ATTORNEY ON THE CARPET

William R. Butler of O'Neill Charged with Altering Transcript.

NORMAL MAY KEEP SOME CASH

Senator Randall Asks Commission to Compel Union Pacific and Northwestern to Put in Transfer Switch at Albion.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The supreme court this afternoon directed Attorney General W. T. Thompson to file an information against Attorney William R. Butler of O'Neill charging him with contempt of court in filing a false and mutilated transcript in the case of Rothwell against Fry, a suit from Knox county involving the ownership of farm land. Interlineations were found in the transcript filed in the supreme court. A motion was made to strike the transcript from the record and this was argued May 2. At that time William R. Butler, the attorney in the case, appeared and said he did not know how the interlineations came to be there. The court took the motion to strike under advisement. Today the court ordered the transcript stricken from the records and affirmed the judgment of the district court in the suit. The order for an information charging Butler with contempt followed this decision. The court had previously asked for an investigation of the matter and County Attorney J. H. Berryman reported that the evidence he had taken showed that the handwriting in the interlineations was that of William R. Butler and that it indicated that he had made the changes in the record after it had been certified to by the clerk of the district court. In a letter written by Mr. Butler he states that he at first assumed that he had made the changes, as the writing resembled his, but that he now believes he did not make the changes and knows nothing about how the interlineations were made. He also says he had no intention of deceiving the court and also that the interlineations are not material and that he could have gained nothing by making them.

The information will be tried later in the supreme court. Mr. Butler will be given a chance to present his defense and judgment will be pronounced.

Demands Transfer Switches.

Senator Charles A. Randall of Madison county called today on the railway commission and gave notice that he would file a complaint against the Union Pacific and the Northwestern roads. He will ask that these roads be compelled to put in transfer switches at the towns of Albion and Humphrey.

Can Keep Some Cash.

Under a decision of Deputy Attorney General W. B. Rose, the Kearney Normal school will be able to retain funds derived from the dormitory in the form of room rent and spend the money under the direction of the State Board of Education. Only funds derived from the sale of property must be turned into the state treasury, according to the terms of the new law, as interpreted by Mr. Rose. There is now $3,000 of such funds in the state treasury and it cannot be spent by the institutions which paid it in except on voucher and warrant issued by the state auditor. If the ruling of Mr. Rose stands the Kearney Normal school will be able to keep funds derived from the dormitory rental, from text books and typewriters. The institution has turned in $15 from the sale of alfalfa grown on the campus, and that is the extent of its contribution to the treasury.

Acting Governor Refuses.

Acting Governor M. R. Hopewell has refused to grant the request of the judge of the circuit court of Lyman county, South Dakota, for the presence of Ed Whiting, a convict in the Nebraska penitentiary. The acting governor did not have any assurance that the convict would return to his prison after he had gone beyond the jurisdiction of the governor of Nebraska. It is probable that if the governor of South Dakota asks for the presence of the convict some arrangement may be made whereby his request can be granted. The judge of the court informed the acting governor that it was believed the testimony of Whiting was needed in court to obtain the conviction of a man who is charged with grand larceny. Sheriff Sheldon of Lyman county presented the statement, but he did not get to meet his namesake, Governor Sheldon.

Claims Reward for Finding Coal.

S. K. B. Hayes of Peru, the owner of the Honey Creek coal mine, came to the capital today expecting to get the state reward of $4,000 for discovering a coal vein over twenty-six inches in thickness. His vein is thirty-three inches thick, according to a report of Prof. Barbour of the University of Nebraska. Mr. Hayes found that the legislature had failed to appropriate funds for the payment of the reward. The bill passed the house, but failed in the senate.

Ruling in Liquor Laws.

On the application of James P. English, county attorney of Douglas county, for an opinion on the requirements of the new state laws affecting liquor packages, Attorney General Thompson gave an opinion today that shipments of beer must be plainly marked with the label "Intoxicating liquors." The attorney general also rules that the per cent of alcohol must be shown on beer boxes and kegs.

