

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

BANKERS UNION IS SOLVENT.

Referee Says, However, Must Change Method of Transacting Business.

LINCOLN—The Bankers Union of the World will have to change its present methods of doing business in several instances if it is to continue as an organization, should the report filed by Referee Ryan in the supreme court be the decision of the court. The report finds for the state in most instances, though it denied that that evidence sustained the allegation of the state that the company was insolvent. It denied also that the evidence showed that President Spinney had drawn a larger salary than he was entitled to.

Referee Ryan held that should the company continue to do business it should be enjoined from allowing its officers to appoint a board of directors; it should be enjoined from paying to President Spinney and President Spinney should be enjoined from receiving commissions on business done; the company should be enjoined from withholding information regarding the order that may be required by the auditor; the company should be enjoined from merging into its order other companies.

Deputy Attorney General Norris Brown, who prosecuted the case for the state, is well satisfied with the report of the referee and will file a motion for judgment upon the findings of facts submitted.

UNPROTECTED STATE PROPERTY.

Fire at the State Capitol Building Cause a Great Loss.

LINCOLN—Millions of dollars in state property lies unprotected in Nebraska's capitol building, a veritable firetrap, and in case of a conflagration the loss to the taxpayers would soar up into seven figures.

The state carries no insurance. There is a provision in the statutes for this, but the legislature has not made an appropriation for several years. The oiled woodwork, the draughty corridors and the peculiar construction of the dome renders the capitol dangerous should flames once get a start. Fire experts declare that a blaze not stamped out at once would soon be beyond control.

Books valued at more than \$1,000,000 lie on wooden shelves unprotected from fire. Supreme court opinions are stored away in the building and their loss would cause much litigation. Land titles, abstracts and legislative and public records are poorly protected in antiquated vaults.

Students and visitors to Lincoln flock to the capitol dome. Many of them smoke and stubs of cigars and cigarettes can be found strewn along the rickety steps leading to the dome. Two water tanks are located on the roof of the capitol, but for a long time these have not been connected with hose.

Want a Receiver Appointed. LINCOLN—A large number of persons interested in the suit of Henry C. Rowntree against the National Life and Trust Company of Chicago have joined with him in asking that a receiver be appointed to take charge of the assets of the concern now in the hands of the Iowa state auditor. The suit was started several months ago and the petition of intervention was filed a few days ago.

Machine to Hang Paper. PAPILLION, Neb.—It is not often that a preacher turns inventor, but Rev. J. A. Holmes of Gretna is an exception. He has invented a machine to be used in hanging paper. The paper is placed in the machine, a crank is turned and the paper is pasted, trimmed and hung neatly on the wall. With this contrivance about 200 rolls of wall paper can be hanged in a day.

Water and Light Statistics. The Department of Labor is just now busy collecting statistics regarding water works and electric light plants throughout the state. When completed the tabulation will show whether the plants are owned by the municipality or by private parties, the cost of construction, the cost of light or water to the consumer, the amount of bonds issued and other matter that may be of interest to the people generally.

Return Fox to Asylum. PAPILLION—Frank Fox, the insane man who escaped from the Lincoln asylum and created so much excitement in Fort Crook by his murderous actions, later attempting suicide, has been returned to the asylum at Lincoln.

Deputy Treasurer to Resign. TECUMSEH—Deputy County Treasurer A. P. Libby will shortly resign and remove to Cody, Wyo., with his family. Mr. Libby has bought a farm near that place.

Making Trip to Jerusalem. YORK—Rev. and Mrs. W. Medlar and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cobb left for an extended trip abroad and will be gone some time. They sail from New York City on March 8, going to Jerusalem and Italy and many other intermediate points of interest. Rev. Medlar of the Congregational church here is a delegate to the world's Sunday school convention to be held at Jerusalem on April 18, 19 and 20. Mr. Cobb is one of York's successful and pioneer merchants. The party will return about the middle of May.

Geneva is talking up the matter of building an auditorium.

Acting under orders from Mayor Saultz, Chief Ashenfeller of Beatrice notified owners of slot machines to cease operating them at once.

Harry Vernon, while switching a car at Lodge Pole, met with a serious accident by laying his right foot and left leg cut off at the thigh.

Adolph Meinke of Grand Island, aged 50 years, fell and was instantly killed, apparently while ascending into the hay loft of his barn.

The Harlan County bank stock formerly owned by Ed L. Wittels was sold last week to Edward S. Flor of Omaha, who will hereafter manage the bank.

The Provident Accident association of Omaha is a new mutual accident insurance company that filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

The Hastings Commercial club has completed arrangements with Emerick Bros. of Blue Hill whereby the latter firm will transfer its plant to Hastings.

