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DR. BAXTER HANDS IN HIS RESIGNATION

Head of Hastings Hospital Says Retirement Has No Connection with Charges Against Him.

WILL GO SOUTH FOR HIS HEALTH

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. M. W. Baxter today sent to the State Board of Control his resignation as superintendent at Ingleside, the state's biggest hospital for the insane. It will take effect on February 1, after which Dr. Baxter expects to go to Florida or some other southern state, where, if the climate agrees with him, he will establish his residence.

Dr. Baxter says his health has been failing for some time and that for a month he has been unable to give the attention to the administration that the position requires. He declares that his withdrawal has no connection with the charges of substitution of inferior goods under supply contracts.

Dr. Baxter was superintendent for two years, beginning in 1909, and was appointed again three years ago by Governor Morehead to succeed Dr. Kern. He is a democrat.

MERCHANTS' STATEMENTS.

Discussing the charge that he had substituted inferior goods under his contract, J. H. Spotts said this afternoon that he had been unable to secure suits like the sample on which he made his bid, due to the war, but he had delivered garments of the same quality of cloth. He said it was his understanding that this would be satisfactory to the Board of Control. He is now supplying a different kind of suit at a reduction of 50 cents.

"I think they're making a big fuss over nothing more than a standard," said Mr. Spotts. "Rudges & Guenzel of Lincoln got suits returned last month and there was nothing said about it."

DRUG MAN TALKS.

Edward Deins of the Deins Drug company, which has the contract for supplying drugs to Ingleside, said he had been quizzed by the State Board of Control relative to the drugs he had delivered. He said no charge had been made against him, but it had been reported to the board by someone that the prices quoted in his bid were too low.

"When they left my store they appeared to be satisfied that I had been filling my contract as well as it could be done," said Mr. Deins.

Dr. J. T. Steele, democrat, who was six years on the staff of the hospital and superintendent two years under Governor Foytler, today announced his candidacy to succeed Dr. Baxter. The salary of the position is \$2,500 and in addition maintenance for the superintendent and his family.

WILL ACCEPT RESIGNATION

Firms involved Will Make Good Deficiencies in Contracts.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. M. W. Baxter, superintendent of the State Insane asylum at Hastings, handed in his resignation today, to take effect February 1, 1916. He gives as his reason for resigning that both himself and wife have been in ill health for several months and they desire to get away from this work.

The board will accept the resignation and give out that the discrepancies at the institution, covering alleged fraud in delivery of clothing below the standard purchased, was due to lack of proper supervision on the part of Dr. Baxter by reason of ill health, and that firms having contracts will make good the contracts.

Commissioners Gerdes and Kennedy and Secretary Mathews of the board of control, have been in Hastings for two days checking up the clothing and comparing it with the samples submitted. It is said that some of the clothing is 50 per cent below the quality of the samples.

J. H. Spotts, a local dealer, who secured the contract, is said to have agreed to take back the inferior suits.

Clothing Half Value.

The irregularities which have been going on at the Hastings institution, according to Chairman Kennedy of the Board of Control, were due to the faulty handling of goods supplied under contract, a system which has been in vogue for years, and which was not changed by the board. As a sample of the irregularities it was discovered that J. H. Spotts, a Hastings merchant, had contracted to deliver 166 suits of clothing at \$8 per suit, but had delivered suits worth but \$4 each, and being out of style, even for an insane man, who is not supposed to be very fastidious regarding the fit or style of his clothes.

Wolbach and Brauch, another Hastings firm, will take back seventeen suits found unsatisfactory, although most of the goods furnished by this firm were as per contract.

Suspicious of Canned Goods.

Canned goods had a suspicious look and some samples were brought back by the board to be tested by the state chemist. Delivery of drugs, different from those ordered by the board was found to have been made, in some instances the goods contracted for not being delivered at all.

Superintendent Baxter has been suffering from asthma for some months and Mrs. Baxter has been in a hospital, and it is given out that the resignation of Dr. Baxter had been contemplated for some time, and that the findings of the board had nothing to do with it. They expect to go to Florida to recuperate.

Lights for Elk Creek.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The village of Elk Creek will have a system of electric lights, both for street lighting and commercial purposes. The system is to be put in by Gell & Bothe, who are erecting a small building for their power plant.

Timely Hints on Deer Eating.

Christmas, New Year's and other feast days cause many disturbed digestions. The stomach and bowels should not be permitted to remain clogged up for indigestion and constipation are often followed by serious diseases, resulting from undigested poisonous waste matter. Foley Cathartic Tablets should be in every home, ready for use. No griping; no unpleasant after effect. Relieves distress after eating, regulate bowels, sweeten stomach and tone up the liver. Sold everywhere.—Advertisement.

