

NEBRASKA NEWS

GRAND ISLAND MURDERER GIVEN DEATH PENALTY.

SENTENCED TO BE HANGED

New Trial Refused by Judge Paul—Mystery of Ashland Youths' Disappearance is Cleared Up By Recovery of the Bodies.

Judge N. Paul, at Grand Island, overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of the state against John Hamlin, found guilty of the murder of Rachel England and imposed the death sentence which the jury recommended.

In announcing his decision Judge Paul went carefully into the arguments made for a new trial, observed that the counsel for the defense had ably defended the accused, that the latter had had as fair a jury as it was possible to obtain at any time and anywhere, that the instructions complained of were in line with the decision of the supreme court of this and other states, though there was a confusion of authority in the matter of insanity defense and the law in such cases, and he was convinced that John Hamlin had as fair a trial as he would have were the case to be tried again.

WOMAN ROUTS BURGLAR.

Chases Two Men From Bedroom at Point of Loaded Revolver.

At Norfolk, two burglars tried to chloroform Mrs. Robert Craft in her bed during the night and steal \$1,000 which was concealed under the mattress. Awakened by the chloroform and a burglar's arm stealing under the pillow, Mrs. Craft flung her hands upon an electric light, turned on the light and faced the masked highwaymen, who fled. With a gun she pursued, turning on the lights in the dining room to find a waiting companion of the masked robber. The second man cursed the bungling of the job and joined his pal in flight. Mrs. Craft's face was blistered by the chloroform. Last Thursday three tramps, who tried to rob her store a month ago and whom she arrested with an unloaded revolver, were released from jail. Two of them were seen by her, but she says they are not the same who entered her home. Her silverware was left on the sideboard, wrapped in a handkerchief.

FIND BODIES IN THE RIVER.

Mystery in Ashland Disappearance Cleared Up.

Workmen at South Bend discovered the floating bodies in the Platte river of the Wortman and Dewey boys, who disappeared from their Ashland home last December. The young men were known to have started from home to go skating, and were never heard of again. Their parents advertised for them extensively, receiving several clues that led to no definite information. It was thought at the time of their disappearance that they might have drowned, but the fact that young Wortman had run away from home several months before led the parents to believe their sons were still alive. A month ago the boys' coats were found embedded in the ice under a culvert near where the Pawnee Creek on which they were skating empties into the Platte. The bodies were discovered, having been brought to the surface by the high water in the river. Several drownings have occurred close to the spot where this latest tragedy is supposed to have occurred.

Accident in Alliance Yards.

John Meints, a fireman employed in the Burlington yards at Alliance, suffered a mishap that cost him his right foot and ankle. He alighted at a switch, mounted the running-board back of the tender and motioned for the engineer to back. When the engineer had moved the engine back a few feet he noticed the form of Meints lying beside the track, and it was found that the tender wheels had passed over his foot. He was taken to the office of the company surgeon, an amputation was performed and he is resting well. It is a coincidence that a fireman was killed at the same place and in much the same manner a few months ago.

Seriously Injured.

While at work in the Burlington lumber yard at Plattsmouth, Mike Agiris, a Greek workman, was run over by a hand car and sustained a serious injury of the left leg. The accident occurred while fellow workmen were trying to get the hand car off the track to avoid a collision with a string of cars which were being pushed in by a yard engine.

FINDS LONG LOST JEWELS.

Fremont Jeweler Discovers Diamonds in Lining of Old Safe.

H. H. Pratt, proprietor of a jewelry store at Fremont, while ripping the wooden fixtures out of his steel safe, found two brilliant diamonds worth \$150. The stones, mounted in earrings, were stuck into a paper holder just as they had been sent to the store twenty-five years ago.

The finding of the diamonds at once recalled to Mr. Pratt's mind the mystery which surrounded their disappearance. He missed several articles from his store and suspected that some of his clerks were responsible. Finally he missed the diamonds. Detectives were called into the case, but they did not accomplish anything. The stones were not recovered at the time.

The finding of them behind the lining of the safe would indicate that they might have slipped into the recess by accident.

STATE CAMPMEETING.

Annual Meeting of Holiness Association at Lincoln.