The attorney says: "The government revenue stamp and pure food law should show two different facts. The government stamp shows the quantity of liquor in the package, and the label required by the pure food law must show the quantity or proportion of alcohol."

HASTINGS COLLEGE EXERCISES

Degrees Are Conferred Upon Five Graduates.

HASTINGS, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The annual commencement exercises of Hastings college were conducted at the Presbyterian church last night. The degree of bachelor of arts was conferred upon R. C. Theobald, F. R. Striker and M. H. Forrester. The degree of bachelor of literature was conferred upon Miss Lena Gueck.

Promotion diplomas to the academy class were given to Misses Laura Brooks and Alice Ollis and Messrs. Carl Banta, Charles Barbour, Neil Barbour, Walter McGowan, Claude McGowan, Louis Owen, Ralph Bowlus, Walter Ramsey, Earl Sawyer and Roy Walford.

The commencement address was delivered by Rev. Frank Sneed of Pittsburg, Pa.

LIGHTNING IS BUSY AT KEARNEY

Barn, Residence and Man Struck During One Storm.

KEARNEY, Neb., June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—A severe electric storm passed over the city shortly after the noon hour today and lightning struck in several places. A barn of Sam Nixon's was struck and set on fire. Also the residence of James Boyd was struck, but the fire was put out before much damage was done. Charles Pickering was struck by lightning and thrown from his wagon, rendering him unconscious. Pickering was picked up by passersby who witnessed the accident and was taken to the city hospital, where he was cared for. Though suffering severe burns and a bad shock his injuries were not serious.

Danes Celebrate Liberty Day.

ST. PAUL, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The annual Danish Fifth of June celebration, in commemoration of the promulgation of constitutional liberty in Denmark, fifty-eight years ago, was held in the beautiful Central park at Dannebrog and attended by immense crowds of people from the southern half of the county particularly, but several hundred people of St. Paul also went to Dannebrog to participate in the festivities. Besides the many who went by team, there were over 300 tickets sold by the local station to passengers who went by train. Americans vied with Danes in making the day a gala one long to be remembered. Band concerts, amusements and races of much variety occupied the greater part of the day. In the afternoon there was a program of speaking in the park, where Hon. S. M. Friis, Peter Ebbeson of St. Paul and N. P. Hansen of Kearney delivered orations on the subject of the day.

Ready for Sunday School Workers.

HASTINGS, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—Upwards of a thousand delegates are expected to attend the fortieth annual convention of the Nebraska Sunday School association, which will be held in this city on June 18, 19 and 20. Accommodations have already been engaged for about 800. The local entertainment committee is making careful preparations for the convention, and although it will be the largest ever held in Hastings the visitors will be well taken care of. Among the men of prominence who will address the convention are Marshall A. Hudson of Syracuse, N. Y., founder of the Baraca movement; Rev. William Byron Forbush of Detroit, Mich., president of the General Alliance of Workers for Boys; Mrs. J. W. Barnes of Newark, N. J.; Rev. E. L. Roach of Lincoln, and Rev. Daniel E. Jenkins of the Omaha Presbyterian Theological seminary.

Epworth League Convention.

PILGER, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The seventeenth annual Norfolk district Epworth league convention convened in Pilger Tuesday morning, between sixty and seventy Epworth leaguers being present. The exercises were held in the church in the daytime and in Woodmen hall at night. There were ten ministers present. It was pronounced one of the best of its kind ever held in the district. The two principal events were the lecture given by Rev. Mr. Horn of Wayne, he having made a trip around the world and taken pictures of all the places of interest, which were reproduced on canvas, and Wednesday evening Rev. Mr. Smith of Omaha delivered a fine sermon. Special music for the occasion was furnished by the Stanton choir. H. H. Antles was elected president for the ensuing year.

