

NEBRASKA FILES ITS BRIEF

Attorney General Frou's Position in Niagara Fire Insurance Case.

OLD PRISON WALLS ARE TO BE UTILIZED

Two Million Dollars of New Business in the Banks—Lincoln Couple's Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Attorney General Frou today filed the brief of the state in the case instituted by the Niagara Fire Insurance company to restrain the state officials from instituting proceedings for the enforcement of those laws which forbid unlawful combinations of insurance companies.

At the silver wedding anniversary held ten years ago in University Place there was but one grandchild present and only three living. Now there are twenty-two living. At that time the attendance was about half what it has been at the present celebration.

Among those present yesterday were children—Mrs. E. A. Swain, the oldest daughter, of University Place; Mrs. Mary Watson and husband of Shenandoah, Ia.; Rev. J. W. Buckner of Clarinda, Ia.; Rev. D. M. Buckner, wife and four children, Magnolia, Ia.; Rev. J. D. M. Buckner, wife and one child, Olathe, Kan.; Rev. A. B. Buckner, wife and one child, Hiawatha, Kan.

Grandchildren—A. J. Shinn, wife and two children, Woodbine, Ia.; V. L. Watson, wife and two children, Macedonia, Ia.; W. D. D. Counts, wife and three children, University Place, Neb.; Elzy Baker, wife and two children, Corning, Ia.; Mrs. Viola Jenkins, husband and four children, Havelock, Neb.; Mrs. Edith Sheets and husband, Shenandoah, Ia.; Mrs. Etty Willey and husband, Bloomfield, Neb.; Mrs. C. Baker and wife, Corning, Ia.; Charles and Louis Buckner, Macedonia, Ia.; Raymond Buckner, University Place, Neb.; Arthur Buckner, Olathe, Kan.; Walter Buckner, Hiawatha, Kan.; Emory Buckner and wife, Omaha, Neb.; John Fiesinger, husband and one child, Arberville, Neb.; A. J. Shinn, wife and three children, Moreland, Ia.; Rev. George Shinn, Woodbine, Ia.; Alta and Goldie Buckner, Magnolia, Ia.; Louis Buckner, Macedonia, Ia.; and Otis Shinn of Woodbine, Ia.

Woman's Day at Epworth Assembly. This was woman's day at the Epworth assembly. The rain that fell during the earlier hours of the morning merely brightened up things and did not interfere with the enjoyment of the thousands who are taking pleasure in coming under the trees. This was the program of addresses: "Godless Motherhood," Dr. Parkhurst; "Practical Literary Work," Rev. O. W. Fifer; "The Old and the New Woman," Mrs. Ormiston Chant, London; Mrs. Jean Shumaker, state superintendent of purity of Aurora, spoke to the Women's Christian Temperance union congress on "A White Life for Two," and Miss Nickel of Beatrice, the state secretary talked of "The Home," evangelist's sermon, Rev. E. J. Baskerville, prelude of song by assembly chorus and Jubilee jubilee singers, Christian citizenship comes, "The Relation of the Citizen to the Liquor Traffic," Colonel Bain, Missionary institute, theme, "The Missionary Meeting," Junior parliament, conducted by Mrs. Woodcock; half-hour concert by jubilee singers and chorus, lecture by Colonel George W. Bain, "A Century Searchlight."

Wooden Package Manufacturers. Articles of incorporation of the Wooden Package Manufacturing company were filed today in the office of the secretary of state. The capital stock of the company is \$25,000, of which \$10,000 has been subscribed. The principal holders named are Jacob Knapp and Charles W. Knapp.

State Bankers Are Busy. A consolidated statement of the reports of all state private and savings banks in Nebraska will soon be issued by Secretary of State.

To Utilize Old Prison Walls. The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings has under consideration several plans for utilizing the old walls and cells of the penitentiary building, which was destroyed by fire during the winter. The legislature appropriated \$125,000 for all expenses incident to restoring the institution. Of this amount about \$23,000 has already been expended for sixty new cells and blankets and bedding for the prisoners. Contracts have been awarded for the construction of a new administration building and after it is finished there will be but very little money left for repairing or rebuilding the old walls. The board hopes to repair the walls where the stones have been damaged by fire and to cover them with a new roof. The iron one cells are still in position, but it is doubtful that they can be used. The administration building will contain the cooking department. All work is being done under the direction of a foreman employed by the state and convict labor is employed wherever possible.

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ABSOLUTE SECURITY. Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills. Must Bear Signature of Dr. Wood.