The thirty-sixth annual camp meeting of the Nebraska State Holiness association will be held at Epworth Lake park, Lincoln, Neb., June 14-24. The managers of the camp meeting have made special arrangements to make the meeting this year the very best in its history. Rev. Joseph H. Smith, of California, and Rev. H. C. Morrison, of Louisville, Ky., two of the most successful campmeeting leaders in the United States, have been secured to do the preaching, and C. E. Rowley and wife, from Ohio, will be leaders in song. Good board for 20 cents a meal can be had on the ground and lodging for those who do not care to tent.

Peculiar Accident at Tamora.

Postmaster Alexander of Tamora met with a peculiar accident. Mr. Alexander was carrying a satchel containing the office money and a revolver. When he reached the office he took the revolver out, but let it slip from his hand. It hit the floor in such a manner that the weapon was discharged, the ball entering his leg and severing an artery. Physicians were unable to locate the ball, and owing to the loss of blood which the patient had suffered, they concluded that its presence in the member would do less harm than the probing, which would be necessary to locate it.

Riprapping at Dakota City.

H. F. Kellner of Omaha, representing Anderson & Vaught, riprappers of Genoa, Neb., is at Dakota City superintending the riprapping of several miles of banks of the Missouri river, with the hope of saving further ravages from this treacherous stream. Dakota county has lost several hundred acres of valuable farm land in the past, and unless something is done at once the farm residences of Mrs. John Hager and Mrs. W. P. Altemus and the Dakota City home of William Lahrs will have to be removed from their foundations.

Board Walks Condemned.

The city council of Ashland has taken steps toward condemning a large amount of old board walk and having it rebuilt with concrete. The council will next week call for bids on a mile of walk to the cemetery. Bids for the purchase of \$7,000 of refunding water bonds, to bear 5 per cent interest, to be sold June 4, have been called for.

Standpipe Springs Leaks.

The standpipe of the Tecumseh waterworks system, standing more than 100 feet in the air, has recently been springing leaks along its length. One was repaired which was seventy-five feet in the air last week. Workmen say the large cylinder is out of plumb.

Using Gasoline Motor.

Interurban service between Dakota City and Sioux City via Crystal lake was resumed by the Sioux City, Homer & Southern railway with their new four-cylinder gasoline propelled passenger coach. Hourly round trips are being made and it is proving quite a convenience to the traveling public.

Both Men Declared Guilty.

At Clay Center, in the hearing before County Judge Palmer, the cases against Mann and Jacobson for violation of the game law, both were found guilty and fined \$50 each. It is understood that an appeal will be taken to the circuit court.

More Money for Parasites.

Contributions to the fund for distributing parasites to kill the green bugs in the wheat, amounted to \$1,000 last week. That was more than twice the contributions that had previously been made. Prof. Hunter, of the University of Kansas, and his assistants continue to send out boxes of the parasites as rapidly as the work can be done.

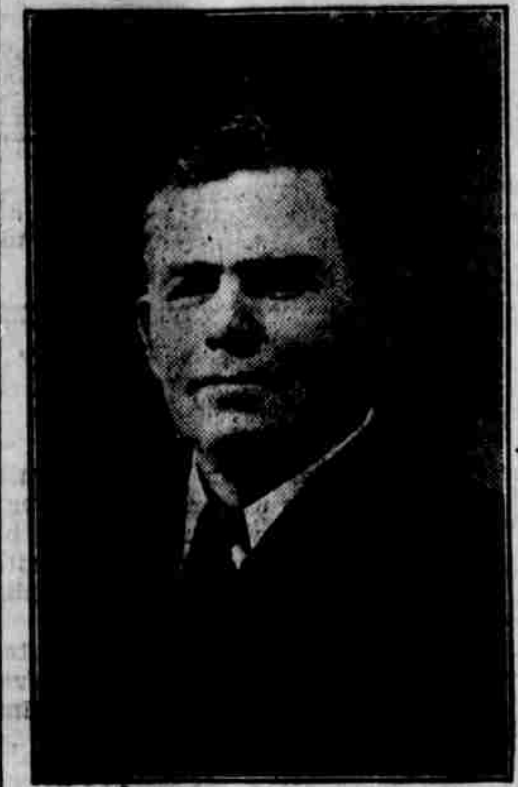
CAPITAL CITY CHAT

TREASURY OF STATE IN A FLUSH CONDITION.

MORE THAN A MILLION IN IT

Largest Amount of Cash on Hand Ever Reported—\$800,000 Soon to Be Disbursed—Where the Cash Is.

