

MISSOURI HAS ASYLUM SCANDAL

Attendants at the Nevada Institution Must Answer Questions. Nevada, Mo., Dec. 8.—The practice of allowing insane patients to care for other patients in the state hospital for the insane here probably will be thoroughly investigated at the inquiry to be held by Dr. J. W. Lamson, the superintendent.

Dr. Lamson's investigation is a result of the death last Tuesday of John Riley, an aged patient, who suffered a week with ten broken ribs and died without medical attention. The examination of several attendants was to have begun this morning, but was postponed because of the absence of Dr. O. W. Rooks, who has charge of the men's wing of the institution. Dr. Rooks is in Kansas City, but he is expected to return to Nevada tonight.

Upon his return all of the attendants who may know something regarding the circumstances of the death of John Riley will be asked to make additional statements which will be typewritten and kept. The attendants who testified at the coroner's inquest were able to throw no light on the affair. Dr. Lamson was not satisfied with the testimony and will ask for additional statements.

"It seems to me that Riley, perhaps, came to his death by violence from a patient rather than from an attendant," Dr. Lamson said this morning. "Whenever possible the more normal patients are allowed to care for others, but only when an attendant is present. It is only natural that the attendants should become negligent and shirk their work, allowing patients to perform some duties. In cases where the assisting patients are under the observation of the attendants there is no objection, but some of the old attendants know all of the tricks of the business and may take advantage of the willingness of active patients.

"It is hard, however, to get any definite information from an attendant or patient. Formerly, I understand, if an attendant should report any neglect or inefficiency of another attendant the informer was ostracized by his fellows. This condition prevails in all institutions of this character, and I presume we are not free from it here. By examination of attendants and the questioning of patients I hope to gather some straws here and there that may form accurate clues."

The death of John Riley recalls in Nevada a somewhat similar incident. Dr. V. O. Williams, who lives here, was an assistant physician at the hospital about three years ago when a patient died under mysterious circumstances.

"A young man was brought to the hospital from Jasper county, I believe, and died the night he arrived," Dr. Williams said this morning. "When he arrived he was apparently healthy, except his mental condition. His death resulted in an investigation, and either four or six attendants were dismissed the next morning by Dr. L. H. Callaway, who was then superintendent.

"I don't recall what the coroner's verdict was in the case, but at the hospital we believed the man had been choked to death, since there was no other good explanation of his death. There was not enough information to issue warrants against any one, but the attendants were discharged because of the mystery surrounding the death."

CUTS CANCER WITH CURRENT.

Baltimore Surgeon Uses French Method of Killing Growth. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 8.—For the first time in this country the electrical method of Dr. E. Doyen, the eminent French surgeon, was employed today by Dr. G. Hanes at St. Luke's hospital when he removed a large cancerous growth from the mouth of John Lookingbill of Carroll county. The operation also included the removal of growth from other parts of the patient's face. Hot sterilized air, just below the burning point, first was applied to soften the tissues and make the application of the electricity more thorough in its work.

"Fulguration" is the name of the Doyen method of applying electricity to cancerous tissues. It is the most thorough system of treating the disease, as electrical currents can penetrate and kill the growth in a manner not permissible with the surgeon's knife. The current as applied is arranged specially for this kind of work. So delicate are the instruments used that they have to be hermetically sealed to prevent their injury while the room is being fumigated after an operation.

The vaccine used in the case today was supplied by Professor Doyen from his laboratory in Paris. It was composed of micrococci, forms, which is one of the bacteria found in all cancerous growths, and is believed by Doyen to be the cause of the taking on of new growth. The patient will be vaccinated hypodermically with antitoxin for six months following the operation, and at that time the treatment will be dispensed with, provided the growth shows no signs of returning.

Three years has been the time limit set by the best surgeons of the world for a recurrence of cancerous growth after removal, and as that time limit has passed with no appearance of the growths in several operations performed by him, Professor Doyen has reported to the French Academy of Surgery that he has such absolute confidence in his method of treating the disease that he practically is assured of its absolute success.

New Germ Named "Proteus." London, Dec. 4.—The Paris correspondent of the Chronicle says Professor Metchnikoff of the Pasteur institute has discovered the microbe of gastro-enteritis and has named it "Proteus." It was found in immense numbers on the outer skin of fruit and vegetables, in butter, and upon the rind of most cheese. It can exist upon the human skin.

"Doc" Lewis' Ranch Sold.

Herrick Press: The east section of the Lewis ranch adjoining Herrick was sold at execution sale at Fairfax last Monday, on judgment rendered at the last session of the circuit court, in favor of Mrs. K. C. Lewis and in the sum of \$10,000 and interest accrued, amounting in all to \$13,000. There being no other bidders the land was bought in by Mrs. Lewis at the amount of the mortgage and interest. The east section of this large ranch contains the Lewis residence, stables, corrals and the principal portion of the improvements of the entire place and is valued at \$38,000. Dr. W. F. Lewis came to this country in an early day and was married to Kliva C. Lamoureux, who is of French and Indian lineage, in the proportion of about one quarter Sioux to three quarters of French blood, which gave her the right to an allotment of land under the government's Indian allotment system.

