

IN NO HASTE TO APPEAR

SENATOR DETRICH HAS NOT YET SHOWN UP IN COURT.

(Special to State Journal)

OMAHA, Dec. 8.—United States Senator Dietrich spent the day in Omaha with his council, General Cowin, arranging details of his defense in his forthcoming trial in the federal court on charges of conspiracy and bribery in connection with the appointment of a postmaster at Hastings, Neb. The senator has not appeared in court for arraignment, and General Cowin stated that he probably would not do so.

The grand jury resumed its labors yesterday afternoon. The postoffice cases still have the floor and the Wilsonville and Fairbury cases are under consideration. Several of the witnesses are yet to arrive, and in the interim the grand jury is looking over the land fencing case again.

The grand jury also began the investigation of matters in the department of the adjutant general of Nebraska, during the last state administration, when Gen. W. L. Colby was at the head of the department and witnesses have been summoned. The investigation is in connection with the appropriation of money to reimburse the government for blankets supplied to the state penitentiary after the fire at that institution two years ago.

Adjutant General Culver and Storekeeper Davis of the national guard arrived in Omaha yesterday afternoon from Lincoln, bringing with them the records of the office covering General Colby's incumbency. General Culver made this statement to the press:

"According to my understanding, the charges against General Colby grow out of the use of the national guard blankets at the penitentiary subsequent to the fire in 1901. There were seven hundred blankets issued from our stores, on the order of Acting Governor Savage, Governor Dietrich being absent from the state. These blankets, valued at \$3.26 each, have since remained in the possession of the penitentiary. The legislature, as I understand it, appropriated some \$2,000 for the purchase of blankets, and, as the militia blankets were handy, they were used. The question, I think, is as to the disposition of the money voted by the legislature.

"I hardly think it is charged that General Colby appropriated this money for his own use. He may have converted it for the use of the militia for other purposes, and this might constitute a technical infringement of the regulations. This is a matter I know absolutely nothing about, having never investigated the question. I do know that Mr. Smith, General Colby's chief clerk, who is said to have preferred the charges, had a claim for \$600 or \$700 for expert services in General Colby's office, which the general refused to allow, and which the legislative committee turned down on his recommendation.

Twenty indictments are known to have been voted by the federal grand jury and there is not a little interest to know against who they are directed. It is expected they will be reported to the court within a short time.

Have Him Dead To Rights.

SIoux CITY, Dec. 8.—Just as Andrew Lee asked for a package at the American Express company office yesterday morning Chief of Police Davenport tapped him on the shoulder and Detective Harvey drew a revolver from his hip pocket. "Take me, you've got me dead to rights," Lee exclaimed and made no resistance. He confessed to the burglary of Johnson's harness shop at Pender, N. B., last Friday night. He had taken the goods worth \$250 and expressed them to Sioux City.

Dowie Proposes to Settle.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—In a statement which places his assets at more than four times as much as his liabilities, John Alexander Dowie at a meeting attended by a majority of his creditors submitted a proposal by which it is believed that the financial angle at Zion City will be straightened in a satisfactory manner.

Miners Become Temperate.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 8.—As a result of the increase of temperance sentiment among the anthracite miners, nearly one-third of the 1,100 saloon keepers of Schuylkill county will go out of business next year. This is shown by the decrease in the number of applicants for license.

Fear Contagious Disease.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 8.—The engineering and collegiate departments of the Western university of Pennsylvania, in which there are over two hundred students, were closed yesterday for an indefinite period owing to the presence of contagious disease in the family of the janitor occupying a portion of the buildings. One of the family is afflicted with diphtheria and two are down with scarlet fever.

OUTLINES HIS CASE

SENATOR DIETRICH EXPLAINS PLAN OF DEFENSE.

HINGES ON OFFICE RENT

DEAL WITH FISHER MADE PRIOR TO ELECTION.

Declares the Smaller Postoffice Plans Were not His affair, But that of D. E. Thompson and His Supporters.

(Special to State Journal)

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 9.—To a representative of the Journal yesterday Senator Dietrich outlined his defense in the coming trial. For the evidence given so far he declares he has contradictory proof. Up to yesterday the senator has declined to be interviewed at length. In this he was acting on the advice of counsel. His statement yesterday was a history from his standpoint of the entire case. The senator's attorney, Gen. J. C. Cowin, said yesterday that in every probability the efforts to have the trial next week will succeed.

