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NEBRASKA NEWS

Plattsmouth Man on Board of Schools for Deaf and Blind.

SUCCEEDS PATRICK, RESIGNED

Greek Letter Men Escape Quarantine at Lincoln—Thomas J. Bigley of Beatrice Worried by Financial Troubles, Loses Mind After Reprimand by Court in Chamberlain Case and is Taken to Asylum.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 5.—D. O. Dwyer of Plattsmouth has been appointed a member of the board of trustees of the Nebraska City school for the blind at Nebraska City and the school for the deaf and dumb at Omaha. He takes the place of W. R. Patrick of Sarpy county, who resigned some time ago in order to criticize the manner of conducting some of the state institutions.

Governor Shallenberger spoke last night at Trinity Methodist church. Later in the evening he addressed the annual meeting of Camp Stotsenberg of the Philippine veterans.

Fire Warden Reports. According to State Fire Warden Johnson during the six months that the Nebraska fire commission has been in existence, the losses through fire, whose origin is unknown, amounted to \$175,000. This is practically one-third of the total fire loss of the state during the period named. It may be assumed, therefore, that these fires were either incendiary or due to some person's carelessness.

Carelessness in the handling of inflammable material, said the commission, and in building of fires is so common that it might be called the rule rather than the exception.

"During the last six months," said Mr. Johnson, "about one-sixth of the number of the fires that occurred in Nebraska have been caused by the careless use of gasoline. The property destroyed from such fires is valued at about \$100,000, while a number of lives were lost. So common is the loss of life and property through the reckless use of gasoline that this department invites the co-operation of the authorities of the public schools of the state, as well as the managers and teachers of private schools.

Work for Teachers. "Teachers could contribute to this educational work by talking to their pupils on this subject and warning them of the dangers involved in the careless use of gasoline or other inflammable material and impressing upon them that it is the duty of children as well as of adults to assist in this work of cutting down the fire loss. The fire loss through the careless use of matches has amounted in the last six months to about \$20,000. The match is a necessary of life, but in the hands of children, or in a place where rats may reach them, they become very destructive.

"The defective flue has cost the people during the last six months about \$40,000. Careful inspection of flues would have greatly reduced this loss if it did not altogether abolish it."

Loses Mind After Reprimand. Thomas J. Bigley of Beatrice was brought to the insane hospital here by Sheriff Schek. Though it is said Bigley worried over his debts to a considerable extent, worry over a reprimand from the court for his action as a juror is said to have been the final straw that overthrew the man's reason. The story brought from Beatrice is to the effect that the court ordered the jury in the Chamberlain case to remain together, but that on one occasion Bigley left the jury room alone for a few minutes. For this he was reprimanded by the court and the matter preyed on his mind, which had already been weakened by worry over financial troubles.

Greek Letter Men Flee Quarantine. Sequestered on the third floor of the Alpha Theta Chi fraternity house, at 1412 R street in this city, is a second year student of the State university, W. Rubendall of Alliance, who is confined with an attack of typhoid fever. In the house, which is quarantined, are five other students, occupying rooms on other floors of the building. Several members of the society escaped the health officers and fled to hotels before the quarantine was established.

Iron Driven Through His Skull. Columbus, Neb., Feb. 5.—While working on the Platte river bridge south of this city, Ros Bushnell met with an accident, which will result fatally. He was working with a crowbar, digging a place to start another piling, when a piece of wood fell from the top of the driver, striking him on the head and driving the bar through his skull.

Ex-Governor Mickey is Worse. Osceola, Neb., Feb. 5.—Former Governor John H. Mickey has suffered a relapse, and his condition is declared to be critical. The former governor has been mending for several days, but now he is unconscious and an early collapse is expected.

\$700 Taken From Postoffice. Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 5.—It is found that \$700 in stamps was stolen by robbers who ransacked the Clearwater postoffice. Two posers are tracing the robbers. They did not break open the safe, the stamps having been left loose in a drawer.

CRABTREE'S FRIENDS BUSY

Telegrams in His Behalf Deluge Members of State Normal Board.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 8.—Secretary Ludden of the state normal board and State Superintendent E. C. Bishop, a member of the board have received between thirty and thirty-five telegrams from educators in various parts of the state asking that President J. W. Crabtree be retained as the head of the Peru normal school.

