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WARREN'S SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Information reaches us that President Taft has commuted the sentence of Fred D. Warren to \$100 fine to be paid in civil court.

This is an admission that the federal court was wrong, though it may be possible that somebody wrote or wired the prosecution or judge that "we must have a conviction in Kansas. They didn't appear to want a conviction in Kentucky for murder but a man who offered a reward for the return of Gov. Taylor to the Kentucky authorities to stand trial for murder was off and had to be prosecuted for interfering with the freedom of Gov. Taylor, who was a fugitive from justice and had been elected governor of Kentucky. Yet, President Taft evidently believes Warren to be guilty of \$100 worth of wrong and wants him to pay it in the civil court.

We fail to see how that will relieve the federal judiciary of their responsibility in the affair.

If Fred D. Warren was guilty only a hundred dollar's worth, perhaps he wasn't guilty of any crime at all.

Gov. Taylor was not kidnaped, but if he was caused any uneasiness, perhaps he should recover from Warren to the extent of his feelings according to the Taft decision which fixes Warren's gail at \$100 worth. If the courts will pass upon the latter phase then we shall be glad to hear from Taft as to how much he is in sympathy with Taylor as a fugitive from justice.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Taft thought the punishment too severe for the crime but what puzzles us is that he, after taking note of the procedure and making proper investigations sufficient to act, should arrive at a decision of a hundred-dollar crime or offense. We also wonder how much he would assess against Roosevelt for his interference in the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone trial.

We think Mr. Warren is something of a freak and that he takes sort of a John Brown view of injustice to the people some times. He is radical and goes much to the extreme; but when the United States' government undertook to convict him for calling a fugitive to justice—offering a reward to kidnap him so that he would be compelled to stand trial for an alleged crime, the murder of Gov. Goebel of Kentucky—they called for and were justly entitled to the criticism of several millions of people.

The Legislature.

Capitol removal is being talked seriously and a bill introduced in the House is signed by twenty-eight members. A poll of the Senate encourages the "removalists" to believe that they can pass their bill and get the matter submitted to the voters of the state. It is undisputed that the capitol building at Lincoln is getting "raty" and there seems to be little disposition to make an appropriation for repairs or alteration.

There is a roseate promise of some effective good roads legislation. Several bills have been introduced to this end and all have been referred to a special joint committee of the two houses with the idea that the best features of all the measures be whipped into shape and compiled into a comprehensive road bill. Automobile people and farmers seem to be working harmoniously to accom-

plish the same result—good roads.

Little in the way of politics is being played. The democrats have a bare working majority in either branch and they are devoting their energies in redeeming platform pledges and enacting some needed wholesome laws. The corporations appear to be signally inconspicuous this session and it is suggested that they have not forgotten the jolts they received at the hands of the democratic legislature of two years ago.

Considerable interest is being taken in the re-districting bills now before the legislature and other bills are yet to be introduced. It is apparent that politics play no part in the controversy, because the republican governor would certainly veto a bill that favored the democrat majority. The chief difficulty will probably occur in making five congressional districts out of our present six districts. H. M. D.

The parcels post bill has been shelved again—smothered, defeated and knocked out most probably by the vigilant express companies. "I told you so." They don't want competition. Why don't the people understand? But they don't seem to accomplish much if they do. Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania has introduced an amendment to the post-office appropriation bill calling for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the postmaster general to experiment for the purpose of determining the lowest rate at which the postoffice department can carry packages not exceeding eleven pounds in weight.

Perpetual motion has now been solved for automobiles by placing a short tower and wind propellers with attached gearing to the wheels and "when the wind blows the cradle will roll." Goes against the wind faster than with the wind and the faster it goes the more wind against the propellers and the faster the auto ought to go. But you've gotta depend on a puff of wind for a starter.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued by the clerk of the district court of Cherry county, Nebraska, July 8, 1910, under a decree of mortgage foreclosure, wherein H. O. Jellinek is plaintiff and John Clark, Lena Clark and Edward Clark, The N. Z. Cattle Company, Incorporated, and the Packer's National Bank of South Omaha, Nebraska, Incorporated, are defendants: I will sell at the front door of the court house in Valentine, Nebraska, that being the building wherein the last term of said court was held, on the 11th day of March, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m. to satisfy judgment of \$575.00 and interest at 7 percent from date of judgment May 16, 1910, and costs taxed at \$33.00 and a-adding costs of public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property to-wit:

Wagon, 1 piece of section 27, and neighbors of 34, Tp. 27, R. 26, in Cherry county, Nebraska.

Filed this 8th day of February 1911.
C. A. ROSSITER
Sheriff of Cherry County.
Walcott & Morrissey, attorneys for plaintiff.

