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NO PROGRESS MADE

CHICAGO STRIKE APPEARS FAR FROM SETTLEMENT.

Further Efforts to be Put Forth—Neither Side, However, is Hopeful of Results—Mayor Dunne Refuses to Discuss the Charge of Bribery

A Chicago special says: After a day and a large part of the night spent in conferences with both sides in the Montgomery Ward & Co. strike Mayor Dunne late Friday night announced that he had made no progress toward a settlement of the trouble and he did not seem hopeful that an adjustment will come in the near future.

Mayor Dunne endeavored Friday night to bring about a joint conference, but neither side would consent to meet the other.

The firm of Montgomery Ward & Co. succeeded in sending more goods to the freight depots Friday than at any time since the commencement of the strike.

Mayor Dunne declined to discuss the charge brought to his attention that a bribe had been offered for the settlement of the strike.

"My informant is well intentioned," he said, "but I do not know whether his information is well founded. I cannot give the details of the charges until I have investigated the matter and have found it based upon fact. A man's character cannot be assailed upon mere information. Until I have traced the matter I can say nothing."

KILLED THE GIRL.

Dr. Crofford Convicted of Murder of Maud Stone.

Dr. Crofford, of the Lamoni, Ia., sanitarium, was Friday found guilty of the murder of Maud Stone, who died in Crofford's hospital after a criminal operation four years ago. This was his second trial.

At his first trial in 1903 Dr. Crofford was found guilty and sentenced to prison for twenty years, but secured a new trial from the supreme court.

Crofford has been out on bail and engaged in practice, though the state board of medical examiners had refused to restore his certificate, revoked on his conviction. The case has attracted much attention because the defendant is wealthy and put up a hard fight, and his sanitarium had become well known all over the southern part of the state.

RUDOLPH MUST HANG.

No Hope for the Murderer of Detective Schumacher.

At Jefferson City, Mo., at a conference between Gov. Folk and the attorneys of Bill Rudolph, sentenced to be hanged April 17 at Union, Mo., for the murder of Detective Schumacher, the governor announced that he will not commute Rudolph's sentence to life imprisonment as requested in a petition signed by 200 persons in St. Louis, which was presented to the governor Thursday by Rudolph's mother.

The news that Gov. Folk had declined to interfere with the sentence of the court ordering him to be hanged was brought to Bill Rudolph by his sister, Nellie. The girl broke down and wept, but Rudolph took the news stoically.

Good Roads in New York.

The proposed constitutional amendment authorizing a state bond issue of \$50,000,000 for building good roads under the state aid law passed the assembly at Albany, N. Y., Friday. Having passed the legislature last year the proposition will be submitted to popular vote.

Paul Jones' Body Found.

The remarkable search which Ambassador Porter has conducted for the body of Paul Jones at Paris has been crowned with success by the discovery of the body and its identification Friday by the highest French medical experts as unquestionably that of the famous admiral.

Gorky Will Not be Tried.

On account of the condition of his health, and the fact that the evidence against him is not strong, it is understood the government at St. Petersburg has abandoned its intention of bringing Maxim Gorky to trial.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$4.50@5.90. Top hogs, \$5.50.

Many Narrow Escapes.

Five persons were badly hurt, fifty others narrowly escaped death or injury and hundreds were driven from adjoining tenements in a fire at New York Friday which entirely destroyed a seven-story sweatshop building in Hester Street and damaged several other nearby buildings.

Gold Standard in Mexico.

A Mexico City dispatch says: The gold standard will go into effect without postponement on May 1.

NAN PATTERSON CASE.

The State Secures a Further Postponement.

Nan Patterson was brought into the court of general sessions at New York Thursday by her own consent to plead to a charge of conspiracy to get money from Caesar Young, the bookmaker. She is accused of having conspired with J. Morgan Smith and his wife, Miss Patterson's sister, to extort money from the dead bookmaker.

She was not allowed to plead to the charge, however. Assistant District Attorney Rand asked Judge Foster that she be not arraigned, holding that it was unnecessary.

Miss Patterson's counsel requested permission to examine the minutes of the grand jury which indicted her. This was opposed by Mr. Rand, who asked for a delay of one day in order that Miss Patterson might be arraigned in company with J. Morgan Smith and Mrs. Smith. Although Miss Patterson's counsel vigorously objected to the delay the court ordered that her plea to the charge be put over until Friday. She will be placed on trial again next Monday on the charge of having murdered Young.

