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Investigators and Their Experts Enjoy a Good Thing at Public Expense.

PLANS TO MAKE THE FUND HOLD OUT

Portion of the Pay for Experts Is Taken from the Money Set Apart to Prosecute the Delinquent State Officials.

LINCOLN, July 6.—(Special.)—It seems that at the rate the legislative investigating committee is working the job is designed to last as long as the $10,000 appropriated by the legislature lasts. It also appears that the committee and the experts realize fully that they have a soft snap and are anxious that none of the appropriation shall be wasted and the job shortened thereby. From the time the experts were appointed, along about April 25, Mr. Helbig, assisted at times by members of the committee, has been at work on the treasurer's books. The committee gave out as the plan of the campaign that the books covering the past four years would be experted first, and after that the preceding four years would be gone over. In this way, they explained, the work would go backward over the books by periods of four years as long as the appropriation lasted. Under this plan the work on the treasurer's books was begun and up to June 3 Expert Helbig had drawn $190 from the appropriation for this work, while Expert Taylor had drawn $180 for similar work on the books in the auditor's office. But since June 3 there seems to have been a change in the plan. The committee is desirous to show that during the most of the month of June these two experts were engaged exclusively on the Bartley case, assisting in proving the defalcations and the intention is to pay them out of the fund appropriated to aid in the prosecution of state officials. Bills have been drawn on this fund, which certify that Mr. Helbig is entitled to $205 and Mr. Taylor $141.50. This is in addition to the witness fees paid these gentlemen during the Bartley trial. The committee reasoned that if this $346.50 was paid out of the prosecution fund there would be a saving of exactly that much to the investigating fund, which at the rate of $5 a day all around would prolong the job of the committee and its four helpers almost eight days. However, before the warrants were drawn the auditor objected to having the money drawn from the prosecution fund. In his opinion it ought to be drawn from the investigating fund, and pending a decision on this theory the bills are held up.

WHAT THE COMMITTEEMEN DO.

During the time that the experts have been going through books in detail or hunting for testimony against Bartley, as the case may be, the work of the committee has been varied. Most of the time Chairman Mutz and Secretary Silver have been engaged on the books of the institutions at Beatrice and Omaha, and up to the end of June Mutz had drawn $198.12 and Silver $180. Senator Moran has remained in charge of the rooms of the committee, but whether in the capacity of an expert watchman or janitor is not known. It is certain that he has done no work on the books and that he really much of his time has been spent in slumber on the sofa in the back room of the headquarters. Mr. Moran has drawn $150 for this work. Senator Neal has assisted Expert Jewell most of the time and has drawn $167.50. Mr. Zimmerman, another member of the committee, acknowledged his inability to do expert work and would go through the books only when assisted by Fred Orchard, county treasurer examiner, who was from Mr. Zimmerman's county. After Orchard had been ordered by the auditor to leave the books with the committee and attend to his own business Mr. Zimmerman also quit working on the books and has spent most of his time at home in York county. Part of the $110 he has drawn is said to have gone to Mr. Orchard. Wheeler of Furnas, the other member of the committee, has been at the state house only a few days since the investigating was begun and has drawn but $90. While he does not pretend to be an expert bookkeeper it is understood he will spend more time at the state house as soon as his farming operations will admit.

Web McNall, the insurance commissioner of Kansas, was at the state house today, exchanging views with Commissioner Lichty.

The publication of the session laws is not yet complete and it will be about three weeks before the volume is issued. It will contain about 600 pages and the proof on page 201 was being read today.

The adjutant general has received notice that company B, Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, stationed at Ord, has elected James F. Devine first lieutenant and Kit J. Carson second lieutenant.

Omaha people at the Lindell: W. A. Sheldon, C. L. Bouffler, C. S. Lobingier.

DR. E. W. MARTIN NOT A MEMBER.

Fremont School Board Declares that a Vacancy Exists.