"The first point in my favor is that Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, when he visited Hastings in the fall of 1900 examined the old postoffice building and without suggestion from others said the quarters were too small. I promised Jacob Fisher my recommendation for his appointment as postmaster at Hastings when I was governor, and had no idea whatever of becoming senator. As politicians know, I was a compromise candidate, the selection being made in a few hours. Prior to the action of the caucus when I was agreed on I had rented to the government a floor in my building to be used as a postoffice. Immediately there were protests of exorbitant rentals by property owners in the other end of town. At Hastings there exists between residents of the two ends of the town a feeling as bitter as that animating a county seat fight. My building was forty feet from the old postoffice. Rather than have the postoffice go to the other side of town I consented to a reduction in the rent from \$1,800 to \$1,300 a year, with the understanding that the fixtures and janitor service which I had agreed to furnish would be provided by the postmaster.

Nebraska Court Reversed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—In an opinion by Justice White the supreme court of the United States reversed the decision of the supreme court of Nebraska, in the case of Schuyler National bank of Schuyler, Neb., vs. George Thrush and others. The case involved a question of the exaction of usury by the bank. Thrush and his wife were debtors to the president of the bank in the sum of five thousand dollars, and they gave a note for that amount, with interest at the rate of 12 per cent. This rate of interest was usurious under the Nebraska state law, and Thrush asked for a computation of the interest, which showed that, counting the payment of interest, as the payment of principal, as provided for by the state, the note had been reduced to \$200. The state court held this plan to be valid on the ground that the use was governed by the state and not by federal law, inasmuch as the note was made payable to an officer of the bank and not to the bank itself. Justice White's opinion reversed the finding and was favorable to the contention of the bank that the case came within the purview of the federal law, and that the interest payments could not be computed as payments of principal.

Dowie Again Has Control.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—John Alexander Dowie is again in control of Zion City and all its industries. This turn in the affairs of the head of the Christian Catholic church followed a financial showing made which satisfied all the creditors, who immediately made a formal motion before Judge Kohlsaat to have the receivership, appointed by the United States district court a week ago, dissolved.

Girl Shot Through Window.

RISING SUN, Ind., Dec. 9.—Miss Elizabeth Gillespie, prominent in local society, was assassinated last night while sitting in the front room of her residence. The murderer shot at her through a window, the entire charge of shot taking effect in the side of her head.

On Side of Safety.

COLON, Dec. 8.—A company of marines from the United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie, under command of Captain McCreary, were landed here this morning and took a train for Empire, a town on the railroad near Panama, where a camp was established in the canal company's buildings. Another company of marines, to the number of fifty from the Dixie, left on the afternoon train for Empire. The camp at Empire is now thoroughly equipped.

CRUISER ATLANTA GUARDS

PATROLLING EASTERN END OF SAN BLAS COAST.

Color, Dec. 10.—The United States cruiser Atlanta is patrolling the eastern end of the San Blas coast and is keeping an outlook for any attempt on the part of the Colombian government to land troops on the isthmus. The Atlanta is endeavoring to ascertain if the Indians know anything of the movements of troops from the interior across the frontier and is seeking information concerning the alleged concentration of Colombian troops at the mouth of the Atrato river, the Gulf of Darien. The Atrato river, being in Colombian territory, the Atlanta could not interfere with any movements of Colombian troops there.

The report brought to La Guaira, Venezuela, by the French steamer Venesalles from Savanilla, that Colombian steamers have landed 1,100 men near the mouth of the Atrato river to open a way over the Darien mountains to the isthmus, cannot be confirmed.

The movements of the Atlanta are entirely of a precautionary nature and for the purpose of securing information.

The United States gunboat Bancroft, yesterday left to patrol the western end of the San Blas coast in co-operation with the Atlanta. It is expected that the Bancroft will return to Colon in a day or two.

Loses Her Claim.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—To nullify attempts of cattle companies and others to obtain public lands in violation of the law, the secretary of the interior overruled former decisions of the department that widows or minor orphans of soldiers or sailors do not have to reside on the land on which they make homestead entry.

The decision which affects a large number of cases and which has an important bearing on the public land frauds, is made in the case of Mrs. Anna Bows, who made an entry on land in Broken Bow district in Nebraska. Mrs. Bows claimed the right of entry as the widow of a sailor in the civil war, under a section of the revised statutes, which allows such dependents to make homestead entries with credit for the time of the soldier's or sailor's military or naval service. It was admitted in this case there was made an agreement with the Standard Cattle company whereby Mrs. Bows at the time of the entry leased the land to the company with a further agreement that the company should have the option of purchase of the land. The department decides that Mrs. Bows is required to maintain residence on the land and that her agreement with the company invalidated the entry and requires its cancellation.

