

RUMORS RAN WILD

RANK HEARSAY PROVED FOUNDATION OF MUCH TALK.

AND SOME WRITTEN LETTERS

MINNICK, FOUND TO BE CRUEL, WAS DISCHARGED.

TRUTH BURNS AWAY STORIES

Only Witness Testifying to Any Cruelty Among Present Force, Brought in Written Testimony and Contradicted it—Greene Recommended Ellis

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The piercing rays of a searching investigation, which began in the state insane hospital here yesterday by the state board of public lands and buildings, burned a hole into the darkness that had cloaked the various rumors and word reports of cruelty about the institution, brought out the sworn statement of Dr. Nicholson that the best of fellowship now prevails between himself and the superintendent, and ended late last night, after a long, hard session, with the fact pretty positively established that Dame Hearsay and Mrs. Rumor, together with Mr. and Mrs. Personal Antimosity, had made a thorough trip around the state of Nebraska, spreading bits of false and unfounded gossip about the Norfolk hospital for the insane that acted as a boomerang in effect.

After Dr. Nicholson, the assistant superintendent, had completed his testimony late in the afternoon, having been on the stand from early morning, four attendants who had been involved in one way and another, were placed on the stand. Two of them, who threw light on the insignificant foundations for the full-grown rumors that developed months later, told clear-cut stories and corroborated the testimony of Dr. Nicholson in which he admitted that there was nothing to back up the charges he had written in his letters to the governor. One attendant testified to rough handling by a former attendant, who was discharged at the time, and the other one gave various and conflicting stories of rough handling by Charge Attendant Ellis, which Mr. Ellis denied in a large measure.

At 9 o'clock last night the board adjourned until next Thursday morning for the accommodation of Governor Mickey's attorney, Mr. Stewart, who had pressing business in Lincoln today.

At the next meeting the whole matter will be finished, and an effort will be made to have present Julius Altschuler, to whom much of the hearsay has been traced, and Blair Goff, a former attendant at Pierce, who was present during the time that incidents are alleged to have occurred.

Governor Mickey and Attorney General Norris Brown arrived from Lincoln yesterday noon and returned with the state board this morning. Governor Mickey was in the investigating room only long enough to hear Dr. Nicholson testify that he had gone hunting on Sunday, at which point the governor left the room and remained in the hall and on the porch the rest of the day.

After testifying that good fellowship now prevails between himself and the superintendent, and that he is perfectly satisfied with the quarters now which he complained of as persecution last summer, Dr. Nicholson stated that he had never made a record of any kind for the purpose of keeping facts from the governor. He said he did not let Dr. Alden know anything of the Wolfe letter, had never seen a towel dragging incident, and that if the feeling which now prevails had then prevailed, he would have told Dr. Alden instead of the governor of things he heard. He said Dr. Alden had talked to attendants accused of cruelty and that he does not now blame Alden for keeping employees who were accused but not proven to be guilty of cruelty. Attorney Doyle, who represented Dr. Nicholson, very cleverly worked out the testimony that Dr. Nicholson is now on good terms with the superintendent and the fact that the letters containing charges against Alden went to Mickey as a result of Mickey's request and not through malice.

Alden Implored Careful Handling. Earl Blakeman testified that he was present during the Shockley fight and that Shockley struck Byerly in the nose, who kicked back in defense. He said Dr. Alden came in at the time of fighting and cautioned the men to handle Shockley carefully. He said Shockley was handled carefully and that Byerly was excusable for kicking for the reason that Shockley was a strong, heavy man.

Nicholson Approved Byerly. Nightwatch Byerly, one of the men accused of cruelty in Nicholson's letter, swore that he separated Shockley and his fellow-inmate in their fight and that Shockley then fought the whole ward, finally knocking Byerly in the head. Dr. Nicholson told Byerly that he was satisfied with Byerly's treatment of patients. Byerly swore that Julius Altschuler, who is now wanted for testimony, told him when he left that he would make trouble for Nicholson and Alden too. He never heard of any cruelty in the institution.

