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## DEADLOCK IS BROKEN.

Vacancy On the Board of Commissioners Is Filled.

## THE TREASURER DEFAULTED.

An Unpaid Hotel Bill Almost Engulfed a Party of Local Barn-Stormers Down At Union—Various Other Notes and Gossipings.

The deadlock over the appointment of a county commissioner to fill the seat on the board made vacant by the death of Chairman Dutton, has been broken, and to the utter surprise of the entire community the vacancy has been filled by the appointment of a democrat.

As heretofore announced, the appointing board took 128 ballots, and adjourned without having made any choice until Saturday. The voting was resumed that afternoon, the first ballot going the same way as the 128 of Friday, Clerk Dickson voting for Mr. Todd, Treasurer Eickhoff for S. A. Davis and Judge Ramsey for J. M. Patterson. Another ballot was taken in which Treasurer Eickhoff joined with Judge Ramsey in voting for Mr. Patterson, and the latter gentleman was accordingly declared the appointee.

The demise of Mr. Dutton left unfinished considerable of the December business and the new board will be called together the end of next week to complete the same.

The question as to whether another appointment will be made after the first of next year the same to hold over until the fall election '95, was not passed upon by the appointing board. Judge Ramsey has the matter under advisement and the board will doubtless be ruled by his opinion in the premises.

Mr. Patterson's appointment meets with the commendation of all. His ability as an accountant, gained through his long connection with the banking business in this city, will make him a valuable acquisition to the county board, and there is no gainsaying the statement that a more suitable selection could not have been made.

Mr. Patterson filed his bond and was sworn in as county commissioner late Wednesday afternoon.

## The Treasurer "Went South."

The members of a local aggregation of barn-stormers who journeyed to Union Monday night for the purpose of presenting their "show," are in exceeding hard lines. The show was rendered in good fashion, but when the members of the company looked about for their treasurer, Chas. Pailing, he was not to be found. Pailing settled with the hall proprietor and the livery stable proprietor for feeding the team which transported the outfit to Union, and then boarded the south-bound 11 o'clock M. P. passenger with the entire proceeds, amounting to some \$12. After recovering from the shock attendant to the departure of the defaulting treasurer, the members of the troupe hitched up the team and started to return home. Just then Mr. Smith, the Union hotel keeper, put in an unfortunate appearance and refused to allow their departure until his little board bill of \$2 was satisfied. None of the party had the required amount of cash, but Mr. Smith was obdurate, so one of the leading lights fished out his watch and the gentleman with the uncommon name accepted the same as security for the payment of the \$2. The party returned home at about 4 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Pailing came back to town Tuesday and kept his whereabouts very secret, but Wednesday one of the crew chased him to earth. They propose to make him disgorge or go to jail.

The board of county commissioners, with Mr. Patterson as chairman, was in session at the court house today, notwithstanding the statement in Polk's News that Mr. Patterson would not serve unless his appointment would hold over until the fall election of '95. Mr. Patterson did not seek the appointment and he is not at all particular as to whether his term last over until the next election or not. The question as to the length of his term has not yet been settled by the appointing board, but a decision will be arrived at before the commissioners meet in January. The business of the December meeting was concluded this afternoon and the board adjourned.

Fresh new Oregon cider, fit for the gods, at McCourt's.

## Dave Campbell Again Chosen.

Mr. D. A. Campbell has been retained as clerk of the supreme court. This announcement was made Thursday afternoon before the court adjourned for the sitting, and it is received with expressions of approbation by attorneys throughout the state and others who have occasion to transact business with Mr. Campbell. He has served for the past four years as clerk of the supreme court and state librarian. By the closest attention to the details of his department and his genial social qualities Mr. Campbell has gained the friendship of the Nebraska bar. He is considered one of the most popular and efficient clerks the court has ever had. The appointment yesterday was made by unanimous vote of the court. The term for which Mr. Campbell was appointed expired last July. The court was to adjourn before that date and before adjournment appointed Mr. Campbell to hold over until further orders which came yesterday in the form of an appointment for the usual term of four years. Brad Slaughter and S. H. Steele were applicants for the position.—Lincoln Journal.

