

BEEMER GETS THE BALANCE

Is to Be Allowed the Unexpended Portion of \$2,000 as Salary.

BOLD STEAL OFFICIALLY COUNTERACTED

State Board of Public Lands and Buildings Exhibits Unusual Liberality in "Compensating" an Illegal "Contractor."

LINCOLN, Jan. 18.—(Special).—For several months the Board of Public Lands and Buildings has been insisting on its right to "manage" the affairs of the state penitentiary.

A striking illustration of its peculiar system of management has just been developed. The board refused to permit Warden Leidigh to draw directly from the state auditor any of the appropriation, \$102,200, for penitentiary purposes.

Land Commissioner Russell, one of the members of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, was seen by a representative of The Bee and asked if it was true that the board had settled with Beemer and paid him \$500 for services under the contract declared illegal by the supreme court.

Mr. Russell said: "The board has not officially notified Beemer that he can retain \$500 from the \$2,000 which he drew, but you can say in your paper that that is what will be done at our next meeting."

"But Mr. Beemer," it was suggested, "says that he has expended \$1,647.56 of the \$2,000 for penitentiary purposes. Will he be permitted to draw a warrant for the \$147.56 still due him?"

"No,"

"Then, from what source will he reimburse himself for his labors in paying the warden's bills?"

"I don't know. All I know is that he is to have \$500 for his services under the contract. I have not looked into the matter, but I believe that he is to have \$500 for his services under the contract."

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George Edison, farmer living south of Plattsmouth, has a farm of 80 acres, with a fraction over 450 per acre, while a few months ago Walter Metz, another Cass county man, disposed of his land at 45 per acre, which is considered the best price ever paid in this county for farm property.

Today is being observed by the local lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen as their memorial day.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Ernest Wagner entertained about twenty-five members of the auxiliary club at cards.

A surprise party in honor of Miss Anna Funk occurred last evening at the residence of Councilman Messersmith of this city.

Tonight the joint installation of officers in the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief corps occurred. The officers were: George Loughnan, senior vice commander; James Mitchell, junior vice commander; William Porter, officer of the day; Andy Fry, chaplain.

Those placed in authority in the Woman's Relief corps were: Kate McKean, president; Sarah Kerr, senior vice president; Louise Cooper, junior vice president; Emma Lake, treasurer; Laura Thrasher, chaplain; Hattie Vermila, conductor; Cattie Bates, guard; Annie Bates, delegate to state meeting; and Lydia Todd, alternate.

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Religious Zest Unabated His Mind. HARTINGTON, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special).—Simon Carter of Randolph was yesterday pronounced insane. Sheriff Brown confined him in the county jail while awaiting orders to take him to the asylum at Norfolk.

While physical infirmities probably are the real but indirect cause of Carter's derangement, religious excitement provoked and hastened his present unfortunate condition. His only thought is of religion, having his bible before him constantly, praising his heavenly father and beseeching every one near him to come to the Saviour. Carter is 59 years old and unmarried.

Small Stores Closed. BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram).—The general merchandise stores operated by F. L. Knead at Ellis and Virginia and the implement store at Harbine, owned by him, have been closed today on a charitable mortgage for \$2,000 given to G. W. Platt for him and other creditors. The total liabilities are said to amount to \$3,000, with assets of about \$2,500.

Mrs. Ida Strum was brought here from Wymore this afternoon and sent to the asylum at Lincoln. The woman has a husband and six children.

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