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MANUEL DENIES CHARGES Political Attack, Says Ex-Superintendent of Kearney School.

SALES OF CATTLE REGULAR Extra Pump, He Says, Was Purchased by Commissioner Cowles—Defends Employment of Wife and Daughters.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—In an interview with ex-Superintendent C. B. Manuel of the industrial school at this place, he makes the following statements in reply to the charges preferred against him by the special committee in their report on their investigation before the house Thursday.

The report is purely a political attack upon me, by the same crowd of fellows who were so free with their roasts two years ago because of my refusal to support Jim Dahlman. It is a rebash of supposedly crooked deals because of which the committee is very much perturbed because they found them groundless.

The system of bookkeeping is the same as has been operative for years, and has been approved by the board, and every dollar of receipts and expenditures have been recorded. Receipts are on file for all monies received and the records show from whence the monies came.

All cattle that were sold was under the sanction of the board of public lands and buildings. It is true that calves and cows were sold, but this stock had been given over by the board and they were told what would be secured for the stuff and when the money was turned over Mr. Cowles heartily approved the transaction. Hogs were sold at various times and the highest market value was obtained. If the committee had turned to the ledger they would have found an account opened with Mr. Fairchild in which he bought a cow and several other items. These were paid for out of his salary month by month and the money turned into the cash fund and all accounted for.

Traveling Expenses. In order to make a showing the committee charges me up with traveling expenses and include in this all office incidentals such as postage, stationery, repairs for escapes, automobile hire, care for officers who returned boys, etc. Less than 50 per cent of this amount can rightfully be charged as traveling expenses and several other officers made other trips and these are charged to me. I notice an item of \$125 for a trip to Chicago. If the committee cared to be truthful it would have discovered that I made but one trip to Chicago and that the expenses of that trip were paid by the mother of the boy. I went after and the records so show. The committee is in error when they say that I made purchases without the proper requisitions from the board for all these requisitions are on file at the institution and clearly give me authority to make purchases. The committee found a pump and as Manuel is to be made the scapegoat he must be charged up with making the purchase. Here again if the committee had consulted the records it would have found ample authority for me making the purchase. This was done in consultation with Edward F. Schurig, engineer employed by the board. About a week after this purchase was made Mr. Cowles made a second purchase of a pump without our knowledge and when his attention was called to the fact that we had two pumps he said we could use it as an extra or at another institution. If any one is blameable for the purchase it is Mr. Cowles and not Mr. Manuel.

Retiring Typewriters. "There is no record to substantiate the charge that the stenographers were compelled to rent their typewriters from me. That two of them did rent a machine from me I do not deny and it was their own individual concern. They could not use the old Smith-Premier and the board would not give the permit to purchase a new machine. Stenographers when hired were given to understand that they must furnish their own machines. It made no difference to me from whom they rented. In regard to the employment of my wife and daughters the matter is too trivial to mention. The superintendent's wife has always been the matron of the institution and draws the magnificent salary of \$5 per month. The daughter that drew \$5 per month filled the places of three women, one of which would have drawn \$16.66, another \$13.33, and the other \$5. By her doing the work the state saved the board of two people and received the full value for the money thus expended.

The charge that I purchased a horse for the exclusive use of my daughter is a malicious falsehood. The horse was used for a driving horse by me and was not driven by my daughter a dozen times in all. If the committee wished to be fair it would have read the biennial reports that I have filed with the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. More than \$5,000 of the present deficiency was caused by the board installing a new heating plant at the school.

Roast for Placek. The chairman of the committee, Mr. Placek, has made a super-human effort to besmirch my character and for no other reason than the one of refusing to swallow the whole democratic debauch for two years ago. The investigation at the school was a farce. When asked by other members of the committee and by Superintendent Clark to call me to the school, Mr. Placek did not want to see me at all. He could have written just as good a report in his room at the Lincoln hotel and it would have been founded on just as much facts as the reports he has written. His report is one-third imaginary and two-thirds malice. If there were any facts in the charges made the attorney general would have been prosecuting me long ago.

Morningside Wins. AMES, Ia., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—D. L. Wickens of Morningside college with "The New Patriotism" won first in the Iowa intercollegiate peace oratorical contest here tonight. Parsons and Ames tied for second. Eight colleges competed. Wickens will represent Iowa in the western United States section of the National Oratorical contest in New York in May.

Wets Carry Bloomfield. BLOOMFIELD, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The wets carried Bloomfield at the special election here yesterday by a vote of 139 to 80.