York College Commencement.

YORK, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The exercises for commencement week at York college are as follows:

June 6—8 p. m. graduating recital, Hulitt Conservatory of Music.
June 7—8 p. m., oratorical contest.
June 8—8 p. m., conservatory concert.
June 9—10:30 a. m., baccalaureate sermon by President William E. Schell; 8 p. m., address to Christian associations by Prof. Fordyce.
June 10—8 p. m., anniversary of literary societies.
June 11—8 p. m., class program.
June 12—10 a. m., commmencement oration by Bishop G. M. Mathews of Chicago.

There are fifty graduates from the several departments, twenty-two of whom take state teachers' certificates.

McConnell Wanted for Embezzlement.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Lawrence McConnell, who recently disappeared from Beatrice, is wanted on a charge of embezzling $102.97 from Black Bros., millers, of this city. McConnell was in the employ of H. W. Hill, the transfer man, and is charged with delivering flour to patrons of the mill, collecting the money and pocketing it. It was reported that he was in Omaha, but Sheriff Trude, who visited that place yesterday, failed to locate him. McConnell served fourteen months in the penitentiary for a statutory offense. He was granted a new trial by the supreme court, and after returning home the complaining witness decided not to push the case further.

SMALL TORNADO HITS HARBINE

Number of Buildings Damaged, but No Loss of Life.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—A tornado struck Harbine, Neb., and vicinity this afternoon, doing considerable damage to property. The Congregational church was blown off its foundation, a hardware store, barber shop partially wrecked and many outbuildings demolished. No fatalities are reported. Heavy rains have been falling here all day and the ground is thoroughly soaked. This insures a good crop of wheat and oats.

Christian Church Convention.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The district convention of the Christian church, which has been in session at Wymore for the last three days, closed last evening with a union meeting, held at the Methodist church, and addressed by Rev. Mr. Chilton of St. Joseph, Mo.

In the morning the Christian Endeavor society held a splendid meeting, with papers by James Lawrence of Beatrice and Rev. Charles Cobbey of Wymore. The music was furnished by Emma Vaught, Beatrice Wright and Helen Howell of Beatrice.

At the afternoon session able sermons were delivered by Rev. J. D. Forsythe of Bower, Rev. Claire Armstrong of Odell and Rev. J. E. Davis of this city. Beatrice was selected as the next place for holding the convention. These officers were elected for the coming year: President, Rev. J. E. Davis of Beatrice; corresponding secretary, H. C. Holmes of Fairbury; recording secretary and treasurer, Miss Mae True of Fairbury; superintendent of Christian Endeavor, Rev. C. E. Cobbey of Wymore; secretary of Christian Woman's Board of Missions, Mrs. S. E. Gould of Beatrice.

Improvements at McCook.

M'COOK, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—There are great prospects in Red Willow county this summer for wheat and corn. Recent heavy rains have added much to the good feeling in the community. McCook is booming, and the new $40,000 high school building is progressing nicely, the excavating is done for the Carnagie library and occupies a beautiful site on Upper Main avenue, and several large business blocks have been built and others are contracted for. Much building is being done throughout the country among farmers.

Brakeman Saves Man's Life.

HASTINGS, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—L. Dyer, a wealthy farmer who lives eleven miles south of Hastings, fell in front of a Burlington passenger train at the station this afternoon and was dragged away by a brakeman after the conductor had signaled for the train to move. Dyer said afterwards he wanted to die, but he declined to admit that he had attempted suicide.

News of Nebraska.

SEWARD—The marriage of Miss Helen Sampson and Frank Cocklin occurred at St. Vincent Catholic church in this city. Rev. Father Murphy officiated.

BEATRICE—The funeral services for the late Charles Treadwell will be held Friday morning, and the remains will be taken to Fairmont, Neb., for interment.