Nebraska physicians must report all cases of contagious diseases coming under their notice, declared Attorney General Prout in a report filed with the state board of health.

While cleaning a revolver Frank Stanley of Plattsmouth had the misfortune to shoot himself in the left leg. The bullet entered just above the knee, inflicting a painful but not serious wound.

Jeff Beauchamp, a prosperous young farmer living south of the river in Webster county, was arrested for setting fire to about \$200 worth of prairie hay belonging to his brother-in-law, George Drake.

The little three-year-old daughter of Ab Sims, one of Hamilton county's most prosperous farmers, living seven miles west of Aurora, was strangled. She was found suspended from the cob house by her cloak.

Ice has taken out the north end of the west bridge over the Republican at Superior. The bridge was under repairs at the time and the work will necessarily be delayed, besides causing a loss to the county.

The local loan and building association is now an assured institution for Humboldt, parties representing nearly 250 of the subscribed shares having met and completed organization by selecting nine directors.

Sheriff Ross of Lancaster county is looking for A. H. West, a machinist at the Havelock shops, who disappeared recently. West was the treasurer in a social event to be given for local improvements, and with him disappeared \$65 of the funds.

At Columbus Mike Mostek, who was convicted of assault with intent to commit rape, was sentenced by Judge Hollenbeck to three years and six months' penal servitude in the penitentiary at Lincoln, no part of the time to be solitary confinement.

James Malone, a special detective for the Burlington road, arrived in Plattsmouth with Charles E. Holmes, who is wanted there on the charge of perjury. Holmes was switching in the railroad yards in Springfield, O., when arrested. His wife was with him.

Clay county last week held its first farmers' institute. It was a success and well attended. The citizens of Clay Center, where the institute was held, provided entertainment and the lectures were very entertaining and instructive.

Helen Bechler, aged four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bechler, who live a mile and a half north of the Everett store, in Dodge county, was crushed to death by a ten-inch log falling upon her. The accident occurred at her home. The child lived but fifteen minutes.

The extensive grain, lumber and coal business of H. Hunker & Bro. in West Point changed hands last week. Weller Bros. of Kansas City becoming the purchasers. This is one of the largest and oldest established lumber yards in the Elkhorn valley, Hunker Bros. having established it some thirty-five years ago and have run it continuously ever since.

The state board of public lands and buildings will accept an offer of the Van Dorn iron works to put 240 cells in the state prison for the sum of \$80,000. The members had made a contract to allow the concern to place 159 cells in the penitentiary for \$69,030. State Auditor Weston refused to issue the warrant, claiming that the legislature meant to pay \$333.33 for the cells and the state board had contracted to pay \$442.50 a cell.

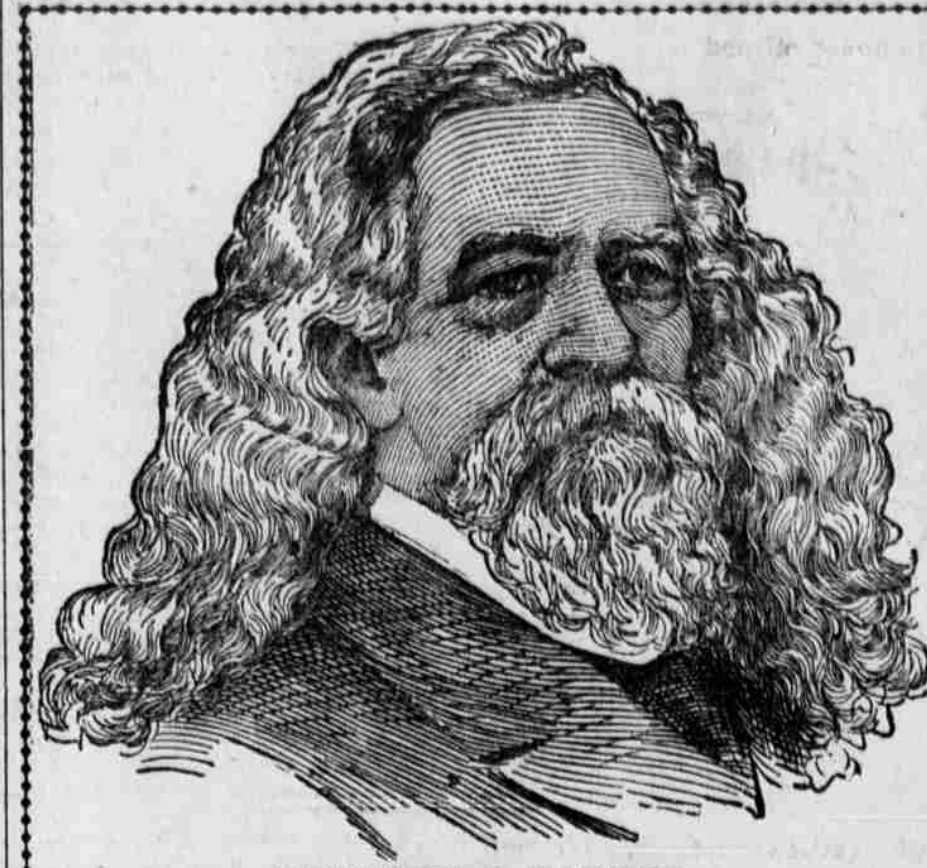
The Fulton bloodhounds of Beatrice were hurriedly called to Seneca, Kas., the other day, where they were wanted to run down two men who had broken jail and who were being held for the robbing of a bank at Goff, Kas., some time ago.

