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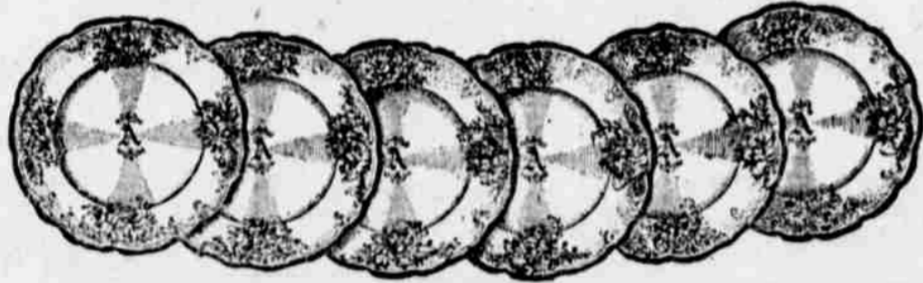
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Brandon Will is Held Valid.
Tecumseh, Neb. Nov. 12.—The hearing of the contest of the will of the late Mrs. H. W. Brandon of this city was completed in the county court and Judge James Livingston sustained the will. Elmer C. Bliss and his half sister objected to the Tinley Rescue home of Omaha sharing in their sister's estate to the extent of \$20,000, as was willed by Mrs. Brandon.

McIntyre Case Affirmed.
Lincoln, Nov. 12.—The court has affirmed the decision of the court of Dawes county in which Philip McIntyre, the lawyer from Texas, was sentenced to the state penitentiary for forgery. It is held that under the practice of the court, where the record contains no bill of exceptions and the pleadings are sufficient to support the judgment of the trial court, it will be affirmed. McIntyre can now bring his action for writ of habeas corpus, as he declared he would should the appeal be affirmed. McIntyre is an aged lawyer with a varied experience in many states and received permission to appear in person before the court.

POLICY KING ARRAIGNED
Denies Knowledge of Nebraska Land Frauds, and Gives Bonds.

Chicago, Nov. 13.—Patrick King, the former "policy king" of Chicago, arrested in connection with the recent frauds perpetrated on the government by officials of the Chicago Ranch company, who dealt in homesteads in Nebraska, furnished bonds of \$5,000 for his appearance at the

trial of the case in Nebraska, when arraigned for a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Foote. King testified that although he had been made a director of the company, he knew nothing of the alleged frauds which involved the use of civil war veterans in the taking up of homestead claims which were later to be turned over to the ranch company.

SHOOTING BRINGS LID DOWN.
Midnight Closing Order Follows a Fatal Fight Over Cards.

Grand Island, Neb., Nov. 12.—William W. Hillis was shot and killed by J. F. Wallage, a liveryman, in the basement of Bock's billiard hall. The shooting occurred at midnight. Wallage immediately telephoned to Sheriff Dunket and the latter took him into custody. Harold Nyboe and G. S. Krout are detained as witnesses.

Witness Krout states that Wallage and Hillis were in a game of cards and that suddenly Hillis attacked Wallage with a beer bottle. No difficulty had arisen over the cards and no words had been passed. Hillis made a sudden attack. Wallage secured his revolver and fired.

Mayor Schuff has given orders that every saloon must close at 12 o'clock and remain closed until 5 a. m.

NEW RULE ON ACCRETED LAND
Supreme Court Reverses Itself and Holds to Old Common Law.

Lincoln, Nov. 12.—Of intense interest to the owners of land adjoining the Missouri river is the case of William Kinkead against C. W. Turgeon

and others, in which a former opinion of the court, written by Judge Oldham, is vacated and new law in the matter of accreted lands is given in Nebraska. The court holds that where the Missouri river changes its course and abandons its former bed the respective riparian owners are entitled to the possession and ownership of the soil formerly under the waters as far as the thread of the stream, and may maintain ejectment to oust squatters within such limits. The opinion was written by Judge Letton upon a rehearing which was granted because of the questions of great public importance involved. The court cleaves to the old common law of England on the subject of riparian ownership, holding that such doctrine is not contrary to the laws and constitution of the state and nation. The opinions of the supreme court of the United States have held that the ownership of land in the former bed of navigable streams shall be at the disposal of the intersected states.

LAND KINGS IN COURT.
Richards and Comstock Attack Indictments as Illegal.

Omaha, Nov. 13.—The first case set for trial in the district court is that of the United States against Bartlett Richards, Will G. Comstock and others, under the indictment returned at the last term of the federal courts, charging them with conspiracy to defraud the government out of large areas of public lands in Cherry and Sheridan counties.

As a preliminary proceeding, their attorneys entered a plea in abatement of the indictment on the ground that

Dr. Tilden, as jury commissioner, who assisted in the selection of the federal grand jury that indicted Richards, Comstock and the other defendants in the case, was not qualified to act as jury commissioner from the fact that he was not appointed to that office by Judge Munger, but had merely held over as an appointee of Judge Dundy, and his appointment expired with the death of Judge Dundy.

Should the plea in abatement be denied, the attorneys for Richards and Comstock will present and argue a motion to quash the indictments against their clients on various technical grounds, including the recent decision of Judge Carland in the South Dakota land cases, wherein it was held that soldiers' widows could file on the lands by agents.

HARRIMAN FACING INQUIRY
Union of Pacific Systems Like Northern Securities Case.

Washington, Nov. 10.—A general investigation of what is known as the Harriman system of railroads, under the authority conferred by law, is one of the subjects that has been discussed for some time by the interstate commerce commission and that body, it is said, really stands committed to an inquiry.

"We have been informed," a member of the commission said, "that this system in some of its features is not unlike the Northern Securities company, which was dissolved through the intervention of the attorney general of the United States."

Any steps which may be taken by the commission along the lines referred to will be, it is said, in accordance with the general powers of the commission conferred by law and not because of an immediate specific complaint of a violation of the statutes.

In January, if time permits, the commission will take up the complaint of the municipality of Spokane against the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, the Burlington, the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line, involving alleged discrimination in charging a higher rate for a shorter than a longer haul. This complaint was the first filed with the commission under the amended interstate commerce act. It is regarded as of considerable importance, as its disposition will logically have a bearing on the whole question of transportation from the west. It is also of importance in connection with the proposed investigation of the Harriman system, whose territory and connecting lines cover a large portion of the west.

WHOLE BATTALION IS FIRED

Three Companies of Negro Troops Dismissed From Army in Disgrace.
El Reno, Okla., Nov. 12.—The members of companies B, C and D of the Twenty-fifth Infantry (colored), recently ordered dismissed by President Roosevelt as a result of the riotous disturbance at Brownsville, Tex., on Aug. 13, were formally dismissed. Many of the men, some of whom had been in the service twenty years, shed tears when they gave up their guns. The dismissed troops will have battalion drill without arms today and they will be discharged immediately upon receipt of the official order from Washington tomorrow.

The second battalion of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, which arrived from San Antonio, has gone into camp just outside the garrison limits of Fort Reno. The negro troops have shown no disposition to be ugly.

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