LAND TITLES MAY BE INVALID

Decision that Indian with White Father Cannot Have Allotment.

CHARGES AGAINST SEVERAL AT O'NEILL

Complaints Accompanied by Application to Enter Homestead Claim—Papers Sent to General Commissioner at Washington.

(Special Telegram.)

O'NEILL, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Much excitement is being here by reason of a recent decision of the secretary of the interior with reference to land allotted to quarter and half-breed Indians. The syllabus of the case referred to is as follows:

Children born of a white man, a citizen of the United States, and an Indian woman, his wife, follow the status of the father in the matter of land allotment, and are not entitled to allotment under section 4, act of February 3, 1887, as amended by the act of February 20, 1891.

This decision seems to affect the title to several thousand acres of very choice land in Boyd and Knox counties. In October, 1890, there were allotted to the Ponca tribe of Indians in Nebraska several thousand acres of land in the above named counties, which then formed a part of the Ponca and Sioux Indian reservations. Many of the allottees were children born of a white man and an Indian woman and under the rule then in force it was thought they were entitled to an allotment. This ruling was reversed in the decision above referred to.

S. J. Weeks, register of the United States land office here, when seen today said: "Yes, it is true that charges have been preferred by individuals against a number of Indian allottees in Boyd county. The complaints are in the nature of an affidavit, alleging in each instance that the allottee in each instance is the child of a white man and a citizen of the United States. In most instances the complaint is accompanied by an application to enter the land as a homestead. The homestead application is not allowed, but all papers are transmitted to the commissioner of the general land office and will, as I take it, if he deems the charges sufficient, make the matter a subject of inquiry by a special agent or order a hearing of the land office. In case a hearing is ordered the persons presenting the charges against the allottees must assume and pay the expense of the hearing, but they acquire no preference right to make entry of the land if the allotment is canceled."

It is reported here today that the people of Lynch, the town nearest the land, are much excited over the matter and many are on the way here to make application for the land.

SPEAKS ON NEGRO QUESTION. Rev. A. B. Whitmer Tells Fremont People Blacks Should Have Industrial Education.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—At the Normal Auditorium last evening a dramatic program was given, in charge of the education classes. Before the program a lecture was delivered by Rev. A. B. Whitmer of Tecumseh on "The South and the Race Problem." He made a considerable talk. The speaker described the condition of the lower classes of the negroes and gave the opinion that the race was better off in many ways during the reign of slavery than now, though no one would desire a return to that system. He criticized the education of the negro as in many ways not being along proper lines. Booker T. Washington he considered as a noble man who was doing wonders for his race, but many of the southern schools for the colored man were doing no good. He expressed the opinion that the federal government could use much of the money now being paid out for schools in the Philippines to far better advantage in educating the negro along industrial lines. Mr. Whitmer has spent much time in the south and has positive ideas on the proper way of dealing with the lynching question was not touched upon. He stated that the larger portion of the crime in the south was committed by colored men and the reason was because of their idleness.

BROWN LIQUOR CASE DECIDED. Judge Holds the Act of the Village Board at Julian to Be Legal.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Judge Still, in the district court at Auburn, has just settled up the Brown liquor case in Julian, which has been in the courts since early last spring. Prior to the town election in April the saloon and anti-saloon elements of the town had locked horns and each put up candidates for the village board. On election day the saloon element won out by an average of ten votes per man. The board then listened to a number of protests from the anti-saloon people, but granted the license. Later in the year the town board, Miss Katt, carried the affair to the district court. Two lawyers, residing in Lincoln, Auburn and Nebraska City, were employed on the case. At a late hour yesterday afternoon Judge Still rendered his decision in the case, holding that the act of the village board had been perfectly legal in every respect. The fight has caused a great deal of hard feeling among the people of Julian during the several months it has been in progress.

DOCTOR COMMITS SUICIDE

Charles Pappenhelf, Formerly of Sidney, Dies by Gas in California.

SIDNEY, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—A dispatch from Alameda, Cal., announces the death by suicide of Dr. Chris Pappenhelf, who formerly resided here and later was a resident of Rock Springs, Wyo. He killed himself by inhaling gas. He was well educated and at the time was quite active in Masonic circles.

Norfolk Teachers.

