

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

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HAIL.

Last fall I could not get to all who had losses and sent a list of questions to several members who had reported losses. All responded with their own estimate of loss.

W. R. Martin of Westerville, Custer county was one of these men and since then he has looked the matter over and returns to me the amount we sent him and says in substance that he does not want to take any undue advantage of a company that is trying to do the right thing.

I wonder if any of the rest of the losers would like to do the same or even authorize me to use the balance of their claim to pay the debts of the company.

It now looks like I would have to use the law to collect some of the delinquent assessments. I have sent out the third and last notice.

We now have about \$1,700.00 on hand which leaves not far from \$3,000.00 uncollected. There are many of the delinquents well able to pay their assessments, but I presume a few are hard run just now owing to the fact that they had no crop last year, but I do not know who they are, and unless they write me all will have to be booked as defaults and reported to every member in the state.

If any member has a good excuse why he should not pay the amount he agreed to pay, I hope he will let us hear from him by return mail, and save trouble and also keep his name from the black list.

We have had some objection to adjusting our hail losses on the percentage plan, but none gave a better plan. Let us hear from you gentlemen.

What we most need is an entirely equitable mode of adjustment.

STATISTICS.

What Mutual Insurance Companies most need is to know who is in need of insurance, and as no strictly mutual company gives an agent a large fee, they cannot afford to visit would-be members several times or even twice. Hence we hope that each assessor who is interested in mutual insurance will take a small book and divide it into 12 different parts one part for each month.

I would advise that the book be ruled and the columns headed these sub-heads: Name, P. O. Sec. Tp. R. Am't of insurance, Expires. I would only put down the year under the head of the month it expires. Amount of loss in last ten years. Amount paid for insurance in last ten years.

REPORT.

When you have your work done get all the books together in each county, and authorize some one to organize a county or district Fire and Lightning company. I would not advise less than a county and in sparsely settled counties I think more territory should be included.

I would like to hear from each assessor who will make an effort in this line before he commences and if there are many we may get up quite an interest in this work.

Further I would like to have the final report of the total under the head "Expires" for the year 1893-4. Amount of loss for ten years, amount paid for insurance for ten years.

Words of Encouragement.

HAYES CENTER, Neb., Mar. 7, 1893. EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT: I see that the enemies of the people, the corporation dogs have been set upon you and that W. C. Holden the boss dog of the kennel is leading the pack of yelping curs.

I know Holden as well as if I had wheeled the rubbish to make him, having myself been a resident of Buffalo county from 1879 to 1885, when Holden led the anti-monopolists to ruin by securing the election of Senator Conner, who apologized on his return for having deserted the corporation fleshpots and returned blushing to his friends love the republican party. Holden loves the dear people and money too, and can be relied on for cash. He will lie and re-lie on any one else for cash. Another straw in favor of Holden's independence is the fact that during the last campaign our republican editor and nominee or representative on the republican ticket, M. J. Abbott would have our paper published with its three pages of lies and very grossly inform the independent of the factional fight between Van Wyck and Burrows.

We have faith in your paper that the trinity of Holden, Burrows and Thompson can not shake, we do not say "God help you," as you seem able to take care of yourself, but we will pray for the struggling people, and hope they may live to enjoy the blessings of liberty, (not Holden's kind however) and prosperity that the independents are bound to secure for this state.

Yours, W. F. CROSBY.

Eletcher Wilson, M. S. D., located at 1845 O street, room 16, is a teacher and practitioner in Mental Science or Mind Healing. He makes no charges for his treatments, and takes cases, both absent and present, of all forms of chronic disease; and his price for instructions are reasonable. Correspondence solicited. Our acquaintance with Dr. Wilson is limited, but we have found him to be a reformer in his views and believe him to be strictly honorable.

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THE ASYLUM BOODLERS.

The House Investigating Committee Tells What it Has Discovered.

REWICK'S CHARGES SUSTAINED

Vouchers Raised. Others Forged. Steals on Coal, Cattle and Flour.

Money Should be Recovered.

On Friday afternoon, just following the report of the penitentiary committee, Mr. Casper reported on the investigation of the Lincoln insane asylum. There was nothing new in the report. It simply confirmed and sustained the charges made during the past campaign. It showed that the whole management has been utterly rotten.

The committee collected a large quantity of evidence, but requested that it be not made public but kept for use in prosecuting the boodlers. The following is the report:

TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA: Your committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the state treasurer, secretary of state, auditor of public accounts and the insane asylum, would respectfully report as follows:

First—At the beginning of our work we recognized the necessity of a patient and thorough examination of the reports, books and vouchers of each office or institution investigated, and were mindful of the time required for such an examination. We therefore determined to investigate the management of each of the offices and institutions named, one at a time, and to devote to the examination of each whatever time was necessary for thorough work. We have to report, at this time, that we have investigated some features of the management of the Lincoln insane asylum for the period beginning January 1, 1890, and ending April 1, 1893, a period of twenty-seven months.

We have summoned and examined about sixty witnesses, and their testimony, in connection with the reports, books and vouchers of said institution, disclose the fact that its management has been marked by the grossest negligence and corruption, both private and official.

Second—Your committee finds that from August 1, 1888, to March 31, 1892, William Sewell & Co. were allowed on their vouchers for 353,700 pounds of flour, alleged to have been sold and delivered to the said Lincoln insane asylum; whereas, in fact, as appears to your committee, said William Sewell & Co. delivered the said institution not to exceed 269,000 pounds of flour. There is an over charge amounting to 91,000 pounds, or 35 per cent of the amount actually delivered. Your committee has attached hereto as exhibit "A" a statement by quarters of the amounts of flour delivered and also the amount paid for from the fund of said institution.

