

FINALLY TOOK THE PLUNGE

Lancaster's County Attorney Dismisses the Asylum Bonds Cases.

WANTED TO SHIFT THE RESPONSIBILITY

Proposition Submitted to the Three District Judges, but They Refused to Give the Other Any Excuse for the Act.

LINCOLN, Dec. 22.—(Special to THE BEE.)—County Attorney Woodward this afternoon formally entered a nolle prosequi in the cases of the asylum bondholders. It will be remembered that it was reported in THE BEE some two or three weeks ago that the county attorney had decided to dismiss the cases and that a motion to that effect had already been prepared. The county attorney evidently expected a vigorous protest, and he "submitted" the matter to the three district judges of this county. The three judges considered the matter and finally decided not to shoulder any of the responsibility. Accordingly they informed the county attorney that he needed no consent from them to dismiss the cases, as if he saw fit to do so he could do so under the authority conferred upon him by the statutes, entirely upon his own motion. After waiting for some time the county attorney took the final plunge today, dismissing the cases of all the bondholders with the exception of Gortham Betts and John Stubbs. The latter has never been arrested and consequently he still stands in jeopardy. The fact that he is indicted jointly with John Dorgan may have a tendency to embarrass the county attorney, which was the event that Stubbs happened to give himself up.

Burglars Get in Their Work

A party of burglars amused themselves in Lincoln last night by ransacking the offices of two prominent business firms. They first visited the office of the Budget Lumber company and then of the Lincoln Lumber company, entering both offices by the window while the night watchman was in another part of the yards. They broke open drawers and destroyed papers, but got very little money. At the office of the Southwestern Fuel company they blew open a desk that refused to give way to their tools and found but little cash. Altogether they collected about \$100, which was, perhaps, fair wages for their night's work.

Anent the Hay Rates

General Solicitor Hawley of the Elkhorn today filed with the State Board of Transportation his reasons why the former rates on baled hay should not be restored in accordance with the order of the board issued the latter part of last month. The attorneys for the road allege that the rates in force prior to October 3 were unreasonably and unusually low, and that such rates were put in force and maintained by the road not for the reason that such rates were sufficiently remunerative to the carriers, but for other and reasonable, but for the purpose of aiding those engaged in the industry of market-hay.

The Company Claims, Further, that during the past year its revenues have greatly fallen off from all sources, owing to the general depression in business which has prevailed throughout the country, and that under these circumstances it is only just to the road that it should now be permitted to slightly advance the rates on hay, as it has done. It is also claimed that the fact that the rates were for a time placed at an unreasonably low figure for the purpose of enabling certain producers to liquidate their products, should not be used as an argument against the road, now that the conditions have changed.

The State Board of Transportation held a brief session this forenoon and set December 27 as the date for the hearing in the case.

Lincoln in Brief

The cases against Richard Murphy and Susie Scott for being found together in a room under circumstances which have been continued until December 24. At a meeting of the stockholders of the newly organized base ball association at the Capital hotel this afternoon George Wallace was elected president, F. W. Brown vice president and F. W. Little secretary and treasurer. County Clerk Woods and other officials, together with T. J. Hickey, are at Omaha today to testify in the case in which ex-Sheriff Madison of the Lincoln insane hospital brings suit against Lancaster county for \$20,000 for injuries received while walking off the bridge between the city and the asylum.

C. C. White, the miller of Crote, today sent to Elder Howe one ton of flour to be distributed among Lincoln residents.

The stock of the defunct dry goods firm of J. H. Mauriat & Co. has been sold to the Valley State bank of Hutchinson, Kan., for \$15,000. The liabilities of the firm were estimated at \$40,000.

DID NOT GET THE MONEY.

Two Bertrand Citizens Acquitted of a Serious Charge. HOLDSBRO, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—An information was filed by George Kellough, the Adams express agent at Bertrand who was knocked down and robbed of a package of money containing \$1,000 in currency on the night of November 26, charging Alfred Axelsson and Nathan Chalberg with committing the crime. Kellough was first blinded with pepper and then seized and robbed.

The warrant was served on the defendants Monday and the case was continued to December 21. At the preliminary examination the state subpoenaed nearly twenty witnesses, but only used a part of them. The state rested its case today at noon and the attorneys for the defendants moved to dismiss for the reason that the state had failed to make a case, which motion was sustained by the court and the defendants were discharged.

The case was worked up against the defendants by a detective from Chicago, assisted by special detectives in Bertrand.

Affairs at Fremont.

FREMONT, Dec. 22.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The funeral of J. W. Love, that occurred at the family residence at 2 p. m. today, ended out a very large concourse of sympathizing neighbors and friends. Rev. Mr. Tate of the Baptist denomination preached an eloquent sermon and Rev. Buss of the Congregational society offered a few words of condolence and sympathy. The services were lightened by the impressive ceremonies of the Masonic fraternity, under whose auspices the obsequies were conducted. Quite a number of people from abroad were present. North Bend and Omaha being largely represented.

The Union Veteran League held its election last night, with the following results: President, C. W. Hyatt; vice president, Oliver S. Secretary, Frank Healy; treasurer, H. F. Gummert; and committee, J. W. Harris, H. B. Hadley, James Huff, S. F. Shiles and Charles Daiton. The advisory committee was instructed to prepare a literary program for each meeting during the winter.

Councilman Murray, who was so severely injured by falling from the toy walk, is seriously ill from his effects.

General Van Wren's Generosity.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Men in the employ of ex-Senator Van Wren, acting under his orders, today distributed a dozen wagon loads of meat to the poor people of the city. This is the general's yearly custom. Joseph Watcher and Henry Durand were arrested today, charged with robbing the meat market of Charles Fisher. The stolen goods were found at their homes and they were bound over to the district court in \$500 bonds.

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