WHEAT MARKET IS WEAK

Reciprocity Situation Given as Reason for Slump in Values.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Democratic caucus approval of reciprocity was a reason, according to some authorities, why all grains and provisions fell off in price here today. There was an unusually large trade in wheat, but the market was weak almost from start to finish. Closing figures show a net loss of 1/8c to 1/4c. Corn and oats both advanced 1/8c under last night, with provisions down 7/8c to 10@25c. Closing prices:

Wheat—May, 94 1/4@94 3/4c; July, 92 1/2@93c; Sept., 87 1/2c.
Corn—May, 49 1/2c; July, 50 1/2@50 3/4c.
Oats—May, 32 1/4@32 3/4c; July, 32 1/2c.
Pork—May, \$18.05; July, \$17.40.
Lard—May, \$9.67 1/2; July, \$9.55.
Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, 94 1/2@95 1/4c; No. 2 corn, 45 1/2c; No. 2 oats, 31 1/2c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,500; slow; beefs, \$4.90@6.80; western steers, \$4.40@5.60; stockers and feeders, \$3.80@5.80; cows and heifers, \$2.60@5.80; calves, \$6.50@8.25. Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; steady; light, \$7.60@7.85; heavy, \$7.20@7.70; rough, \$7.20@7.40; pigs, \$7.60@7.95; bulk, \$7.65@7.75. Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; strong; natives, \$2.50@4.40; westerns, \$2.50@4.40; yearlings, \$4.50@5.50; lambs, \$4.20@6.25.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Feb. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,300; 10c higher; beef steers, \$4.75@6.15; cows and heifers, \$3.25@5.65; stockers and feeders, \$4.75@5.75; bulls, \$4.40@5.15; calves, \$3.90@8.00. Hogs—Receipts, 11,200; 10c lower; rough, \$6.75@7.25; heavy, \$7.30@7.40; mixed, \$7.35@7.45; choice light, \$7.55. Sheep—Receipts, 6,800; steady; ewes, \$3.65@4.15; wethers, \$4.00@4.35; lambs, \$5.10@6.00.

MEXICAN TROOPS. Some of President Diaz's Fighters, Such as Are Meeting Rebels at Juarez



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WILKERSON ARGUES AGAINST PACKERS

Contentds Immunity Bath Does Not Cover Subsequent Actions.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Arguing that the sanctity of the grand jury room must be held inviolate, even by the court which created the grand jury, Assistant United States Attorney James S. Wilkerson took up again the plea of the government that the immunity bath given packers in 1905 because they went before the investigating body and testified, should not run against prosecution of an offense alleged to have occurred since that time. He argued that the court had no right to inquire what testimony went before the grand jury or the manner of its deliberance. Because of this promise, he said that the packers could not claim immunity. W. S. Kenyon, assistant attorney general, returned from Iowa to take charge of the prosecution of the government's case.

HOMES FOR DIPLOMATS

House Passes Bill by Standing Vote of 141 to 39.

Washington, Feb. 8.—After a ten-years' struggle the house passed a bill providing for the purchase and construction of American embassies, legations and consular buildings abroad. The measure was put through under a suspension of the rules by a standing vote of 141 to 39, the announcement of the result being greeted with applause.

The senate, which on several occasions has adopted similar bills, is expected to ratify the action of the house.

Representative Lowden (Ill.), author of the bill, led the fight for it, seconded by Representative Longworth (O.). The opposition came from the Democratic side.

Longworth appealed especially to the Democrats to support the bill, claiming it had been endorsed by William Jennings Bryan and Samuel Gompers.

"It also is strongly recommended by a Republican of Democratic tendencies—using the word in its broad sense—the president of the United States," Longworth continued. "With homes provided for our ambassadors and ministers abroad, we will be in a position to select for these offices men of learning, training and patriotism and not be restricted to men fitted solely by their pocketbooks." The bill limits the cost of buildings to \$150,000.

SENATE AMENDS ARMY BILL

Measure Also Carries Appropriation for Aeroplane Work.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Incorporated in the army appropriation bill, which passed the senate, was a provision for a dental corps. The provision was offered by Senator Bulkeley as an amendment to the bill and it was accepted without debate.

The amendment provides that the corps shall not exceed one dental surgeon to each 1,000 men; that each of them shall be a graduate of a dental college and shall not exceed thirty years of age. The pay is to be that of members of the medical corps and members are not to be given rank exceeding that of major.

A provision was incorporated to make immediately available \$25,000 of the aeroplane appropriation so that this amount may be used in operating aerial machines along the Texas border to insure against the violation of neutrality laws by either the Mexican regular or insurgent forces.

The army appropriation bill carries an aggregate of \$93,678,586.

Snow Blocks Iowa Roads.