## Fire Bug Goes Free.

The trial of the case of Emory Coulson, the man who recently kindled a small blaze at the Hammond packing house in South Omaha for the sole purpose of making himself notorious, was completed in the Omaha district court Thursday. The court gave his instructions to the jury at 12 o'clock. Judge Scott told them that if Coulson set fire to the storehouse of the Hammond packing company out of devilry or for notoriety or to create an excitement that would be enough motive to constitute the crime. Even if Coulson turned in a fire alarm afterwards he must suffer the consequence, and if Coulson burned nothing but a joist of the building he must pay the penalty and that no feelings of sympathy for the man's wife and little three-month-old baby must swerve the men from their duty. At two p. m. the jury returned with a verdict of not guilty.

Mrs. Annie A. Moore, wife of G. W. Moore, residing near the Mullis place in West Plattsmouth, died at 12:20 o'clock Friday of typhoid fever. Mrs. Moore was for many years a resident of Cass county, and had many friends who mourn her loss. She was a daughter of Eli Sampson, and was born March 28, 1869. She was the mother of three children who are left to the battle of life without a mother's love or guiding hand. The funeral occurred from the residence at 10 o'clock Sunday. Interment at the Eikenberry cemetery.

## That Ashland Ice Trouble.

The injunction case brought by Swift & Co. against the Ashland Mill and Electric Light company, which was to have been tried in the federal court at Omaha Monday, has been dismissed on motion of the plaintiffs and Swift & Co. have sent notice to close up the ice house located at Ashland. They state that they will put up no ice there this winter, as they are unable to get water to fill the pond. There is a good deal of feeling wrought up by this announcement among the citizens of Ashland. A petition has been circulated by the laboring men asking the electric light and milling company to fill the Swift lake with water or allow it to be done from Wahoo creek. This was signed by all the business men and presented to Mr. Fuller, manager of the electric light company, but as yet no action has been taken by the company.

The burial of little Mabel Snyder, only daughter of August and Ida Snyder, occurred Tuesday at Cedar Creek and called out a very great throng of interested and sympathizing friends in the village. The services were held at the church, some two or three miles southwest of Cedar Creek, in accordance with the rites of the Protestant Episcopal church, and were conducted by the Rev. H. B. Burgess of Plattsmouth. After that, all that was mortal of the sweet little Mabel was committed to the ground—"earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

As the sweet flowers that scents the morn,  
But withers in the rising day—  
Thus lovely was this infant's dawn,  
Thus swiftly fled its life away.

Just think of it! For the holiday we will sell fresh mixed nuts for ten cents a pound; fresh candies from ten to twenty-five cents a pound; fresh figs from ten to twenty cents a pound; fresh dates ten cents a pound; fresh raisins five to fifteen cents a pound, and everything else in our line proportionately low.

BENNETT & TUTT.

The best of cigars and tobacco at Schulhof & Co.

## ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

What might be called a relic of the revolution is an old \$20 bill, issued in 1779, which is now in the possession of John Cummings of Detroit, who received the bill from his sister in Philadelphia about the time of the centennial exhibition in 1876. The size of the bill is different from any paper money issued in late years, it being three and a half inches in width, by two and a half inches in length. The words "Twenty Dollars" are printed in the upper right hand corner, and it also bears this inscription upon its face: "The bearer is entitled to receive twenty Spanish dollars, or an equal sum in gold or silver, according to a resolution of congress of the 14th January, 1779." Below this reading are the signatures of James Wilson and M. Gardner. On the back of the old bill is an engraving of a leaf, around the edges of which are the words: "Printed by Hall & Sellers, 1779." The bill is so dilapidated that it is hard to distinguish the design on the face of it, even with the aid of a magnifying glass.

Walt Seeley, erstwhile private secretary to Gov. Majors, was in town Thursday evening telling all about how it was to be done. He says the legislature will recount the ballots, and if it is found that Majors has a plurality of the votes proceedings in quo warranta will be begun and upon judgment a writ of ouster will issue. He further declared that there were 47,000 more votes cast for governor than any other state office and that the returns from the populist counties were withheld until it was learned how many were needed for Holcomb, are the grounds upon which the recount will be demanded.—Lincoln News.

