

THIS IN NEBRASKA

EVENTS OF INTEREST OF MORE OR LESS IMPORTANCE.

Congressman Kinkaid Gets a Ruling in Behalf of Homesteaders—Other Matters in Nebraska.

WASHINGTON—Representative Kinkaid has for the past two years been fighting for a ruling from the general land office in relation to the improvements required on additional homesteads taken under the Kinkaid act, as it is sometimes known outside of Nebraska, the "640-acre act," to the effect that the homesteader still residing on his old homestead may make such additional improvements thereon. As a result of Judge Kinkaid's persistence the following ruling was issued by Assistant Commissioner J. H. Pimple previous to his quitting office:

"It is held by this office that where a party still owns and occupies his original homestead, and makes an additional entry for contiguous lands, that the whole constitutes one entire claim and that improvements may be placed upon any part of said claim. It would, however, be necessary for the party to maintain his residence upon the original homestead until after final proof is made upon the additional, in order to receive credit for improvements placed on the original in making such final proof."

A New Canning Company.

OMAHA—The Florence Canning company was organized at Florence with a capital of \$25,000, half of which will be paid up and is already subscribed. The stock is non-assessable. The main business of the company will be the canning of tomatoes, corn and other vegetables. The plant is contracted for and will be built by the Hastings Industrial company of Chicago. Work will begin at once on the factory. Contracts are now being made with gardeners and farmers for acreage of tomatoes and corn. The plant will cost \$10,250.

School Apportionment Certified.

The semi-annual school apportionment certified to the state superintendent by State Treasurer Mortensen amounts to \$113,851.03, which is about \$24,000 more than the May apportionment of a year ago. The money was derived from the following sources: School tax, \$92,956.65; interest on school and saline lands, \$198,085.05; interest on bonds, \$95,275.17; interest on warrants, \$53,634.06; game and fish licenses, \$3,686; discount on bonds, \$1,771.00. The money will be distributed \$1.10 for each pupil in the state and there are at this time 375,348 children of school age in Nebraska.

More Money for San Francisco.

Governor Mickey has forwarded to J. D. Pheasant, head of the relief committee organized to look after the needs of the San Francisco sufferers, a draft for \$529.63, the balance on hand in his office. After mailing the draft Governor Mickey received \$100 from W. J. Bryan, sent through Chas. W. Bryan, business manager of the Commoner. This sum is in addition to the \$100 contributed by Mr. Bryan some weeks ago.

Good Pension for Nebraskan.

Washington despatch: Representative Hinshaw has secured a big pension in the bureau for William P. Campbell of Fairbury. The latter was granted an original allowance of \$8 per month from June 7, 1892, and \$12 per month from March 3, 1893. The accrued pension due Mr. Campbell is \$1,500, a check for which he will receive in a few days.

Money for the Schools.

The money on hand in the state treasury for distribution among the school districts of the state, at the close of business on the 21st, was \$112,738.79 an increase from \$289,540, the apportionment of last year. This year the per capita distribution will be \$1.10, while last May it was \$1.03.

Five Years for Murder.

OMAHA—Frank Noonan of South Omaha, convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Charles Carlson, December 30, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by Judge Sutton. Attached to the verdict as returned by the jury was a very strong recommendation for leniency.

Woman Hangs Herself.

FALLS CITY—Mrs. James Gilmore disappeared from her home west of Strausville Monday evening about 5 o'clock, and her body was found hanging in a cave near her house.

Bonds for Water Works.

OXFORD—The city council, in a session, called a special election for June 28, to vote upon the dual proposition of issuing bonds for water works and an electric light plant; \$15,000 for water and \$3,700 for light.

Bonds for School Fund.

The state board of educational lands and funds bought Tennessee bonds to the amount of \$50,000 as an investment for the permanent school fund. The bonds will net the state 3½ per cent interest.

Farmer Killed by Lightning.

NORFOLK—Carl Jensen, a prosperous farmer near Tilden, went to the field to look after some horses and was found dead next morning having been struck by lightning.

Prefers Death to Asylum.

LONG PINE—Preferring death to life in an inebriate asylum, J. F. Ingalls, a jeweler of this place, shot himself in the abdomen and died a few hours later. For several years Ingalls had been a strenuous booze fighter.

State Saves \$1,500.