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State University Will Give Benefit For Storm Victims

LINCOLN, April 12.—(Special.)—The following circular was issued here yesterday: To All Members of the University—Arrangements have been made for a special convocation at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, April 15, in the Temple theater for the benefit of the Omaha tornado sufferers. Will you kindly do all in your power to help make this occasion a complete success? The program for the occasion will be a presentation of Wagner's "Lohengrin" by the university chorus, orchestra and soloists. The admission fee will be 25 cents. Tickets will be put on sale at the university temple on Saturday morning. All university activities will be closed for the occasion.

Kearney Lighting Litigation Tied Up

KEARNEY, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—With the action of the supreme court in refusing to advance in the case of Brownfield against the city attorney of Kearney, the hands of the city are tied in the matter of a municipal lighting plant. This decision settles the matter for two years until which time the city can do nothing. At this time the city has no contract for light with the local company, which was recently refused a franchise by the voters of the city and it is a question whether the council can legally pay the monthly bills for lighting the streets to this company.

NOTES FROM NEBRASKA CITY AND OTTOE COUNTY

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—Clinton Smith, who was arrested some time since charged with carrying concealed weapons, pleaded guilty before Judge H. D. Travis and was fined \$300. Judge Travis says in the future all weapon-carriers that are arrested and brought before him will not be fined, but will get the penitentiary sentence.

Paul L. Horstman and Miss Freda J. Steffens were married today at the church near Lorton. The young couple are quite wealthy and will make their home on a farm near Lorton owned by the groom.

An informal meeting of Company C was held last evening, in which they were joined by a number of citizens, at which time they celebrated the passing of the bill for a new armory to be erected in the eastern part of the city, which will cost something above what the state appropriated—\$20,000.

W. D. Hollobaugh and wife yesterday celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary at their home in this city. All of their children were present. The Woman's Relief Corps, some forty strong, was present and assisted in the event. Mr. and Mrs. Hollobaugh have been residents of this city for the last thirty-five years.

At a meeting of Nuckolls lodge No. 7, Ancient Order United Workmen, the following delegates to the grand lodge were elected: M. W. Nelhart, Frank H. Marshall, Ed C. Klossman, of Scribner. The bride pair were attended by Leroy Kleeman and Miss Laura Ackermann. Rev. E. E. Schaefer of Bemar, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, performed the ceremony. The young couple will reside on their farm near Snyder, Dodge county.

H. E. C. Torell, the photographer, has sold his gallery and business to Joseph Bathaelder of Humphrey.

Rev. A. Wichel, pastor of the Evangelical Association church, has been reappointed to the charge at West Point and will remain at least another year. Peter Rief, one of the wealthiest farmers and large land owners of Cuming county, is about to depart for a new home in California.

STAY-AT-HOME VOTE CARRIES JAIL BONDS IN CASS

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—The canvassing board, composed of County Clerk Morgan, John Tighe of Manley and G. L. Easley of Plattsmouth canvassed the vote of the special election which was held last Tuesday for the purpose of voting a new jail. The official count showed 1,930 for and 1,967 against the proposition giving the county the new jail by 37 majority. The vote last November when the proposition for \$20,000 in bonds voted was 1,816 for and 2,322 against, there being only four more for the proposition now than in November, but a large vote against did not turn out at the April election.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

CONSUL TAYLOR'S BODY IS ON THE WAY HOME

New Bridge Over Elkhorn at Elk City



NEW BRIDGE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Huge masses of ice were piling up against the temporary supports of the new county bridge over the Elkhorn river west of Elk City three weeks ago. It became necessary to dynamite the gorge. For a day and a night heavy charges of explosives broke the silliness with rails and the crash of splintering ice. Three hundred pounds of 90 per cent dynamite were used. Great fragments of the jam were thrown sixty feet above the river—far above the heads of the

other forms of nitroglycerin because it is less likely to cause injury to the sweepers or spectators. It directs its energy to the body which is to be moved or destroyed to a greater extent than other explosives, and until it is compressed in a cartridge or otherwise will not explode when it comes in contact with fire. Loose dynamite will burn with less manifestation of force than gunpowder when a match is applied to it.

The Elkhorn river rises to such a flood stage later this spring as it did last year when the other bridge was carried away. Even then this one probably would stand, for it is in a more advanced stage of construction. It will be completed early next summer. No traffic can cross the Elkhorn at that point now. A temporary bridge stood there last year but was removed when construction of the permanent one was begun.

The county is having the bridge built by a contractor. Though any financial loss resulting from the ice jam would have been borne by the latter, the county is interested in having the bridge completed as soon as possible, and he watched the explosions without much restriction being placed upon them except that they were not permitted under the bridge. Dynamite is preferred as an explosive for this kind of work to the

RESTAURANT GUESTS SCARED

Officers with Subpoenas Cause a Sensation in Fashionable Places.