Some Indictments Are Due.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 10.—Witnesses in the Colby case involving affairs in the office of the adjutant general of Nebraska were again before the grand jury yesterday, the time of that body being divided between that matter and the postoffice bribery cases. Elliott Lowe testified and witnesses in the Wilsonville, Neb., postoffice cases also gave evidence.

A report is anticipated from the grand jury Friday. A number of indictments are expected. Some difference of opinion exists about when the trial of Senator Dietrich should occur. General Cowin says the senator will insist on an early trial and will ask the court to name a date closely following the adjournment of the grand jury.

Want Wastage Made Good.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, Dec. 10.—A meeting of the coal dealers' association of Iowa and Nebraska, including about 700 members, was held here today called by Secretary E. R. Harris of Omaha to take some action to compel railroads to make good the wastage of coal in transit.

The dealers say the loss amounts to as much as 15 per cent, and the railroads will not weigh the cars on delivery. An assessment was made to defray expenses of the campaign. The retailers will weigh the coal and if less than the amount named in the bill of lading is found the roads will be asked to produce the full amount. If they refuse action will follow.

Assaulting Strikers Shot.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Dec. 10.—Four striking coal miners, Italians and Sicilians, were shot in a fight at the Segundo coke ovens with the Colorado Fuel and Iron company's guards. One is dead, another is dying, a third, shot in the groin, will probably die and the fourth, who was shot in the wrist, is in jail.

Found With Throats Cut.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10.—The dead bodies of Pearl Stapleton and her four-year old adopted daughter, both color d, were found in their home in East Front street here last night with their throats cut from ear to ear. John Shaw, with whom the woman has been living, is under arrest but declares he is innocent. He claims that on going home last night, he saw a negro named Bush escape through a window. Bush has not been captured.

SOME BIG MEN HIT

OMAHA GRAND JURY HANDS DOWN TEN INDICTMENTS.

NAME EX-SENATOR CURRIE

BARTLETT RICHARDS AND OTHERS IN SAME BOAT.

Two Counts Against Former Representative Lowe. Accused of Being Go-Between in Postoffice Grafts.

Special From State Journal.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 11.—The United States grand jury, which has been in session for some time investigating postoffice bribery cases and the alleged illegal fencing of government lands in western Nebraska, yesterday made partial report to the court, returning twenty-two indictments.

One is against Former State Representative Elliott Lowe, charging bribery in connection with the appointment of a postoffice at Alma, Neb.; ten are against ranchmen charging illegal fencing and the others were Indian cases, mostly of a minor character. Those against ranchmen include true bills against Bartlett Richards, president of the Nebraska Land and Feeding company; W. G. Comstock, vice president of the same company, and secretary Charles C. Jameson, all of Ellsworth, Neb., and Former State Senator Frank M. Currie, large individual cattle owner of Broken Bow, Neb. The other seven indictments are against extensive ranchmen of Cherry and Custer counties.

The foreman of the grand jury stated to the court that it would later have a supplementary report and it is stated this addition will include several more indictments of prominent ranchmen, and also one against a former state official, who is charged with disposing of a considerable amount of government military supplies without making a report of the disposition of the money.

The indictment against Former State Representative Lowe contained two counts, and charges conspiracy to violate section 1781 of the revised statutes, by conspiring to bribe Senator Charles H. Dietrich, by acting as intermediary in the payment of \$400 in consideration of which J. B. Billings, who at the time of the alleged transaction was postmaster at Alma, Neb., was to receive the recommendation by the senator for reappointment. One of the counts charges the payment of \$100 and the other of 300. The evidence on which Lowe was indicted is said to have been given by J. B. Billings, former postmaster at Alma.

One Vast Company.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Final arrangements were made yesterday for the incorporation of the Interstate Telephone association into one company. This means the amalgamation of over four thousand independent telephone companies in Illinois, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Minnesota, Ohio and Michigan, involving property valued at more than \$200,000,000. This action was taken at the closing session here of the association. A permanent committee was appointed to work upon plans of action for the new company.