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Third City Claim of Hastings Disputed By Grand Island

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Grand Island puts up a defense of its continued title as the third city in Nebraska, even though it is not greatly exercised as to the rival claims of Hastings. While the latter city is pointed out as having 10,753 population, according to a special enumeration, it is pointed out that in publication of the Bureau of census, Grand Island is credited with population of 11,506, this publication being over a year ago and the city having increased, unquestionably, at least several hundreds since. Grand Island bases its defense further upon the following figures, it being first explained that in the number of people employed in manufacturing two of the largest plants, the sugar factory and the Union Pacific car shops, are not included. While the census bureau does not name these two and declines to state which two it did not include, owing to the privacy of the matter, it is known that these two plants are just outside this city's limits. Without them, however, the Grand Island figures have the better of it:

Railroad receipts (by state railway commission)	\$63,339	\$1,197,677
Population (census bureau)	10,753	11,506
Postoffice receipts	4,000	50,000
Employed in manufacturing	64	908
Capital invested (state authority)	1,384,000	1,389,000
Value products (same authority)	\$1,600,000	\$2,100,000

HOGS AND CATTLE ARE FOUND INFECTED

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Forty head of hogs, twelve of them so far gone with tuberculosis that they will be at once consigned to the tank for soap use, were discovered in a herd of hogs belonging to Joe G. Roth, near Milford, this week by State Veterinarian Anderson, while twenty-six head of cattle, eighteen of them composed of milk cows, are suffering from the same disease and will be shipped tonight to the South Omaha market.

Word came to the state veterinarian last week that hogs and cattle belonging to two men living on joining farms near Milford had shown symptoms of the disease, but an examination showed but one herd affected, the other showing no signs of the disease.

Mr. Roth is lending every effort to stamp out the disease and will accompany the shipment of cattle to Omaha tonight, accompanied by his neighbor, and the two will see that the cattle are destroyed. Mr. Roth has placed the matter in the hands of the state veterinarian and will gladly carry out any orders which Dr. Anderson may make. He will completely stamp out the disease by the most effective methods at whatever the cost and co-operate with the veterinary department in the work.

VALUE OF TOBACCO MANUFACTURED IN STATE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—According to reports filed in the state department of labor by manufacturers of cigars and those engaged in the preparation of tobacco for the market, for the year 1914, there was a capital of \$32,126 invested. Employment was furnished to 426, of which 169 were females. The total paid in wages for the year was \$47,566.00; total value of stock used was \$63,969.94. The total value of production was \$746,518.89. Per cent of sales in Nebraska, 37.8. Nine were employed under the age of 16 years. Average wages per week, \$13.78. Reports were filed by thirty-five in 1915.

GRAND ISLAND SUGAR FACTORY ENDS CAMPAIGN

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Grand Island Sugar factory closed its 1915 campaign today, after a most successful and smooth run of over ninety days and nights. The number of beets sliced averaged over 400 tons per day. The beets were of fine sugar quality, due to the favorableness of the season, though there have been one or two seasons in the twenty-five years that the factory has now been maintained, in which better results were secured. The entire plant is being cleaned up for "summering" and it is possible that it may undergo some material improvements. In view of the better outlook for the retention of protection on sugar, contracts are already being put out and signed up for next year's beet crop.

Notes from Gage County.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Liberty Corn show closed Tuesday evening with an entertainment by the children of the public schools. M. J. Hafferty, Liberty, carried off the grand champion prize for the best ten ears, and C. R. Willie was awarded the champion prize for the single ear exhibited.

George Hatosohl of this city was arrested Tuesday night and lodged in jail on the charge of stealing appliances belonging to the city's electric light lines and selling them to the junk dealer.

Funeral services for the late O. P. Lison were held Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. F. Galtier. The body was taken to Oakland, Ill., for interment.

School Boy Gets Fall.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Elmer Whitman, a school boy of Cook, this county, suffered severe injury in a fall from a rapidly moving automobile, though no bones were broken. The boy caught on behind the automobile, expecting to ride four blocks to the school house and then drop off. The driver of the machine did not know the lad was riding and drove with such speed young Whitman was afraid to drop off when the school was reached. The lad hung on until about a mile in the country, when his strength gave out and he fell off. The driver did not know of Whitman's presence and drove on and left him in the road. He was picked up a short time later and taken to Cook, considerably bruised and shocked.

