

A STEAL IN SEWER WORK

How Eighty Sacks of Cement Were "Saved" in a Day.

AN EX-EMPLOYEE TELLS THE TALE.

When the Inspector's Back Was Turned They "Choked" in Sand - Hegarty Talk - Teachers' Institutes, Etc.

LINCOLN INQUIRY OF THE OMAHA BEE, 1029 P STREET, LINCOLN, JUNE 14.

The investigation committee met at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Messrs. Hamilton, Pace, McLaughlin, Bushnell and Dean were present. Attorney Courtney represented the committee.

Henry M. Allen testified in regard to construction of storm water sewers. "I worked on all storm water sewers; worked mixing mortar; worked all the time."

"State where the sand for mortar came from."

"In the First district from Cedar creek. Second district sand from Pomeroy Coal company, and from Young's. The rest came from the ditch at Eighth and K street. For the Third district the sand came from Latham and the ditch."

"How was the sand and cement mixed?"

"When the inspector was looking it was mixed as called for, two to one of sand. When he was looking it was mixed ten to one of sand. I was instructed to watch the inspector, and when his back was turned to use as little cement as possible. I have since figured it up, and I think we saved the contractors ten or fifteen sacks of cement a day. I worked on the third district, or part of it."

"How were the bricks that were used in the sewers?"

"Just about medium."

"What kind of brick were used in the catch basin?"

"When the inspector was not looking, we used soft bricks. When he was looking we used hard bricks."

"How about the catch basin at McFarland's?"

"It was built almost entirely of bats."

"How much cement was used?"

"If the inspector was not looking, not over a half bucketful."

"Would they say the inspector, then they would cement?"

"Yes, until they saw the inspector, then they would cement."

"Did you have any trouble with Miller or Lucas about the work and your discharge?"

"No, sir."

"And you are not testifying because of personal matters?"

"Not at all."

"How did you do the mixing?"

"Whenever the inspector was away from our gang we would pile in the sand; when he was with us the other gang would work it the same way. These were our orders. Think all of us saved the contractors about eighty sacks a day. I think we saved about one-third of the cement."

"The contractors, they said sand was the cheapest, and to use it when we could."

"What wages did you get a day?"

"Two dollars."

"Why were you laid off from the work?"

"They reduced the force, and I suppose that was the reason."

"All the work in the cement and using bats was a system to beat the city, was it?"

"Did you think it was a system?"

"No, I did not; but I did as my employers told me."

**Tired Regents.**

Aspirants for the regency of the state university will have a free field for the republican nominations next fall. Regents Mallin and Hull, who have been attending a board meeting in Lincoln this week, declare themselves out of the race for re-nomination. They have had enough, and say they will not accept a re-nomination. There is nothing in the position but honor and bare expenses. The board has two regular and generally two special meetings each year. Regent Mallin says these meetings consume the time which he would otherwise use as a vacation, and he has not been able to revisit his eastern home for several years. The alumni of the university are likely to take a hand in the contest for the republican nomination this year. Individual graduates urged McAllister, of Columbus, two and four years ago, but there was no organized fight among the graduates as a body. At the meeting of the alumni association this week the matter was discussed, and it is understood the graduates determined on an organized campaign to boost two of their number into the republican nominations.

**The Wesleyan Commencement.**

The Wesleyan University will hold its first commencement, commencing next Sunday, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon. It is learned that the Theosophical society will be omitted, owing to the fact that Bishop Vincent can not be present. The chancellor's reception will be held Wednesday evening, to which the friends of the institution are cordially invited. With the single exception of Bishop Warren's address, which will be given at St. Paul's church, the exercises will be held at University Place. The commencement programme is as follows:

8 p. m.—Baccalaureate sermon, by the chancellor.

11 a. m.—Annual love feast, led by Prof. C. M. Ellsworth.

MONDAY, JUNE 17.

Morning—Examinations begin.

9 p. m.—Anniversary Ophiathan society.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18.

Morning—Examinations continued.

2:30 p. m.—Art reception.