"One of the first things to be done by the new company will be to form a connection with the Illinois Telephone and Telegraph company's lines in Chicago, bringing our company in direct competition with the Bell lines in Chicago," said President Hull of the association. "The Illinois Telephone and Telegraph company, which is now operating lines in the downtown districts in Chicago, will connect its wires with those of our company at Hyde Park early in the spring. The two companies will then build lines to the Chicago city limits, where they will be connected with those of the Independent Telephone company's. When this work is completed we will have accomplished what we have been endeavoring to do for many years—that is, to connect Chicago with the independent companies throughout Illinois and adjoining states. The result of this move on the part of the independent companies will be far-reaching and as soon as our lines are ready to compete with the present system in Chicago there will be a decided reduction in the present telephone rates."

Riot Outgrowth of Strike.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 11.—In a riot yesterday, growing out of the recent strike on the Chicago City railway a car was wrecked by a mob of union sympathizers, who furiously attacked the non-union conductor and motorman, badly injuring both. The crew of the car escaped into a near by building, where they were guarded by police. The riot occurred on the Halstead street line, near Archer avenue.

CURE FOR VANITY.

De Broker—"Say, old boy! Do me a favor, will you?"

Scribbler—"Certainly. What is it?"

"I am to be married shortly to Miss De Style, and she insists on a fashionable wedding; but I can't stand that sort of nonsense, you know."

"Well?"

"Just slip around to her house and ask her for her photograph for your paper."

"I'll go at once."

"Thank you. Then I'll call there this evening and show her the monstrosity your paper printed today of Miss Highup. Guess she'll prefer a private ceremony then."

HOW CHEAP BAKING POWDER IS MADE.

A recent seizure of a lot of "cheap" baking powders by the authorities of a neighboring city has exposed the character of the low priced brands of baking powders which many manufacturers are offering throughout the country. The price of the powders first attracted attention to them. Samples were taken and analyzed. The official report of the analysis showed the stuff to be "alum powders," composed chiefly of alum, sulphuric acid and pulverized rock. The powders were declared dangerous to health and several thousand pounds were confiscated and destroyed.

Physicians have frequently cautioned consumers against mixing food with these so-called "cheap" baking powders. They are all found, when analyzed, to contain large percentages of alum and sulphuric acid to which are added various sorts of filling matter sometimes both injurious and nasty.

The high class, cream of tartar baking powders, are the most economical and wholesome and should always be selected for use. They will be found cheaper in the end, besides making the food better and more healthful.

Kansas City will have as its central feature in its building at the World's Fair a topographical relief map of that city. The map will be 21 by 32 feet, on a scale of 85 feet to the inch.

Dr. Warren W. Flower, instructor in German in the University of Michigan, has prepared a pamphlet—"Questions on Thomas's Grammar and Essentials of Grammar in German." The book is published by George Wahr, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Fame is the poorest wages any man ever worked for.

The rust half of most people's lives is spent knocking holes in their constitution, and the second half in stopping the leaks.

TWICE WON.

Wife Fell in Love with Husband "All Over Again."

The wife of a well-known attorney at law of Seward, Neb., tells the tale worth reading: "My husband was a soldier in the Civil War, and was, as he called himself, 'an old coffee cooler' and had always drank very strong coffee.

"About a year ago he complained of a feeling of faintness every time after climbing his office stairs, and was also troubled by terrible headaches that almost drove him wild.

"He gradually grew weaker and weaker until his affliction culminated in nervous collapse, and for weeks he seemed to be fading away from us in spite of all our efforts.

"The physicians pronounced him strong and well, with no organic trouble whatever, and there seemed to be nothing the matter except the complete giving out of his nervous system.

"The doctors decided that coffee was at the bottom of all his trouble and ordered Postum Cereal in its place. He improved daily since he quit coffee and began drinking Postum, and now says he feels better than he has felt for 20 years, headaches are gone, no more fainting spells, and is gaining in flesh every day, and he seems so much younger and heartier and happier than he has for years that I have fallen in love with him over again.

"Now for my brother's case; a few years ago he had a peculiar trouble. His tongue was swollen and sore at the roots and covered underneath with festers.

"He thought his affliction was of a cancerous nature and his doctor was of the same opinion. He could scarcely eat anything and became so poor and run down he was simply a nervous wreck. He consulted various physicians, but none were able to diagnose his case or help him in the least.

"At last a doctor to whom he applied said he believed my brother was coffee poisoned and advised him to quit coffee and drink Postum. He gave him no medicine, but told him to give Postum fair trial and return to him in 6 weeks. My brother had used Postum only about ten days when the festers disappeared from his tongue, and at the end of two weeks the soreness and swelling were gone and he began to pick up in flesh and spirits.