SEWARD—The Farmers' Mutual Insurance association of Seward county at its annual meeting here reported 400 members and the insurance in force is $800,000. The losses and expenses for the last year were only $400. This association is composed of German farmers. The officers are: O. E. Bernecker, president; D. Dankers, vice president; C. Schall, secretary; H. Bernecker, treasurer.

ASHLAND—While hauling a load of corn to town yesterday Harold, the 13-year-old son of Earle Richards, was thrown from the wagon and severely injured.

PLATTSMOUTH—While visiting in this city William Mordock of Nebraska City had the misfortune to step into a hole in the paving, breaking the small bone in his leg.

OSCEOLA—A fine program was rendered at the auditorium by the seven graduates of the class of 1907 of the Osceola High school.

YORK—County institute is in session in the high school building this week. The instructors are Prof. J. A. Parks, J. W. Searson, W. W. Stoner and Miss Edith Martin.

EDGAR—Rain has been abundant lately and crops are in splendid condition, though corn is rather backward, as it was rather late planted and the weather has been pretty cool.

YORK—About twenty of the junior Young Men's Christian association members are camping on the Blue. Friday will be the visiting day and visitors will be welcomed.

TECUMSEH—Robert Bush and Miss Carrie Webb were married at the Baptist manse in this city Wednesday evening, June 5, the ceremony being performed by Rev. F. M. Sturdevant.

BLUE HILL—At the meeting of the school board Wednesday night W. H. Manifold of Fullerton was employed as superintendent of our schools for the ensuing year. This completes the corps of teachers.

BEATRICE—The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Muriel Mudge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mudge, old residents of Elm township, to Mr. Harry Wells was solemnized last evening, Rev. J. J. Morrison officiating.

ASHLAND—The Ashland Electric Light company announces that service to its patrons tomorrow night. The city has been in darkness for about a month, owing to the destruction of the electric light power plant by fire.

PLATTSMOUTH—Word was received that Gifford Brainard, a brakeman on a local freight running between Council Bluffs and St. Joseph, had one of his legs amputated while switching in the yards in Bartlett, Ia., Wednesday afternoon.

GENEVA—District court has been in session here since Monday afternoon. There are eight divorce and two criminal cases on the docket, one being that of Jesse L. Hamilton for statutory assault, the other William Bruce, for selling diseased animals.

HASTINGS—Graduating exercises of the eighth grade of the Adams county schools will be conducted at the opera house in this city next Wednesday evening. The class address will be delivered by State Superintendent J. L. McBrien.

BEATRICE—The Gage County Teachers' institute will be held in this city next week. The instructors are Superintendent W. L. Stephens of Lincoln, Superintendent Graham of Wymore, Miss Holton of Minneapolis, Minn., and Miss Edna Squires of this city.

SEWARD—The district Sunday school convention will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday, June 9. An interesting program will be given. The Presbyterian Sunday school will give "Tom Thumb's Wedding" at the opera house Saturday evening. Fifty children will take part.

BEATRICE—The commencement exercises of eighty pupils who have passed the required examinations to entitle them to enter the high school will be held at the Presbyterian church next Monday afternoon. State Superintendent McBrien will address the class, and County Superintendent Anna Day will present the certificates.

HASTINGS—The liberal rains in this section during the last few days have been beneficial to all crops, and the farmers of Adams county now agree that the winter wheat crop, which for a time was supposed to be greatly damaged by lack of moisture, is in good condition, with excellent prospects for an average yield.

TECUMSEH—The following is the mortgage record for the month of May in Johnson county: Number farm mortgages filed, 23; amount, $44,625; number released, 13, amount, $21,094.50; number town and city mortgages filed, 7; amount, $6,650; number released, 3; amount $550; number chattel mortgages filed, 40; amount, $5,696.83; number released, 64; amount, $12,306.55.

TECUMSEH—Elmer Wolf, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wolf of this city, got hold of some matches and proceeded to kindle a bonfire in the yard. After the fire got started nicely he engaged in throwing burning embers into the air. A burning rag fell upon his shoulder. The boy's ear was quite badly burned, his hair was scorched and his cheek was injured.