LINCOLN—The state has saved \$1,500 on the contract for printing the supreme court reports. The Omaha Printing company was given the contract at 64 cents a page. The lowest previous bid was 87 cents.

NEBRASKA BRIEFS.

Fourteen students graduated from the Wisner high school.

Two men confined in the Cass county jail made their escape.

Oxford is arranging all details for celebrating the Fourth of July.

The Burlington is rebuilding its depot at Greenwood, burned some time ago.

Three separate attempts at incense diarism were made in McCook in 'one night.

Rev. Calvert of the Methodist church of Humboldt has been given a ten weeks' vacation.

It is said the Standard Beet Sugar company is owing \$60,000 to farmers in Red Willow county.

Hon. James E. North of Columbus announces that he is for W. J. Bryan for the next presidential term.

Lightning struck the residence of Mrs. J. Donnelly and stunned three members of the family at Fremont.

An organization for the protection of farmers and horse owners against horse thieves was effected at Wisner.

Beatrice officials were asked to head off a horse thief who had been operating in Kansas and was headed for Nebraska.

C. E. Mead, the defaulting bank cashier of Beemer, has been taken to the penitentiary to serve his three-year sentence.

W. O. Olmstead of Ida Grove, Ia., was in Beatrice looking after his daughter, who disappeared from her home in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, who live a few miles west of Falls City, are the parents of four boys, who were born last week.

T. J. Maloney, a Wymore youth, was fatally shot by Fred Hanes, a companion. The two boys were out hunting when the accident occurred.

Insurance Deputy Pierce has refused the request of the Bankers' Union of the World to reconsider his action in refusing a license to the company to do business in Nebraska.

John Bane, a prosperous farmer of Pierce county, was crushed to death under his wagon heavily loaded with lumber. He is supposed to have fallen under the wheels while asleep.

The board of education is having trouble in finding suitable teachers for Arapahoe schools. They are still looking for a teacher to handle the science and German and a kindergarten.

According to figures in the office of the secretary of state, Hastings has more automobiles than any other city in the state in proportion to the population. Lincoln is second and Omaha is third.

G. A. Herzog, a capitalist of Harvard, has procured a franchise for the establishment of a gas plant in that city to be used for lighting and cooking purposes, and has already commenced work on the plant.

Frank Trazaard, who has been in the Dodge county jail four months on the charge of bigamy, preferred by Mabel Trazaard, was released from view of evidence and the case in district court was stricken from the records.

The Nebraska fish and game commission car passed through Milford and left 25,000 small catfish and pike to be planted in the Blue. The fish were placed at different points in the river below the dam. The Soldiers' Home river was well stocked with the fish.

A man who gives his name as W. B. Ellis, which is supposed to be fictitious and who was arrested in Beatrice for trying to pass a forged check on A. White, was arraigned in the county court. He pleaded not guilty and in default of \$1,000 bonds was lodged in the county jail.

William Carr & Son of Tecumseh have been given three miles of grading on the Burlington's Lincoln-Milford line near Germantown. At present they are doing some work for the Union Pacific near South Omaha, but they will begin work on the new contract at once.

Tecumseh and Johnson county people generally speaking are satisfied at the verdict of the district court of Nebraska county, in Auburn, finding Charles M. Chamberlain, ex-cashier of the failed Chamberlain banking house of that city, guilty of embezzlement. The case was taken from Johnson county on change of venue.

Otto D. Schmidt, the sailor boy from Blair who was granted a gold medal and \$100 by the secretary of the navy for heroic conduct on board the Navy when his boilers exploded, at San Diego, received his gold medal about a month ago and last week received his money. Mr. Schmidt is one of eleven comrades so awarded and the only one from Nebraska.

The state board of public lands and buildings went out to Milford to look over the ground which the Burlington railroad wants to use as a right-of-way in changing its line through Milford. Without a special act of the legislature the board has no right to deed the land to the railroad company, but the board, after an investigation, agreed to allow the road to put in its track and then go to the legislature for a deed next winter.

The Messrs. Bernhard Wiese and Ed Stoltenberg, residing near Abbot, heard a loud noise in the barnyard a few days ago and upon investigating found a six-foot reptile of the "black-snake" variety in battle with a 440-pound hog. The snake was killed.

The examination and investigation demanded by Superintendent Alden and Assistant Superintendent Nicholson of the Norfolk asylum, whose resignations were demanded by Governor Mickey on charges of incompetency and mismanagement, may lead to a general shakeup in other institutions.