Counsel for J. Morgan Smith and his wife asked the court to order the district attorney to return the letters confiscated from the Smiths in Cincinnati. The lawyer declared that Mr. Rand had no right to them. Before deciding the question the court decided that formal notice be given to the district attorney. After the court proceedings Mr. Rand asked the Smiths' counsel to allow them to come to the district attorney's office and be questioned. The lawyer reserved his answer.

It is said Mr. Rand is endeavoring to learn who, if anyone, assisted the Smiths in their flight from New York after the death of "Caesar" Young last June.

ST. PAUL MAN SHOTS TWO

One of His Victims is Dead and the Other Will Die.

Early Thursday William Williams, a St. Paul, Minn., steamfitter, entered the flat of Frederick S. Keller and shot John Keller, aged 16 years, as he lay in bed, and then turned the revolver on the boy's mother. Both victims were fatally hurt. The reason for the crime is unknown.

Young Keller died from his wounds later in the day. Mrs. Keller's recovery is doubtful.

Williams told the police he had a liking for the boy and went to the flat for the purpose of getting the lad to go away with him. Mrs. Keller ordered him out of the house. He claims he does not remember shooting anyone.

STRIKE STILL ON.

Peace Conference in Chicago is Without Results.

A Chicago conference between representatives of the Chicago Employers' Association and the labor leaders Thursday morning, looking to a settlement of the Montgomery Ward & Co. strike was barren of results.

The union men declared they were ready to end the trouble if Ward & Co. would reinstate nineteen garment workers who struck. The firm took the stand that the places of the striking garment workers had been filled and the strikers cannot be reinstated.

While the conference was in session the scenes of disorder which have prevailed on the streets during the week were being re-enacted.

Slain in a Saloon Brawl.

Roy Joyce, a bartender, killed two men and received severe injuries early Thursday in a saloon brawl at 51 West Thirty-first Street, New York. A party of eight men and one woman became disorderly and were ordered to leave. One man drew a knife and began cutting right and left, and Joyce received injuries which proved fatal.

Growth of the K. of P.

Charles E. Shiveley, of Richmond, Ind., supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, has received from R. L. C. White, of Nashville, Tenn., supreme keeper of records and seals, the official count of the members of the order. The report shows that the total membership is 622,353, a net gain during the last year of 27,583.

Ends Life in a Bath Tub.

The body of Mrs. Grace Loomis, who claimed to be the wife of Charles Loomis, the millionaire, was found in a half-filled bath tub in a fashionable boarding house in Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Thursday. Frequent threats made by Mrs. Loomis that she intended to kill herself leave no doubt that it is a case of suicide.

A New Combination.

The Central Leather Company, with an authorized capital of \$80,000,000, was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., Thursday. The company is to manufacture and deal in leather. The stock is divided into \$40,000,000 preferred, paying 7 per cent in cumulative dividends, and \$40,000,000 common stock.

Bank Officer Ends Life.

At Rochester, N. Y., Arthur Lutheford, secretary and treasurer of the Mechanics Savings Bank, committed suicide Wednesday by shooting.

Slain by a Mob.

A mob of masked men entered the jail at Slaton, Miss., early Wednesday to release a prisoner, and in an encounter with Sheriff Hoage shot that officer dead.

Holdup Men Captured.

E. Howard and Frank Williams, holdup men, were captured and placed in jail in South Omaha, Neb., Wednesday night after a running fight with two policemen, during which a number of shots were exchanged.

Woman Shoots Woman.

At Cripple Creek, Colo., Mrs. S. W. Vidler, wife of a newspaper man, shot and killed Mrs. H. C. Douglas, of Colorado Springs, in the National Hotel Thursday. Jealousy is the cause.

WRECK IN MISSISSIPPI.

Many Persons Reported to Have Been Killed and Injured.

Many persons are reported to have been killed and injured in a wreck on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad fourteen miles north of Vicksburg, Miss., Wednesday night. The northbound fast passenger train and the southbound passenger train are reported to have collided. All physicians of the city have been called to the scene of the wreck.

A Vicksburg, Miss., special says: Yazoo and Mississippi Valley passenger train No. 15, southbound, was derailed near Hardee station, sixteen miles north of here, at 12:30 o'clock Thursday morning. Reports state that sixty-seven passengers were injured. A special train carrying physicians has gone to the scene of the wreck. It is reported the entire passenger train went down an embankment.