The telegrams came from prominent members of the Nebraska State Teachers' association, and indicate Professor Crabtree's friends are making a concerted effort in his behalf before the meeting to be held in Peru today.

It is said the deposing of Superintendent Crabtree has never been discussed at a board meeting, but Treasurer Brain, a member of the board, has openly announced he would vote against him. This is supposed to have precipitated the campaign in behalf of Professor Crabtree.

CLOTHES AFIRE, WOMAN DIES

Son May Die Through Rescue Effort at Dewitt.

Dewitt, Neb., Feb. 5.—Mrs. Jane Bodwish, a woman eighty years old, was burned to death and her son, Homer Bodwish, was so badly burned his life is in danger. Mrs. Bodwish, who lived alone in a small house adjoining the home of her daughter, in some way set fire to clothing and curtains and was unable to escape.

Her son, who saw the smoke coming from the room, ran to the house and carried his mother, whose clothing was in flames, to a place of safety. Mrs. Bodwish lived but a few moments. The son inhaled flames and it is feared he cannot recover. Mrs. Bodwish is the mother-in-law of Postmaster Frank Wild.

SIXTEEN ARE FINED

Crawford Cases Occupy Attention of the County Judge in Dawes.

Chadron, Neb., Feb. 7.—County court here has been taken up for several days with the hearing of cases resulting from the recent "clean up" arrests in Crawford. So far sixteen men and women have been fined on charges of running houses of ill fame, gambling and violations of the 8 o'clock and Sunday closing law. Several others have been bound over to the district court.

Among the most prominent of the defendants was John Bruer, city councilman, who was tried before a jury and convicted of selling liquor after 8 o'clock and on Sunday and gambling. He was fined \$350 and costs.

YOUNG MAN TAKES HIS LIFE

Carl J. Holmes Sends Bullet to Heart to End Trouble.

Omaha, Feb. 8.—Within a few feet of a table, on which lay a letter signed "Dad," urging him to do honor to the name he bore, and on the envelope of which appeared the words in pencil: "How easy to forget all this," Jack Vernon, otherwise Carl J. Holmes, a printer, aged twenty-three, was found dead, killed by his own hand, at the Gate City lodging house. Holmes, who was employed in the city as a printer, was the son of J. A. Holmes, editor of the Cozad Republican and Tribune.

Truce in Omaha Strike.

Omaha, Feb. 8.—The labor controversy which has arisen on the construction of the Brandeis theater remains practically unchanged, a truce being in effect pending the action to be taken in the district court today, when Judge Estelle is to hear the injunction suit brought by Robert L. Carter, a subcontractor, who employs nonunion labor. Should Mr. Carter's plea for a permanent injunction against interference by the Thompson-Starrett company to dispossess him of his contract because he does not employ union labor be granted, a resumption of the strike is admitted to be certain.

Declines to Call Saloon Election.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 8.—City Clerk R. C. Ozman declined to call a special election under the referendum act to allow the voters to pass on the saloon question. He ruled that only 160 of the 3,500 men who signed the petition are legal signers under the provisions of the law, the remainder having failed to write "Lincoln, Neb.," after their names. The advocates of saloons will appeal to the courts.

Towns Prepare to Combat Ice.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 7.—Preparations are being hastily made along the Platte river to combat high water when the river begins breaking up, which will happen in a few days if the weather continues warm. Reports of a gorge at North Bend apparently are overdrawn, though the conditions are such that when the break up comes there will undoubtedly be trouble of a serious nature.

Mother and Daughter Wed.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 5.—Judge Beeson united in marriage Frank Main, aged thirty-two years, and Mrs. Lottie Williams, aged thirty-six years, and George Saltzman, aged twenty-one years, and Miss Ethel Williams, aged sixteen years, all from Hastings. The bride is mother and daughter. The newly wedded people departed for Hastings soon after the ceremony.

Examine Many Applicants.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Feb. 7.—Examination of eleven of the applicants for positions as census enumerators were conducted here. Owing to the large number, the applicants were divided into three classes.

ROBNETT MAKES DEFENSE

Accused Man Says He Resented Attention of Civilian to His Fiancee.