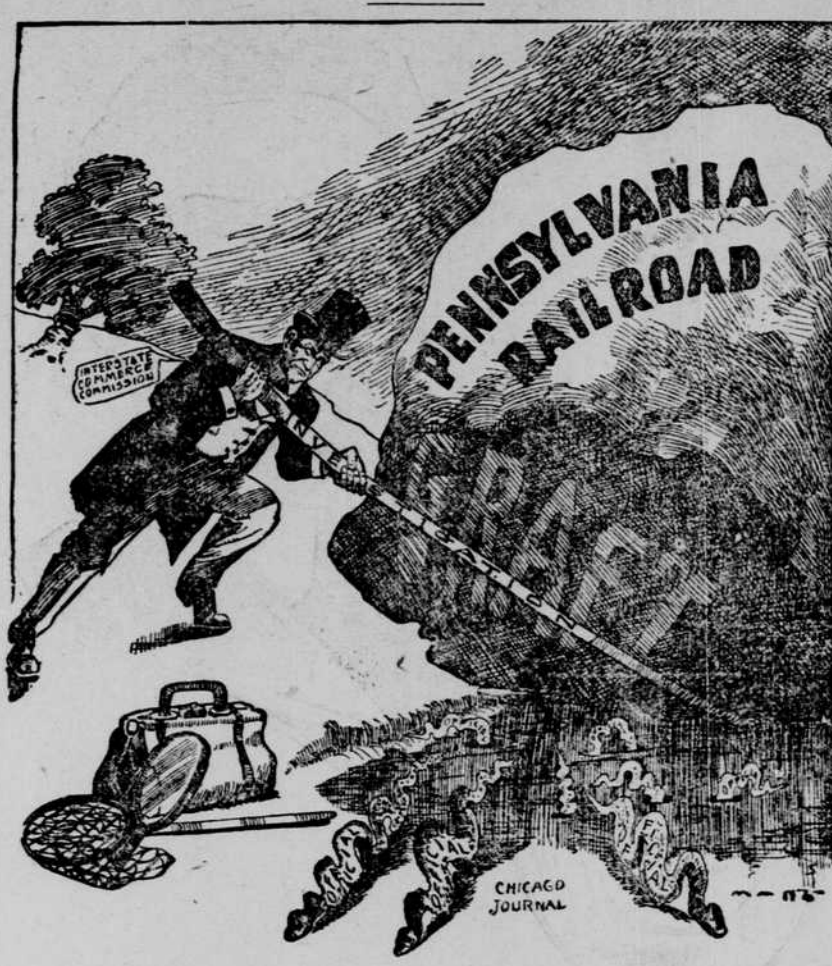
The case of Christiana Soucek, an inmate of the Girls' Industrial home at Milford, against Ernest Carr was tried at the last term and the defendant found guilty, the jury bringing in a verdict to that effect after being out all night.

Anton Matycek, while temporarily insane, jumped from the corridor of the Fremont hospital through a window to the ground and made a frantic dash to get away, shouting at the top of his voice as he ran that physicians were trying to kill him. He was captured and jailed.

Friend of Robert Dead.

Denver, Col.—Col. Grant S. Moore, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars and a close friend of Gen. Grant and Gen. Sheridan, died at his home in this city Wednesday, aged 79 years.

WHO WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IT?



FERTILIZER MEN INDICTED

MUST FACE COURT ON CHARGE OF MAINTAINING TRUST.

Defendants Are Said to Have Violated the Sherman Law by Fostering Illegal Combination.

Nashville, Tenn.—The grand jury of the United States circuit court, which has been investigating the alleged fertilizer trust for the past four weeks, Friday returned an indictment against about 80 fertilizer manufacturers, including a number of local men. The indictment contains six counts detailing in specific form alleged violations of the anti-trust laws, and charging the defendants with combining and being engaged in a trust or combination.

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ILLINOIS BANKERS INDICTED

Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Four Owners of Pekin Institution.

Peoria, Ill.—The four principal owners in the failed Teis Smith bank of Pekin, Ill., were indicted under 125 counts each by the Tazewell county grand jury Thursday. Judge Worthington fixed the bond of the defendants at \$35,000 each and security was furnished. The men under indictment are D. C. Smith, the aged head of the firm; E. F. Unland, Conrad Luppen and Henry Block.

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