The receipts of the Nebraska state treasury during the month of May were \$938,132.56, the largest on record, and the amount of cash on deposit in the state depositories reported by State Superintendent G. L. Brian at the close of the month was \$1,035,029.83, the largest amount reported in the history of the depository law. While this is almost enough to pay off the outstanding state warrants that constitute the state debt, the money cannot be used for that purpose, State Treasurer Brian will be obliged to pay out \$485,000 to the public schools in the form of semi-annual



FRANK A. HARRISON

Recently appointed clerk of the United States court at Lincoln.

school apportionment. This comes from the temporary school fund. He will also be obliged to use \$235,000 to pay for bonds of the state of Idaho which were purchased recently, making a total of \$793,000 that will be paid out within a very short time. The treasurer had on hand May 1, \$726,212. He received during the month \$938,132.56, paid out \$621,541.37 and has on hand a total of \$1,042,803.67. Of that amount, \$7,773.84 is in cash and the balance, \$1,035,029.83, is in state depository banks.

The following shows the receipts and disbursements during the month of May:

Funds—	Receipts.	Payments.	Balances May 31, 1907
General	\$318,353.54	\$320,980.62	\$8,997.36
Permanent school	310,654.97	170,629.59	260,887.56
Temporary school	101,841.24	.....	468,988.58
Permanent university .....	.....	32,275.99	4,141.42
Agricultural college endowment	60,723.94	.....	175,027.11
Temporary university	70,167.95	22,155.12	61,415.59
Penitentiary .....	.....	.....	181.79
Redemption	64,805.41	64,939.54	.02
Kearney normal library .....	.....	1,156.00	656.44
Orthopedic hospital .....	.....	.....	37.94
Conscience .....	.....	.....	25.00
Forest reserve .....	.....	.....	790.37
Institute cash	2,793.11	.....	8,661.97
Hospital for insane	375.89	808.33	792.99
State library .....	.....	88.88	336.38
University cash	5,798.07	5,074.87	31,925.06
Fora normal library	275.00	974.84	2,568.37
Normal endowment	2,640.83	.....	12,418.37
Normal interest	112.61	.....	791.99
Agricultural and mechanic arts .....	.....	.....	5,825.01
U. S. experiment station .....	.....	2,507.89	3,441.35
Total	\$938,132.56	\$621,541.37	\$1,042,803.67
Cash on hand .....	.....	7,773.84	.....
Cash on deposit .....	.....	1,035,029.83	1,042,803.67

U. S. Weather Report.

The United States weather department reports show that for a period of twenty-six years the average precipitation for June at the city of Lincoln was 4.39 inches. The greatest monthly precipitation was 12.08 inches in 1883, and the least was 1.18 inches in 1892. Records for twenty-one years show that the mean or normal temperature for the month of June is 71 degrees and the coldest month was that of 1903, with an average of 66. The highest temperature was 107 on the 28th, 1901, and the lowest 43 on the 21st, 1903. The record for May has not been compiled, but it will probably establish a new record for the date of the last killing frost in the spring. Prior to this spring the latest date on which killing frost occurred was May 7, 1890.

Roads Balk on Pass Question.

Having twice failed to obey orders of the state railway commission directing them to report the names of all passholders, as they are required by law to do, the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads may now get a taste of the consequences for their neglect. The commission, lenient as it has been so far, is inclined to play the part of the worm that turned at last, and it is now considering steps for the purpose of making the two recalcitrant roads pay the fiddler for their contemptuous defiance of law and legalized authority.

Two belated reports have been received at the office of the commission from the companies named, but they contain no additional names and are not responsive to the definite notice served three weeks ago that the commission required complete lists of persons to whom passes have been issued. The Burlington and Union Pacific officials show a disposition to quibble over the meaning of the words, "free transportation." The only feature of the commission's mandate with which they have complied is in filing some of the contract forms on which lawyers, doctors and others get their passes.

"The commission will decide on what to do in this matter after consulting the governor and attorney general," said Chairman Winnett of the railway board this morning. "The railroads were ordered in plain terms to report the names of all passholders. The Burlington and Union Pacific have not done so. They have therefore disobeyed the order. I see no reason why this body should continue correspondence with them over the question. If they get into trouble, it will be because they have courted it. There might as well be a test of the commission's authority first as last."

No State Picture Gallery.

