

COAL HEARING FIXED EARLY

Interstate Commerce Commission Sets Date December 16.

CLARKE'S FATE YET UNSETTLED

Governor Sheldon Has Not Indicated What He Will Do with the Omaha Murderer—Plece on Sick List.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The railroad commission has received notice that the Interstate Commerce commission will send a representative to Lincoln December 16 to listen to the complaint of the state officials that the Union Pacific road is charging too much for hauling coal from Wyoming to Nebraska points. The complaint has not been on the docket many weeks and the state board was taken by surprise at the delay of the national commission. Commissioner Clarke has familiarized himself with the facts and he is now out of the city, hence it is not known whether the board will be sufficiently posted to push the case now.

The case is based on the tariff sheet of the railroad, which charges equal amounts for long and short hauls of coal from Wyoming to Nebraska cities.

Governor Sheldon spent another busy day digging into the records in the case of Harrison Clarke, who has applied for a commutation of the death sentence for the murder of Edward Furey. Unless the chief executive intervenes Clarke will be hanged Friday between the hours of 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. The execution will occur in the state penitentiary, where the gallows are always in readiness, the state some years having granted a law requiring that all executions be held at the state prison. So far two executions have been held under that law, Negand and Rea.

The governor had a long conference with Wash and Gathright, Clarke's pals in the commission of the murder, each of whom received a penitentiary sentence, last night, but he is still undecided of his duty in the premises. It was his hope that by talking to these men in their cells separately he could learn the truth of the murder and just who fired the fatal shot.

Either of them knew, as Gathright contradicted himself on several occasions at the hearings Monday and Tuesday. What these men told him last night the governor would not say today, but he evidently was not yet clear in his mind, for late this afternoon he again went to the penitentiary and interviewed them. He had read carefully the record in the case, but as this record was passed upon by the supreme court, any action the governor may take, should he grant the plea of Clarke, will be upon evidence which does not appear in the record of the trial in the district court. He has been giving statements by Judge Sulton, the trial judge, and by Judge Sibbald, the county attorney who prosecuted Clarke, and both of these men said Clarke had a fair trial. It is very probable the governor will take all the time he has to arrive at a decision.

Representative's Report. State Superintendent McBrien has filed his report with Governor Sheldon showing the receipts and expenditures of his office under the new certification law for the last six months. The report is as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on June 1, 1907	\$ 102.65
14,629 registrations for county certificates, at 50 cents	7,314.50
142 registrations for state certificates, at 1.00	142.00
Sued and endorsed, at 1.00	105.00
EXPENDITURES.	
State examining committee and clerical assistance	\$6,332.72
Printing and office supplies	543.85
Postage	24.25
December 1, 1907	56.52
Total	\$11,133.94
Total	\$4,128.99

In the report showing the disbursements from the various appropriations made by the legislature McBrien shows that his office expenses have been for the six months, \$5,995.86, leaving a balance in this fund of \$5,385.24. There was appropriated \$15,000, which was in this fund at the beginning of the year, and \$11,132.99 was in the fund six months ago.

In a statement filed with the governor today in explanation of the expenditures of his office for the last six months Superintendent McBrien again states the enrollment of pupils in the normal training classes is more than the combined enrollment in the state normal schools, notwithstanding the recent denial from Kearney.

Cobbey Gets Busy. A. E. Cobbey, the author of Cobbey's Statutes, has evidently started a campaign among the members of the legislative body to get them to influence Secretary of State Junkin to reconsider his decision not to buy 400 copies of Cobbey's Statutes for \$3,000. Letters from the members of the legislature have begun to reach the secretary, most of them telling him that it was the intention of the legislature to make an appropriation for Cobbey's Statutes, no matter what the bill reads. One senator, however, evidently got mixed up, for he wrote that he knew the legislature wanted Cobbey's Statutes, the single volume cheaper statute. The single volume statute is Wheeler's. Junkin has left the courts to say which statute to purchase, though so far neither Cobbey nor Wheeler

has shown a disposition to go into the court.

Howell Case in January. The case against Samuel E. Howell, the Omaha coal dealer who was sentenced to jail for six months and fined \$1,000 on a charge of violating the anti-pooling law, will come up for hearing in the supreme court January 7. The legal department of the state has the record in the case and is now preparing to look after the state's interests.

Testimony in Stock Yards Case. Attorney General Thompson expects to go to Omaha Friday to take testimony in the case against the Union Stock Yards company. This is the case where the attorney general filed a petition for a mandamus to compel the company to furnish a report to the State Railway commission showing its schedule of charges and other information desired by the commission.

