

# NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

## ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Farmers of Beatrice are fighting on a raise in price.

Construction is going forward on the new depot at Alliance.

The new United Evangelical church at York was dedicated last week.

Beatrice's new Catholic school has been completed and will soon be dedicated.

The Tecumseh Chautauqua association has been organized for the coming year.

Waukegan has organized a commercial club for encouraging growth of the town.

Fire, for the second time in three months, destroyed the barn of Edward Neigh at West Point.

Edward S. Grimes of Omaha has been named deputy oil inspector by Governor Sheldon, to succeed George Templeton, also of Omaha.

Rev. W. P. Ferguson of Lincoln, recently acquitted of having improper relations with one of his congregations, Mrs. Cross, filed suit in the district court for \$5,000 against Atwood & Guile and C. R. Smith & Co.

After a fire or wind loss you need the money. Friends may sympathize but if you want a company which pays cash try the Farmers and Merchants Ins. Co., established since 1835. Over a million dollars already paid to patrons.

The Union Pacific Railroad company at Grand Island withdrew and discharged 200 men who were working on extension of track in the west end of that city. All laborers working on the construction of the ice lake east of the city were also discharged.

John Dingman, a brakeman on the Northwestern road, was, it is thought, fatally hurt at Blair. Dingman had cut the train at the road crossing, stepped across the track and attempted to step back again when the cars came together and crushed his abdomen and back.

Chief Game Warden George L. Carter has received a report from the clerk of Douglas county that 1,155 hunting and fishing licenses have been issued there since the first of the year. Of that number, twenty-nine were issued to non-residents of Nebraska, who paid the regular \$10 fee.

The request of Superintendent Kern of the Hastings asylum to be allowed to buy turkeys for Thanksgiving and for Christmas has been turned down by the board of purchase and supplies on the grounds that turkeys come too high and chickens still taste good. All the other institutions will be notified that the usual Thanksgiving turkey dinner is to be dispensed with.

C. H. Frank, who lived some eight or nine miles southeast of Table Rock, in the corner of the county, committed suicide. He had taken a shotgun and gone out, remarking that he would kill a rabbit, and he crossed over the line into the edge of Omaha county, and, stepping on the porch of Luther Burrow, one of his nearest neighbors, he placed the muzzle of the shotgun to his head and fired, instantly killing himself.

The state railway commission, in answer to an appeal for justice made by J. W. Haper of Geneva, has replied that his transaction with the Northwestern railroad was purely interstate, and so out of the jurisdiction of the Nebraska commission. Mr. Haper objected strenuously to be compelled by the Northwestern to pay \$117.60 on a carload of potatoes from Hitchcock, S. D., to Geneva. He claims that he was made to pay 30 cents per hundredweight, when the limit is 22 cents.

Two men arrested by Sheriff Dayley of Saunders county, and now in jail at Wahoo, had concealed in their waist belts, collars and around their coats several bills ranging in 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's and 20's from the Merchants' and Planters' bank of Savannah, Ga., and other banks of the south, and in different parts of their clothing good money and express orders were found. About \$265 good money was taken from their clothing. They had passed a good deal of the spurious money.

Adams suit for \$10,700 has been filed by Miss Kate Hinckley against Charles B. Jewett of Lincoln. Of this amount \$10,000 is to reimburse Miss Hinckley for wounded pride, injured feelings and loss of social standing and \$700 for her unused wedding dress and a trip to Pontiac, Mich. Miss Hinckley, who for some time has been a cashier in a local restaurant, charges Mr. Jewett with breach of promise to wed. Jewett is considered well-to-do and owns a farm north of Lincoln.

James Molos was fatally injured at Plattsmouth, being struck by freight train No. 14, eastbound, while he and a number of Italians were riding on a handcar from that city to their bank car.

Notice has been received from the referee in bankruptcy at Omaha that a 10 per cent dividend has been declared on the claims against the Standard Beet Sugar company. This company has several hundred creditors in Lincoln county and their claims aggregate tens of thousands of dollars.

Owing to the scarcity of labor, several patented corn hunkers have been sold in Stanton county. It seems almost impossible to obtain laborers to hunk corn at any reasonable figure, other work being so plentiful and remunerative.

Ernest Hazel, a laborer not long from the old country, was instantly killed at McCook by the engine of passenger train No. 14. He was walking across the railroad track and was struck by the engine.

Short on Hard Coal.

Herman—There is not a pound of hard coal in Herman for sale. The dealers all have coal ordered, but none of it has arrived in the last two weeks.

## NO LOCAL CALL FOR LABORERS.

Neither Manufacturers Nor Officials Answer Circulars Sent Out.