Train No. 43, between Cleveland and St. Louis, one of the fastest trains on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis road, was wrecked at Bellefontaine, O., Wednesday night, and seven persons were more or less seriously hurt.

As the train was pulling into Bellefontaine the brakes failed to work and the heavy train plowed into the netted switches at the crossing of the Sandusky division of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis and the Ohio Central tracks, tearing the tracks up so that traffic cannot be resumed on the three lines for some hours.

J. A. Burnett, the colored porter injured in the Santa Fe wreck at Kingsley, Kan., Monday night, is dead at the Santa Fe hospital at Topeka, Kan.

Fireman Frank J. Brevee and Ray Zimmerman, the others injured in the wreck, are in the hospital there seriously injured, but will probably recover.

FATAL GRAND RAPIDS FIRE.

One Loses Life and Several Others Are Seriously Hurt.

May Herriek, aged 8, is dead; Mrs. Chas. N. Herriek fatally injured; Chas. N. Herriek, a 2-year-old child of Mrs. Herriek; Thos. Norris, Ada Norris, Chas. Anderson, Jack Ward are more or less seriously hurt as the result of a fire at Grand Rapids, Mich., early Wednesday in a saloon and boarding house at the corner of Broadway and Elizabeth Street.

Thomas Norris jumped from a second-story window and broke an arm, but notwithstanding the injury re-entered the burning house several times and carried out inmates overcome by smoke. He, however, was unable to rescue May Herriek, owing to the rapid spreading of the flames.

MORE RIOTING.

Strikers Adopt Novel Plan to Block the Streets.

A novel expedient was resorted to by strike sympathizers at Chicago to delay traffic Wednesday. At Clinton and Washington Streets several teamsters tied the wheels of their wagons together with chains, which it took nearly twenty minutes to break, resulting in a blockade obstructing Montgomery Ward & Co.'s freight.

Henry Levinberg, a brush manufacturer, was hauled from the seat of a wagon and beaten by the mob, after having delivered a load of goods to Ward & Co. The wagon was overturned and wrecked. Levinberg was rescued by the police.

MURDERED BY A BARBER.

Italian Police Have Evidence in the McCready Tragedy.

At Caserta, Italy, the police have secured what is apparently conclusive evidence that Miss Catherine McCready, of New York, who was found dead from strangulation in her villa near Caserta on Feb. 25, was murdered by a barber, Andreinirio, husband of Catherine Esposito, Miss McCready's servant, who was arrested soon after the finding of the body. Others are incriminated, and more arrests are expected to follow.

"Get Rich Quick" Victims.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Henry Bruening, president of the American Mercantile Company, a "get rich quick" concern, which collapsed at St. Joseph, Mo. L. H. Mills, secretary, and M. N. Nordean, field manager, have disappeared and 2,000 people lose \$30,000 by the failure.

Banker Hunt Pleads Guilty.

W. H. Hunt, former president of the defunct Pan-American Bank at Chicago, Wednesday changed his plea of not guilty to guilty. Hunt is under indictment for embezzlement. The change of plea places the case in the hands of the court.

Archbishop is Relieved.

According to news received at Havana, Cuba, the archbishop of New Orleans, has been definitely relieved from the office of apostolic delegate in Cuba, thus putting an end to the troubles arising from accusations of a personal character against the archbishop.

Mail Pouch Riffed.

The northbound midnight mail pouch from Bedford, Ind., was found Thursday in the north part of the city cut to pieces and a part of the contents gone. The sack is said to have contained a large number of drafts, one calling for \$40,000.

Race War is Threatened.

A race war is threatened at Coffeyville, Kan., as the result of an assault by a negro upon Mrs. John Griffith, white. Negroes of the worst class have been ordered to leave town at once. In anticipation of trouble the mayor has ordered all citizens to disarm and has sworn in many special officers.

Fire Sweeps Michigan Town.

A fire early Wednesday destroyed much of the business portion of Sunfield, Mich. The loss is \$40,000.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Militiamen Are Facing Trouble—Members of Norfolk Company Have Been Careless with Property—Indictments May Follow.

A Norfolk special says: Indictments by a federal grand jury on the charge of appropriating government property is the serious situation with which a large number of men in Norfolk are just now threatened and, according to Adjt. Gen. Culver, a situation which they cannot escape. The trouble has arisen from the deplorable condition in which the property of Company L, Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, was found by Gen. Daggert, representing the federal government on an inspection tour. So widely scattered are the tents, tents and other belongings of the company that Adjt. Gen. Culver was at once called to account and an order immediately followed from his office ordering the company mustered out.