Rearranging Library. H. C. Lindsay has been spending most of his time during the last week moving books around in the state library in an effort to make more room for the constant additions to the number of volumes. He has erected a number of new shelves and before he completes the work expects to be able to get all of the books on the shelves and clear the floor of the many castly volumes which have been stored there for so long owing to the lack of room.

Hot in Politics. A letter was received at the state house this morning from a member of the newly organized Nebraska School Folk's club at Norfolk denying the statement that the club had endorsed the candidacy of James E. Delsell of Lexington for state superintendent. The letter said some of the state papers had published that the club had endorsed Delsell. He desires it made public that the club was not a political organization and did not intend to take any part in politics.

Dinner for Regents. The regents closed their annual meeting last night with a dinner given by Regent Ernst at the Lincoln hotel. Mr. Ernst closes his sixth year as a member of the board and he celebrated the last day by inviting his colleagues and a number of university friends to dine with him. Thirty-four guests were entertained and after the dinner a number of toasts were given. Prof. Lawrence Fossler acted as toastmaster.

In addition to the regular toast list Regent Ernst, Anderson and Coupland gave short talks.

At their meeting yesterday afternoon the regents appropriated \$50,000 for the erection of the engineering building which will be placed on the ground now occupied by the athletic field.

C. S. Allen was elected president of the board to act until the next meeting in January, when the newly elected regents will take up their duties. The semi-annual report which was read by Secretary Dales showed that a total of \$228,936.52 has been expended since the last report. His value of all of the university chattels was \$430,727. This does not include any other real estate or attachments to real estate.

Dean Davis was given a leave of absence to attend the conference of the international conference of the International Mathematical Association which will be held at Rome in April.

Nebraska News Notes.

BEATRICE—In the district court yesterday Judge Kelliger condemned 116 tax sales.

BEATRICE—The Beatrice and Fairbury basketball team will play in this city next Saturday night.

BLAU HILL—A deal was made Monday whereby H. Schlichman has found possession of the Star Brewery barn.

BEATRICE—The annual poultry show of the Southwestern Nebraska Poultry association opened here today for a run of three days.

BEATRICE—Justin S. Warren, a pioneer resident of Dewitt, died here yesterday, where he was receiving medical treatment. The body was taken to Dewitt yesterday.

BLAU HILL—A convention of the school teachers of the county is to be held here Friday evening at the Christian church. Prof. Reed, chief school inspector, will be present. A fine program has been arranged.

BEATRICE—August Boese, a native of Germany and a resident of Gage county since 1892, died yesterday at his home seven miles northwest of Beatrice, aged 80 years. He is survived by three daughters, all residents of this county.

BEATRICE—Ten prisoners now occupy quarters in the county jail, most of whom are doing time for petty larceny. Sheriff Trude is thinking seriously of establishing a rock pile at the jail in order to end employment for this stripe of law breaker.

WALSHVILLE—The First National bank of this place secured \$12,000 worth of the Farmers' and Merchants' notes, an official notice received by Cashier Mathewson last evening. The bid submitted by this bank was \$12,000. This was the lowest bid at which any of the bonds were awarded.

BEATRICE—An old landmarker at the Methodist Episcopal church, built in Blue Spring in 1870, was removed yesterday. For over thirty years residents of southern Gage county have worshipped in the old structure. There is a move on foot among some of the old residents of Blue Spring to publish a history of the building and of the church work of the early days.

BEATRICE—Third City Judge No. 31, Degree of Honor, elected these officers last evening: Grace Bumgardner, past chief of honor; Mrs. B. E. Baker, chief of honor; Selma Penrod, lady of honor; Magdalene Rife, chief of ceremonies; Lida Penrod, recorder; S. Gould, treasurer; Ellen Boswell, receiver; Lottie White, usher; Lizzie Hanson, inner watch; H. C. Karsch, outer watch; C. P. Fall and Davis Boswell, physicians; W. J. Hempfahl and D. B. Penrod, trustees; Mattie Doie, musician.

BROKEN BOW—One of the biggest prairie fires seen in many years swept the country between the Middle Loup and Middle Republican rivers, from Richardson to Dunsmuir, on last Sunday and Sunday night. At Halsey it jumped broad fire guards and got into the driver's reserve, but an all-night effort on the part of Superintendent Scott and his men kept it out of the young timber that had been planted. The territory covered is said to be about fifteen by forty miles. The greatest damage done was the burning over of the winter pasture on the Black railroad.

YORK—A skating rink has been opened in the large room in the Farmers' Exchange building on the evening of the floor is filled with skaters.

YORK—York jobbers report a good business for the year 1907, saying that it exceeds that of 1906.

YORK—The promoters of the automobile factory have made partial arrangements for selling the stock offered in the new building near the Burlington right-of-way and report that they have about succeeded in selling about 75 per cent of the stock. It does not look as if there was a money-craze in prosperous York when a manufacturing of automobiles is under way.