Lincoln—"Something of a curiosity from the sociological viewpoint is this recent flurry in the metropolitan papers about the new bureau of information," of the Department of Commerce and Labor," said Deputy Labor Commissioner Ryder. "Judging from some articles recently carried by the Associated Press, Nebraska and other states where laborers and domestic help are reported to be scarce are to be at once supplied with all the help they need from among the aliens who are arriving at New York and other depots for immigrants."

"Some two months ago the Nebraska bureau of labor took up this matter with T. V. Powderly, head of the bureau of information, to ascertain just what his bureau contemplates doing. We received a bunch of blanks which were self-explanatory, and the idea looked so feasible that a circular was at once prepared and sent to every county clerk in Nebraska. A copy was sent to 500 editors of the state also, accompanied by a second letter addressed directly to the editors. These letters of the Nebraska bureau set out that information was wanted as to scarcity of labor, the kind of workers needed, business chances, etc., and we promised, if such information came to hand, to collate it and forward it to the bureau of information at Washington."

"Up to date no notice has been taken of the circular to editors, and but two county clerks have taken the trouble to write this department relative to the matter. We have had one call from a Lancaster county manufacturing firm, for Mr. Powderly's blanks. That firm wanted a bunch of workers, married and single, at good pay, and with cheap house rent as another inducement. I have not heard that the required workers have been secured as yet."

"These facts taken together, especially the lack of interest among county officials and editors, indicate to me that the shortage of labor is generally acute and not chronic. That is, there are certain times when there is a demand in specific sections for a certain kind of labor, as at harvest time and corn shucking time. Taken the year round, however, the shortage is more apparent than real."

## MONEY FOR POSTOFFICE SITE.

Kearney Is to Have an \$75,000 Federal Building.

Kearney—A Washington dispatch states that a treasury warrant was mailed Saturday to J. G. Lowe of Kearney, Neb., in payment for the site for the new postoffice building in this city. The site which Mr. Lowe has sold to the government is located at the northeast corner of Central avenue and Twenty-fourth street. The history of the appropriation in brief is: Congressman Kinkaid secured an item of \$60,000 in the house omnibus bill; later Senator Millard introduced a bill in the senate appropriating \$100,000 which was reduced to \$90,000 by that body, and the bill went to conference and a compromise was accepted at \$85,000 for a building and site at which figure the bill was passed. Deducting the \$5,000 paid for the site there is to the credit of the Kearney public building \$48,000 to commence construction with \$27,000 yet to be appropriated so that Kearney will eventually have \$75,000 for the erection of its postoffice.

## Fellow Had Big Tooth.

Beatrice—While digging in the In-dented sand pit near DeWitt, F. P. Baker unearthed a mastodon tooth in an excellent state of preservation. It is a grinder and measures 9x3 inches at the base and weighs seven pounds. Several years ago a knee bone was found and at different times since remains of these animals have been found in that locality. An extensive search will be made for fossils near where the tooth was found.

## Potato Grower Has Complaint.

A dealer in potatoes, who shipped a car of tubers from Hitchcock, S. D., to Geneva, on October 11, complains that the railroad has charged him \$117.60 for the service, when as he figures on the rate sheet, the total charge could not be in excess of \$45 on a car of 39,200 pounds of 30 cents a hundred. He has applied to the railroad commission for aid.

## After Lower Coal Tariff.

North Platte—Senator Sibley of this county has asked that rates on Wyoming coal to points in Nebraska be lowered, or at least, equalized, and the state railway commission has filed a complaint with the interstate commerce commission alleging that the rates charged Nebraska are higher than rates charged Kansas people.

## After a Wind.

Loss you need the money. Friends may sympathize but if you want a company which pays cash try the Farmers and Merchants Ins. Co., established since 1835. Over a million dollars already paid to patrons.

## Bloodhounds Track Thief.

Beatrice—With the aid of several bloodhounds, Sheriff Trude succeeded in recovering a number of articles that had been stolen from the farm of F. H. Wanderse, southeast of this city. The property consisted of several overcoats and whips which had been taken from carriages at different times. The dogs followed the scent to a farm where a number of men were at work shelling corn, and by a little questioning a man named Cool is said to have admitted taking the goods while intoxicated.

## Good Prices for Hogs.

Cedar Rapids—At R. R. Steele's sale of purebred Duroc Jersey swine, a half interest in the yearling boar Steele's Chief sold for \$325, the other half interest having been sold at the state fair for \$255. The balance of the herd averaged \$47 per head.

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## THE BALLOON RACE.