8:30 p. m.—Annual meeting of the board of trustees.

8 p. m.—Inaugural jubilee at St. Paul's church. Address by Bishop W. Warren, D. D., L. L. D.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19.

9:30 p. m.—Recital by the departments of elocution and music.

8 p. m.—The chancellor's reception.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20.

Hon. J. S. Hoagland, of North Platte, has applied to the supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus to secure, if possible, the liberty of Jefferson Long, who is now in jail for the murder of Richard and Emily Bascomb, of Lincoln county. The writ was formally applied for yesterday afternoon, and the case will be argued before the present sitting of the court to-day.

The case was submitted on briefs, and rests without oral argument. As the case is most peculiar in character, a brief synopsis is presented, together with the law points involved in the application for the writ. On the morning of April 1, 1888, the dwelling house of his alleged victims was burned to the ground. Among the debris the remains of two human beings were found, supposed to have been those of Henry and Emily Bascomb. It was thought, were murdered before the burning of the house. The case ever since, and ever person remotely suspected of being connected with the crime was examined. It finally developed that the case was a mystery. When the grand jury met in March, 1890, one Eugene Meyers ap-

peared as a voluntary witness and testified that his brother, Ernest Meyers, had told him that he had killed the Bascombs, and fled to the house, and that Jefferson Long had helped him to commit the double crime. On that testimony the grand jury indicted Ernest Meyers for the murder of the Bascombs, and Jefferson Long as an accessory before the fact. Before Eugene Meyers gave this testimony his brother Ernest had disappeared, and nothing has ever been heard of him since. Like Tassoni, he has been arrested dozens of times in dozens of places, but officers of the law have always failed to show up with him. On the October term of the district court in Lincoln county, Long was tried and convicted of murdering the parties as charged and sentenced to hang the following May. The case was taken to the supreme court and reversed. It is charged that the rulings of Judge Hamer were so manifestly biased that the court was a unit for reversal. In April, 1888, a new grand jury was called and a new indictment presented against Long, charging him with aiding and abetting in the commission of the murder. The grand jury, with having committed the murder. All other indictments were nolle. At the December term Long was again tried, and Judge Hamer was a jury, but on finding the jury stood eleven for acquittal and one for conviction, and without the consent of the defendant, the jurors were discharged from service. The defendant demanded an immediate retrial, but was refused, and the case was continued until the May term, 1888. Since the case has been pending, it has been in jail continuously. Now comes his attorneys ask for the writ upon the following points of law: First—The constitution of this state guarantees every man accused of crime a speedy, fair and impartial trial. Second—If any person indicted for any offense, which is held in jail, is not brought to trial before the end of the second term of the court having jurisdiction of the offense, which shall be held after such indictment, found by a grand jury, and discharged, so far as relates to the offense for which he was committed, unless the delay shall happen on application of the prisoner.

Third—That the discharge of the jury in December, 1888, without a verdict and without the consent of the defendant, was a verdict acquittal.

**The Supreme Court.**

Court met today pursuant to adjournment, and Mr. A. L. Squire was admitted to practice. Oral argument in the case of Lindsay vs. Omaha, with leave also to file additional briefs, if desired. In the case of the State ex rel James vs. Lynn, Mr. J. M. Reagan was appointed to take and report the testimony. In the case of Comstock vs. Coie was in the name of J. B. Griffith vs. Smith. Error from the district court of Douglas county. Affirmed; opinion by Chief Justice Reese.

One who is the adverse possession of land does not impair his right to rely upon the statute of limitations by purchasing the same for tax sales and reselling and paying a tax deed therefor, nor does such purchase or recording, or both together, cause a break in the running of the statute of limitations.

**Durland vs. Seiler.** Appeal from the district court of Madison county. Affirmed; opinion by Justice Reese.

**Jeffrey vs. Fleming.** Error from the district court of York county. Affirmed; opinion by Justice Maxwell.

**Schroeder vs. Baker.** Manufacturing company. Error from the district court of Platte county; opinion by Chief Justice Reese.