The Lincoln Journal, in booming Frank Wilson for the chief clerkship of the house of representatives, remarks as follows: "Col. Frank H. Wilson will spend a few days in Illinois, and will then return to Plattsmouth firm in the belief that he is just as good as elected chief clerk of the house of representatives. He was breathing the tainted air of Lancaster county yesterday, and expressing pleasure over the way his candidacy is being received by the members-elect. Colonel Wilson has been at the desk of the house and the senate as well, and has had here and there and elsewhere about as much experience in the secretary's office as falls to any man. Even his opponents are obliged to admit that he is as competent a man as the house could find for the place of clerk. Mr. Wilson is the man who was responsible for the improvement made in the acoustics of the house ten years ago. The capitol was new then, and the echoes chased each other around the legislative halls in a really scandalous manner. At the request of the state officers a Chicago architect came and looked and thought, and finally said that representative hall could be made all right for hearing purposes for \$3,000. Mr. Wilson suggested that less money would make some improvement. The legislature gave him \$75, and with this amount he caused wires to be strung across the centre of the hall to split up and disconcert the sound waves. The scheme worked so well that the senate chamber was treated in the same way, with good results. Finally, when the halls were cleaned at one time, the wires were removed and they have not been used since."

While workmen were excavating on the farm of W. H. Cowan, near Goldfield, Iowa, the other day, three full-sized human skeletons were found at a depth of two and a half feet. It is gleaned from the traditions of the Sac and Fox Indians that in an early day, while out on a hunting expedition, a band of wandering Sioux attacked them and killed several of the party. A courier was sent back to their village and all the young men donned the war paint and started in pursuit. The victorious Sioux were overtaken somewhere in upper Boone county and a desperate battle ensued, and not a single Sioux was left to tell the bloody tale. It is quite probable that Mr. Cowan's farm is the site where the tragedy was enacted, as arrow heads and other Indian implements of war have been picked up in the vicinity from time to time. Another point also goes to show that the skeletons are those of Indians, and that is they appeared to be buried in a sitting posture as the bones of the hands and forearms were in close proximity to the skull. One skull was smashed with a semi-sharp instrument.

Always the best fresh fruits, nuts and confectioneries at Schulhof & Co.

## A SENSELESS RUMOR.

City Schools of Plattsmouth In No Danger of Closing.

## SHORTAGE OF FUNDS EXISTS.

That Condition, However, Is the Same All Over Nebraska And Alone Would Not Be Reason For Such a Move—Other Notes.

## Schools Will Not Close.

The senseless rumor was in circulation about the town yesterday that the members of the board of education had concluded to close the schools after January 1st on account of a shortage of funds. Such a move is an utter impossibility, were there any likelihood of the board contemplating it. Every one of the almost thirty teachers employed in the schools are under contract for a full year, and school or no school the teachers could collect their salaries for the entire term. Out of the annual apportionment of the state school funds, the local school receives some \$3,500 and this source of revenue would be cut off entirely were the schools to be closed. The members of the board are free to admit that funds are low, but every city in the state reports the same predicament. The Omaha board is short some \$70,000, Lincoln nurses a large deficiency and in fact every Nebraska town finds it difficult to scrape together the cash sufficient to operate their schools. If the local board finds itself unable to maintain a treasury balance sufficient to pay expenses, obligations will be paid in warrants. These warrants draw interest at seven per cent and as the board is usually able to borrow money at a less rate of interest it is apparent that it would be a better policy to borrow than to pay in warrants. This has been the policy of the board in times past and the members will endeavor to hold to it in the future. The non-payment of taxes is at the bottom of the difficulty and a continuation of the business revival will find the board abundantly able to meet all obligations.

## An Exceedingly Sleek Young Man.

Earnest Hansell, the love charm and matrimonial bureau young man of Nebraska City who was yanked up by a deputy United States marshal the other day has been working this game for more than three years, according to his own story. He has had correspondents in this and adjoining states and numbers several young men of Nebraska City and a bank cashier of Lincoln among his list of suckers. The particular scheme which brought in the half dollars was an advertisement published by Hansell which purported to come from a young lady of Nebraska City, who had \$6,000 in cool cash and a consuming desire to marry. This was his last venture and the one that landed him in the clutches of Uncle Sam.

