

LINCOLN.

Miscellaneous Incidents Picked up at the State Capital.

Preparations for the Enforcement of the New Railroad Laws.

The Personnel of the Commission Provided—Holders of Public Lands Must Come to the Scratch.

THE DAY AT LINCOLN.

GENERAL NOTES. Reported by The Bee's Bureau. LINCOLN, Neb., June 5.—The railroad commissioners at present are very busy arranging for their new duties, which begin on tomorrow, the 6th inst. The expected-to-be secretaries are C. H. Gere, of Lincoln, editor of the State Journal; then Cowdry, of Columbus, who for some time has been connected with the revenue department under Judge Post; and Mr. Bushaw, of Blue Hill, lately county treasurer of Webster county. It is understood they will be required to devote their entire time, or so much of it as may prove necessary, to the duties of the office.

The county commissioners are progressing slowly with the assessment lists and county road matters. Plenty of rain and warm weather are making the corn growers feel happy. Lincoln's stone pile is a little too large and her milk men are endeavoring to make a town a real healthy one for the average tramp.

The state fair grounds committee are pushing the completion of the work on the grounds and long before the day for opening everything will be in first-class shape for a first-class fair.

P. H. Kent and wife, Orleans; J. Englehart, Wahoo, and W. E. Wells, of Seward, are at the Commercial.

G. N. Carpenter and wife, York; F. N. Craven, Marquette, Ia.; C. B. Litton, Fairbury, are at the Gorham.

A. H. Kohlemmer, of Burlington, a prominent neuritic man, is at the Gorham. J. V. Minton, private secretary to the Hon. George H. Pendleton who has recently been appointed minister to Berlin, is registered at the Gorham house.

A glove contest between Driscoll and Haley will take place at the opera house about 23d of this month.

The Methodist Sabbath school, in connection with the public schools, will enjoy an excursion picnic to Melford next Saturday, the train leaving Lincoln at 9 o'clock, returning at 6 p. m. The state university band will accompany the picnic party.

The Nebraska stock yards company are arranging to complete their yards and provide a system of water works for the same.

Mr. M. D. Folk of Plattsmouth, will leave here Monday for the west with quite a party of land seekers.

The departments at the state house are all busy with routine work, the census bureau working ten hours a day.

The land commissioner has decided to comply fully with the law in relation to public lands, and is now serving notices. The provisions given to the state by the act are parties have purchased school lands or lots and are delinquent twelve months or over, or where leases have been made and they are delinquent six months or over they must pay up, relinquish, or their rights will be forfeited.

Parties holding purchases or leases have six months from date of notice to comply with the same.

The citizens of Norfolk have complied with their part of the contract in securing the insurance policy placed in the hands of the commissioner a deed for \$29,999 of land.

The citizens of Beatrice have also secured a deed for the location of the beatrice state, and at their next meeting, on the 9th of June, both locations will be set upon.

Among to-day's prominent arrivals were: E. A. Harris, Sidney; J. W. Lind, Omaha; James Holman, Omaha; C. W. Sheldon, Holdrege, at the Gorham.

A stranger to the crowd ways of the city entered a woman's doubtful rectitude, owned by colored girls, on O street last night and lost his watch. One of the girls was arrested, but the man could not be located.

A man from Kansas was robbed of \$22 at the Lincoln house to-night.

A test of the new water works yesterday evening resulted favorably and it is believed to be satisfactory to all.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Within Two Seconds of Being Sent Into the Eternal World—A Miraculous Escape.