EDGAR—The Clay county teachers' institute is in session here and will continue all the week. Eighty teachers and eight instructors, including County Superintendent R. V. Clark, are present. The Edgar Commercial club gave the teachers a reception Monday evening in the high school auditorium. A good program was rendered after which refreshments were served. It was a very enjoyable affair.

BEATRICE—At the Christian Endeavor convention held here yesterday devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Hattie Sylvester of Blue Springs and Miss Davis of Fairbury, followed with a number of interesting papers by the delegates. At 4 p. m. Mrs. E. F. Carruthers of Hastings delivered an address on the young people's work. Rev. J. S. Hamilton of Friend, Neb., addressed the meeting in the evening.

AUBURN—At a meeting of the city council last night an agreement was entered into between the city and Burns and McDonald of Kansas City, Mo., for the running of a survey of the town and drawing of specification for a system of water works. This is the first step toward the system of water works. It is expected that work will commence on this at once and if the city is successful in voting bonds it will not be long until the system will be installed.

PLAATSMOUTH—The twenty-fifth annual commencement exercises of the Plattsmouth High school were held in the Parmele playhouse this evening, and consisted of invocation by Rev. A. L. Zink, piano solo by Hilt Wescott, salutatory, "A Real Question," by Crete Briggs; valedictory, "A Constitutional Study," Miss Alice Brinkman; vocal solo, Mrs. Morgan. After the address by L. B. Wickersham of Des Moines and a local solo by Mrs. J. W. Gamble, Superintendent E. L. Rouse presented each of the thirty-two graduates with a diploma.

PLATTSMOUTH—For several days a skiff, containing a canvas tent, some bedding, a quantity of men's clothing, a field glass and other articles usually carried on an excursion down the Missouri river, also a check book issued by the bank in Gretna to W. L. Wilber and a bottle of medicine on the label of which was the name of Dr. I. D. Jones of Murdock, this county, has been tied to some willows at this point. It was feared that murder might have been committed to obtain [illegible]. After a thorough search by the [illegible] and others Wilber was found in a Burlington box car in an intoxicated condition with a quart bottle of whisky by his side.

TECUMSEH—A steam derrick, employed in handling the heavy steel at the Burlington's new bridge over the Nemaha, one mile west of Tecumseh, was ditched yesterday afternoon. An unusually heavy piece of material was picked up and swung about in such a manner as to throw the car off its balance and tip it off the track into the ditch. The men working about the derrick jumped and saved themselves. Engineer Arthur Newley was in the engine house and could not jump. He was carried with the wreck into the ditch, but fortunately none of the machinery fell so as to hurt him. Beyond a few scratches and a good shaking up he suffered no greater injury. It is thought the services of a wrecker will be required to set the car back on the track.

NEBRASKA FROM DAY TO DAY

Quaint and Curious Features of Life in a Rapidly Growing State.

H. J. Franzen was an out-of-town passenger Tuesday. We asked him where he was going and he answered "Yep." If it is in this state, ask Ross of the Belvidere Independent. We acknowledge we don't know.—Carleton Leader.

Druggist Rebelled—A Beaver City man imagined that he had the smallpox. He went to his family physician for examination and the pleasurable information was given that there was nothing alarming in his symptoms. He was given a prescription, which was taken to his favorite pharmacist. The same was read and handed back with the remark, "It can't be filled here." It read, "Take a bath. Q. S."—Beaver City Times-Tribune.

Assessor Wanted—Our carpet bag assessor was around again the last of the week. We wish our precinct had some educated men in it, but it seems there are none. Quite a variety on the same grade of cattle this year.—Winfield Correspondence Long Pine Journal.