FREMONT, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—The new school board held a pretty warm meeting last evening and declared that Dr. Martin had not qualified and that therefore a vacancy existed. The old board held its closing session and transacted considerable business. When the new board convened the trouble commenced. C. D. Marr was chosen chairman. Frank Hammond, who was defeated on the face of the returns by Dr. F. W. Martin, was present with W. J. Courtwright, his attorney, and filed a protest against Dr. Martin being seated, claiming that he had not taken the oath within the proper time. The doctor said he took the oath of office before G. W. D. Reynolds, notary public, on May 1, which was strongly denied by Hammond's friends, who insist that the oath was dated back to bring it within the proper time. A motion that the board proceed to fill the vacancy was carried. Several ballots were taken with the following result: Hammond, 3; Martin, 1. Brunner, democrat, was absent and Peterson, republican, the new member, voted for Martin. The board then adjourned. From present indications it looks very doubtful whether either Hammond or Dr. Martin would muster the necessary two-thirds (four votes) in order to secure the appointment. Hammond says he was chosen to fill the three-year term and alleges fraud and errors in the count of the votes. The board unanimously refused to seat him and by the same vote declared that a vacancy existed.

Livery Stable Burns.

OAKLAND, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—A livery stable owned by Mrs. Fred Sellars was burned yesterday afternoon and for a while it was thought the saloon across the street and the P. V. elevator would go, as they were on fire several times. It was insured for between $700 and $800.

Littlefield Loses His Job.

SYRACUSE, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Baalis Littlefield, business manager of the Institute for the Blind at Nebraska City, has been discharged without any cause being assigned. He has returned with his family to this place.

Falls from Wagon and is Killed.

BLAIR, Neb., July 6.—(Special Telegram.)—F. M. Monroe, a farmer renting the farm of Rufus Clair about five miles north of Blair, either fell out or stumbled in getting out of his wagon just outside the city limits and was killed here this evening. Several persons saw him at a distance, but could not tell whether his team became frightened and he jumped to save himself or not. He is a man 56 years old and leaves a large family of children. The team ran a short distance and stopped.

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CELEBRATIONS IN THE STATE.

Nebraska People Flock to Nearest Towns for Picnics and Ball Games.

WAYNE, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—The celebration held here yesterday was the largest ever held in northern Nebraska. Several thousand were in attendance from the country and all of the country towns. The balloon ascension by Prof. B. J. Dearing was a great success. The ball game between Wayne and Laurel resulted in favor at Laurel, by a score of 11 to 7.

COLUMBUS, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—This city held no celebration this year, but Columbus and Schuyler joined forces and celebrated Independence day at McPherson's lake, midway between the two cities yesterday. In town the banks and county offices were closed, and the 5th was generally observed as a legal holiday. Saturday and Sunday picnics were held at groves and other places near the city.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—The Fourth was properly celebrated here by the carrying out of the customary patriotic program. The feature of the day was the balloon ascension and parachute jump by Prof. Brownie. Owing to the high wind and an accident in inflating the balloon, it was dark when the ascension was made. The aeronaut jumped at a height of 4,000 feet, and came to the earth through darkness in perfect safety.

LEXINGTON, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Probably the largest crowd ever assembled in Lexington celebrated here yesterday. Many kinds of sport were indulged in, including bicycle, foot and horse races, and the day wound up with a parade and street illumination. A splendid game of ball was played between Cozad and Gothenburg nines, resulting in favor of Cozad. Score: Cozad, 14; Gothenburg, 13. Speaking and musical exercises occurred at the opera house, Judge Fox delivering the oration.

WAHOO, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—A large crowd was in this city yesterday to see and take part in the festivities incident to a Fourth of July celebration. Everything passed off smoothly and no accidents occurred. A program of sports, foot racing, bicycle racing and other sports was carried out. An oration was delivered by Rev. J. W. Swan, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of this place. The fireworks for the evening were brilliant and thousands watched them from the surrounding hills.

FAIRBURY, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Fairbury celebrated Independence day yesterday with an elaborate program of exercises. After a parade in the morning of company D, Nebraska National guard, and a long line of floats, representing the various business interests of the city, the crowd assembled at the court house square, where the oration was delivered by Rev. A. A. Randall. The afternoon was devoted to foot races, potato races and similar amusements, followed by several bicycle races. The races were brought to an abrupt termination about 5 o'clock by the alarm of fire and the crowd left the grounds. In the evening there was a grand display of fireworks on the hill north of town. It is now certain that five horses were lost in the burning livery stables, all belonging to farmers who had left them while enjoying the celebration. There were over 100 horses in the stables but all were removed except the five.