YORK—Mr. O. S. Kilbourne owner of the wheat cleaning machine that has been manufactured here for some time past, has arranged with the Eby Manufacturing company to manufacture them here.

GORELICK—Rev. A. L. Kellogg of Meadow Grove gave his lecture "Everywhere is a Church" at the church last evening. Rev. Mr. Kellogg was pastor of Greeley charge nine years ago. The greatest damage done was the burning over of the winter pasture on the Black railroad.

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Sale of Furs at 1-3 Off
Coats, Sets, Scarfs or Muffs

There are two reasons why we are holding this fur sale now instead of waiting until January. The first reason is the long, continued warm weather which has retarded the sale of furs; and the second reason is that we have made an extensive cash purchase of fine fur coats, sets, scarfs and muffs, from a foremost manufacturer who was badly in need of cash. Sale starts promptly Thursday morning, at 8:00 a. m.

Fur Coats at 1-3 Off	Fine Fur Sets at 1-3 Off	Fine Scarfs or Muffs at 1-3 Off
\$125.00 Fur Coats at..... \$85.00	\$125 Fur Sets at..... \$85.00	\$75.00 Fur Scarfs or Muffs at... \$50.00
\$100.00 Fur Coats at..... \$67.50	\$100 Fur Sets at..... \$67.50	\$50.00 Fur Scarfs or Muffs at... \$32.50
\$90.00 Fur Coats at..... \$60.00	\$75.00 Fur Sets at..... \$50.00	\$37.50 Fur Scarfs or Muffs at... \$25.00
\$75.00 Fur Coats at..... \$50.00	\$50.00 Fur Sets at..... \$32.50	\$29.50 Fur Scarfs or Muffs at... \$19.50
	\$40.00 Fur Sets at..... \$27.50	\$22.50 Fur Scarfs or Muffs at... \$15.00
	\$35.00 Fur Sets at..... \$22.50	\$15.00 Fur Scarfs or Muffs at... \$10.00
	\$27.50 Fur Sets at..... \$17.50	\$10.00 Fur Scarfs or Muffs at... \$6.75
	\$19.50 Fur Sets at..... \$12.50	\$7.50 Fur Scarfs and Muffs at... \$5.00

PRACTICAL GIFTS WANTED

These Are the Sort the Young Women Now Want.

FLOOR WALKERS ARE QUIZZED

Capit Tries to Get In on the Ground Floor and Pan Off His Wares on Dear Old Santa Class.

"I want my friends to send me something practical for Christmas—something I can use about my room or home." "Something like 1,000 young women make this remark in the stores of Omaha each day, according to the woman floor walker in one of the big department stores. "Something she can use about her home or room," said the information bureau on the floor. "That is quite a new thing for the girls. Usually it is something to wear or something to eat, but this year it is something useful. Whether it is the wave of economy sweeping over the country like a northwestern wind descending on a blizzard-cursed steppe or whether the girls have had an attack of scrupulous conscience I cannot discover. But they all want something for the home this year—sofa cushions, pictures, dishes, articles for the library or even pieces of furniture."

Marriage License Clerk Charles Furay was tapping his desk with a pencil Wednesday, as he looked over the solid mahogany railing of his den in the county judge's office. A smile lit up his face, usual as the troubles of others, when he heard a young woman clerk in the office make the same remark which the floor walker has heard so many times. "Then, without saying a word, he walked to the vault and took down a big book. Without the assistance of an adding machine he put down a string of figures and then remarked: "Only 1.17 marriage license issued so far this year—a very low record. But it will be doubled next year. The fees have been something like \$3,400. They will be at least \$7,000 during 1908."

Looking for Information. Just then a little woman stepped into the office. She was more attractive than the clerk looked over her glasses. "I'm looking for information," she said. "I can tell you anything you want to know," explained Furay. "A marriage license clerk is the village tip, he meets all trains and answers all questions."

"Oh, I am so glad," said the woman. "When does the law take effect when everyone must get out a marriage license?" "Just at midnight on January 1, 1908, when the clock strikes 12 and then stops like the gathering of another stroke within the bell," explained the eloquent clerk.

"Just at the moment between 1907 and 1908, when it will seem for a time that Father Time has fallen asleep and is going to allow men and women to live along without growing older."

"Oh, how happy I am," screamed the little woman. "What does a marriage license cost?"

"Two plunks per," shuddered the contract writer.

"Oh, that's not much after all. I will be able to save that in four weeks."

"Why are you so happy?" said the inquisitive one.

"Certainly, next year is leap year—leap year—leap year—think what that means to the girls who have to work—leap year—leap year."

And the little woman leaped out of the office, promising to come again and bring Furay that "two plunks."