Still Growing Radishes. Creston Statesman: Joe Louis is still pulling radishes from his garden, and supplied the Thanksgiving tables at the Thurston hotel with a fine quality of his product. He has five beds of radishes which will mature within a few days, and if Jack Frost shall be only half way decent Mr. Louis is confident that he will be eating radishes of his own growing as late as Christmas day. His radishes are growing in the open air, just as they do in summer time, but he puts them to bed at night and tucks in the covers well.

Depot Quarantined. Creston Statesman: The railroad depot and all contents was placed under quarantine Tuesday evening, on account of one of Agent H. Kemper's children having diphtheria. We now have a new agent, and two box cars for a passenger and freight depot. Waiting room accommodations are not the best, but must answer the purpose for awhile.

Electric Lights for Gregory. Gregory Times: Gregory will have electric lights in the near future. That much is now assured. On Monday night the city council will be asked to grant a franchise to an electric light company that is being formed and \$7,000 worth of stock has already been subscribed. The Homestead Land company has been approached by a number of citizens and the proposition put up to them for the use of their new building for the plant, and they will grant the use of part of it for that purpose. The new electric light company is not yet incorporated, but will be at once. Ten thousand dollars is needed for the plant, and enough is now in sight to insure going ahead with the organization. The stockholders will control the company. A thoroughly competent electrical engineer is here this week looking over the ground and will take hold of the plant. As soon as the stock is subscribed work will be begun on the plant.

Mayor's Side of Cow Case. Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 7.—Editor News: You have published two articles concerning my arrest on the charge of grand larceny, but in neither article have you stated the facts. In the last article it is stated that sentiment in this community is divided, inferring thereby that there might be some reasons for suspecting me guilty of the offense. I, therefore, ask you to publish a full statement of all the facts connected therewith. There is a bitter factional fight in Bonesteel, which has arisen through no fault of mine, but which exists, nevertheless, and which has entered into this unpleasantness. At the city election last April A. P. Hendrickson was nominated for mayor at a city caucus, and he represented the crowd who has had control of the city government since the opening of the Rosebud reservation in 1904. I was nominated by the other faction as the opposing candidate. On the face of the returns Hendrickson was elected by a majority. I contested his election, and after a trial I was declared elected, and Mr. Hendrickson was removed from office. Since then my opponents have left no stone unturned to annoy and harass me in the administration of the office.

Now, as to the facts in this case: Last August a man named Bailey passed through this city on his way to Bristow, Neb. He formerly lived on a farm on the Sully plains. Among his belongings was an old cow, which became so sick while driving to this town that he was compelled to abandon her a mile or two west of here. The cow wandered into town and was on the streets for several days. She was very sick and offensive, and considered absolutely worthless. No one seemed to know to whom she belonged, only that she had been abandoned by emigrants passing through the city. The cow was a public nuisance. Numerous complaints were made to the chief of police. The city has provided no pound. The chief of police hired a boy and paid him 25 cents to drive her two miles out of the city; in a day or two she came back; complaints were again made, and the chief of police came to me, as mayor, for instructions. She was in such a shape that it was considered advisable to kill her, but I finally determined to send her to my pasture, three miles north of the city, where she has been ever since, and where the owner is welcome to get her at any time.

There was nothing secret about her removal. The chief of police and many other citizens knew where she was. I never made a claim of ownership to this cow, and would have been glad had some one claimed her and taken her away. No one ever asked me about the cow, and I did not know that Mr. Crawford or any one claimed to own her until a few minutes before I was arrested.

It seems that William L. Crawford

of this city was acquainted with Mr. Dalley, and some time after the cow had been left here he wrote to Dalley and got a bill of sale for her. The bill of sale was prepared at Bristow, Neb., and signed by both Dalley and his wife. Mr. Crawford or no one of his friends has ever offered a single reason for getting this bill of sale, as it was entirely unnecessary. Their motive is only too obvious. At the hearing Mr. Crawford swore that he gave \$25 for the cow. On cross-examination he testified that it was not in money; that Dalley owed him something, and then he boarded with him for a day or two when he was loading his goods, and the cow was given to him in settlement. He did not deem a bill of sale necessary when the cow was turned over to him, or until he thought of swearing out the complaint.

He admitted that he made no demand on me for the cow or ever spoke to me about her, but as soon as he heard she was in my pasture, and that I had hired a boy to take her out there, he swore out a warrant for my arrest. The hearing was before County Judge Charles A. Davis, who, after hearing the testimony for the state summarily dismissed the charge.

