rate if put in by the Omaha road at Norfolk, Mr. Bidwell said he would have to wait until the rate clerks had figured it out before he could tell. At the suggestion of Commissioner Prouty all exhibits submitted in testimony were to be left with Mr. Smith in Council Bluffs, where attorneys for both sides could have access to them in preparing briefs and arguments, which will be heard by the commissioner at Omaha later on, the attorneys to have two weeks notice of the time of hearing.

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Woodmen of the World Entertainment. ALLIANCE, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special).—The entertainment and dance given by the Woodmen of the World at Peñon's Opera house called together the largest number of our citizens than any entertainment given at the opera house this season.

Revels at Bancroft. BANCROFT, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special).—The Methodist church at Bancroft, Neb., is holding a series of revels. The pastor, Rev. J. L. A. Fleharty, is being assisted by Rev. H. Q. Powers of Lincoln, Neb.

Ground Broken for Bank. NORTH LOUP, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special).—Ground was broken Monday for the foundation of the new bank building here.

Tabor Will Have Chance to Talk Opportunity for Prisoner to Explain Why He Should Not Pay Fine. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 27.—(Special Telegram).—The state supreme court has set tomorrow as the time for the hearing of the motion in the case of E. J. Tabor, who is in custody of the sheriff pending the Cheyenne reservation. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment in the Hughes county jail at Pierre.

Robert Burns, who was brought here last night by Deputy United States Marshal Strayer of Pierre, appeared before Judge Garland today and pleaded guilty to the charge of unlawfully introducing intoxicating liquors among the Sioux Indians on the Cheyenne reservation. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment in the Hughes county jail at Pierre.

Dogs Live with Wolves. LARAMIE, Wyo., Feb. 27.—(Special).—A peculiar condition of affairs has recently been discovered by the stockmen of the Laramie plains. For some time past wolf hunters have been bringing in the pelts of dogs and collecting bounties on the same as predatory wild animals. The hunters have each time made a point of exhibiting the animals among the haunts of wolves and coyotes. This has led to an investigation, which discloses the fact that dogs have been enticed away from the ranches by wolves and coyotes and have taken up residence among the packs of wolves. The result has been that the wolves have been killing the dogs in the assistance of the domesticated animals, which accounts for the presenting of dog pelts for bounty. An effort will be made to kill off all of the renegade dogs and from this time on only a certain breed of canine will be kept on the ranches.

College Will Celebrate. YANKTON, S. D., Feb. 27.—(Special).—Wednesday night at 12 o'clock there will be a grand ball at Yankton college, celebrating the securing of the last of the money which will wipe out the debt of Yankton college and thus give it the gift of \$50,000. To be given by D. K. Pearson of Chicago. Only a few hundred dollars remain to be secured and those working in the interest of the debt assert that this can easily be secured by Wednesday night. March 1 is the time set by Mr. Pearson for the college to have cleaned up its \$50,000 indebtedness. The students have taken a great interest in the work and Wednesday night there will be bonfires on College hill that can be seen for miles around, bells will be rung and every manifestation of joy will be made. The students are to be given two holidays.

Header Finds Human Body. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 27.—(Special).—A few days ago a sheep herder, while driving his flock through a narrow canyon on the west side of Newburg, in northern Wyoming, discovered the remains of a human being, which had been wrapped in a quilt with a stout strap buckled around the body to hold the bones together. The body was that of a woman, and had evidently been secreted with great care, as no signs of a search for the body were visible from any habitation. The mouth of this cave had been completely covered by standing a large slab-like stone on edge, thereby forming a natural tomb. The sheep herder removed the stone and tore away a portion of the quilt, which was rotten with age, exposing a bone held upon the fingers of which were several gold rings.

Forecast of the Weather. Fair and warmer is predicted for Wednesday and Thursday—Winds variable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Weather forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: For Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas—Fair and warmer Wednesday; Thursday fair; northerly winds, becoming variable. For Iowa—Snow in southern and eastern portions; fair in northwestern portion Wednesday; Thursday fair and warmer; northerly winds, becoming variable. For Missouri—Snow, followed by clearing Wednesday; northerly, shifting to northerly winds; Thursday fair and warmer.

Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Feb. 27.—Official record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding day of the last three years.

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