**Townes vs. Shamp.** Error from the district court of Lancaster county. Reversed and remanded; opinion by Justice Cobb.

**Jones vs. Bates.** Error from the district court of Douglas county. Affirmed; opinion by Justice Maxwell.

**Wilson vs. Butler county.** Error from the district court of Butler county. Reversed and judgment; opinion by Justice Maxwell.

**Muselman vs. Barker.** Error from the district court of Harlan county. Affirmed; opinion by Chief Justice Reese.

**Davis vs. Johnson county.** Affirmed; opinion by Justice Cobb.

**Callender vs. Mary J. Horner.** Error from the district court of Boone county. Affirmed; opinion by Justice Maxwell.

**Johnson vs. Bowman.** Error from the district court of Nempe county. Affirmed; opinion by Chief Justice Reese.

**Callender vs. William Horner.** Error from the district court of Boone county. Affirmed; opinion by Justice Maxwell.

**Wilson vs. Brown.** Error from the district court of Harlan county. Reversed and remanded; opinion by Chief Justice Reese.

**Stato vs. Edwards.** Mandamus. Writ denied; opinion by Justice Maxwell.

**Gilford vs. Famborn.** Error from the district court of Harlan county. Reversed unless remitter of \$18.00 be filed within thirty days; opinion by Chief Justice Reese.

**Page vs. Davis.** Error from the district court of Douglas county. Reversed and remanded; opinion by Justice Maxwell.

**Stato vs. Lauer.** Mandamus. Writ allowed; state was ordered to pay \$100.00; Mandamus was denied; opinion by Chief Justice Reese.

**Red Willow county vs. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad company.** Error from the district court of Red Willow county. Reversed and remanded; opinion by Justice Maxwell.

**L. A. letter carrier in the city of Omaha received a letter directed to "E. E. B. St. Charles hotel, Omaha, Neb.," He delivered the letter to the clerk of the hotel, who signed the receipt. It contained a letter carrier's book, but before the letter was delivered to the person to whom it was addressed, and who was a guest at the hotel, the letter was opened by a postoffice inspector. The letter carrier was required by the postoffice department to pay to the person to whom the letter was addressed the sum of \$100.00 in advance by the carrier against the person to whom he delivered the letter. It was held that a liability existed, and judgment was rendered in favor of the letter carrier was affirmed.**

**County Teacher's Institute.**

The following are the dates and places fixed upon for holding county teacher's institutes for the year 1890:

Neligh, Antelope county, from July 8 to August 5. Conductor, S. A. Boyd; instructors, H. C. Ostlin and S. A. Ostlin.

Hastings, Adams county, from July 23 to August 6. Conductor, A. A. Allen; instructors, W. E. Andrews, J. R. Thornton and J. H. Moulton.

Beaumont, Blaine county, from July 15 to July 22. Conductor, T. C. Peck; instructor, Miss Mary Skilton.

Albion, Boone county, from August 19 to August 26. Conductor, E. A. Enright; instructors, P. W. Grinstead and E. J. Jenkins.

Kearney, Buffalo county, from July 29 to August 5. Conductor, A. S. Sear; instructor, H. A. Hull.

Lincoln, Brown county, from July 29 to August 5. Conductor, J. A. Douglas; instructors, J. S. Van Eaton, J. H. Rogers and J. H. Moulton.

Tokamah, Butte county, from July 8 to July 22. Conductor, E. B. Atkinson; instructor, J. H. Moulton.

David City, Butler county, from July 22 to August 19. Conductor, W. C. Walker; instructor, M. V. Horne.

Augusta, Conductor, M. Sink; instructors, W. W. Drammmond, W. T. Gline and A. E. Walsch.

Sidney, Clay county, from August 19 to September 3. Conductor, W. J. McCoy; instructors, H. W. Alwine and May Carr.

Waverly, Cass county, from July 29 to August 5. Conductor, Anna Prall; instructors, D. G. Robinson and F. G. Prall.

