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RIDGELL EXPLAINS EXPENSE

Fire Commissioner Says Bills of His Office Were Accurate.

STATE BOUGHT FIRE BOOK

Purchased Right to Use It from Stenographer in Office Who Computed It When Not Busy at Regular Duties.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The office of Fire Commissioner Ridgell is in the limelight today on account of charges made by a Lincoln democratic paper that the office had been run extravagantly and that Miss Mamie Muldoon, clerk to the commissioner, had been paid extra time for a book prepared by her at the expense of the state for which the state paid in addition \$25 for its use.

It was charged that Fire Commissioner Ridgell had, in addition to his regular salary of \$2,000, run up a bill for expenses in traveling amounting to \$622. Mr. Requisite, a deputy, drew \$500 for expenses. In seven months Paul Thompson, another deputy, drew \$700 salary and \$223 for expenses. In addition to these extra amounts \$500 was paid out for mileage books. One item in the expense of the office was \$25 for meal tickets at a Lincoln cafe.

To a Bee representative this morning Mr. Ridgell admitted that the "charges" made, to a great extent, were true, but that they needed explaining a little.

Allowance for Meals.

To the charge that he had been making trips to his old home at Alliance at the expense of the state, he said that he had made but one trip to Alliance since he had been fire commissioner that was purely an Alliance trip. Other trips had been made in connection with the work of the commission and in connection with trips to other towns in that vicinity and along that line of road. The expenses, notably the item for \$25 for meals at a Lincoln cafe, was made by Mr. Thompson, whose home was in Grand Island, and that it was the custom of the office to allow eating expenses to members of the department when away from home. The same was the case regarding expenses of Mr. Requisite, whose home was in York.

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James E. Gaffney, the prominent New York politician, and next to Chief Charles Francis Murphy probably the most powerful man in Tammany Hall, whom former Governor William Sulzer of New York at District Attorney Whitman's John Doe graft hearing accused of being "Murphy's collector." Sulzer said that others could confirm his story, and they will be called before the grand jury investigating political graft in New York.

Ex-Governor Seeking Clemency for Convicts

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Ex-Governor Chester H. Aldrich called at the state house today to call the attention of the governor to the fact that when Charles Pumphrey, Basil Mullen and Willis Almack, who were convicted of murdering Ham Pak, an Omaha Chinaman, had been given executive clemency and their sentences cut down, Pumphrey and Mullen had been given allowance for the eight months they had spent in the Douglas county jail, but that Almack had not been given the allowance through a mistake which the former governor had intended to correct before he went out of office, but forgot to do. He asked the present governor to make the correction, which will be done upon a written statement which the former governor will make this week and send to the executive offices.

REQUIEM HIGH MASS SAID FOR JOHN STEVENS

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—High requiem mass was said at St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic church this morning for John C. Stevens, distinguished member of the Adams county bar, who died early Friday morning.

Rev. Father William McDonald officiated, assisted by Fathers McKenna of Aurora, Gilroy of Heartwell, Fitzgerald of Red Cloud, McAlliff of Holdrege, Dunphy of Sutton, McDonald of Exeter, and Carroll of Hastings. The funeral sermon was preached by Father F. McAlliff. Members of the local bar served as active and honorary pall bearers.

School for Masons at Dakota City.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Robert E. French of Kearney, Neb., grand custodian of Masonry in Nebraska, is conducting a school of instruction in Omaha lodge No. 5, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons today and tomorrow. A number of Masons from nearby towns are in attendance.

DIAMOND THIEF THOUGHT TO BE OF UNSOUND MIND

Charles J. Wellington, printer, arrested Saturday night for the theft of a \$100 diamond solitaire from Loftis Bros., jewelers at 409 South Sixteenth street, was arraigned in police court and held for investigation as to his sanity.

CHARGES AGAINST JUDGE CLAIBORNE ARE DISMISSED

Upon arraignment in police court, the charges against Judge Claiborne by Carl T. Self were dismissed. It was alleged that an argument ensued over a decision rendered by Judge Claiborne and that Self, as attorney in the case, became violent and called the judge a crook. Claiborne is said to have retaliated with a slap on the lawyer's cheek.

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New Club Heads See Bright Outlook if All Give a Boost

"If the men of Omaha knew how much good was done to our city by the Commercial club, the membership would be doubled within the next thirty days." This is the striking statement of Casper E. Yost, newly elected president of the Commercial club, and president of the Nebraska Telephone company. He also says, "I would rather be president of this club than fill any position within the gift of our state, our country, or our city."

John L. McCague, newly elected chairman of the executive committee of the club, in his initial statement to the club says:

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"The membership of the Commercial club, all working together, harmonious in all its business elements, will bring about results that will surprise as well as gratify."

NAVY IS NOT IN NEED OF ANY MORE ELECTRICIANS

A head on an article appearing in Saturday's Bee carried the impression that no more men were wanted for the United States navy. On the contrary, the local recruiting office is still doing business and accepting applications for every department excepting in the electrical pursuits. The navy has all the electricians it can use at the present.

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