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APPLICANTS FOR PARDONS.

Lieutenant-Governor Hopewell is kept busy with hearings.

Lincoln, Nebraska, Dec. 22. (Special to the Republican) Interest at the state capital just now, hinges on the numerous applications for pardons, all other than the Governor's office being engaged with purely routine work of the year-end. Lieutenant-Governor Hopewell came Saturday to steer the ship of state during Governor Sheldon's absence and has been disposing of pardon applications with care and rapidity. Saturday he listened to the pleas of W. T. Turley of Hall county and D. A. Crowell of Buffalo, for executive clemency. Both were represented at the hearing by Judge F. G. Hamer and Thos Hamer. Monday morning Governor Hopewell entered

his decision refusing both applications. During Monday the governor heard the pleas for clemency of F. W. Clements, convicted of the murder of Luke Colden in Sarpy county; J. J. Reed, convicted of the murder of Glenna Hines in Douglas county and of George Conroy, serving for burglary committed in Saline county. Clements' son Earnest, that he done the deed in his father's absence, though at the trial he received only a short sentence for shooting with intent to kill. The elder Clements was sentenced to 16 years. Monday afternoon Governor Hopewell made his decision, refusing to grant Clement's plea for relief from his sentence. J. J. Reed of Douglas, serving a life sentence for the murder of Glenna Hines, a woman of the town, came next. Reed was received at the pen in May 1906 and is now

past 60 years of age. Governor Hopewell commuted his sentence to a term of ten years, which, figuring the usual rule of "good time," would give him 7 years and 1 month to serve from the date of his conviction. The old man broke down and cried, saying, "I will be dead long before that." George Conroy's application was for an allowance of 82 days which the district court intended to consider in his sentence but inadvertently overlooked. He had failed to make the necessary publication required by law and the governor was powerless to proceed though stating that the plea would have been granted except for the defect in the application.

Elmer Russell, under sentence of ten years from Boone county, gave the prison officials a little surprise today by returning to the penitentiary of his own ac-

cord, after an absence of twenty-nine months parole. Russell was paroled to a ranchman named Sullivan, near Wallace, Nebr., more than two years ago. He has about twenty months of his term yet to serve. His reasons for returning were that his employer paid him a small monthly wage and he had been offered better wages and desired to take the job which was first consented to by his employer but later the consent was withdrawn. He solved the problem himself by returning to the pen and reporting to the warden for "duty."

CUSTER COLLEGE NEWS.

Custer College students wish all of their friends a Mr. Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The College rooms are very quiet this week on account of some of the students going home Friday and Saturday.

A big increase in the attendance is expected after the holidays. The enrollment will probably reach the one hundred mark by the first of the year.

The social and entertainment given by the boys at the College last Friday evening was enjoyed by everyone. Quite a number of the old students came in to renew their college acquaintances.

Mr. Fear, a Jewish minister, gave the students an excellent talk on how to be a practical man. It is expected that he will speak at chapel again after the holidays on the education of the foreign countries, dealing especially with the Jewish education.

Herbert Dorris started to college this week in order to get his name in the list of 1908 students. Dorris will considerably strengthen the college basketball team. He will probably play as a substitute to McCandless. McCandless' eye is apt to get out of joint in case that his girl is watching when he throws the goals, and Dorris will then take his place.

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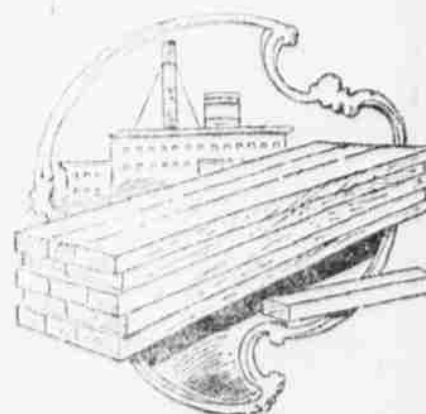


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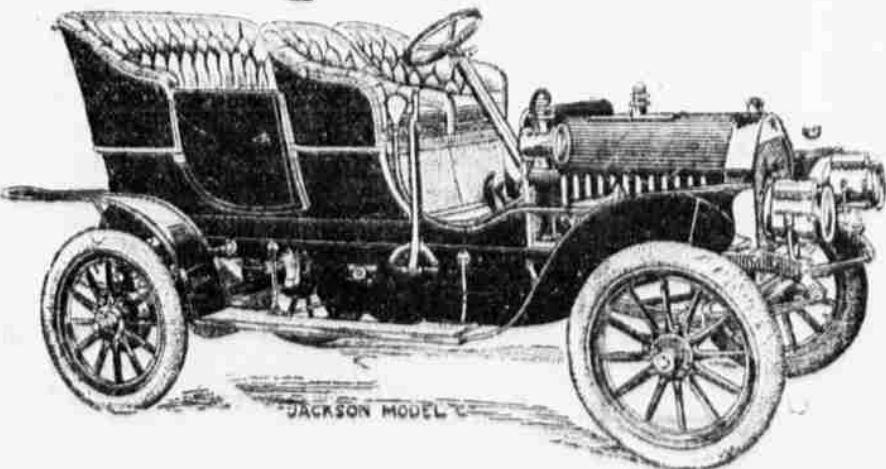
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