FITTING GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS
Novel Razor Stroops for Men Make an Impression.

One of the new things in the stores peculiarly fitting for a Christmas gift to a man is a razor stroop in a case. The case is of silver and the stroop winds into it on a spring like a tape line. The case is provided with a hook, by which it can be hung up, and when it is to be used the man

Boy's Life and Boy's Leg.
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—A boy's life is worth \$50, but boy's leg is worth \$10,000, according to two verdicts brought in in the supreme court here yesterday. In one part of the court John Sheldon, whose 12-year-old son was killed in a runaway accident, was awarded \$300,000 damages, and in another part of the court jury awarded \$50,000 to Arthur Clements, a 10-year-old boy, who lost a leg through being run over by a trolley car.

Monk Conducts Orchestra.
CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—A reminder of the middle ages, when choir boys were used, was witnessed last night at Theodore Thomas' orchestra band at the Grand Opera House. In his cassock, conducting a concert on the stage, Father Finn is a well known priest at the "fast order," and the concert was a concert given by the Paulist chorister society.

merely pulls the strap out, strops his razor and then it folds up automatically inside the case away from dust and dirt.
Tobacco jars for the smoker are usually acceptable, useful and sometimes beautiful gifts. One made of burnished Russian brass is proving an especial favorite. This one costs \$1.50, is perfectly plain, but has an imitation about it of age that makes it especially desirable as a useful ornament for a man's den.
One store has a very large line of opera bags. They are in all sorts of novel shapes and designs and are made of all sorts of materials; embroidered satins, satins covered with real lace, plain satins, Dresden ribbons, all figure in the materials of which they are made. There are also some made in the old-fashioned knitted bead style. Some fine ones are made of material covered with lace or chiffon and with frills at the top. For dark costumes there are dark and steel bags.

GIRL SUES TO PROTECT NAME

Topeka Woman Brings Action Against Man Living in South Omaha.

Beaule Scofield of Topeka, Kan., has brought suit in the United States circuit court against Lafayette Randall of South Omaha for \$10,000 damages for alleged defamation of character.

Back of the suit is a long story involving even more serious charges against Randall. According to this story Randall was given the option by the girl's father of leaving the state of Kansas, whose laws hold his alleged crime as a felony or staying and being prosecuted and he took the former chance. But according to the petition in this action he was not as discreet in his conversation as he was in his choice of options.

AN ACCEPTABLE GIFT
Black Ostrich Plumes

Every lady is a lover of ostrich plumes, and as an Xmas gift nothing could be more appropriate.

An Extra Inducement
Having bought \$1,000 worth of ostrich feathers at 60c on the dollar, we, for Thursday only, will have a special sale and save the buyer 40 per cent.

\$10 beautiful black Ostrich Plumes.....	\$5.85
\$12.50 beautiful black Ostrich Plumes.....	\$6.95
\$8.50 beautiful black Ostrich Plumes.....	\$4.65
\$6.50 beautiful black Ostrich Plumes.....	\$3.85
\$2.50 beautiful black Ostrich Plumes.....	\$1.65

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Electric Reading Lamps—like cut—ten inch shade trimmed with brass; weathered oak base; fully equipped for gas or electricity. Each..... \$6.75

Brass or Verde Green Electric or Gas Lamps, 25 inches high with 16 inch shades. Each..... \$19.75

Other High-Class Electric Lamps, each \$25.00 to..... \$150

Seat or Foot Stool like cut

Weathered oak, a fine mission design, standing 16 inches high; top is 13x18 inches. Has a fibre rush seat. Is well made and beautifully finished. Special lot just received and on sale at each..... \$3.00

See our beautiful mechanical window, showing in miniature a realistic scene along the Missouri River, with the great elevators, grazing stock, rolling plains, hills and valleys, Indians, fast moving trains and steamboats.



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Make the most appreciated and welcome
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Maker to Wearer
Hand built Onimeds are built for particular men. Prices \$5.00 and \$6.00.
Bench made Onimeds, good for any occasion, \$4.00.
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The Reliable \$2.50 and \$3.50 Onimeds are worn by more men than any other shoe in the world.
Dr. Reed's Cushion Sole Shoe for men and women, \$5.00.

Regent 205
SHOE & S. 15th St.

Xmas Umbrellas
85c to \$12.00
Made in Omaha by
F. G. ACKERMAN
1924 Farnam St.



Bring this coupon and get a \$6.00 Silk Umbrella with Sterling Silver Handle, for \$3.50

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We are showing an entirely new assortment of Celluloid Toilet Articles.
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Celluloid Mirrors..... \$1.00 to \$3.50
Celluloid Mahirore Sets..... \$2.00 and up.
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