Edgar, Clay county, from July 15 to July 22. Conductor, N. Long; instructors, Alex Stevens, Mrs. E. Manville and J. R. McKee.

Waverly, Colfax county, from August 12 to August 29. Conductor, L. C. Spangher; instructors, A. B. Hughes and P. W. Kaufman.

Waverly, Cass county, from August 19 to September 3. Conductor, D. C. Emley; instructors, H. B. Larrabee and Miss J. H. Knapton.

Beaumont, Blaine county, from July 29 to August 5. Conductor, C. F. Randall; instructors, E. W. Hunt, C. D. Ricketts and H. H. Hunt.

Beaumont, Blaine county, from July 29 to August 5. Conductor, H. B. Larrabee; instructors, W. E. Taylor, J. B. Denton and J. H. Bradburn.

Dakota City, Dakota county, from July 29 to August 5. Conductor, L. Kitch; in-

structors, Prof. James, Prof. Lantry and Miss A. Allen.

Chappell, Deuel county, from August 5 to August 12. Conductor, F. W. Stokes; instructors, O. P. Wattman and T. W. Townsend.

Beaumont, Blaine county, from June 17 to July 15. Conductor, A. E. Clarendon; instructors, W. N. Haiman and Mrs. E. Haiman.

Omaha, Douglas county, from August 12 to August 26. Conductor, J. B. Bruner; instructors, Mrs. Jennie Keyser and Dr. Mary Strong.

Beaumont, Blaine county, from July 22 to August 5. Conductor, W. G. Price; instructor, William Smith.

Geneva, Fillmore county, from August 19 to September 3. Conductor, J. B. Harker; instructors, C. D. Rakestraw and C. H. Chaplin.

Riverport, Franklin county, from August 12 to September 3. Conductor, Mary S. DeGlerio; instructors, Albert G. Owens and Mrs. E. W. Edwards.

Beaumont, Blaine county, from August 5 to August 26. Conductor, A. A. Almond; instructors, W. W. Drammmond, W. H. Skinner and J. A. Smith.

Beaumont, Blaine county, from July 22 to August 5. Conductor, Maria P. Upton; instructors, A. K. Grady, Mrs. Sarah Jenkins and C. G. Poarse.

Beaumont, Blaine county, from July 29 to August 12. Conductor, T. J. Stoetzel; instructors, J. D. Ramsey and S. A. Parks.

Elwood, Gosper county, from August 12 to September 3. Conductor, J. W. Thomas; instructors, A. K. Grady and Thomas Scott.

Grand Island, Hall county, from July 22 to August 19. Conductor, E. A. Edwards; instructors, R. J. Barr and Prof. Thompson.

Aurora, Hamilton county, from August 19 to September 3. Conductor, E. B. Barton; instructors, W. H. Harker, G. W. Andrews, George M. Castor and H. R. Corbett.

Haves Center, Hayes county, from July 15 to July 22. Conductor, J. B. Howard; instructor, W. H. Harker.

O'Neill, Holt county, from August 5 to August 19. Conductor, C. A. Manville; instructors, D. K. Bond, John Bland and C. M. Stevens.

St. Paul, Howard county, from August 19 to September 3. Conductor, C. C. Corey; instructors, O. C. Hubbell and W. G. Roy.

Fairbury, Jefferson county, from August 5 to August 19. Conductor, E. N. Cowles; instructors, T. R. Vickroy and Mrs. Louisa W. Parker.

Teunissen Johnson county, from August 12 to August 26. Conductor, E. J. H. Beard; instructors, W. H. Gardner and Miss Sadie Sprigle.

Springview, Keya Paha county, July 8 to July 15. Conductor, C. S. Marmon; instructor, W. L. Simpson.

Ogallala, Keith county, from August 5 to August 19. Conductor, G. F. Cooper; instructors, A. H. Heaton, E. Heaton and J. Minton. Kearney county, from July 29 to August 26. Conductor, M. A. Connell; instructors, W. A. Julian and A. H. Stephens.