Detectives have been sent to Norfolk to search out the missing property and every person in whose possession a single article is found must, according to the general, be indicted, as no one has a right to hold any federal property of this class. It is feared that more serious trouble may follow for officers directly accountable for the property.

The West Point company has been also ordered mustered out. Gen. Daggert and Adjt. Gen. Culver were in Norfolk again Saturday night to list what property has already been accounted for.

GASOLINE MOTOR CAR.

Successful Trial of New Device Made at Omaha.

The final tests have been given to a gasoline motor car designed at the Omaha shops of the Union Pacific Railroad for use in suburban and branch service. The car has made a number of trial runs, the final test being given Thursday, followed by an exhibition of the car at the union station at Omaha.

The car, which has been in course of construction for several months, is the invention of Superintendent of Motive Power W. R. McKeen, of the Union Pacific. Mr. McKeen explains that the difficulty met with in all former attempts was to build a motor car that could be operated without vibration. This obstacle has been overcome in the McKeen motor by the use of a low gear. Should the motor prove a success considerable new equipment of the same nature will be placed in service on the Union Pacific branches. The car is designed for both freight and passenger service.

PETITION FOR REMOVAL.

O'Neill Woman Claims Bank Examiner Was Negligent.

An O'Neill dispatch says: A petition has been filed by Mrs. P. C. Carrigan, a depositor in the failed Elkhorn Valley National Bank, for the removal of Bank Examiner Frederick Whittenore. Mrs. Carrigan alleges that Whittenore was negligent in the duties of examining the bank's affairs and declares that this alleged negligence resulted in loss to the depositors of the bank.

The Elkhorn Valley Bank failed several months ago and its president and cashier were later captured and returned to this city, where they await trial.

Boys Arrested for Burglary.

Sheriff C. E. Shrader returned from Pacific Junction, Ia., in charge of Guy Applegate and William Roberts, who are wanted at Nebraska City for robbing the store of L. Kropp at Wyoming Station. Applegate's parents reside in Union and Roberts claims his home is in Montana. The boys are about 19 years of age and Applegate says he escaped from the reform school at Kearney about two weeks ago.

Sidney Has Electric Lights.

Amid imposing ceremonies Saturday evening the current was turned on for the new electric lighting system in Sidney. Mrs. Callahan, one of the directors, made a pretty speech and then broke a bottle of wine on the power pole. Subsequently she turned the big wheel and pushed the button connecting the dynamo. All lights were turned on simultaneously. The plant cost about \$8,000.

Caught on a Shaft.

Robert Prosser, head buttermaker for the Queen City Creamery Company at Beatrice, had a miraculous escape from death. In working about the machinery in the butter room his blouse caught on a burr and the garment was wound around the fast revolving shaft. Prosser was thrown against the finders above and saved himself by holding to a steam pipe overhead until the machinery was stopped.

Nebraska Commission to Fair.

The Nebraska commission to the Lewis and Clark expedition, recently appointed, held its first meeting Monday in the office of Gov. Mickey. Ex-State Senator William P. Warner was elected president of the commission; H. G. Shedd, secretary, and George L. Loomis, the third member, vice president and treasurer. The commission has \$16,000 with which to make a showing of Nebraska's resources.

Lodged in Jail.

Sheriff Hall succeeded in landing William Ball in the Holt County jail at O'Neill. Ball is accused by Manlinius Libe, who resides near Whiting's bridge, on the Niobrara River, of entering his house and taking \$80 from a trunk. Ball declines to say whether he is guilty or not.

Requisition for Lee.

Gov. Mickey issued a requisition on the governor of Iowa, for the return to Nebraska of Harry Lee, who is charged with walking away with a diamond ring belonging to Martin J. Cannon, of Omaha.

Saloons Must Obey the Law.

The Plattsmouth city council decided to cancel the license of any saloonkeeper who in the future is found guilty of selling liquor to a minor or to any person after having received a written request to refrain from so doing.

POLICE JUDGE REMOVED.

Replies to Embezzlement Charges with Demand for Salary.

Under instructions from the city council at Nebraska City, Attorney D. W. Livingston filed articles of impeachment in the district court against Police Judge C. P. Logan. It is alleged that he has failed to turn into the city treasury \$1,059.80 of the fines and costs collected by him during February and March.