Third—We have examined fifty-seven vouchers of claims paid by the state for cattle and grain alleged to have been sold and furnished to said institution and have examined witnesses upon their oaths as to the sums of money actually received by the persons alleged to have furnished said cattle and grain with the following result:

Three of said vouchers and claims, so far as it appears to your committee, were just and correct. Thirty-four of said vouchers were raised and from 100 to 300 per cent more money was paid by the state than was received by the persons selling the cattle or grain.

Twenty of said vouchers, as appears to your committee, were outright forgeries on which the state paid \$1,688.92.

On the fifty-four forged and raised vouchers the state paid \$5,603.40. Of this amount the persons furnishing cattle or grain received \$2,153.45, leaving the amount of overcharge paid by the state \$3,450.95. This is an average overcharge of 160 per cent on the amount due.

Your committee would further state that other claims for cattle alleged to have been furnished to said asylum were paid by the state within the twenty-seven months covered by this report, the correctness of which it has not investigated. But it has no reason to believe that the same proportion of forgeries and overcharges found among the vouchers examined would not also be charged among these other vouchers, were time and opportunity given for a proper and more extended investigation. We have attached hereto "Exhibit B," a detailed statement of the amount due and the amount paid on the fifty-four vouchers covered by this report.

Fourth—Your committee finds that from April 1, 1890, to March 31, 1892, the Whitebreast Coal and Lime company delivered to the Lincoln insane asylum coal, under contract of the value of not to exceed \$3,004.71. That during the same period said Whitebreast Coal and Lime company were allowed on their vouchers for coal \$18,296.99.

During the same period Betts, Weaver & Co furnished to said institution, under contract, coal to the value not to exceed \$4,468.98. They were allowed on their vouchers \$10,282.50. This is an overcharge of \$5,823.52. There was paid to these two contractors for coal during the period mentioned \$38,594.20. This is an overcharge of \$16,120.51. This is an average overcharge of 129 per cent on the coal delivered.

Your committee has attached hereto as "Exhibit C" a statement by quarters of the coal delivered to and the coal paid for by said institution.

Fifth—Your committee has not been able to make a detailed investigation of the claims paid from the fund for the Lincoln insane asylum for drugs, clothing and boots and shoes, but your

attention is respectfully called to the fact that under the superintendency of Dr. J. W. Bowman, dating from March 2, 1892, the amount paid for the articles mentioned have averaged from 40 to 60 per cent less than the amount paid for the same articles for like periods during the two years immediately preceding.

DR. KNAPP CENSURED.

Sixth—Your committee finds that during all but two months of the time covered by this report Dr. W. M. Knapp was superintendent of said asylum; that his attention was frequently directed to the excessive coal bills presented to him for his approval; that he admits that his suspicions were aroused by the large amounts of coal claimed to have been delivered to said institution, but that he took no proper steps to thoroughly investigate or to call the attention of the governor or the Board of Public Lands and Buildings to the matter. This failure of Dr. Knapp to properly discharge the duties of his office is deemed by your committee to be highly censurable.

TO RECOVER THE MONEY.

Seventh—Your committee recommends that civil action be at once commenced against J. Dan Lauer, Frank O. Hubbard, William Sewell & Co., the Whitebreast Coal and Lime company and Betts, Weaver & Co., and against their bondsmen, to recover of them the sums of money received by them from the state as overcharge on claims presented by and allowed to them against the fund of said Lincoln insane asylum.

Eighth—Your committee reports that it has not filed with this report the testimony of the witnesses examined by them, and respectfully requests that said testimony be not made public at this time, but be reserved for the use of the state in prosecuting the criminal actions pending against certain persons named under indictment for frauds and perjuries practiced in connection with the management of said Lincoln insane Asylum.

G. A. FELTON, Chairman. C. D. CASPER, AUSTIN RILEY.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago Grain and Live Stock.

CHICAGO, March 14, 1893. CATTLE—Receipts, 4,000 head; market steady; good to choice steers, \$5.00 to \$5.25; cows, \$4.00 to \$4.50; calves, \$3.00 to \$3.50; hogs, \$3.75 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Omaha Live Stock.

OMAHA, March 14, 1893. CATTLE—Good to choice steers, \$4.40 to \$4.60; cows, \$3.50 to \$4.00; calves, \$2.50 to \$3.00; hogs, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Field Note.

L. Banks Wilson, the well known importer, proprietor of the Crest City farm, Creston, Iowa, reports a good business. Among recent sales made by him was his top shire stallion Gannock Playmate, number 1324. He is a horse of great quality and fine finish, weighing over 1,500 pounds, to Mr. M. W. Sells, Randolph, Iowa. The Imperial Horse company, of Chase county, Nebraska, bought a fine black shire stallion, 4 years old, of heavy weight, a horse of unusual style and action; one that will be heard from in the show ring. C. H. Ensbrough of Phillipsburg, Montana, selected a 4 year old black gray P. Richon, weight, 1,825 pounds. Mr. Ensbrough also bought of Mr. Wilson a 5 year old French coach stallion, one of great style and action. Messrs. Bell & Whitlatch of Marion county, Iowa, purchased a 5 year old snire Cannon Requisite, this one weighs 2,020 pounds, one of the best Mr. Wilson has ever imported. John H. O'Neill, Harper's Ferry, Alameda county, Iowa, bought a 4 year old black P. Richon, weight, 1,750 pounds, not flesh d, the making of a grand good one. Mr. Wilson, by years of honorable and fair dealing, has built up a very large business. His many sales will bear out his statement, that he only can sell for cash. Those contemplating the purchase of an imported stallion should write him or particulars. He still has on hand a fine lot of top good ones.

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