

SAVES CASH FOR LANCASTER

Reduction of Population Cuts Off Many Official Positions.

FEWER CLERKS AT THE COURT HOUSE

Falling Below Seventy Thousand Sets the County Organization Back and Changes the Rate of Compensation Paid.

LINCOLN, Nov. 23.—(Special Telegram.)

The decrease in the population of Lancaster county as shown by the 1900 census made public today has had the effect of reducing the compensation of many of the county officials and in addition will probably throw a small number of clerks out of employment. The census of 1900, gave Lancaster county a population of over 70,000, but the year's count shows the number actually to be 64,835, and places the county under another set of laws. The three commissioners will be reduced to a \$3 per day basis. The clerical force of the offices of the sheriff, county judge, treasurer and clerk will be cut down. While not unexpected the announcement of the county population has caused the expression of much disappointment.

GANG HAS TOO MUCH HARNESS

Wymore Officers Arrest Tough Trio Found to Have Dozen Sets in Their Wagon.

WYMORE, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The officers of this city raided a camp in Horseshoe park yesterday and made what proved to be an important capture. Three fellows were arrested and placed in jail, charged with stealing harness and blankets, and today two more of the gang were caught. Considerable stolen property was found in their possession and later, when a search was made in the vicinity of their camp, nearly a dozen sets of good harness and many other things were found. Farmers are here from northern Kansas today and most of the harness has been identified. The three fellows arrested yesterday gave their names as James Williams, A. Virgin and Ed Hart and claimed to live in Beatrice, but Sheriff Addington, who came here today to see the men, says they are a gang of professionals who have been preying upon this section of the country for months and he deems the capture a most important one. The men will be given a preliminary hearing today, but inasmuch as most of the stolen goods are claimed by the farmers of Marshall county, Kansas, a charge of petty larceny will be made against them here and as soon as the Nebraska authorities are done with them they will be turned over to the Kansas police, who claim to have evidence enough to send them to the penitentiary. They are a tough looking set and are believed to be desperate men. The arrests were made by Marshals Dumas and Hatch and Constable Allen of this city.

Lodge Elections.

YORK, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The Knights of Pythias lodge at its meeting last evening elected the following officers for ensuing year: W. M. Welch, C. C.; Roy Davis, V. C.; J. B. Miller, prelate; Charles Kollig, M. of E.; J. N. Keldow, M. of E.; C. Campbell, K. of R.; W. A. Miller, M. of A.; J. V. Hyder, M. of W. L. M. Sturdevant, in-charge guard; W. Moist, outer guard.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Rising Star lodge No. 75, I. O. O. F., has elected the following officers: T. G. Richards, noble grand; P. M. Fox, vice grand; S. A. Snider, secretary; W. O. Johnson, treasurer; D. H. Kunkel, trustee; E. A. Walrath, organist.

NEBESKA, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The noble grand lodge elected Mrs. Mary Wilson, noble grand; Mrs. Sarah Miller, vice grand; Mrs. Oliver Westberg, secretary; Mrs. S. W. Gushee, treasurer; Mrs. Mary E. Saunders, financial secretary; and Mrs. Mary McCoy, installing officer.

ST. EDWARD, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—St. Edward lodge No. 158, Knights of Pythias, elected officers last night as follows: E. G. Criss, chancellor commander; A. J. McKelvey, vice commander; Dr. O. H. Flory, prelate; Ben E. Reeves, master of work; R. E. Cass, master of execution; James P. Royston, master of finance; P. Simpson, keeper of records and seals.

Grand Island Has Only an Itch. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—There have been numerous reports of smallpox in this city, but investigation by Mayor Platt, as chairman of the Board of Health, has resulted in finding all but one of them to be cases of a prevalent and very mild skin disease, known as an Itch. The doctors of the city have so far perfectly agreed upon the disease and, with the exception of the single case, there is no danger of alarm. The single case is that of a woman in one of the houses of ill-repute, located a mile from the city proper. The existence of this case was discovered last Friday and Mayor Platt immediately had the house quarantined and a day and night watchman placed on guard.

Dunkard's Committee Visits Fremont. FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The committee from the Dunkard church, consisting of Messrs. Lecky of Davenport, Moore of Falls City and Gable of Octavia, who are seeking a location for the National meeting of the religious body, arrived in this city yesterday. They were met at the depot by Mayor Kaugh and other citizens and shown the various points of interest.

Thieves Busy at Shelton. SHELTON, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—During Monday night parties went to the barn of Bruno Noack, a farmer living ten miles north of this place, and took a team of horses, and as yet no trace of the team parties has been found. From the front of L. L. Weaver's store was also taken three 100-pound sacks of sugar, and from the rear of Ward Hay's restaurant a dozen cans of oysters were carried off.

Patrons Consolidated. WEST POINT, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The Cuning County Advertiser, a sheet which has been published here for some time, has been consolidated with the Nebraska Volksblatt, by M. O. Gentke, was today sold to Anton J. Lenzner, ex-postmaster, and editor of the West Point Republican, and will be consolidated with that paper.

Humboldt Odd Fellows Elect. HUMBOLDT, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The members of Odd Fellows lodge No. 24 held their semi-annual election of officers last night and made the following selections: Noble grand, R. S. Unland; vice grand, M. W. Harding; secretary, W. J. Davis; treasurer, J. W. Scott; trustees, G. F. Morburger, D. F. Bartlett.

His Train Was in the Way. NORFOLK, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The first trial of the Conductor Blocking the Main Street crossing and interfering with travel. He was admitted to bail pending his trial.

Spent Terrible Night on River. SIOUX FALLS, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—A change in management was announced this morning by the Sioux Falls Press. W. S. Bowen, private secretary to Senator Pettigrew, becomes chief editor of the paper.

Standard Oil's New High Mark. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The Standard Oil shares in the open market today aggregated 81 shares at 76, a new high record.

Vermont Declares Against Cigarettes. MONTPELIER, Vt., Nov. 28.—The Vermont legislature today passed a law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in the state.

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BURNING THE MITCHELL MAIL

Story of the Destruction of McBride's Plan Told in Court.

EFFORT TO COMPROMISE PROVES FAILURE

Parties Unable to Agree and the Hearing of the Matter Proceeds Without Incident or Interruption.

MITCHELL, S. D., Nov. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The first trial of the McBride case against the citizens of Mitchell has brought out the main facts of incident of the burning of the Mitchell Mail printing outfit nearly five years ago. Last night there was evidence that a settlement might take place before the trial was started this morning.

The first witness called by the plaintiff was A. E. Hatcher, a leading attorney of this city and against whom a suit for damages was instituted. He told of the meeting held by the citizens to decide on taking some action against McBride and his newspaper; of an agreement made by McBride and the other attorneys, approached the attorneys for the defendants with a proposition for settlement on the basis of paying McBride \$3,000 in cash and the costs in the case. The defendants offered to pay what the office material was worth. All negotiations were then off and the trial began in earnest this morning.

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Re-Election of President McKinley Causes General Satisfaction There.

DOLE AND ANTI-DOLE FACTIONS AT WAR

Each Alleges the Other's Responsibility for Republican Defeat in Local Contest—Heavy Rains and High Winds Prevail.

HONOLULU, Nov. 28.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.—Via San Francisco, Nov. 27.)—The election in Hawaii has by no means brought an end of politics, rather given opportunity for the outbreak of a more bitter fight than ever between the so-called missionary and anti-missionary wings, or Dole and anti-Dole factions of the republican party. Each is busily accusing the other of having knifed the ticket and helped to cause the republican defeat and independent success.

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