Friday morning the council held a special session and made a formal demand on the police judge to turn over to the city all fines and costs he is withholding. He refused to make any reply to the demands and filed a claim for salary against the city amounting to \$1,031, although he has been allowed and has accepted the salary fixed by ordinance.

The council held an executive session later in the day and decided to remove the police judge from office and took the preliminary steps toward filing charges of embezzlement against him.

WORK OF A FIREBUG.

Four Fires in Seven Hours Reported at Norfolk.

Four fires in seven hours is the record for Norfolk during Sunday afternoon and evening. None of them was serious, and it is the opinion of Fire Chief Kern and others that the blazes were the work of a firebug. One fire burned behind the Trocadero saloon, but was extinguished. Another destroyed the barn of M. Shumbaum. The barn of Frank Dederman, in a distant part of the town, was burned, and during this fire the new home of C. F. Shaw started to burn. Firemen were kept dizzy getting about.

An extra detail of fire fighters was stationed at the First ward hose house for other emergencies. Councilman Faristol and others have suggested buying an extra fire team and equipping the city building with rooms, that firemen may be ready.

TICKLED TO DEATH.

Omaha Man Dies While Laughing at May Vokes.

While attending a vaudeville performance at the Orpheum theater, at Omaha, accompanied by his wife, Ulysses S. Sykes, manager of the ban department of a prominent real estate firm, collapsed and died a few moments later of heart trouble.

Sykes was laughing heartily at a specialty being given by May Vokes when suddenly he gave a gasp and fell back in his chair. He was removed to an ante-room, but died before medical assistance reached him. The affair caused considerable commotion for a few minutes, but the performance continued without interruption.

Mrs. Sykes was taken to her home nearly overcome by the shock.

FATHER SCHELL ASSAULTED

Catholic Priest Receives a Terrible Beating at Dakota City.

Father Joseph Schell is at St. Joseph's hospital in Sioux City with his jaw broken in two places, both eyes blackened and swollen, and numerous other bruises on his body, as a result of a murderous and dastardly assault Thursday afternoon by Logan Lambert, of Homer, in a lively barn at Dakota City.

The attack is the result of the bitter war which Father Schell has waged against the selling of liquor to the Indians at the Winnebago agency. Lambert being one of the saloonkeepers affected by the action of Father Schell.

Newspaper Change.

J. A. Lister, of Onawa, Ia., and at one time the owner and publisher of the Onawa Sentinel, has purchased the Hartington Herald plant of George L. Nelson. He takes possession at once. Mr. Nelson has had charge of the Herald for the last eight years, during which time the Herald has been recognized as one of the representative newspapers of northeast Nebraska.

Question Father's Sanity.

The children of H. C. Stutheit, who reside a few miles northeast of Table Rock in the corner of Nemaha County, have begun action in the county court of that county to have a guardian appointed for him, alleging that he is of unsound mind and therefore incompetent to transact his own business.

Bound Over to District Court.

Fred Patterson, a resident of Bancroft, was brought before County Judge Dewald Saturday under the charge of permitting gambling upon his premises in Bancroft and various other violations of the law. The prisoner waived examination and was bound over to the district court.

To Extend Rural Service.

Postoffice Rural Route Inspector I. A. Thompson is at West Point from Council Bluffs for the purpose of making a thorough examination of Cuming County with a view to the installation of a complete rural delivery service. If the report is favorable the complete service will be installed at once.

Thrown from Wagon.

Frederick Erbe, aged about 60 years, was almost instantly killed at Columbus in a rather unusual manner. He was returning from town with a load of malt for hog feed. The wagon wheel dropped into a rut and Erbe fell off and one wheel passed over his head, crushing it badly. He lived only a few minutes.

Bryan Enlarges Farm.

W. J. Bryan has purchased a tract of twenty acres which he has added to his Fairview farm. The land is favorably located, and for it Mr. Bryan paid the sum of \$5,000 in cash.

Fire Horse Drops Dead.

While the fire department was making a run at Omaha, a horse on hose wagon No. 1 dropped dead in the harness at Sixteenth and Douglas Streets. He was dragged about fifty feet by his mate.

Not Up to Contract.

Poor finish in the ceilings caused the Nebraska state board of public lands and buildings to decline to accept the Norfolk hospital for the insane from the contractor, though the board met at Norfolk for that purpose.

Eoy Shoots Himself.

Earl Long, the 15-year-old son of Jas. Long, living eight miles south of Beatrice, was probably fatally injured by the accidental discharge of a shotgun, which he was dragging from behind while enroute to a pond to shoot ducks.