Mrs. Amelia Dasher, the lady who received serious injuries yesterday afternoon in the freight elevator of S. C. Ochoard's carpet store, was reported at a late hour last night as resting easy and in a particularly dangerous condition. Mrs. Dasher will probably never realize how very near she was to the end of her career, and she will be glad to know more. She said an employe of the store to a Bee reporter, 'And she would have been sent to her eternal home.' The particulars in detail are these: Mrs. Dasher had been working about two weeks in the sewing department of the basement story, which is located in the rear part of the building. Yesterday she expressed a desire to look through the department where all the fine carpets, fancy rugs, etc., are kept, which is located on the second floor above ground. Mrs. Mary Devitte, who has charge of the sewing force, started with Mrs. Dasher to the second floor through the fine department. They went upstairs in the freight elevator, and on arriving at the second floor Mrs. Devitte stopped out, supposing that Mrs. Dasher knew how to stop the elevator and would do so before she attempted to leave it. But instead she started to get out, and the elevator will go on its course upward. Seeing the perilous position she was fast getting herself into Mrs. Dasher gave a scream, which attracted the attention of Mrs. Devitte, and she also screamed. A man in the basement heard them, and knowing at once that something terrible was about to happen, he ran almost the full length of the long room and stopped the elevator just in time to prevent it from crushing the head of Mrs. Dasher into a jelly. As it was she received very severe injuries, having an ugly gash cut in the back part of her head, and also one on the right side of her face. When loosened from the death trap she fell fainting back on the floor, with blood gushing from her head and face in a stream. After coming to, however, she was calm, and apparently suffered no very great pain. Dr. Sweetman was called in and dressed her injuries. She was removed to her home, No. 907 Hickory street.

Mr. Hayden's Retirement.

The following circular has been sent out by Mr. H. W. Yates, president of the Nebraska National bank, under date of June 1st:

At a meeting of the directors of the Nebraska National bank, held May 25th, Mr. Kent K. Hayden resigned as acting cashier,

BOUND TO BE BIG.

The Prospects of Omaha Becoming an Important Stock Market.

Predictions of Men Who Are Engaged in the Business—Extra Prices for Cattle and Hogs—An Immense Country to Draw From.

ON THE RAIL.

An Interesting Collection of News Relating to Railroads and Railroad Men.

THE UNION PACIFIC COMPANY IS PREPARING TO erect a large oil tank at this city.

Mr. J. Dickey and F. B. Drake left for Boston yesterday to attend a meeting of telegraph men from all over the country. Speaking on the subject of freight rates, and how hard it is to establish a uniform schedule of rates all around, a prominent railroad man handed the Bee's railroad reporter the following item yesterday, taken from the St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Yesterday saw another phase of the war of rates developed, the point of attack this time being wool. Rates have given gradually, all of the roads keeping pretty well in line. Yesterday, however, some road, very anxious for the business, suddenly dropped the rates to Boston, Philadelphia and New York to 40 cents, the agreed rate being 65 cents. There was a scuttling among the other roads, and two of them met the reduction, but refused to become party to it and declared themselves out of the market. The road accused of making the original cut is the Chicago & Alton, and it is stated that it will restore rates to the old agreed basis—65 cents.

The Northwestern's Sioux City & Pacific extension has reached a point eight-eight miles beyond Valentine, and White river will probably be reached by the middle of July, although the contract does not call for it until August 1. Fifty miles of grading are ready for the track, and the most difficult part of the road to construct has been passed. The surveyors are still at work clear beyond the proposed terminus, and have located the road through northwestern Wyoming.

It is said that they will remain in the field until they are voyaged to Ogden.

The same scuttling trick that was inaugurated here about three weeks ago, of making railroad men out of greenhorns by borrowing four dollars from them with which to secure their lantern and switch key, is also being worked at various points along the Pacific.

Two gawks were taken in on the track at Grand Island yesterday morning.

The story of a Union Pacific conductor as told by him to the Bee reporter, yesterday, describes how two English crooks are working a swindling scheme on passengers along that road. It is what is known as the 'meerschaum' pipe racket.

By projecting the individual they desire to work on, one of them will go up to him with an old imitation meerschaum pipe worth about 15 cents, and proceed to spin out the most pitiful yarn imaginable about being dead broke, half starved, far from home, and in such desperate straits that he is compelled to part with the most cherished piece of property he ever owned. 'That beautiful meerschaum pipe which was a present to his great grandfather and has been kept in the family ever since'

course he also tells the sucker what a fabulous meerschaum pipe he cost, and how, after driving a desperado will part with it for \$250. About that time the other crook puts in an appearance, hears what his pal says, examines the pipe, and offers to give \$14 for it, whereupon the guy they are after becomes interested, and he begins to bid. In this way they get as much as the man could give for the pipe. A man from Kansas was robbed of \$22 at the Lincoln house to-night.

