

## NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

**Prisoner is Burned to Death.**  
 Bellwood, Neb., April 21.—Earl Cooper, under arrest for disturbing the peace, was burned to death in the town calaboose. It is supposed the prisoner started the fire.

**Governor Mickey Off for Texas.**  
 Lincoln, April 20.—Governor Mickey and a small party left for Galveston, Tex., to attend the Northern Settlers' congress. Governor Mickey will be the guest of the governor of Texas during a part of his visit.

**Going to Work in Beet Fields.**  
 Fremont, Neb., April 25.—Fourteen families, comprising sixty people, left this morning for Lasalle and Orchard, Colo., where they will work in the beet fields. They were joined here by a carload of families, mostly Russians, from Lincoln, bound for the same place. Most of the Fremont party have worked in the beet fields around here.

**More Suits at O'Neill.**  
 O'Neill, Neb., April 21.—Ten more depositors have begun suit to recover damages from Bank Examiner Whittemore and the Fidelity and Guaranty company of Maryland at O'Neill. They charge negligence on the part of the examiner in the examination of the condition of the Elkhorn Valley bank and claim over \$6,000 damages. The legal claims against the bank now aggregate \$45,000.

**Refuses to Appoint Receiver.**  
 Lincoln, April 21.—The supreme court has handed down an opinion refusing to appoint a receiver for the Paxton hotel. Rome Miller of Omaha started the suit against James B. Kitchen, Miller complaining of alleged mismanagement of the Kitchen Hotel company. The court declares that no receiver can be appointed when a concern is conducting an apparently profitable business.

**Highlanders' By-Laws Lost.**  
 Lincoln, April 25.—State Auditor Searle said that the by-laws of the Royal Highlanders, a fraternal order with headquarters at Aurora, Neb., were missing and could not be found. The deputies are puzzled over the matter and much anxiety exists. An entry in the minutes shows that the by-laws were filed during the term of former Auditor Weston. A thorough search has been unavailing.

**Train Wreck at Lincoln.**  
 Lincoln, April 22.—The Chicago-Denver express on the Rock Island collided with a switching engine just at the city limits, completely wrecking both engines and damaging the mail and express cars. R. L. Latta, mail clerk, was seriously injured. His leg was crushed and he was internally hurt. A number of passengers were slightly injured, but continued their journey. The engineers escaped by jumping.

**Rain and Snow in Nebraska.**  
 Lincoln, April 21.—In the southwestern part of the state rain has fallen heavily at intervals for twenty hours. West and north the rain turned into snow and save for extreme cold there are all the elements of a blizzard. At Broken Bow three and a half inches of rain was followed by a fierce snowstorm. A washout on the Burlington held trains at that place most of the day. At Greeley a heavy snow is falling.

**Convention at Falls City.**  
 Lincoln, April 25.—The Republican congressional committee of the First congressional district decided to hold a congressional convention at Falls City June 1 to nominate a candidate for congress to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Senator Burkett. The basis of representation will be one delegate at large for each county and one delegate for each 100 votes or major fraction thereof cast for Burkett. The convention will consist of 204 delegates.

**Sidney Keeps Land Office.**  
 Washington, April 22.—Senator Millard called on Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner Richards relative to continuing the Sidney, Neb., land office. He was successful in securing the promise of the department that the Sidney office should remain undisturbed for at least another year. The Sidney office has fallen below the statutory requirements as to the number of acres of public land yet remaining within its territory and also as to the cost of maintaining the office, and it had been decided to abolish the office.

**STARTS ON NEBRASKA BRANCH**  
 Great Northern to Build From Sioux City to Ashland.

Sioux City, April 21.—The contract for the extension of the Great Northern railroad from Sioux City to Ashland, Neb., has been let to Peter Sims, a St. Paul contractor, according to advices received in Sioux City. It is said that a big force of men will be put to work grading for the extension within ten days. The extension at the Great Northern from Sioux City to Ashland would unite the Great Northern and the Burlington, and would be of great importance to Sioux

City. The Great Northern has already spent several hundred thousand dollars in purchasing terminals in Sioux City and made plans for the expenditure of \$1,500,000 more here.