Boston, Feb. 8.—Resentment of the attentions of a civilian to his fiancee, Miss Dorothy Hesler of Evanston, Ill., was the basis of the defense of Dr. A. S. Robnett at his court-martial trial over the episode at the naval dance at the Charlestown navy yard on Dec. 11. Dr. Robnett's trial, which was on charges of conduct unbecoming a gentleman and profanity, lasted only four hours. Much of the interest had been robbed by the testimony at the trial of Paymaster George P. Auld last week on charges growing out of the same incident.

The trial was simplified by the admission by Dr. Robnett that he did use objectionable language when he called Dr. E. S. Cowles, the ejected civilian, to account for his attitude toward Miss Hesler.

Then Miss Hesler took the witness stand, and, flashing a diamond ring in the eyes of the court, declared that she had been engaged to Dr. Robnett since November, and that Dr. Cowles not only tried to meet her, but wanted to send her flowers and candy. Miss Hesler said that she appealed to Dr. Robnett to save her from Dr. Cowles and that the incident followed.

AFTER COMBINES IN NEW YORK

Prosecutor Prepares to Enforce Injunction Against Big Firms.

New York, Feb. 8.—With extreme cold weather tending to drive quotations up and the first wave of enthusiasm in the crusade against food prices receding, the campaign in metropolitan territory settled down to something like an endurance contest.

The week opened, however, with prospects of trouble for the combine alleged to be illegally keeping up rates for necessities of life through misuse of cold storage and by other means.

New York and New Jersey renewed activities in the campaign. Attorney General O'Malley of New York state is credited with the intention to invoke an old injunction against the packing companies, granted in the supreme court in 1902 and forbidding them from fixing meat prices and preventing competition by agreement as to rates and supply.

Regulative ordinances introduced in the New York board of aldermen and aimed particularly at cold storage evils are to be pressed for passage.

In New Jersey the Hudson county grand jury continued its inquiry into the business of the great storage warehouses of Jersey City.

MAY ACCEPT PEARY'S OFFER

Geographic Society Likely to Back Expedition to South Pole.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Whether the National Geographic society shall accept the offer of the Peary Arctic club of New York and join it in a joint expedition for the discovery of the South pole with the steamer Roosevelt, will be decided this afternoon by the board of directors of the Geographic society.

At the meeting the directors will listen to a report of the committee on finance and research, to which the proposition of the Arctic club that the Geographic society furnish \$50,000 in cash against the club's steamer Roosevelt and that all expense in excess be equally divided, was referred. This suggestion, made by Commander Peary, discoverer of the North pole, that the two organizations undertake the expedition jointly has been received here with enthusiasm and scientists feel that the undertaking will be successful.

ENDS SPORT FOR CARRIERS

New Order Forbids Shooting of Game While on Duty.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The shooting and hunting of game by rural mail carriers while they are officially employed on the service of their routes, or the carrying of guns for that purpose, is to be prohibited. An order to this effect has been issued by the postoffice department. Complaints were received that delay in the delivery and collection of mail was caused at certain places by the practice of carriers hunting and shooting game.

Hoarding Coal in Fear of Strike.

Danville, Ill., Feb. 8.—In anticipation of a strike of coal miners in this subdistrict on April 1, the Chicago and Eastern Illinois and Chicago, Indiana and Southern railroads are beginning to hoard coal, and as a result dealers here are having difficulty in placing contracts.

Favors Mining Bureau.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Pointing to each new mine disaster as additional reason why a national bureau of mines should be created, J. P. Callbreath, secretary of the American mining congress, declared here that an investigation of the causes of these disasters by the federal government was urgent.

Big Gift for Yale.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 8.—A gift from George G. Mason of New York city and William S. Mason of Evanston, both of the class of 1888 in the scientific school, of \$250,000 for a laboratory of mechanical engineering at Yale was announced.

Fire in Cargo of Cotton.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 8.—The British steamship Virgil, bound from the south to Antwerp via Norfolk for coal, is at Lambert's point fighting what is feared to be a serious fire in her cargo of cotton.

Stricken at Funeral; Dies.

Elgin, Ill., Feb. 7.—Stricken with paralysis at the funeral of Mrs. Emma Bladell, her sister, Mrs. Origin King died within a few hours.

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