Byerly swore that Shockley was not injured in the bathroom, never heard

REDS RECALL CARL SCHURZ

INDIANS OF NEBRASKA HAD NO LOVE FOR STATESMAN.

HE MADE CITIZENS OF THEM

Standing Bear, One of the Big Sioux Chiefs, When He Heard That Carl Schurz Had Passed Away, Smoked Pipe a Minute, Then Said, "Good."

Regardless of the way in which the east looks at the memory of Carl Schurz, the dead statesman is remembered in Omaha chiefly as being the cause of the American Indians being admitted to full citizenship in this country—not because he took the side of the red men in the long struggle, but he, as secretary of the interior, issued an order which aroused the west to the wrongs of the Indians that a crusade was started in Omaha which reached to all portions of the United States, says an Omaha special, lasted seven years and ended by supreme court decisions and legislative enactments which made the Indian as free as a white man if he chose to be so, and to accept the conditions of civilization.

Schurz had the order issued to General Crook, then stationed at Omaha and commanding this department of the army, and immediately the cause of the Indian was taken up by Thomas H. Tibbles, late vice presidential candidate on the populist ticket, General Crook, John L. Webster, who will probably be the next United States senator from Nebraska, Federal Judge E. S. Dundy and a score of other prominent men in the west.

Previous to this fight every Indian in the United States was subject to the orders of the secretary of the interior. The government was absolute autocrat over the destiny of red men in the entire country, and that authority was frequently abused fearfully. There had grown up, in Washington and at the Indian agencies in the west, a ring of grafters who fattened off the spoils of the Indian affairs.

A Memorable Trek. Back in 1879 a pitiful procession wended its slow way northward from Indian Territory, bound for the prairies of Nebraska. There were thirty Indians on foot and one old wagon, drawn by two worn-out horses. In the wagon was the dead body of a child—an Indian boy. And the leader of the little party was the father of the dead child; the famous Ponca Indian chief, Standing Bear, a few years later to be the best known Indian in the world—and to speak in every city in the country in behalf of his own people.

Standing Bear's party was enroute to the Niobrara country in northern Nebraska to bury the child in the ancient burying grounds of the tribe. The party had left Indian Territory for that purpose, although its members had been refused permission to leave the reservation on which they had settled against their will.

Formerly the Poncas lived in northern Nebraska, along the Niobrara river. They had fought the Sioux in behalf of the whites for years and had lost 700 braves fighting the battles of the whites. For this a previous secretary of the interior had given them a fee simple, full title to their reservation and their lands.

Then Mr. Schurz was made secretary of the interior and at the point of the bayonet had driven the Poncas down into Indian Territory, depriving them of the lands for which they held government deeds. The Poncas were left months without rations in the new country and more than one-third of them died while there. Among those who died was the son of the old chief Standing Bear. The chief refused to have the little boy buried in the strange country, but instead, gathering a few members of his tribe, he started for the ancient hunting grounds of his tribe, intending to bury the child where generations of Ponca chiefs lay.

Schurz heard of the runaways and through the war department telegraphed General Crook, in Omaha, to arrest the Indians and return them to the Indian Territory. But the chief of the Omahas, Iron Eye, went to meet the Poncas and offered them a refuge on the Omaha reservation.

"We have all the land Standing Bear and his people wish for; we have corn and meat in plenty; come live with us," said Iron Eye.

But the government, through Schurz, said "No." So Crook arrested the old chief and brought him and his followers down to Omaha. And with them came the wagon bearing the dead child.

Planning a Great Campaign. Standing Bear told Crook his individual story. The great Indian fighter knew the general history of the Indians and was already indignant at their treatment, but the treatment accorded Standing Bear was too much and even the stern warrior rebelled. That night Crook came into Omaha and had an all night's conference with Tibbles, then an editorial writer on a newspaper. A campaign of Indians' rights was mapped out and both men started out the next day to carry out their parts. Crook was to delay returning the Indians to Indian Territory until a writ of habeas corpus could be asked for from the United States court on the grounds that the constitution, in the fourteenth amendment guaranteed to all persons born in the United States equal protection of the law.

