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**DOCTORS EXAMINE BODY OF NICHOLS**

Unusual Steps Taken by State to Head Off Fakirs Who May Claim Estate of Aurora Recluse.

**DATA AND PHOTOS ARE SEALED**

AURORA, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Fearful that fakirs will try to slip something over on the state of Nebraska, Attorney General Willis E. Reed has required the county officials of Hamilton county to do some rather unusual things with the body of Alden S. Nichols, who died last week with no known relatives.

The attorney general asked that three physicians be appointed to make a thorough examination of the body and record all physical peculiarities and measurements. Mrs. E. A. Steenberg, G. H. Marvel and J. M. Woodard were placed under oath to divulge none of these observations and they made a careful examination under the direction of County Attorney Whitney and County Judge Jeffers.

**Evidence is Sealed.**

Under the attorney general's directions a photographer was called in to take pictures of the body in different poses. He was likewise put under a stern oath to preserve his negatives and prints

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therefrom for the sole use of the county court. The findings of the physicians and the negatives of the photographer have been sealed up awaiting the coming of alleged heirs to the Nichols estate.

It is thought that Mr. Reed believes this is the only way to ward off the horde of applicants for the estate. He evidently believes that another O'Connor contest will take place and he wants to be forearmed with identification testimony.

**Has No Known Relatives.**

However, the facts are that Mr. Nichols had not seen any of his relatives for fifty years. If he had any marks on his body, probably his best friends of fifty years ago would not recognize them. The identification of heirs will have to be made by genealogical marks and not by physical marks, it is believed.

Mr. Nichols' estate consisted of 240 acres of splendid land just outside of this city and securities amounting to about \$20,000. Should no heirs be discovered the estate will escheat to the state of Nebraska and become a part of the school fund.

The Nichols funeral will take place at the Presbyterian church this afternoon. Nichols was himself a member of no church. He was a great believer in spiritualism and liked nothing better than to attend a seance.

**Minden Firemen Celebrate.**

MINDEN, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Minden fire department celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization with a banquet in honor of J. W. Hagos, the only charter member left in the department. John S. Pattison acted as toastmaster. The feast was served in the Odd Fellows' hall by the Degree of Rebekah. The Minden Juvenile band furnished music.

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**North Platte Men Endorse Proposed Drainage District**

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A drainage district, under the laws of Nebraska, to embrace 41,000 acres of land lying between the North Platte and South Platte rivers, from Sutherland to North Platte, was endorsed by the North Platte Chamber of Commerce at a meeting today at which Government Engineers L. T. Jessup and D. G. Miller explained the project. These men have been in this vicinity for several months investigating conditions.

The engineers have found that this district, as is usual with irrigated districts, is suffering from seepage water, and that for this reason over 30,000 acres in this area are only bringing a return of \$1 an acre, while by proper drainage they could be made to return at least \$3 an acre. By drainage the engineers believe that the value of the land in this proposed district would be increased from \$200,000 to \$3,750,000.

In speaking before the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Jessup said: "There is not a single 100-acre tract in this area that does not contain some wet ground, that is unsuitable for crops because of seepage water, and there are not six land owners in the proposed drainage district who do not own land affected by improper drainage."

**Dining Car Employee Robbed.**

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The burglar of a Union Pacific dining car in the city yards and within only a short distance of the Union Pacific depot has been reported. The sum

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**Guests Driven from Dexter Hotel in Fremont by Fire**

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Guests at the Dexter hotel, Fremont's leading hostelry, were driven from their rooms into the zero weather at 1:30 o'clock this morning by fire which broke out in the barroom adjoining the hotel. While some of the guests escaped thinly clad there were no injuries. They were rushed to nearby hotels and rooming houses, where they were given quarters. The fire, which broke out in the basement of the barroom, did damage estimated at \$5,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance. Firemen prevented the flames from spreading to the hotel and other adjoining buildings.

Proprietor Dexter of the hotel is fitting up a hostelry in a nearby building to be used until his place can be put in a condition for occupancy. Smoke and water did considerable damage to the office and grill room. The fire is supposed to have started in the room in which the ice-making machine is located.

**Notes from Beatrice.**

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Harry T. Haynes and Mrs. Mary Edgerton, both of Lincoln, were married Thursday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. B. P. Gaither officiating. They left in the evening for Lincoln, where they will make their home. Ernest Darwin was arrested Thursday

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evening on charge of stealing an overcoat belonging to Edward J. Irvine. He was lodged in the city jail to await his hearing.

I. B. Smith, who was arrested here Wednesday on the charge of stealing jewelry, will be obliged to face three petty larceny charges. One count charges him with stealing a bracelet and ring from Martha Shidler, another with stealing jewelry valued at \$5 from E. C. Koons' jewelry and the third for the theft of jewelry valued at \$5 from Robert Stratford's store.

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- Silver Tea Kettles, on stands with alcohol lamp, \$12.50
- 12-inch Serving Trays, \$8.25
- Tea Strainers, \$2.00, \$1.75, \$4.50
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- Mayonnaise Bowls, \$6.00
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Lounging Robes, \$3.00 to \$10  
Leather Belts, 50c to \$1.50

Sweater Jackets, \$1.50 to \$7.50  
Flannel Night Robes, 50c to \$2.00  
Silk Pajamas, \$3.00 to \$5.00  
Flannel Pajamas, \$1.00 to \$2.00

Silk Shirts, \$3.50 to \$6.00  
Negligee Shirts, \$1.00 to \$3.50  
Full Dress Shirts, \$1.50 to \$3.50  
Flannel Shirts, at \$1.00 to \$3.00

Silk Mufflers, 50c to \$3.50  
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John B. Stetson Hats, soft or derby, at \$3.50 to \$10.00  
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