Gov. Mickey has issued the following Arbor day proclamation: Nebraska has profited much by the institution and observance of Arbor day. The prodigal planting of trees by the pioneers and by those who came after them has not only changed the aspect of the plains as inherited from nature, but has wrought an important change in climatic conditions as well. Many parts of the state now present the appearance of a well wooded country, while other portions are responding to the inspiration of example and are making rapid strides in the same good cause. Through a wise enactment of the legislature a day has been permanently set apart for the purpose of consecrating the precept and example of the early tree planters. In harmony with the statute referred to, I, John H. Mickey, governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby designate Saturday, April 22, 1905, as Arbor day, and do earnestly enjoin its proper observance upon all citizens of the commonwealth. Let the day be given over to the setting of trees, plants and shrubs, to the end that private and public grounds may have intelligent ornamentation and that present as well as future generations may receive the benefit of our soil.

The Rock Island Railroad was the first this year to file a report of the value of its property in Nebraska with the state auditor for the use of the state board of assessment in placing a value upon this road. The report goes into detail about the number of ties in every mile of its road and the kind of ballast and weight of steel used, but it remains silent upon those essential points upon which the board should have information. The tax commissioner under oath says the value of the stock, either true value or market value, is unknown. He also refrains from mentioning the earnings of the road in Nebraska during the last year, though the report gives the gross earnings of the entire system, together with the cost of operating and the net earnings. It leaves the board to guess what business is being done in Nebraska. The report also separates the main line from the St. Joseph and Nelson branch, and locomotives of less value are used on those branches than are used on the main line.

Gov. Mickey Friday morning grabbed hold of the plum tree and shook it hard enough to dislodge a number of good juicy plums, and incidentally the shake has had the effect of ending to a considerable extent that melancholy feeling which has overspread the state house since the first of the year. The appointments announced officially include these: Dr. Charles McKim, of Norfolk, to chief veterinarian; Edward A. Church, chief oil inspector; D. W. Hoyt, of York, W. G. Templeton, of Omaha, E. C. Burns, of Scribner, S. J. Johnson, of Minden, and H. J. Hull of Kearney, to be deputy oil inspectors; George Carter, game warden; W. J. O'Brien, fish commissioner; E. Hunger and D. E. Smith, deputies; John Davis, secretary to the state board of charities and corrections.

Mayor-elect Brown, who was sworn in as chief executive of Lincoln Monday night, has notified Chief Clements of the fire department that he was to remain in his present position, select his own assistants and be responsible for the department. Mr. Brown stated that he intended to stop the drug stores from selling liquor and that the blocks would be cleaned of immoral characters. In going after this class of people, however, Mr. Brown stated that he would go after the owners of the blocks instead of arresting the inmates, as has been the custom. Very few, if any, changes will be made in the personnel of the police department. For a while at least Chief Rouzahn will remain at the head.

Upon invitation of Attorney General Brown, a number of county attorneys met at the state house at Lincoln Friday afternoon and discussed the railroad tax injunction suit now pending in the federal court. The testimony was gone over and the attorneys were instructed to have witnesses ready upon the call of the attorney general. The reply of the railroad attorneys is expected to be filed within a few days, after which Judge Munger will set a time for the taking of testimony.

The board of public lands and buildings is advertising for five cylindrical fire escapes to be installed, two at the Grand Island soldiers' home, one at the Milford soldiers' home and two at the Hastings asylum. The board is also wanting bids for one engine and two boilers to be installed at the Hastings asylum. The board closed a deal whereby the state becomes the owner of eighty acres of land for the use of the Hastings asylum, for which it paid \$5,500.

The supreme court at its last sitting inaugurated a new rule, which will save much time to attorneys. The rule is that all attorneys, who expect to make an oral argument before the court must file their intentions with the clerk and they will be notified of the time set for the argument. This will save the attorneys from coming to Lincoln on the first day of the sitting, when probably the argument would not be heard until the last day.

All of the state institutions have now been supplied with their superintendents and assistants except the Industrial home at Milford. At present Mrs. Shoaf is temporary charge.

The efforts of State Treasurer Mow (ense) to stop the practice of heads of state institutions registering state warrants which he desires as an investment for the permanent school fund, thereby saving to the state many thousands of dollars annually, which has been thwarted by the action of Mickey in vetoing H. R. 321, has added up a block