The state auditor has ruled that the picture of an ex-state officer or appointee of a state board at the head of a state department is not a commodity that the state is obliged to pay for out of funds appropriated for office expenses. He holds that portraits of former state appointees are not necessary to the well being of the state and if they are to hang on the walls of the state house they must be bought with private funds. The ruling was made when a bill for \$30 came in from a Chicago firm for a portrait of Dr. P. L. Hall, former secretary of the state banking board. The bill was sent to the auditor by Secretary Royce of the banking board, who desires to ornament the walls of his office with the pictures of all former secretaries of the board, and finally, in the course of time, when he goes out of office, he hopes to have his own picture by the side of others. Dr. Hall's picture is on the wall and it is considered a good likeness and a work of art, but it has not yet been paid for by the state. There have been only three secretaries of the banking board since the department was taken from the control of the state auditor. The first was R. H. Townley, who was followed by Dr. Hall under the fusion adminis-

CARS TURNED OVER

ONE MAN KILLED AND TWENTY HURT IN TEXAS.

A FAST TRAIN DERAILED

Running at High Rate When Accident Happened—Cause of Wreck Said to Be Either Wreckers or Defect in the Steel Rails.

A San Antonio, Tex., June 3, dispatch says: One man instantly killed and a score of persons seriously injured, some of whom will die, is the result of wrecking of eastbound passenger train No. 8, at 3:30 yesterday morning, two miles east of Losler, a small station on the Southern Pacific.

The derailment was either the result of train-wreckers or defective steel, though the positive cause has not yet been determined. It was while the train was dashing along at a speed of from thirty-five to forty miles an hour that the derailment occurred. Every car in the train was derailed, two of them turning over.

The dead and injured were all in the chair car, this being one of the cars to turn over.

Not till dawn did medical aid reach the injured who bravely bore their suffering.

The dead: W. B. JACKS, Sanderson, Texas.

OIL COMPANY FOUND GUILTY.

Verdict Against Waters-Pierce at Austin, Texas.

A jury at Austin, Texas, found the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Missouri guilty of violating the anti-trust laws of Texas, convicted it of having entered the state by fraud fined it \$1,632,900 and granted the prayer of the state for ouster proceedings.

The defense filed a motion for a new trial and the case will be taken to the federal courts. The state filed a petition with District Judge Brooks for the appointment of a receiver, also an injunction to restrain the company from moving any of its property from the state. The judge granted a temporary injunction and set the receivership for June 8.

The basis for the controversy is the anti-trust laws of 1899 and 1903. Of the penalties assessed by the verdict of the jury J. P. Gruett, Jr., of St. Louis will secure one-fourth of the fee, the balance goes to the county attorney. The remainder of the judgment will go to the state barring some \$15,000 which will have to be paid to special attorneys who assisted the state in the proceedings.

GRANT INCREASE IN WAGES.

Union Pacific Coal Company Posts Notice of Advance.

The Union Pacific Coal company and the Central Coal and Coke company of Rock Springs, Wyo., posted notices to the effect that an increase of 10 per cent would be granted to all employees who return to work. The miners have been out and the mines closed for a week pending the organization of a union which the companies refuse to recognize. The miners have not yet signified acceptance of the offer.

HIGH PRIZE TO NEBRASKAN.

Charles Arnold of Falls City Honored by Drake University.

A Nebraska student has been awarded one of the three high prizes for best work in the senior class of the Iowa college of law. Charles Arnold of Falls City being given The Encyclopedia of Evidence, ranking second in the graduating class of thirty-eight. Mr. Arnold will be given his diploma with honors on the 13th, when the commencement exercises of Drake university, of which the Iowa college of law is a part, terminate with an address by Dr. Lovett of Princeton.

CORONER SAYS SUICIDE.

Prominent Kansas Lawyer Carried \$500,000 Life Insurance.

L. H. Perkins, aged fifty-two years, one of the best known lawyers in Kansas, who was killed by falling or jumping from the roof of his handsome residence in Lawrence, Kas., is believed by County Coroner Carl Phillips to have committed suicide.

Mr. Perkins' life was insured for \$500,000, it is believed. He is known to have carried \$350,000 in four big companies; to have been negotiating for more insurance, and to have belonged to many fraternal societies. Most of the insurance policies had been taken out by Mr. Perkins within a year.

Mr. Perkins had been a member of the state board of law examiners since its creation, and last year he was president of the state bar association.