Creston, Kearney county, from July 29 to August 26. Conductor, M. W. Clark; instructors, Ellen M. Austin and A. C. Oriz.

Lincoln, Lancaster county, from June 17 to June 23. Conductor, J. W. Harker; instructors, C. D. Rakestraw, C. W. Hunt and Mrs. Sarah Jenkins.

North Platte, Lincoln county, from August 19 to September 3. Conductor, R. H. Lutz; instructors, E. W. Hunt, J. A. Wozniak and Miss Mary Hosford.

Genard, Logan county, from July 22 to August 5. Conductor, W. A. Mansfield; instructors, C. G. Clouse and John Cozart.

Norfolk, Madison county, from August 5 to August 19. Conductor, J. C. Martin; instructors, A. G. Owens, B. W. Eganman and L. E. Evans.

Central City, Merrick county, from July 1 to July 8. Conductor, J. C. Martin; instructors, H. B. McCollum, J. K. Stablotin and E. M. Austin.

Fullerton, Nempe county, from August 12 to August 26. Conductor, J. T. Brass; instructors, George Keller, Mrs. George Keller and M. B. C. True.

Auburn, Nempe county, from August 12 to August 26. Conductor, J. L. Melvin; instructors, Charles Fordyce and J. A. Cooper.

Nelson, Nempe county, from July 22 to August 5. Conductor, J. C. Martin; instructors, O. C. Heuboll, M. H. Page and C. A. Gooly.

Pawnee City, Pawnee county, from June 29 to July 6. Conductor, J. W. Harker; instructors, Alice E. Gooly and W. H. Skinner.

Grant, Perkins county, from August 5 to August 19. Conductor, H. S. Galtzer; instructors, G. D. Robinson and W. S. Fike.

Pierce, Pierce county, from July 22 to August 5. Conductor, J. C. Martin; instructors, J. K. Stablotin and Mrs. W. W. Quiney.

Columbus, Platte county, from August 4 to August 18. Conductor, L. J. Oranier; instructor, J. M. Scott.

Indianola, Platte county, August 5 to August 26. Conductor, E. G. Neidhart; instructors, William Calcuting, William Smith and C. M. Charles.

Salem, Richardson county, from July 29 to August 12. Conductor, J. C. Martin; instructors, H. H. Larrabee, G. A. Slayton and S. M. Whitman.

Bassett, Rock county, from August 19 to September 3. Conductor, W. C. Martin; instructors, D. K. Bond and C. M. Stevens.

Cretz, Saline county, from July 22 to August 5. Conductor, J. D. French; instructors, W. H. Skinner, L. C. Grouzier and Alice Campbell.

Paoliell, Sarpy county, from August 23 to September 3. Conductor, W. J. Sevastian; instructors, W. W. Drammmond and Maria Metcalf.

Wahoo, Saunders county, from August 12 to August 26. Conductor, D. E. Reese and J. H. Watson.

Seward, Seward county, from July 15 to July 22. Conductor, W. C. Martin; instructors, O. C. Hubbell, T. R. Vickroy and Mrs. E. W. Edwards.

Rushville, Sherman county, from August 5 to August 19. Conductor, John M. Long; instructor, G. E. Taylor.

Loup City, Sherman county, from August 19 to September 3. Conductor, J. C. Martin; instructors, S. M. Chamberlain and M. M. Carleton.

Harrison, Sioux county, from June 18 to July 2. Conductor, W. C. Martin; instructors, C. M. Stevens and C. A. Matville.

Stanton, Stanton county, from August 19 to September 3. Conductor, Charles S. Wright; instructor, E. J. Harker.

Hebron, Thayer county, from July 29 to August 12. Conductor, S. M. Gallant; instructors, D. E. Saunders and Sarah E. Galloway.

Ord, Valley county, from August 12 to August 26. Conductor, S. A. Parks; instructors, J. H. Conroy, J. T. Martin and Mrs. Della Rogers.

Blair, Washington county, from August 5 to August 19. Conductor, J. W. Henderson; instructors, J. K. Stablotin and Ellen M. Austin.