SUMMON CABARET PERFORMERS

Women with Slumping Parties in Tenderloin Districts Go into Hysterics When Officers Close the Doors.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Agents of the Illinois vice commission late last night and early today brought consternation to the fashionable guests of two downtown restaurants—Rector's and the States—against whose reputations there rested no question except the nature of their cabaret entertainments.

From these cafes only the managers and members of the cabaret shows were subpoenaed. They were questioned by the vice commission as to suggestive songs which are alleged features of cabarets.

From the tenderloin men and women sightseers out "slumming" were gathered and brought before the commission. One woman, in hysterical fear of discovery, tried to jump from a window when the invaders with their subpoenas reached a restaurant in the vice district. Another fell on her knees and wept. A man jammed a roll of bills into the hands of an officer.

"Take this, for God's sake," he cried, "and let my party go. You don't know what this means." Officers kept the rushing mob—some weeping, some laughing hysterically—from the doors and finally restored order. Then they were bundled into automobiles and taken downtown.

Restaurant Business Degenerates. From some of them the senators drew reluctant admissions that a few of the songs and dances "might be" suggestive and "perhaps" had a bad effect upon the diners. A girl singer, crying as she testified, asserted she never would sing "In My Harem," a song Lieutenant Governor O'Hara was particularly inquisitive about. The manager of the well known restaurant said the restaurant business had degenerated into a vaudeville show and he did not know when it would stop.

After investigators and members of a "slumming party" said they had heard an improper song in a place on Twenty-first street, the commission voted to recommend to Mayor Harrison that the cafe's license be revoked and will call the attention of the state's attorney to the testimony of the manager, who said nothing indecent went on. Senator Beall said he saw girls not more than 15 or 16 years old imbibing mixed drinks in the

cafe, and some of them were more or less intoxicated.

Dances and Songs Suggestive. Mrs. Maud Joseph described the singing and dances at a downtown restaurant. She said that in one dance the performer "might just as well have had no skirts at all." She stated that a girl did an oriental dance wearing pink tights and "a sort of a skirt of black chiffon." She said she thought the dance was suggestive, judging from the remarks made by male diners at nearby tables. She said a couple did a fancy dance, a combination between the "tango" and the "sapeche."

"Was it art or suggestion?" asked Lieutenant Governor O'Hara. "There was no art in it." She said such a dance might not have an effect on a young woman, but she would "not want to risk it." The performers then led a free-for-all dance on a space made by clearing away tables, she said.

"There was one girl about 19, who danced a peculiar kind of a dance for a public exhibition," she said. "Her partner held her at arm's length and at intervals would suddenly embrace her. No there wasn't any art in it."

Opinion of Performers. The professionals who led this free-for-all dance said they had tried to eliminate anything that might appear sensual in their act, but admitted they might not have been entirely successful.

"Don't you think that where you see other officers might see vice?" asked Mr. O'Hara. "I guess it appeals differently, but I don't see anything obscene about it."

O. B. Stipson, manager of another downtown restaurant, asserted the business had degenerated into a show business, but he had to put up a first-class cabaret to get the trade. He was of the opinion that some of the songs have gone too far, and that he did not allow "In My Harem" to be sung in his restaurant. He said that the girls did the dances in the aisles, but they never got "raw."

J. A. Buckstaff Dies Suddenly at Lincoln

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—J. A. Buckstaff, owner of Capitol beach and an old resident of Lincoln, fell dead this morning when entering the dining room at the Lincoln hotel. Heart disease was the cause.

Post Card Returned from Iowa—Miss Evelyn Hoessig, 450 Hickory street, has recovered a prized postal card which was in her home before it was destroyed by the tornado. The card was returned to her from Manson, Ia., a town about 120 miles east of Omaha.

Ovedio Describes Alleged Murder of Madero and Suarez

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 12.—Martian Ovedio, former provisional secretary to President Madero of Mexico, arrived here today with a sensational narrative of the manner on which Madero and his vice president, Pino Suarez, met their death.

Ovedio declared two rurales performed the executions on the direct order of their superior and that later they were put to death to seal their lips.

After Ovedio escaped from Mexico City he joined the Carranzistas in Coahuila. Senator Ovedio declared that the investigation of the killing of Madero and Suarez had revealed that both, while prisoners in the national palace, had been given narcotics in their food and shot to death while unconscious in their beds.

Their bodies were soon thereafter placed in an automobile and taken near the penitentiary, he said, where the Huerta government asserted they were killed by guards when an attempt was made to liberate them.