I never considered the cow worth a cent excepting for her hide. No one thought of claiming ownership while the cow was running at large on the streets of the city annoying the citizens. Does any fair minded citizen believe there was any ground for my arrest? The whole matter was so obviously malicious that the county judge did not hesitate to dismiss the charge. Yours respectfully, A. W. Lintecum.

To Open Dakota Land. Washington, Dec. 8.—Chairman Burke, of the Indian committee, introduced bills opening Bennett county, in the Pine Ridge reservation, and Mellette county, in the Rosebud reservation, to settlement. These bills affect about 1,500,000 acres, being some of the most desirable lands in the state. The new features in these bills drafted by Mr. Burke reserve certain timber lands and ten acres in each township for public purposes. He also provides that twenty per cent of the proceeds from the sale of the lands be set apart for the construction of school houses and other public buildings.

Mr. Burke also introduced a bill amending the Burke act of 1906 by changing the practice of administering Indian estates in probate courts. The bill provides that the proceeds from the sale of inherited lands may be expended or invested by the secretary of the interior as he may determine to the best interests of the Indians. It makes it unlawful for cattle or other live stock purchased to be sold except under the regulations of the interior department. Another provision makes it unlawful to negotiate for the purchase of any Indian allotment or the taking of any deed or contract affecting the same before the issuance of a patenting fee.

Review of Decision Written by Justice Whiting. Pierre, S. D., Dec. 8.—In the decision of the supreme court in the application of George W. Egan for reinstatement to membership of the bar of the state the decision was written by Justice Whiting and concurred in by Justice McCoy and Justice Smith. On account of the peculiar conditions in relation to the case Justices Carson and Haney took no part in the decision. Justice Whiting, in his opinion, which covers fifty typewritten pages, goes not only into the legal phases of the case, but in fact includes practically a complete history of the affairs in which Mr. Egan has been concerned, which led up to the present situation. He takes up first the legal phases of the case, then shows in detail the tactics of Egan in carrying on his campaign, both in the newspapers and in other manner, in his attacks upon the integrity of the courts of the state and the judges of such courts. In one part of the opinion, he assumes that it is fortunate that a majority of the present membership of the court has come to the bench since the disbarment of the applicant. And this majority alone acted after a review of the record in all the different phases of the case, leaving the members who had been attacked personally by Egan entirely out of the present case, thus cutting that individual off from an opportunity to declare the present decision a part of the "conspiracy" to crush him, continuing in their former line of action.

The newspaper articles and clippings in which Egan attacks Justices Haney and Carson are quoted freely and set up as one good reason why such a man is not a proper person to be a member of the bar of the state. His record and pleadings in the hearing in which he was disbarred are shown to be in large part assertion, with nothing tangible to sustain the allegations made by Egan in his applications and petitions.

Justice McCoy concurs in a short special opinion, in which he concurs fully with the opinion written by Justice Whiting, in which he holds that his accusations against the courts of the state show his moral unfitness to be an attorney of the court, while Justice Smith simply concurs in the opinions expressed by Justices Whiting and McCoy, after a careful consideration of all the records in the case.

The disbarment of Egan was on the grounds of "moral unfitness," and the justices, who have all come to the bench since that decision was rendered, after a careful examination of the record and other matters connected with the case, have unanimously come to the conclusion that the decision disbarring him should stand.

Taft Heads Red Cross. Washington, Dec. 8.—President Taft was re-elected president of the Amer-

ican Red Cross and presided for a time over the fifth annual meeting of the association held in the memorial hall of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

BALDWIN ESTATE 10 1/2 MILLIONS. Some of "Lucky's" Realty Didn't Bring What He Paid for It. San Francisco, Dec. 8.—The estate of "Lucky" Baldwin, popularly supposed to have been worth 20 million dollars, has been found by appraisal to amount to 10 1/2 million dollars. The heirs in San Francisco have received a preliminary report through their attorneys. There was some surprise, but it was pointed out that the Los Angeles realty had been taken up for smaller sums than were now being realized in actual sales.

BEWARE OF THE COLD BATH. The Sudden Shock Dangerous to the Health, Prof. L. L. Dyche Says. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 8.—If you are in the habit of taking a cold water bath every morning or even just once in a while, quit it. That is the advice of Prof. L. L. Dyche of the state university, who was in Topeka today. "Don't listen to the advice of physicians or any one else who suggests cold water plunges," Professor Dyche said. "They are harmful. The bath to take is one that is in water just as warm as a person can stand. Dry yourself thoroughly after your dip and use a little precaution about exposing yourself to the air too soon.

"The cold bath gives a nervous shock and I presume that no one will contend that that sort of thing is beneficial. The warm bath brings the blood to the surface and stimulates circulation. At one time I had a foolish notion about cold baths and took them. They injured my health."