BRAINARD, Nebraska, July 6.—(Special.)—The Fourth of July celebration was held on Oak creek Saturday. Thomas Darnell of Lincoln delivered the oration.

JUNIATA, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—The Fourth of July celebration here was a complete success. A good sized crowd was in attendance and the amusements were carried out to the gratification of all. The oration was by County Attorney Harry Dungen.

IMPERIAL, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—The celebration at Imperial on Saturday was most enjoyable, the day being cloudy and cool. At 10 o'clock the day's performance was opened by a grand parade of the business men of Imperial, in which every business of the town was represented, many of the floats being original and unique. A large number of the parties in the parade were dressed in continental costumes. The long column formed on Broadway street, headed by Grand Marshal O. P. Shellenberger, with some stirring music, instrumental and vocal. The line of march was through the principal streets of the town. On the return of the procession to the grand stand a patriotic address was delivered by Hon. Daniel W. Hayes of Lincoln.

LYNCH, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Fully 2,000 people were present at the celebration here. Judge M. L. Kinkade of O'Neill addressed a large audience. The town was full of noise, people with merry-go-rounds, ice cream, lemonade stands, etc., and the noise and din could be heard in the distance. The Spence orchestra furnished the music for the occasion. Hon. J. M. McGunitee was master of ceremonies and president of the day and Hon. P. B. Baker was marshal.

HERMAN, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—While a party of young people were spending Sunday near the river, Scott Fitch was injured by the explosion of a cannon cracker. He was holding the cracker in his hand and the force of the blow hit him in the face.

TECUMSEH, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Independence day was observed in Tecumseh with the best celebration in the city's history. A vast throng of people from over this and adjoining counties participated in the festivities. Hon. H. L. Wilson of Lincoln delivered the oration of the day and Judge J. S. Stull of Auburn, as well as a number of other pioneers, addressed the old settlers' meeting. Prof. E. E. Cumpeton's well trained chorus of twenty voices gave a concert and the Military band furnished music. A long program of sports, including all the customary Fourth of July attractions, was furnished free. The ball game between Humboldt and Tecumseh resulted in a victory for the locals. Score, 7 to 13. Fireworks and a dance at night wound up the day's program.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Monday evening a large number of people gathered in Atkinson's park to commemorate the Fourth. The Pawnee City military band furnished excellent music. Boatriding, swimming and social chats were the program.

JIM DAHLMAN QUITE UNDECIDED.

Doesn't Know if He Will Be Chief of Police in Omaha.

LINCOLN, July 6.—(Special.)—Chairman Jim Dahlman of the democratic state committee says that he has not yet decided whether he will take the position of chief of police of the city of Omaha. He will go to Omaha in the morning to take the matter under final consideration. He says he had concluded not to accept the place, but since the newspapers have roasted him he feels that to refuse would look like being "bluffed out." He does not consider it any promotion in point of salary over his present position. Should Dahlman get the Omaha police chieftaincy there will be an abundance of candidates for the vacated secretaryship on the State Board of Transportation. Senator W. H. Dearing of Plattsmouth and Attorney F. M. Davis of Beatrice are already in the field, and make frequent visits to the state house while they wait for Mr. Dahlman to make up his mind.

Platte County's Mortgage Record.

COLUMBUS, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Platte county's mortgage record for June shows: Forty farm mortgages filed, $35,737; fifty-three released, $57,674; four town and city mortgages filed, $7,840; five released, $1,423; fifty-eight chattel mortgages filed, $33,770; forty-five released, $11,421. The majority of the chattel mortgages were secured by growing crops.

Brainard's New School Board.

BRAINARD, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—The new Board of Education met yesterday and perfected a permanent organization. T. J. McKnight was elected chairman; Joseph Matousek, treasurer, and Henry Fox, clerk. Teachers have been hired for nine months school to commence September 1.