## Impaled On a Pitch Fork.

L. Lewis, a prominent Otoe county farmer, living eight miles south of Nebraska City, met with a serious accident Wednesday. While removing some straw from the top of an old shed the roof caved in, throwing him to the ground. In the fall he struck a pitchfork, one of the tines of which entered his side. With the exception of his mother he was alone on the place, but between them they managed to remove the fork. Mr. Lewis has since been confined to his bed and the wounds have now assumed a serious nature and his recovery is a matter of doubt.

Conductor Cal Raney, who was caught between a pair of bumpers near Hastings about a month ago and severely mashed about the back and lungs, has recovered sufficiently to return to his duties on the B. & M., and is now punching tickets on passenger trains Nos. 12 and 91 in place of Conductor Berry, who is officiating on Conductor Barron's run by reason of the latter taking a lay-off. Cal Raney is one of the most popular men on the road and his recovery is good news to a host of friends.

## The Commercial School.

A thorough and practical instruction in book-keeping and other branches, by Mark Mihalinec, an experienced accountant, at Waterman's hall.

Mr. Coates, since taking the Riley Hotel, wishes to cut down his stock of pianos, organs, dolls, books, toys, games, plush cases, albums, etc. His holiday line was well selected, and it will pay you to look it over. tf

## AROUND THE COURT ROOMS.

### DISTRICT COURT.

In district court of Otoe county Friday afternoon Judge Chapman sentenced the three hog thieves, George Bennett, Eldrege Geary and Edward Baker, to one year each in the penitentiary. A. C. Gordon, convicted of forgery, was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

May Mairs vs. Si Mairs, is the title of a divorce suit filed in district court. The defendant alleges that the plaintiff willfully deserted her shortly after their marriage and since then has failed to provide either for herself or child. In addition to the custody of her child, she asks for alimony, alleging her husband's property to be worth \$800. Wm. Deles Dernier of Elmwood is her attorney.

Judge Chapman decided Saturday in defendant's favor in the case of Benedict vs. the Citizens bank. When the bank people moved into the Hotel Riley building in March, 1890, they loaned the owner \$5,000 with the understanding that the same was to be accepted as full payment for five years rent. The property changed hands a year ago and the new owner, Mr. Benedict, sought to collect rent from the bank. The same was resisted and the judge's decision upholds the bank's action in the matter.

Andrew Mickle was up before Justice Archer today on the charge of making threats against the life of his wife, Mary S. Mickle. Mrs. Mickle of late has been living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wainscot, and it was shown that Mickle intruded himself at the Wainscot domicile last night delivered himself of a choice collection of threats against the woman whom he swore to cherish until death. The testimony at the hearing was of such a nature that Justice Archer was filled with burning desire to follow the example of a "Dogberry" out in western Nebraska, and grant the woman a divorce, but he adjusted matters by holding Mickle to the district court under a bond of \$500. Mickle surmounted his ear and absolutely refused to cultivate the acquaintance of any such thing as a bond, and as a consequence he will await the coming of the February term of court at a guest of Jailor Denson.

### COUNTY COURT.

License to wed was issued in county court Wednesday to Mr. H. A. Mann and Miss Sophia Schleifert, both of this county, and Mr. Thos. A. Sack of Sarpy county and Miss Carla Livingston of Cass.

### COURT ROOM NOTES.

There is considerable anxiety at the state house over the progress of the transfer switch cases. One of the cases is before Judge Chapman of Plattsmouth and the other before Judge Marshall of Fremont, and decisions are anxiously expected, but no one is wagering on whether the two will be alike. As the validity of the transfer switch law is involved in these suits, which are being pushed by the board of transportation, the suits are of vast importance.—Lincoln Journal.

Jas. Hickson, jr., was gathered in on Saturday night by the police in possession of an enormous jag. Had the young man entered a plea of guilty at his hearing Monday morning he would have escaped with a light cost bill, but instead he stood trial, thus necessitating the introduction of witnesses to prove his intoxication and a cost bill of over \$11 was consequently added to his fine. The elder Hickson went security for payment and the young man was liberated.