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The decline in the relative birth rate of Great Britain is shown by the latest figures to be greater than in France. The decline in population is not so great here as in France, for the number of deaths is far smaller, in proportion to the population, in England than in France. But in Germany, the country whose statistics England studies with a more jealous interest than any other, the increase in population, both by birth and immigration, is constant.

For many years the preponderance of unmarried women in England has been a source of some anxiety to moralists and theorists. The fact that the island is an "old maids' country," as it has been described, has been attributed largely to the great number of men who go as bachelors to the British colonies. The new figures have transformed the anxiety into genuine alarm, for they show that the increase in population is not proportionate even with the number of marriages.

Sir Jervoise A. Baines took this subject for the text of an address which he has just made as president of the Royal Statistical society in the Royal United Service institution.

Haskell Ready for Trial. Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 8.—Defendants in the Muskogee land lot case, including Governor Haskell, announced here they were ready for trial. No date has been set for the trials, but they will probably come up during the January term of the federal court. Attorneys for the defendants made application to Thomas Ryan, acting secretary of the interior, for records in the townsite cases. They were informed that the matter would be considered by the department at once.

Northwest Weddings. Albert H. Wilson and Miss Maude Taylor were married at Lamro. George Frand and Miss Anna Heron were married at Verdigris. Miss Rosy Wills and Charles McDonald were married at Madison. Miss Florence Martin and Arthur Binson were married at Elgin. Clifford C. Peters and Miss Ada Herman were married at Nickerson. Paul Honke and Miss Emma Ertz were married at Butte. John Peterson and Miss Lottie Ellis were married at Butte. Edward A. Kusseluth and Miss Alma A. Frazier were married at Long Pine.

Nelgh Register: County Judge Wilson issued the following marriage licenses: Arthur R. Binson, Albion, and Miss Florence C. Martin of Elgin; Hans Henry Christianson and Miss Martha E. Snider of Okadale; Arthur Burge of O'Neill, and Miss Bessie J. Brittell of Nelgh; Arthur F. Sparks and Miss Agnes Hestella Hering of Royal; Henry Glocke of Bradish and Miss Marie Dohse of Clearwater; Jay Ames and Miss Florence Mabel Worden of Nelgh; Roy B. Bentley of Nelgh and Mrs. Minnie D. Lathrop of Ewing.

Gregory County News: Wedding licenses have been issued to the following: Hugh A. Coughlin and Barbara Drey of Herrick; William E. Reid of Norfolk Junction, Neb., and Alma E. Yates of Dallas; Henry Axlund and Miss Mary A. Casey of Dallas; Mark Slaley and Mary Baestel of Herrick; Frank J. Varara and Miss Tony Varar of Gregory; Frank Meyer and Gladys Barnhart of Dallas. Miss Alda Chivers and Albert Pohlman were married at Pierre. Paul C. Butler and Miss Otellie C. Gardels were married at Battle Creek. John Zimmer and Miss Tillie Donnissee of Pierre were married at Humphrey.

Jay Ames and Miss Mabel Worden were married at Nelgh. Miss Rachel Shaner and Clyde E. McCoy were married at Ainsworth. Henry Axlund and Miss Helen Casey were married at Gregory. Miss Hattie Dawson and Floyd E. Cole were married at Ewing. Miss Estella M. Prosser and Vern S. Nichols were married at Ewing.

Raises Fund for the Poor. C. H. Groesbeck is going to be Santa Claus again this year, as he was last, to Norfolk's poor. Though there aren't many families in the city who are in distress, there are a few who need help of one sort and another, and Mr. Groesbeck has volunteered his time toward raising a charitable fund to be used intelligently in relieving those who are deserving.

Mr. Groesbeck started out Wednesday and within a comparatively few minutes had raised \$16.25. This fund has been placed in trust at The News office and Mr. Groesbeck wishes that all those willing to give would hand their subscription either to him, to Harry Hartford at Leonard's drug store, or to The News. Sums of 25 cents to \$1 are wanted. Not more than \$1 is desired. Later the fund will be placed in the bank, to be used judiciously.

Following is the list of contributions which Mr. Groesbeck raised within an hour Tuesday: Gund Brewing Co. \$2.00, Emil Koehn 1.00, Martin Sporn 1.00, Ed Benning 1.00, E. M. Ziesche .50

SICKNESS NOT RESPECTABLE. Cheerful Promise of Dr. Fletcher, Who Says Mouth is Source of Woe. New York, Dec. 8.—"In five years from now it will not be considered respectable to be sick."

Many more such cheerful promises as this one were made by Dr. Horace Fletcher, the famous exponent of rational eating, who has made his term "Fletcherism" familiar on both sides of the Atlantic, just before he sailed with his wife and companion on the steamship Saxonia for a cruise to Gibraltar, Genoa and Naples.