Tibbles looked out for the legal end of the deal. He went to John L. Web-

OXNARDS WON THE GAME

CLOSE BATTLE WITH BOYS FROM PACIFIC ON DIAMOND.

SCORE STOOD SEVEN TO EIGHT

Seven Innings Were Played—Kauffmann, the Only Umpire, Was on Deck to Call Balls and Strikes. Points About the Game.

(From Monday's Daily.) The Oxnard commercial travelers have won a game from the Pacific people. It was a hard fought battle, won at the end of seven innings by one score, 9 to 8. The only Kauffmann was quite himself as umpire and decided all the delicate points in a fair way.

Here is the line-up:

Table with 3 columns: PACIFIC POSITION, OXNARD, and player names like Richter, Groat, Sutherland, Tevis, Oaks, Day, Thomas, Chandler, Bennett.

Diamond Dust. Getts' smile, no doubt, won the game.

Hauch—a new pair of trousers for yours.

Pollard looked the part, but they went by just the same.

Johnson is not a fly catcher but he's handsome.

Bennett is always riding in the best of good company, after the ball is over.

Richter is a good pitcher and held them to everyone's satisfaction.

Sutherland plays a pretty first base and is always admired by the grandstand.

Tevis was at home as second baseman and was certainly popular with the grandstand.

Little Oaks is there with the goods and delivers them on third base.

Bauderman, the fire extinguisher and eater, was at his best among the rooters. All agreed he is a tumbler and sandsome. Ask Z. W. Elfal, the great.

Zimmerman with his megaphone company was on the firing line and was only upset three times.

June, the Month for Health.

Nature, as if realizing the trying effect the sultry days of July and August have upon humanity, precedes them with the healthiest month of all the year, in which the system may fortify itself against disease. Every family should follow the example set by nature and be prepared for cholera morbus and diarrhoea by procuring a supply of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. This medicine has never been known to fail in any case of this kind, and is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. Buy it now. For sale by Leonard the druggist.

Farmers bring in your repair work for spring. I will save you 20% as I have the time and am prepared to do the work. Paul Nordwig.

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COURT IS ON AT FAIRFAX

FIFTY CASES ON DOCKET FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

200 WITNESSES TO BE HEARD

Considerable Enthusiasm Has Been Experienced Over the Calling of a Grand Jury and Many Cases Will be Investigated by This Body.

Fairfax, S. D., June 12.—Special to The News: District court commenced in Gregory county today, Judge E. G. Smith presiding.

There are about fifty cases on the docket and 200 witnesses will be present during the session.

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NIORRARA WILL CELEBRATE.

Business Men of That Place Decided Last Night on Fireworks.

Niobrara, Neb., June 12.—Special to The News: At a meeting of citizens last evening it was decided to have the biggest Fourth of July celebration that Niobrara has had for four years. E. A. Fry was selected as chairman and J. P. Forsythe secretary. Novel features will be worked up, among them being a bus trip to Niobrara Island park, the future chautauqua of the northwest. F. Nelson, F. Opocensky and J. P. Forsythe were selected as finance committee. W. Marshall, E. H. Lutt, G. G. Bayha, Geo. W. Chambers and George L. Adams were selected as the executive committee. It was an enthusiastic meeting, much after old times.

Advice to Travelers.

Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Change of drinking water and diet often cause bowel troubles, for which this remedy is especially intended. It cannot be obtained on board the cars or steamship. For sale by Leonard the druggist.

TAKEN TO MADISON.

Miller Went to Jail There in Default of \$200 Bond.

Constable Jas. Conley took John L. Miller to the county jail at Madison yesterday. Miller was bound over to the district court for drawing a check upon a bank in which he had no funds. In default of a \$200 bond he will have to remain in the county bastille.

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