"The two rurales who killed President Madero and Vice President Suarez acted on direct orders of Captain Cardenas of the rurales corps, who was afterward promoted by Huerta to the position of colonel and given a large sum of money for the part he played in the deed," declared Ovedio.

"The two rurales were shot to death outside the prison. Cardenas afterward said that the blood of these two tools of the assassin was the blood of Madero and Suarez," concluded Ovedio.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising. Russian Blouses. Russian blouses will continue popular into the spring. The most approved of extend to the knee, or just above it.

ASK DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT

Congress at St. Louis Wants New Cabinet Position.

PROPOSES FLOOD CONTROL

Department Would Have Charge of Levees and Work of Reclamation of Swamp Lands of the Country.

ST. LOUIS, April 12.—The National Drainage congress today defeated a resolution calling for a federal appropriation for the work of the Mississippi River commission, and adopted a resolution calling instead for the creation of a department of public works under a cabinet member.

The resolution for a federal appropriation for the work on the Mississippi River commission was introduced by Representative R. B. Oliver of Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The resolution called for "such sums as may be necessary" to enable the Mississippi River commission to carry out its work. It has "so wisely planned for controlling the floods and preventing bank erosion in the Mississippi river and protecting the lives and property of the dwellers in the region contiguous to that river."

As for Flood Control.

The congress then adopted resolutions asking "the immediate consideration of adequate provision for flood control for the regulation and control of stream flow and for the reclamation of swamp and overflow lands," and in furtherance asked the national congress "to create a body which will put in effect at the earliest possible moment such plans in cooperation with the several states and other agencies as will meet the needs of the several localities."

The resolution adopted says "that the most effectual and direct means will be the establishment of a department of public works, with a secretary in charge thereof, who shall be a member of the president's cabinet."

"We further believe," says the resolution, "that the problem of flood control can best be conducted under the immediate supervision of the president of the United States."

David R. Francis received a telegram from Washington, giving assurance of the active support of the administration in the work of flood control.

The telegram was read at the closing session today, but the name of the sender was not given.

The telegram stated that the president would give earnest consideration to the suggestion of a department of public works, but would not commit himself until he had given further study to the matter.

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Henry Moulter. FAIRBURY, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Henry Moulter, a pioneer of Jefferson county, succumbed to the effects of a three months' illness at her home near Plymouth, northwest of here. Death was attributed to old age and general debility. Mrs. Moulter was a native of Charlotta, Germany, and was born July 6, 1838. She was married to Henry Moulter in 1858 and in 1882 Mr. and Mrs. Moulter left Germany and came to the United States, locating on a homestead near Plymouth.

Alfredo Jannetta. LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 12.—Alfredo Jannetta, a well known Italian musician and composer of the opera "Aldor," died here last night. He was 76 years old and a native of Capoa, Italy. He came to this country in 1886.

ORCHARD & WILHELM A Novel Window Display We have on display this week in our window a Sheraton design Dining Suite in solid and etch veneer mahogany, in the white unfinished state. It's a very unusual thing to show furniture in this manner. We make this display to better acquaint you with the true color of mahogany in its natural or unfinished condition. Thomas Sheraton, 1790 A. D., was a designer and builder of furniture of rare ability. This suite is admirably brought out after the true Sheraton design. It will undoubtedly attract unusual attention. LIBRARY TABLE Solid mahogany, dull finish, heavy colonial scroll design—top is 50 inches long, 30 inches wide; contains one large drawer and heavy shelf, regular value \$45, special—each \$33.00. ROCKER OR ARM CHAIR (Like cut). This high grade rocker or arm chair, Stickley Bros.' arts and crafts, fumed oak, high back, Spanish leather, cushion seat and back. Regular value, chair or rocker \$31.00—we offer a limited quantity at, each... \$19.00. DRESSER (Like cut). A thoroughly constructed dresser of select quartered golden oak, full swell front, 4 small and 2 large drawers, top 42 inches long, 22 ins. deep, mirror 30x24 ins. An excellent value... \$22.00. Refrigerators We carry the best and most satisfactory refrigerators manufactured. The HERRICK: world wide reputation. Famous for its dry, cold air circulation. Many sizes and styles. Prices up from \$14.00. The GIBSON: a very popular refrigerator on account of its excellent construction, perfect circulation and extra fine finish. Prices up from \$8.00. Before buying Trunks, Suit Cases and Bags, see our line. CREDIT NOTICE We offer the help of our credit department. Terms of payment may be made to suit your convenience. Do not hesitate to make use of this suggestion.

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