Itching for a Scrap—Since Charley Smith has been quarantined with smallpox he has had all kinds of fun with friends and acquaintances who pass along the street by standing on the porch of the house and calling them names and daring them to come and fight him. He has failed to find anyone to accommodate him yet.—Columbus Journal.

Good Shot—We are entering the summer solstice which should bring us copious rains. Its influence is central on the 22d instant, our longest day, when the sun begins to back track towards the equator by reason of the earth's motion and position on its annual trip around the sun.—Blue Springs Sentinel.

Another Sort of Candidate—The Times last week called attention to the primary election law and for the would-be candidate to take notice. Well, this don't affect anyone in this neck of the woods. However, there are about a dozen candidates, but none for office, simply for matrimony. —Jayhird, in Thurston Gazette.

A Horse on Frank—The Elwood Bulletin of last week says: "Frank Bell met with quite a serious mishap one day last week. He was coming in from the field, leading his team home. One of them, a colt, which became frightened, jumped against him, knocked him down and stepped on his face. His nose was broken and the whole side of his face crushed."—Arapahoe Pioneer.

Only One Boy—Following is a list of births during the month of May as reported by Dr. J. H. Lowery to Registrar of Vital Statistics A. H. Philson: May 1, Louis Body, girl; May 7, Bide Gorman, girl; May 9, L. Tmompson, girl; May 11, Chris Swanke, girl twins; May 21, Hy Feye, girl; May 21, George Dalkins, girl; May 23, Fred Arnse, girl; May 27, John Ehlers, boy; May 24, Joe Phillippi, girl.—Leigh World.

Western Manners—Paul Beguin came down from Pine Ridge Wednesday morning on crutches to make complaint to the county attorney in the shooting case in which he was shot in the leg by two men as a result of trouble over stray cattle. He believes there was a deliberate attempt made to murder him, no less than sixteen shot holes being in his house. An eye witness states that the house looked like a slaughter pen when he went in, there being blood all over the floor from Beguin's wounded leg.—Rushville Recorder.

BALDWIN SOUNDS THE ALARM

Union Pacific Solicitor Fears Untoward Results for Railroads.

BASES OPINION ON CUTS IN RATES

With High Property Values for Taxation Deprecates Effect of Two-Cent Fare and Freight Reduction on Revenues.

John N. Baldwin, general solicitor of the Union Pacific, has returned from Lincoln, where he made his statement before the State Railroad commission as to what his road proposed to do in the matter of contesting the 2-cent passenger rate law and also the 15 per cent freight rate reduction on certain commodities.

"Aside from the legal questions which suggest themselves," said Mr. Baldwin, "in reference to the 2-cent fare, that is to say, the question of interference with interstate commerce, the practical question is the one of compensation. We are gathering data and statistics which to a certain extent ought to determine the questions.

"The supporters of the 2-cent fare believe the reduction will operate to increase the volume of business and travel enough to overcome the increased cost of operation and leave fair returns to the carriers. The carriers generally believe the increased travel will be inconsiderable as compared with increased cost and the diminution of revenue.

"It is our purpose to await the result of the operative test. Of course, I cannot speak of any act or possible act of affected and dissatisfied stockholders.

"The same proceedings probably will be adopted in reference to the so-called Aldrich bill or the bill for a 15 per cent reduction in certain commodities which constitute a large part of the railroad traffic of the state.

"With the extremely high valuation on property for taxation purposes and the radical cuts proposed on revenues I greatly fear untoward results for railroads.'"

Kern's enormous stock reduction sale. Millinery below cost.

Investigation Under Way.

LARAMIE, Wyo., June 6.—(Special.)—The board of trustees of the University of Wyoming are holding an investigation of the charges of graft and political dominance made against the board by G. E. Morton, who has resigned to accept a position with the Fort Collins Agricultural college. Morton has been before the board, but declined to enter into specific answers. When asked why he had not laid his complaints before the executive committee of the board Morton stated that two of the three members of the committee were included in his charges.