"He has never touched coffee since, but drinks Postum all the time and has never had the slightest return of the trouble.

"To look at my experience is it any wonder I can write a heartfelt testimonial for Postum?" Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

NEBRASKA NOTES

W. H. Smith, an old settler of De Soto, is dead. He was known everywhere as "Corn King Smith."

The Register is the name of a new newspaper just established at Rulo, by Messrs. Hurlbutt & Haynes.

W. S. Martin, one of the oldest settlers in Bellevue, is dead at the age of 66. He belonged to the first Masonic lodge in the state.

Mrs. L. C. Richards will be succeeded on the Lincoln library board by Mrs. John S. Reed, former city librarian.

A number of Plattsmouth women attended the Ninth district convention of the Women's clubs held in Council Bluffs Wednesday.

Daniel Harpster, aged 67 years, and for the past thirty years a resident of the vicinity of Blue Springs, died Saturday. He is survived by a wife and one daughter.

Mr. Robert Austin and Miss Flora Cummings were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thrum in West Beatrice. Rev. Edger Price officiating.

Rev. H. W. Burton will become pastor of the first Congregational church at Wahoo. He resigns the pastorate of the Havelock Congregational church.

At a meeting at Lincoln of the Nebraska Prison association addresses were delivered by Dr. George L. Miller of Omaha, Mayor Adams of Lincoln and Professor Davison.

J. W. Spickler, supervisor of the Second district at Humboldt, has filed a contest on the election returns. He was defeated for re-election by four votes by W. J. McCray.

At a meeting of the printers at Beatrice, P. M. Jones of Omaha, organizer of the typographical union, was present and enough names were obtained to secure a charter.

Judge Kinkaid recommended at Washington the following postmasters for Nebraska: T. T. Varney, Ainsley; T. B. Walker, Atkinson; D. L. Crellin, Plainville; Edward McLernon, Sidney; S. W. Wilson, Wood River; Melathon Scott, South Auburn.

The senate has just confirmed the following appointments of postmasters for Nebraska: T. T. Varney, Ainsley; T. B. Walker, Atkinson; D. L. Crellin, Plainville; Edward McLernon, Sidney; S. W. Wilson, Wood River; Melathon Scott, South Auburn.

The wife of W. J. Van Leer dropped dead while getting the afternoon mail in the postoffice at Fullerton. Mrs. Van Leer was a young woman and appeared to be in perfect health. Heart failure was the cause of the young woman's death.

Dakota City seems to have some persons in it that "work while others sleep." Last night the clothes lines of J. T. Spencer, R. B. Orr and Mrs. W. I. Brothill were robbed and Mrs. Elizabeth Minter reports the loss of about twenty-five chickens.

The stuff had the appearance of having laid there for some time and was no doubt put there by fellows who had a hand in the Emerald bank robbery last month. The stuff was taken in charge by the chief of police and will be destroyed.

L. A. Higgins and Sheriff Smith of Clay county returned to Harvard with the man who is alleged to have robbed Higgins' store on the night of November 13. He had \$200 worth of the goods when arrested. He gave his name as E. L. Ferguson of Seneca, Kansas.

B. W. Tice came to Cass county from New York City with about one dozen children from the Madison Square Branch Orphanage. The little ones were all bright appearing children and no trouble was experienced in finding good homes for them.

Word has just been received that Goldie Minick, the 20-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Minick, of Auburn, died of typhoid fever at Tucson, Ariz. Some two weeks ago his parents received word that he was very low with the disease at the railroad hospital. His mother at once repaired to his bedside, but was unable to save him.

W. T. Grace and Hugh McLean, two employes in the Burlington roundhouse, chased a rabbit under a pile of ties in the yards. When they got to poking around this they found stuck away under the ties an eight-ounce bottle of nitro-glycerine, two sticks of dynamite, a coil of blasting fuse, about a pound of beeswax, a dozen large percussion caps, several tallow candles—in short a regular safe cracker's outfit.

The new Lutheran church at Pierce was dedicated Sunday. Services were held in the morning, afternoon and in the evening. The morning and afternoon services were delivered in German and the evening service in English. In the afternoon the music was furnished by the Lutheran choir from Norfolk.

The two brick yards of Table Rock have closed down, with a number of orders yet unfilled. About 10,000,000 brick have been made and disposed of this season.