The Burlington made a big cut in its force of workmen at the Plattsmouth shops, 102 men being laid off. The men were taken out of the coach, paint, machine and tin shops. The force, which has been about 600 for nearly a year, has thereby been reduced to less than 500 men.

Briefs in the appeal of the Miles will case were filed in the supreme court. Samuel Miles is dissatisfied with the recent ruling in the district court of Richardson county, refusing him a new trial to present evidence alleged to have recently been discovered.

A COMRADE OF GENERAL GRANT

Says: "I Do Not Believe Pe-ru-na Has a Superior for Catarrh."



BENJAMIN F. HAWKES.

Benjamin F. Hawkes, of Washington, D. C., is One of the Three Living Comrades of General Grant in His Cadet Days at West Point

In a recent letter from 611 G Street, S. W., Washington, D. C., this venerable gentleman says of Peruna: "I have tried Peruna after having tried in vain other remedies for catarrh, and I can say without reservation that I never felt a symptom of relief until I had given Peruna the simple trial that its advocates advise. I do not believe it has a superior, either as a remedy for catarrh or as a tonic for the depressed and exhausted condition which is one of the effects of the disease." — Benjamin F. Hawkes.

ISAAC BROCK, a citizen of McLennan County, Texas, has lived for 114 years. In speaking of his good health and extreme old age, Mr. Brock says: "Peruna exactly meets all my requirements. It protects me from the evil effects of sudden changes; it keeps me in good appetite; it gives me strength; it keeps my blood in good circulation. I

have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine. "When epidemics of the grippe first began to make their appearance in this country I was a sufferer from this disease. "I had several long sieges with the grip. At first I did not know that Peruna was a remedy for this disease. When I heard that la grippe was epidemic catarrh, I tried Peruna for la grippe, and found it to be just the thing." — Isaac Brock.

Peruna Used in the Family for Years.

Mrs. E. West, 137 Main Street, Menasha, Wis., writes: "We have used Peruna in our family for a number of years and when I say that it is a fine medicine for catarrh and colds, I know what I am talking about. I have taken it every spring and fall for four years and I find that it keeps me robust, strong, with splendid appetite, and free from any illness. A few years ago it cured me of catarrh of the stomach, which the doctors had pronounced incurable. I am very much pleased with Peruna. I am 67 years old." — Mrs. E. West.

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Mrs. F. E. Little, Tolona, Ill., writes: "I can recommend Peruna as a good medicine for chronic catarrh of the stomach and bowels. I have been troubled severely with it for over a year, and also a cough. Now my cough is all gone, and all the distressing symptoms of catarrh of the stomach and bowels have disappeared. I will recommend it to all as a rare remedy. I am so well I am contemplating a trip to Yellowstone Park this coming season. How is that for one 71 years old?"

In a later letter she says: "I am only too thankful to you for your kind advice and for the good health that I am enjoying wholly from the use of your Peruna. Have been out to the Yellowstone National Park and many other places of the west, and shall always thank you for your generosity." — Mrs. F. E. Little.

Strong and Vigorous at the Age of Eighty-Eight. Rev. J. N. Parker, Udena, N. Y., writes: "In June, 1901, I lost my sense of hearing entirely. My hearing had been somewhat impaired for several years, but not so much affected that I could hold converse with my friends; but in June, 1901, my sense of hearing left me so that I could hear no sound whatever. I was also troubled with severe rheumatic pains in my limbs. I commenced taking Peruna and now my hearing is restored as good as it was prior to June, 1901. My rheumatic pains are all gone. I cannot speak too highly of Peruna, and now when eighty-eight years old can say it has invigorated my whole system." — Rev. J. N. Parker.

Mr. W. B. Schnader, of Terre Hill, Pa., writes: "I got sick every winter, and had a spell of cold in February, 1899, I could not do anything for almost two months. In December, 1900, I saw one of your books about your remedies. Then I wrote to Dr. Hartman for advice, and he wrote that I should commence the use of Peruna, and how to take care of myself.

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