Incendiarism or arson is one of the meanest crimes on the calendar. It is becoming entirely too frequent of occurrence in this vicinity, and the officers of the law ought to set out to capture the guilty parties. One can have some respect for a highwayman who comes boldly out and takes his life in his hand when he makes the demand for you to "hold up your hands" at the peril of your life. But for the wretch who is so cowardly as to go at the dead hour of the night and with the deliberation of a fiend, set fire to your property and then run away into the darkness, only the most supreme contempt can be entertained. How a man made in the image of his Creator can be so mean, it is hardly possible to conceive. In the presence of such a crime one must conclude that there is a devil, and that the person who committed it is possessed of his spirit, and is too mean to live.

Don't miss seeing the line of holiday goods at the post office book store. W. W. COATES.

## SOME LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Chas. Vandeventer Again Made the Victim of Incendiarism.

## A QUEER SORT OF SQUABBLE.

The Attempt Of the Herald Proprietors to Dispose of Their Paper Meets With Some Resistance—Various Other Notes.

## A Victim of Spite Work.

Chas. Vandeventer, the well-known farmer who lives out on the Platte bottoms, suffered the loss of a 20-ton stack of hay Monday night by fire. The hay was situated so remote from the railroad tracks that it is out of the question to ascribe the blaze to locomotive sparks, and it is the general belief that the fire was kindled by some one who entertains a dislike for Mr. Vandeventer. Some two or three years ago his house was burned down, the fire being incendiary origin, and a short time later an unknown culprit stabbed him in the back while he was going to his home from this city at a late hour one dark night. The destruction of his hay by fire smacks very strongly of spite work of the most contemptible kind.

## A Queer Newspaper Squabble.

Judge Chapman will soon be called upon to settle the question as to whether the Weekly Herald shall continue to inflict the public by its issuance or pass in its checks and score a well-merited demise.

When the Herald owner, Mr. Knotts, disposed of the paper in March, 1892, to Blanchard & Potter, the former gentleman took a mortgage on the plant for the unpaid balance due him on the purchase price. The office was partially burned out last March, but the proprietors added new material and resumed publication in another location on lower Main street. A short time ago Mr. Knotts commenced foreclosure proceeding in the district court to enforce the payment of the mortgage, but the defendants, after a series of postponements, secured a continuance until the January term of court. Recent proceedings, however, have put a different aspect on affairs.

Col. Polk of the News and the Herald owners have had their heads together for the past few days and a deal was consummated Friday whereby the interest possessed by Messrs. Blanchard & Potter in the Herald was disposed of to the News, the transfer to include all the new material, circulation lists, good will and in fact the entire franchise. The goods were delivered that night between the hours of nine and twelve o'clock. The presses, engine and a small portion of material, the same being all that was saved from the fire of last spring, is all that now remains. The purchase price is fixed by rumor in the neighborhood of \$1,000, but the fact that the transfer was made without Mr. Knotts' consent may have the result striking the deal a hard blow in the region of the neck.

Mr. Knotts' attorney appeared in district court this afternoon and after apprising Judge Chapman of the transfer of the plant to the News filed a motion that the continuance formerly granted be set aside and the trial of the foreclosure proceeding be entered into without delay. Lawyer Sullivan counsel for Blanchard & Potter, resisted the granting of the motion but the court ruled that a showing must be made by Monday that the transfer has not been made or the case will come up for trial without delay. As it will be an absolute impossibility for any such showing to be made, the right of Mr. Knotts to foreclose will be speedily settled. At any rate it is the first instance on record where a newspaper publisher in Plattsmouth (one of the poorest newspaper towns in Nebraska by long odds) has met with any resistance in an attempt to go out of business.

Nothing was done in district court Monday in regard to the Herald-News transfer. Judge Chapman will hold a short session of court on Friday and it is vaguely hinted that something will drop with the customary dull thud in reference to the matter.

Now, right now, is the time to buy holiday goods. Don't wait till the best goods are gone, but buy now. Lehnhoff's stock is new, prices are low, assortment immense, so buy now.

Limberger cheese ten cents a cake at Weckbach's.