A special construction train passed through Sioux City on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul on its way to Armour, S. D., to begin work on the proposed extension from Armour to Chamberlain. In some quarters it is believed that this move means that the Milwaukee will build to the coast.

### PRESIDENT KILLS THREE BEARS

**Executive's Hunting Trip Has Been Crowned With Success.**

Glenwood Springs, Colo., April 26.—President Roosevelt's hunting trip has been crowned with success far beyond his expectations or those of the most sanguine of his guides. Three bears were killed by the party Tuesday, and two Monday, one by the president and one by Dr. Lambert. P. B. Stewart of Colorado Springs, one of the president's hunting companions, arrived here, accompanied by Courier Chapman. They brought the story of the hunt. The killing of the three bears was telephoned to them and they understood that President Roosevelt brought down two of them, but the details are lacking.

The party is almost snowbound in its present location and no attempt will be made to cross the divide. Fifteen feet of snow is on the ground on the other side and any effort to reach Redstone would be futile. The hunters are satisfied, however, for they have reached the center of what the guides say is the best bear country in Colorado. Bobcats are thick in the country now being hunted, so plentiful in fact that many are allowed to escape without a shot being fired in their direction. Several fine skins have been taken, however. The bear killed by the president was of the brown variety, not so heavy, but furnishing a much finer pelt than the one killed last week. One of the bears killed is said to be a grizzly.

It was within an area of seven miles that all five of the bears were killed. This spot was about sixteen or eighteen miles from camp, and every animal gave the dogs and hunters a long chase. All of them treed, which forced the hunters to kill them without further accident to the dogs. Thus far only one dog has been killed. It was killed by the first bear shot.

### HINES TALKS TO SENATORS.

**Former Employee of Louisville and Nashville Before Committee.**

Washington, April 25.—The senate committee on interstate commerce resumed the hearing of the railroad rate question. Walker D. Hines, formerly of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad company, appeared before the committee.

Mr. Hines discussed what he termed a prevalent impression that the interstate commerce commission had no power under the present law because the law was ineffective and asserted that this impression was due largely to declarations by members of the commission to that effect. He said there now was a substantial control of rates by the commission and that the present law was very effective.

During the discussion of the intent of the present law, Senator Cullom said nobody believed that power to fix rates was given to the commission.

Mr. Hines explained that one of the serious results of allowing a commission to fix rates would be that all rates so fixed would be permanent, that when conditions changed which required a change of rates it would be impossible to have the change made, because the commission would be so overwhelmed with cases that it would not consider the request. Combinations of railroads, said Mr. Hines, had a tendency to decrease rates. Railroads reached out for business and struggled for business and reduced rates.

### Government May Take Rebate.

Washington, April 26.—The attorney general sustained the secretary of the interior in his rebate agreements with railroads, in connection with the transportation of material for reclamation purposes.

### CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

**Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.**

Chicago, April 25.—Comparative calm pervaded the wheat market here today. To all appearances the famous deal in May wheat is not absolutely a thing of the past. Influenced by a substantial decrease in the world's visible available stocks, the market closed firm, with July up 1/4¢. The May option closed precisely at yesterday's final quotations. Corn was up 1/4¢. Oats showed a gain of 1/4¢. Provisions were up 1/4¢. Closing prices: Wheat May, 80¢; July, 85¢; Sept., 81¢. Corn May, 40¢; July, 47¢; Sept., 47¢. Oats May, 20¢; July, 28¢; Sept., 28¢. Pork May, \$12.17 1/2; July, \$12.50. Lard May, \$7.12 1/2; July, \$7.32 1/2. Ribs May, \$6.85; July, \$7.12 1/2.

### Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, April 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000; strong to good to prime steers, \$6.00; 6.50; good to medium, \$4.50; 5.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50; 3.00; cows, \$2.50; 3.00; heifers, \$3.00; 3.50; calves, \$1.00; 1.50; pigs, \$2.00; 2.50; calves, \$3.00; 3.50. Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; 5c higher, mixed and butchers, \$5.40; 5.50; good to choice heavy, \$5.50; 5.75; rough heavy, \$5.30; 5.40; light, \$5.30; 5.45; bulk of sales, \$5.40; 5.50. Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; steady; good to

choice wethers, \$5.25; 5.50; fair to choice mixed, \$4.00; 4.75; western sheep, \$4.50; 5.50; native lambs, \$4.50; 5.50; western lambs, \$4.50; 5.00.

### Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, April 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; strong to 10c higher; choice beef steers, \$5.00; 5.50; fair to good, \$4.50; 5.00; western fed steers, \$4.50; 5.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.25; 3.50; cows, \$2.50; 3.00; heifers, \$3.00; 3.50; bulls, \$2.75; 3.00; calves, \$3.00; 3.50. Hogs—Receipts, 11,200; 10c lower; top, \$5.42 1/2; bulk of sales, \$5.30; 5.40; heavy, \$5.35; 5.42 1/2; packers, \$5.30; 5.40; pigs and light, \$4.40; 4.55. Sheep—Receipts, 5,300; steady; lambs, \$5.75; 6.00; wethers, \$4.75; 5.85; fed ewes, \$4.40; 4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.50; 3.50.

### Bartley Bond Case Again.

Lincoln, April 20.—The supreme court permitted the filing of a suit on the part of the state against the bondsmen of former State Treasurer Joseph Bartley. The amount is \$550,000, and this is the fifth time the case has been before the courts. It will now be tried on its merits.

### Fred Hans Held for Trial.

Ainsworth, Neb., April 26.—Judge Westover, sitting as a reviewing magistrate in the Hans preliminary, bound the prisoner over to the district court for murder in the first degree. The defense introduced no testimony, but made a motion for release of the prisoner, which was overruled. The judge says the case will be tried at the present session of court and will set a date for trial.

### Mrs. Starkey Not Guilty of Murder.

Omaha, April 21.—The jury in Judge Day's court in the case where Mrs. Jessie L. Starkey was accused of the murder of her husband returned a verdict, finding the defendant not guilty. She was at once ordered released from custody. Mr. and Mrs. Starkey were driving to their home, west of Benson. Starkey was drunk and commenced abusing and beating the woman. While he was choking her she stabbed him with a knife, the wound causing death.

### Nebraska Crop Conditions.

Lincoln, April 26.—The low temperature of the last week has been unfavorable for the growth of vegetation. Winter wheat continues in excellent condition. Oats were frozen to the ground in some western counties. Generally, however, oats and spring wheat are up nicely and the damage from low temperature is slight. Grass has grown very slowly. Plowing for corn has progressed nicely, but it has been too cold for planting. The frost injured plums and other early fruit somewhat.

### Berge Tells of His Plans.

Lincoln, April 20.—George W. Berge, fusion candidate for governor of Nebraska last fall, has purchased the Nebraska Independent, owned by Frank D. Eager and edited by T. H. Tibbles, Populist candidate for vice president in the last campaign. Berge announced that he would reconstruct the paper, make an issue of the free pass and would publish the contributions of Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, Governor Deneen of Illinois, Governor Folk of Missouri and ex-Governor Larrabee of Iowa. He will take charge of the paper next week. Tibbles will retire from the paper. Berge will be the editor and publisher.

### SUMMARY OF CROP CONDITIONS.

**Some Injury Has Resulted From Freezing in Nebraska and South Dakota.**

Washington, April 26.—The weekly summary of crop conditions, issued by the weather bureau, is as follows: Rather slow progress with corn planting was made during the week, excepting in Missouri and Kansas, where this work advanced satisfactorily. Preparations for planting have been actively carried on in Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois. The cold weather was injurious to corn in the south.

While the growth of winter wheat has not been rapid, owing to the absence of warmth, the condition of this crop is promising in all districts.

Spring wheat seeding is now well advanced in the northern portion of the spring wheat region and is practically finished in the central and southern portions. Germination and growth of the early sown have been very slow and some injury has resulted from freezing in South Dakota and Nebraska.

Oats also need warm weather to promote growth, which has been generally slow, but on the whole the outlook for this crop is favorable. Some damage by freezing is reported from South Dakota and Nebraska. Seeding is well advanced in northern sections.

Fruit prospects have been further lessened during the past week throughout the Ohio valley, east gulf states and on the Atlantic coast south of New England, peaches suffering most. In the states of the upper Missouri valley and in the lake region the fruit outlook is more promising.

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