Wayne, Wayne county, from July 29 to August 12. Conductor, E. Rowan; instructors, W. J. McCoy and Mrs. M. F. Metcalf.

York, York county, from August 5 to August 19. Conductor, E. A. Enright; instructors, W. E. Andrews and T. R. McClelland.

**City News and Notes.**

The First Presbyterian church, of Hastings, donates \$16.50 to the Johnstown sufferers. Check for that amount was received by Treasurer Hill to-day.

The traveling men of Lincoln and visiting knights will hold a meeting at the Windsor Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, for further consideration of the outing at Cushman park during the last week of the month. A large attendance is earnestly desired.

The following were compelled to sleep out of doors all night on the hard ground without covering other than the clothes they wore. But for the presence of mind of one of his children, he would have lost his team and other stock also. Discovering the bars in flames, a child opened the door and drove the stock out before the flames reached them.

The June races are attracting a good deal of interest among horsemen. Commencing June 15 they will continue until July 15. The best of the races will be the greatest ever held in the state.

Mrs. C. B. Allen, wife of the insurance agent in Andover, Mass., was accompanied by her two boys, for Boston, where they will spend the summer.

A STRIKE IMMINENT.

President Adams Has the Matter Laid Before Him.

Unless a change takes in the controversy between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers inside the next forty-eight hours it is not improbable that a strike will be declared.

When the grievance committee submitted the engineers' side of the case, Mr. Kimball referred the committee to Vice-President Holcomb. The latter, who was in Portland, delayed his reply for several days, and finally referred the committee to president Adams. The committee has telegraphed Mr. Adams, and his reply is expected to-day. Should he take a stand against the engineers, a strike, it is said, will follow. So spoke one of the engineers yesterday.

The engineers held a meeting yesterday afternoon in Brotherhood hall and talked over the situation at some length. When questioned, one of the number said: "We will stand on our feet, but we hope to have granted that arbitration is useless, and we will follow out our own course for a remedy."

"Will you strike?"

"I will give you an answer to that question to-morrow afternoon. Manager Baldwin is now in the business, but he may prove an expensive scholar to the Union Pacific."

**SPECIAL RATES.**

Inducements offered to the Traveling Public by Western Lines.

At the meeting for the year 1889-1890, held at Kansas City, a committee of five was appointed to confer with eastern lines for the purpose of arranging for "harvest excursions" from points east to points west of the Missouri. The following special and open rates were agreed upon:

For the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Milwaukee, one fare for the round trip, good from August 23 to 31.

Omaha exposition, one fare for the round trip from all points in Nebraska, good from September 1 to 6.

Kansas City Parole association, of Kansas City, one fare for the round trip within a radius of 200 miles of Kansas City, good from October 1 to 4.

One fare for the round trip, good from September 29 to October 5.

The following rates were made regulated by the same act:

Fifth annual reunion of the Sixth Kansas Cavalry at Junction City, Kan., September 11 to 15, one and one-third fare for the round trip, good from September 11 to 15, one and one-third fare for the round trip, good from September 11 to 15, and one and one-third fare for the round trip.

**More Excursions.**

Barker brothers and John A. Sully are arranging with the St. Paul & Omaha road to put in a side-track parallel with and 15 feet from Sherman avenue through Barker's subdivision on the Smiley tract, connecting with the main line at the intersection of the east of the fair grounds. This will give nearly three-fourths of a mile of valuable track for industries with a frontage on Sherman avenue.

**Cyclone at Pine Hill.**

Superintendent Reswick, of the Nebraska and Great Plains road, received a dispatch from Pine Hill, stating that at 4 o'clock yesterday morning a terrific wind storm visited that section. Empty cars were blown from the tracks, and the buildings were more or less damaged. No personal injury was reported.

**Railroad Notes.**

J. S. Tobolski, of the Union Pacific, has gone west.

J. Francis, general passenger agent of the Burlington, has returned from Kansas City. He reports that the Burlington is doing a good business.

The Union Pacific will run a special train to Fremont this