

FRAUDS WERE PERPETRATED

How Perkins County School Lands Were Recently Leased.

WILL INVESTIGATE THE AFFAIR

Commissioner Humphrey Thinks the Subject Worthy of Considerable Attention—Other Cases May Be Unearthed.—Lincoln News Notes.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special to This Bee.)—Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings Humphrey was today put in possession of the details of some startling frauds that have been perpetrated upon the state in connection with the leasing of the state school lands in Perkins county. Last month 12,000 acres of school lands that had been forfeited were placed again on the market and the sale was advertised to take place on the 25th inst. Large tracts of forfeited lands were also put on the market on the same days in other counties. In the course of the commissioning of public lands the county treasurer is authorized by law to conduct the sales. In his general circular of instructions to the county treasurers interested Commissioner Humphrey explicitly stated that in all cases where there were two or more bidders for the same piece of land the land was to be sold at auction to the one offering the highest premium above the 6 per cent required by law. In all cases where the party who bid in a piece of land and afterwards declined to take it the land was to go to the next lowest bidder and so on. In Perkins county the county treasurer either failed to understand the letter of his instructions or he willfully disregarded them, and he was seen by the commissioner a letter received today by the commissioner, an extract from which is as follows:

How the Frauds Were Perpetrated. "In some instances parties who had concocted the scheme to lease certain tracts of land bid the premium at the high rate of 170 per cent, and after the sale was closed they came in and refused to take the land and pay the premiums, but handed in the application of some friend to lease the same at private sale. G. H. Prime, deputy county clerk of Perkins county, bid a premium of 20 per cent on the southwest quarter and a northeast quarter of section 16-11-40, and the same was sold to him at that bid. After the sale was closed he went to the treasurer and refused to take the land. At the same time he handed in an application signed by his wife to lease the land at private sale for 6 per cent only, and to money accompanied the application. If he is allowed to lease the land at private sale the state will be robbed of \$34. I bid 100 per cent premium on this same land and would have paid the cash for the same lease. At the time of the sale I called the treasurer's attention to the fact that all bids on lands should be accompanied by the cash, but no attention was paid to this and no money was required.

Two More Similar Cases. "In another case the deputy county treasurer bid a premium of 1,700 per cent on the southeast quarter of 16-10-41 and H. E. Goodall bid 217 per cent on the southeast quarter of 16-10-40. After the sale had been closed they both refused to take the land at the amount bid. Both, however, handed in applications to take the land at private sale. The deputy treasurer proposed to take the piece bid upon by Goodall, and Goodall was to take the piece bid upon by the deputy. By the transaction the state lost between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

Commissioner Humphrey starts for Perkins county tomorrow morning to investigate the matter. If he finds the information in the letter received today to be correct, all the leases of the Perkins county lands will be held for further investigation and in all cases where the law has not been strictly complied with the leases will be cancelled.

Gossip at the State House.

R. E. Mead, a dealer in shaft and heavy hardware at Om., Neb., writes Governor Boyd to inquire whether or not the state does not pay a price of \$1,000 to all mothers having three children at one birth. He says: "I am the happy father of such an event and if there is any prize I would like it." Private Secretary Morrissey writes to the governor, triplets that unfortunately the laws of the state failed to bestow any such prize but gave it as his own personal opinion that such a prize should be given.

Judge Norval today issued an order suspending the sentence of Mark May, confined in Douglas county jail, in a case which can be reviewed by the supreme court. May is given the privilege of his liberty upon the presentation of bonds to the amount of \$200.

But one case was filed in the supreme court today. It is entitled Martin C. Frank against the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company. Secretary of State Allen is expected to visit Cincinnati, where he went two weeks ago with his wife. Her illness, while not alarming, will prevent her return for several days.

The Simeret Trust company of Omaha was incorporated by papers filed at the office of the secretary of state this afternoon. The capital stock is placed at \$200,000 and the incorporators are Edward Stringer, John S. Kay and W. E. Davis.

The Creighton factory and Cheese factory of Creighton, Neb., was incorporated today with a capital of \$6,000.

The Board of Public Lands and Buildings held a session this afternoon to finish up a few matters left over from the regular monthly meeting.