NORFOLK, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—The school board at its last meeting made the following assignment of teachers for the ensuing year: Superintendent, D. C. O'Connor; principal of high school, J. B. Barnes, Jr.; assistant principals, Miss Eugenie Maclean and Arthur Sim; eighth grade teachers, Mrs. A. M. Gerecke and Miss Valley Gardner; seventh grade teachers, Misses Katt Stafford and Margaret Carr; sixth grade teachers, Louise Mathewson and Marie Bryan; fifth grade teachers, Gertrude Watson, Edith Morrow and Oriole Adams; fourth grade teachers, Lizzie Ross and Pearl Reser; third grade teachers, Hattie Alberry and Nellie Dingman; second grade teachers, Ellen Mullen and Pearl Widaman; first grade teachers, Anna McBride and Edith McHenry; primary grade teachers, Bessie Kildner, Mamie Matran and Lucy Williams.

Windstorm on the Platte. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—A rain of 1.5 inches fell in this county between 1 and 7 o'clock this morning. It will be of great benefit to fall forage and will aid greatly the corn now partly matured. In the vicinity of the Platte river the rain was accompanied by a windstorm.

LOTS IN LAWTON SELL WELL

Fifty-Five of Them Sell at an Average Price of \$300.

HALF MILLION GOES TO BANK IN TWO DAYS

Tented Institutions Have Plenty of Business Right at the Start and Residents Are Predicting Great Future.

(Special Telegram.)

FORT HILL, Okl., Aug. 9.—Town lots in Lawton are selling for a figure which exceeds the most confident predictions. The average for fifty-five lots sold yesterday was \$300. This morning the first corner in the block north of the landoffice sold for \$200 and the average for the first five lots sold was \$250.

A combination was formed yesterday to change the business center of the town to the street running one block north of the courthouse and landoffice. The two national banks bid for lots along this street and the lot on the corner was sold to the First National bank, now doing business in a small tent, for \$500. But the effort to stampede the town failed, for the price of lots this morning increased as the landoffice block was approached.

CROWDS AT WOODMEN PICNIC. Four Thousand People See the Many Attractions at the Geneva Celebration.

GENEVA, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Big crowds began to come to the Modern Woodmen of America picnic yesterday. Every train was loaded. A special came from Newark and also one from Ohiowa, besides the regular trains. Committees met the visitors as they arrived. A reception was given for the Modern Woodmen at the courthouse. A number of showers occurred during the day. A free concert and play, a water fight between Geneva and Superior, the latter winning, and two base ball games, Geneva defeating Fairmont and Exeter defeating Ohiowa, were among the attractions.

Lightning Strikes House. AURORA, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—A heavy rain yesterday morning about 4 o'clock. During the heaviest part of the storm the house of Mr. Hulbert, editor of the Aurora Sun, was struck by lightning, but no one was hurt. Hulbert sent his boy to the waterworks at once to get a bucket of water. The water was sent to the first floor and the basement was burned, and what was saved was nearly ruined. The house was one of the finest in the city. Only the walls were left standing.

Rain Helps Late Crops at McCool. MCCOOL JUNCTION, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—A good, soaking rain set in yesterday afternoon and continued at intervals until 7 o'clock this morning. About two inches of water fell in the southern part of York county. This, following the inch of July 27, will make a fair crop of late corn. Most of the grain is either stacked or threshed. Farmers are busy plowing for wheat. Oats are so poor that much will be left unthreshed. Pastures are improving and it is no longer necessary to cut corn for cattle. Farmers are selling all the hogs that can be marketed.

Keamey Cotton Mills for Sale. KEARNEY, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The Kearney cotton mills will be offered for sale in this city September 2 under foreclosure rendered in the United States court July 15 in favor of the Union Savings Bank and Trust company. The property includes the mill, land, numerous tenement houses and all machinery and tools, except the steam plant. H. C. Anderson of this city is special master in chancery to conduct the sale. The plant has been inoperative two months.

Send Delegates to Find New Location. DEWITT, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—At a public meeting held at this place L. T. Hildray and Henry Wayne were elected delegates to go to Alberta, Can., to investigate reports concerning that country. If found to be as represented, a colony will be formed here and will locate at some place in the new country.

Clay County Convention. CLAY CENTER, Neb., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Clay county republicans will hold a convention here August 21 to appoint delegates to the state convention and to nominate a county ticket. The central committee met here yesterday and decided to hold but one convention.

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HON. J. A. SIMPSON. SECY BOARD OF EDUCATION SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. Hon. J. A. Simpson, Secretary of the Board of Education of San Francisco, Cal., writes: "I have found Peruna an ideal tonic. Some months ago I suffered with neurasthenia (systemic catarrh), caused by too close application to office work. My system seemed worn out and I felt far from well. I found Peruna benefited me very much. It built up the entire system and made me feel like a new man. I believe it is well worth the high praise bestowed upon it."—J. A. Simpson.

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