Mason City, Ia., Feb. 7.—Iowa Central passenger train No. 4 was stuck in the snow all night at Pikerings, south of here, as the result of the heavy fall of snow. All roads are badly blocked and trains are delayed from three to fifteen hours.

School Teacher Burned to Death.

Willburton, Okla., Feb. 8.—Miss Alice Fleming, superintendent of public schools of Latimer county, was burned to death here in a fire which destroyed her home.

Cottonwood Grove.

Orville Connor of the Overton ranch is dehorning calves this week. He visited an aged uncle in Colorado in December and January and has been kept pretty busy since his return. His little boy was sick with a cold while he was gone, but is nearly well now.

The winter has been so open that there will be a plenty of, hay and so far there has been no loss of cattle to speak of.

Dick Flinn was freighting corn for the Speck ranch this week. He will now haul lumber to build the Speck school house.

Two gray wolves were chased by Mahlen Parker of the C-Bar ranch last week, but his horse let them escape.

School began in district No. 57 this week with 15 pupils. It quit in December to wait for longer days as they all have so far to go.

Harry Davis commenced feeding for the Overton Feb. 1st.

Nearly everyone along the creek was subpoenaed for Mr. Brierly's trial at Rushville. Even some of the women had to go.

Bob Johnson is working at the Speck ranch while Mr. and Mrs. Speck are in Rushville.

Bud Secrest has bought Mr. Burnett's section south of the creek for \$6 an acre. Mr. Burnett's intend going to Idaho Feb. 4, to see if he likes it in the western part where he has a sister. If he does he may move there. He does not give possession until May 1, so he will have plenty of time to get a good location and dispose of his cattle, horses and other belongings. They are old settlers and are progressive, accommodating neighbors whom we regret to lose.

Fred Hill, who recently proved up, intends renting his section and moving to Idaho.

Miss Hazel Reynolds has been taking many nice pictures lately with her camera. The large girls of school intend having theirs' taken on horseback next week. Mrs. Conner got a \$20 camera Christmas, and there are three kodaks in the neighborhood that are kept in use.

Mr. Plummer has been at Rushville this week on a contest against the claims of Dan Hill and his son Fay.

Land has been taken up so rapidly this winter that none fileable in towns 30 or 31, range 40 is left.

Milton Cass, who has been staying at his grand-father's, Mr. May, the past winter, returned to Iowa last week.

Mr. Barnes' house will be finished so he can move in by March 1. It is a story and a half cottage with four rooms below and bath room. Water will be piped into the house.

School will begin in District No. 13; March 13, if they can rent a house, and get a teacher. The people have pledged the money for it. This is a new district and has but 21 sections, about half of which are unoccupied save for cattle pastures.

The claim east of John Brown's has been taken by a man in Missouri who will soon be here to build his house.

John Coleman's second daughter, Mrs. Starr, is visiting them this month.

John Bylstra has been selling the Wonder lamp this winter.

Services are being held in the Lavaca church every two weeks. Sunday school every Sunday.

Censor Board for Omaha Theaters.

Omaha, Feb. 8.—Censorship for all theaters was suggested in the meeting of the committee of the whole of the city council. Councilman McGovern, backed by Councilman Funkhouser, suggested that a board of censors be provided, the duty of which shall be to pass on all plays that come to the theaters of Omaha. The suggestion was the outcome of the agitation for a new ordinance, providing practically for the censorship of moving picture shows.

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TELEPHONE NO. 7

Sues for \$25,000 for Breach of Promise

Lincoln, Neb. 8.—The suit of Mrs. Blenda Wernstedt for \$25,000 against Charles V. Warner for breach of promise was begun in the district court. The plaintiff has a daughter sixteen years old. Warner's wife died several years ago. He owns nearly a thousand acres of valuable land in this state. The arrangements for the marriage were made by proxy, the defendant finally meeting the plaintiff by appointment in Chicago immediately after she had returned from Europe, where the musical talent of her daughter was being cultivated.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of Cherry county, Nebraska, July 18th, 1910, under a decree of mortgage foreclosure, wherein James N. Dunlop is plaintiff and Blaine Anderson and Anna Anderson, Benjamin Swogard, first real name unknown, is defendant, I will sell at the front door of the court house in Valentine, Cherry county, Nebraska, that being the building wherein the last term of said court was held, on the 11th day of March, 1911, at 9 o'clock a. m. to satisfy judgment of \$145.00 and interest at 6 percent from date of judgment, September 5, 1910, and costs taxed at \$22.25 and accruing costs, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property to-wit: The 1/2 sec. 26, 1/4 sec. 27, Township 31, Range 26, 1/4 Cherry county, Neb. Dated this 9th day of February, 1911.
C. A. ROSSITER,
Sheriff.
Walcott & Morrissey, Attys. for Plff.