

MESERVE'S OFFICIAL BOND

Statement Made at Lincoln that It Will Reach \$3,000,000.

SUIT AGAINST BUFFALO COUNTY BANK

Attorney General Churchill Brings Action to Recover \$5,000 State Money Lost in a Bank-Rupt Depository.

FINANCIAL

Lincoln, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—According to the opinion of Attorney General Churchill, State Treasurer-elect Meserve will be compelled to give a bond considerably over the \$3,000,000 upon which he is now figuring.

ON TRIAL FOR WIFE MURDER

Hearing of Dr. J. Sidney Goodmansson Begins at Pender.

PRELIMINARY ATTRACTS MANY PEOPLE

Both Sides Employ Able Attorneys and Prepare for an Extended Contest, Involving Numerous Fine Legal Points.

PENDER, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The preliminary examination of Dr. J. Sidney Goodmansson, the young dentist who was charged with administering strychnine to his wife in this city last September, after several continuances, was called today at 11:30 p. m., before County Judge J. M. Argo.

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CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING A GIRL

HAZARD, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—One Scow was arrested at Grand Saturday morning, charged with assaulting Miss Mabel Shafter near Belgrade. Scow waived his preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court of Boone county. He made, but the same condition exists now, and in addition to the amount on hand of \$1,485.105.22, a great many dollars can be expected to come into the treasury, which will swell the amount.

BUSINESS IMPROVING AT OKADALE

OKADALE, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Improvements are going on in Okadale. Farmers have about finished gathering their mammoth crop of corn. The Turpin Elevator company is putting in a new engine in its elevator and building large corn cribs to store the crop after it is gathered. A new bridge is being built over the Cedar creek here. Also the city is buying all the time shoeing horses and repairing wagons. The High school has closed for two months' vacation and the teachers will attend the Teachers' association at Lincoln next week.

FEIGHTENED THE BURGLES AWAY

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Maud Davidson, a young woman living with the family of William Elliott, fired a shot at an unknown man who was attempting to effect an entrance into the home through a window late last night. The would-be intruder fled, but a trail of blood led behind proved that the shot had taken effect.

SURPRISE THEIR PASTOR

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Monday evening the members of the Episcopal church, with their friends, surprised their pastor, Rev. Mr. Baxter, with a surprise social. About seventy-five were present and had an enjoyable time. Refreshments were served.

KILLED BY A HORSE'S KICK

SCHUYLER, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—George Smith, a young farmer in the two mile square of Nebraska in this county, was killed yesterday by the kick of a horse. He had been doctoring the animal, which was a vicious one, and received a kick on the left breast, just over the heart.

WILL BUILD ON THE GRAND ISLAND BRANCH

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—William Strauss and Henry W. Calhoun, both of New York, arrived in Hastings today and will be bidders at the sale of the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad, which takes place in this city tomorrow.

YOUNG HUNTER SHOT

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—While two small boys, Homer Yoder and Conrad Sanford, were hunting Sunday young Sanford was shot in the hand. They were crawling through a hedge fence with the gun cocked.

HASTINGS WOMAN HURT

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. H. W. Wagoner, while attempting to alight from a moving train this morning, was thrown violently to the ground and quite seriously injured, sustaining a fracture of one of the bones of the leg and severe bruises about the shoulders.

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT

Verdict of the people is that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the best remedy for coughs, colds, sore throat, asthma, etc.

WORKING THE CHURCH PEOPLE

Efforts Sympathy by a Pitiful Tale of a Sick Husband. OMAHA, Dec. 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: The religious people of Omaha are cautioned against giving aid to a woman who tells a pitiful tale about a sick husband.

CONDITION OF THE SCHOOL FUND

Secretary Gillan's Estimate Shows a Deficit in Prospect. Secretary Gillan of the Board of Education has prepared an approximate estimate of the deficit which will remain in the school fund at the end of the present year.

TABLES TURNED ON POPOCRATS

Contestees took their inning in the introduction of evidence in the legislative contest yesterday morning. But nothing of particular interest was brought out. About fifty witnesses had been subpoenaed, but only four of them were on hand.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS

Survivors of the Rebellion Remembered by the General Government. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Honorable General Grant, issued December 5, were Nebraska: Original—Frederick W. Leonard, Gladstone, Jefferson, Elmer Robbins, Harbison, Jefferson, Increase—Elias Garrah, Chas. Traxler, Mexican war widows—Henrietta N. Sipp, Springfield, Sarpy.

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PEN PICTURES PLEASANTLY AND POINTEDLY PUT

Illustrations for the Pen Pictures advertisement, showing various scenes and people.

OMAHA'S OPPORTUNITY

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Dec. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: There is a great and magnificent territory that is naturally tributary to Omaha that is being neglected and overlooked.

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