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WILDWATERS.

Destruction to Railroad Tracks and Bridges—The 'Old Muddy' Looming Up.

Yesterday the Union Pacific road was carrying all Denver & Rio Grande passengers on route to Salt Lake City, from Denver, and the cause for this was made so by reason of a bad washout on the latter road somewhere away up in the mountains. It seems that the heavy rains of night before last extended all over the western country, but was much harder in some places than others. A 300 foot bridge, that crosses the Galatine river, in the Northwestern road was washed away, and along the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road, between here and Sioux City the storm was so severe that the water rushed down gulches, ravines and low places, with such force and in such torrents that in many places the road bed was washed away, leaving the ties and rails suspended above solid ground, thus delaying trains several hours until the damages could be repaired. The heaviest of the rain fell between Calhoun and Dakota. But very little of it reached Sioux City. The old Missouri river is beginning to rise quite rapidly and it is expected that within the next two or three days she will be booming full. Yesterday the gauge marked nine feet six inches above high water mark and the fluid is thick with mud.

The following transfers were filed June 2, with the county clerk and reported for the Bee by Ames' real estate agency:

David N Miller to Isabelle J Ballou, \$475; deed lot 33 in sw 1/4 sec 15, 15 \$3,800.

John I Redick and wife to Mary J Rose w d n of lots 11 and 12 block 1 in sd subdivision of John I Redick's add to Omaha \$1000.

Augusta Kouziss and wife to William Cooze w d l of block 10 Kouziss's add to Omaha \$250.

George H Boggs and wife and others to Joseph Shizwaki w d l of block 4 Arbor Place \$250.

Ferdinand Stritzel and wife to Francis D Cooper w d l of block 479 Grand View add to Omaha \$900.

The work of curbing and guttering on Cuming street, preparatory to extending the paving of that thoroughfare, has been commenced. The water works company is also engaged on that street in a very different piece of work—that of lowering its pipe without breaking a joint or stopping the flow of water.

LAST OF THE SEASON.

Another of the Popular and Delightful Musicals Given.

The last of the ladies' musicals for the season was given last evening at Meyer's hall, and proved to be one of the most enjoyable. An exceptionally fine programme was rendered, each and every member being selected with great care and executed with skillful correctness. Following is the order in which the performers appeared:

Sonata, op. 68 (for piano and violin) Allegro scherzoso. Mendelssohn. Miss Wheeler and Mr. Sauer. Songs—'My Father's Home' by Mrs. C. E. Squires. 'The First Violet' by Miss Georgia Bouler. 'The Laurel and the Rose' by Mrs. Nye and Miss Estabrook. 'Grell Air on the String' by Miss Willehelmina Spinning. 'Polonaise' by Mrs. Sauer. 'Mignon Polonaise' by Miss Rothchild. 'Ever Near Thee' by Miss Wheeler with violin obligato by Mr. Sauer.

These musicals have not only been a great source of refined and social enjoyment to those who were honored with the distinction of taking part in them, but it is a noteworthy fact that each and every member received immeasurable benefit from them in an educational way. They will be renewed again for another season in the early part of next autumn.

Officers Elected.

The Fair Association directory held a meeting yesterday, and elected as officers the following gentlemen: Joseph Garneau, president; Dan Wheeler, secretary; C. F. Goodman, treasurer.

—Officer Green was called on last night to quell a small riot at the City hotel, corner of Tenth and Harnes streets, and he made the arrest of George Jacobin, who had thrown a beer keg through one of the hotel windows.

—The Thomson-Houston electric light company yesterday secured a lease of Mercer's brick building on Eleventh street, between Capital avenue and Dodge streets, in which to place their machinery.

—An excursion party of Iowa editors will reach Omaha Monday and leave for a trip to the Pacific coast.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

All advertisements in the special columns will be charged at the rate of 10 cents per line for the first insertion, and 7 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. No advertisement will be inserted for less than 25 cents or the first time.

TO LOAN—MONEY.

MONEY TO LOAN. By Geo. P. Bemis, at the lowest rates of interest. 301-41

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