Nebraska County Judges Meet. Twenty-six county judges, representing as many counties in Nebraska, have been holding a state convention in this city today, for the purpose of discussing matters of interest and importance connected with their offices, and also to take steps for presenting subjects of needed legislation to the coming session of the legislature.

The festive burglars and footpads are keeping up their usual gall in spite of the fact that the regular season closes some time ago. At the residence of D. T. Hunt at 2745 Potter street they forced open the front door and entered the house. Five or six people were asleep in the house at the time, but the fact that they remained asleep probably accounts for the fact that the thieves got away with two suits of clothes and an overcoat. They then made their escape, leaving Colonel Hunt lying in bed, where he remained until some one could come down town and get him another suit of clothes.

The house of Mr. Keyser, a brickman on the Rock Island, was also entered. There were several ladies present, but Mr. Keyser himself was not at home. The burglars secured \$25 in money, but left four ladies' gold watches unharmed on the bureau of the several rooms. The ladies all believe that they were chloroformed, as they felt the effects of the drug for some time the next day. Last night two things, one a white man and the other a negro, made a desperate assault on Sam Lee, a Chinese laundryman at 218th street. They had a way with them and asked for a ticket or check. After they had received it they asked for a drink of water, and as soon as the

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accommodating Celestial went to a convenient hydrant to get a fresh supply they commenced to ransack the place for anything of value, but his cries for help alarmed them. They both turned in and gave him an enthusiastic thrashing. They then cleared out, after failing to find anything worth carrying away.

Lancaster County Shipments. The shipments for Lancaster county for the year 1891, have finally been reported to the commissioner of labor and the showing is as follows: Cattle, 409 cars, 8,180 head, \$37,300; hogs, 780 cars, 47,880 head, \$80,640; horses and mules, 30 cars, 600 head, \$90,000; sheep, 80 cars, 6,400 head, \$24,000; wheat, 152 cars, 76,000 bushels, \$69,600; corn, 2,084 cars, 1,042,000 bushels, \$290,500; oats, 284 cars, 344,000 bushels, \$82,560; barley, 5 cars, \$1,940; stone, 315 cars, \$21,500; seed, 1 car, \$1,200; hides and tallow, 25 cars, \$10,000; 3 cars, \$750; mill stuff, 1 car, \$140; butter and eggs, 1 car, \$1,250; wood, 2 cars, \$300; packing house products, 315 cars, \$75,000; miscellaneous, 1,578 cars, \$30,150; miscellaneous in pounds, \$122,324, \$67,680. The total number of cars is 6,604, the products being valued at \$2,175,540.

It may be stated that the above figures do not include the manufactured products shipped from this county, as the commissioner was unable to secure them in time for the publication in the biennial report this year. They would increase the total very materially.

Improving the Water System. The water works system will be improved by the immediate construction of a new standpipe with a capacity of 500,000 gallons, at the corner of Twenty-third and South streets. The improvement was authorized by the city council last evening and work will be commenced as soon as the necessary contracts can be let. The new standpipe will be 100 feet in height and have a diameter of twenty-five feet. It will be set higher than the old pipe at the F street pumping station and consequently it is estimated that the pressure in the business portion of the city will be double what it is at present. The pressure now is scarcely forty pounds, but Commissioner Percival states that the new pipe will give a pressure of at least sixty pounds. The completion

of the new standpipe will enable the city to do away with the necessity of operating the F street station, and the saving to the city in consequence will be nearly \$5,000 per annum.

Heard in Lincoln Court Rooms. The Lansing theater imbroig is settled and no receiver will be appointed. Henry Oliver, the applicant for a receiver, withdrew his petition this forenoon and the case will be dropped.

The \$5,000 damage case filed against Colonel Billy Barr by C. F. Atwood was dismissed this forenoon for lack of prosecution. Atwood had sued Barr for damages to that amount, alleging as the basis of the suit that Barr had accused him of stealing several articles from the Barr block.

The Halicer Lumber company today received a verdict awarding it a judgment of \$367.55 against the Missouri Pacific Railroad company. The amount was claimed by the lumber company for switching charges due it under an agreement with the railroad. The city of Lincoln today confessed judgment in the county court in favor of J. F. Lansing for \$235 on account of grading damages in front of his property on K street between Eleventh and Twelfth.

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