Day Workers Active.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The first aggressive move of the prohibition workers of Box Butte county was started here today at a meeting held in the court house, at which was organized the Box Butte County Dry Federation. T. H. Barnes was elected president and Archie Gregory secretary. Several of the initiative petitions asking that the prohibition question be left to the people at the next general election are now being circulated.

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Fireman Falls Out of His Cab

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Fireman H. H. Ault of Lincoln fell headlong from his cab on a Burlington passenger train locomotive near Saronville last night. His absence was discovered by the engineer four miles down the track. The train was backed until the missing fireman was found. He was brought to a hospital here, but today was able to walk to an ambulance to be transferred to a train for Lincoln.

He fell out of the cab when the chain on which he was leaning became unhooked.

GOVERNOR HAS REQUISITION FOR RETURN OF LEWIS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Governor Morehead today issued a requisition of the governor of Missouri for the return to Seward county of Harry Lewis, wanted for issuing a forged check on the Merchants bank of Utica in the sum of \$50. Lewis is being held at Butler, Bates county, Missouri.

Father and Son Banquet.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Alliance Commercial club is making arrangements for its second annual father and sons' banquet and some of the most prominent speakers have been invited, including Governor Morehead, Governor Carlson of Colorado, L. C. Oberlies of Lincoln and Attorney J. L. McIntosh of Sidney.

Four Persons Injured.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Four persons were injured when an automobile driven by Miss Ivy McCurdy upset between Hastings and Grand Island yesterday afternoon. Mrs. LeBlanc suffered the fracture of the collarbone. Her son, Dorin, LeBlanc, Mrs. Laura McCurdy and two daughters escaped with minor hurts. They were brought to a hospital here.

Germans Retake Positions Lost to the French Forces

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22.—(Via London.)—A part of the German position on the summit of Hartmans-Weilerkopf in the Vosges that was captured by the French yesterday had been recaptured by German troops, it was officially announced by German headquarters today. The text of today's statement follows: "Western theater: During the afternoon the French attacked our position of Hartmans-Weilerkopf and in the Hirs forest north of Wattweiler with strong forces. They succeeded in taking the summit of Hartmans-Weilerkopf and a small portion of a trench on Hirs forest. The summit of Hartmans-Weilerkopf, according to official French reports has been in possession of the French since the end of April. "A portion of the lost position on Hartmans-Weilerkopf was recaptured during the forenoon today. "An attack made upon Metzler broke down in front of our position. "Along the rest of the front where bad weather prevails and snow has fallen, there has been only slight activity. "There is nothing to report from the eastern and Balkan theaters."

MAYOR MADGETT SUPPLIES TALL CHRISTMAS TREE

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—A forty-foot evergreen tree has been cut down in Mayor Madgett's yard to be used as the municipal Christmas tree. It was much larger than the one supplied by the St. Joseph & Grand Island road, which instead of being selected from among tall trees was cut down on the road's right-of-way near Hastings.

Divorce Granted.

PREMONT, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ora E. Devine was granted a divorce by default from Charles A. Devine, a North Bend farmer, in district court here yesterday. The Devines are the parents of nine grown children. The parties agreed to a property settlement, by which Mr. Devine deeded 350 acres of valuable farm land near North Bend to his children.

Baron Urges Japan to Pay Foreign Debt

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) TOKIO, Dec. 21.—"Be a creditor country," is the slogan of Baron Kentiro Den, a prominent member of the House of Peers, with reference to the future prospects of Japanese finance. The baron in an interview expresses wonder why Japan's financial authorities do not believe in the advisability of the redemption of foreign debts at this opportunity. He says that the present is not only the best chance for Japan to liquidate its foreign debt, but also the time to repurchase any domestic bonds which have passed into the hands of foreigners. He declared: "It is not certain when this war will end, but it is quite certain that if it lasts much longer foreign holders of Japanese securities will be compelled to dispose of them. For this reason Japanese bonds will decline in market value. When this happens Japan should not hesitate to purchase them. Japan's ambition in the future must be as far as finance is concerned, to get rid of the heavy foreign debts and then become a creditor country. To attain such ambition it is first of all necessary that the heavy debts be paid off. The next important step is to become a big industrial country. There are pessimists who say that the present business prosperity is solely due to the circumstances created by the war, and as soon as peace is restored and European industry resumes normal conditions Japan will again be beaten in competition." But the baron is of opinion that such pessimistic views are based on timidity.

RUMOR THAT MME. SARA BERNHARDT IS ILL DENIED

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