Surprised by Her Friends.

JUNIATA, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Seventeen young friends of Miss Helen Webster gave her a pleasant surprise party at her home last evening as a farewell before she leaves for a summer visit with relatives in Minnesota. Ice cream and cake were served.

Pawnee County Fair.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—The Pawnee county fair is scheduled for September 16, 17 and 18 next. C. A. Schappel, secretary, will furnish premium lists on application.

CROWDS AT CRETE CHAUTAUQUA.

Many People Attend the Lectures and Other Attractions.

CRETE, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Last evening's program was quite varied and kept up from beginning to end the interest of the large audience that filled the auditorium and covered a belt of from ten to fifteen feet all around it. The heat in the packed building was intense. About 6:30 the Doane college band played marches and quicksteps for about an hour under the trees near the auditorium. At the close of their concert, Stephen Jelinek and Miss Treat furnished a half hour's entertainment, consisting of cornet solos. About 8:30 Maro, the wizard, appeared and kept the audience in a state of the greatest mystification for three-quarters of an hour. He showed how without the aid of spirits he could do the same tricks which the spiritualists claim to be able to do through the aid of spirits. His program was inspired by his assistant, Mr. McCormick, the whistler, whose imitations of grinding a knife and of a circular saw in a steam sawmill were especially good. At 9:15 the moving pictures of Edison's amet-magniscope were thrown upon the screen. The views were all very distinct and much better than on Friday night. The poetry of a skirt dance, the passing of a lightning express and other scenes were depicted with such naturalness that they astonished and charmed the vast assemblage.

This morning devotional services were held at 8 o'clock in the Congregational building. Though they are not put down on the program, these services will take place at 8 o'clock each morning during the rest of the session. This morning they were led by Rev. Murphy of Wallace, Neb. At 9 o'clock Rev. J. D. Stewart again took up the work in the senior normal class. The lesson this morning was on "The Church Extended Into Egypt." Mrs. Bryner conducted the children's class at the same hour in the Congregational building. The topic before the ministers' institute at 10 in the auditorium was 'Contemporary Forms of Unbelief.' Prof. W. D. Mackenzie delivered the lecture on this subject. He said that the forms of unbelief are partly due to the intellectual life-seeking to progress and that antagonism to the church is perhaps not altogether to be regretted.

At 11 o'clock Mr. J. B. Kochner spoke on Christianity in Conflict With the Heathen World." The conflict, he said, was inevitable, not designed. Rome presented temples, Greece presented philosophy, but Christianity presented a life. Its strength was in its humble followers. Paganism rested on oriesls and ceremonies; Christianity rested on a life founded on moral ideas.

The heat of the day and the great celebrations of yesterday tended to reduce the number in attendance today, but the pavilion was full this afternoon to attend the Odd Fellows' rally. At 1:30 Maro, the prestidigitator, and Mr. McCormick, the whistler, gave their last entertainment, consisting of skillful tricks and imitations. Promptly at 2:30 the Odd Fellows' rally took place. There were short addresses by Past Grand Master G. L. Loomis of Fremont and others.

Recognition day exercises of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle will take place Thursday afternoon. More stress is being laid upon the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle work this year than for several years, and Miss Kate Kimball, who has gained a national reputation from her long connection with the home office of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle at Buffalo, N. Y., will present the diplomas. The recognition address will be delivered by Dr. Washington Gladden of Columbus, O. Besides a fine musical entertainment in the evening, Mr. Erwin H. Richards, the African traveler and explorer, will give his first lecture on his experiences in the Dark Continent.

CALLS FOR COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

Citizens' Ticket to Be Nominated Again at Dakota City.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—County politics is already commencing to break out in this section and from present appearances the county fray will be a long-drawn-out one. All of the present county officials, elected two years ago, gained their end by means of a citizens' ticket nominated in mass convention, which nominations were afterward endorsed by the republican and people's independent parties. For years previous to their election the county official directory was composed from top to bottom of democrats. The present officers are all candidates for re-election and a call has been issued, signed by twenty of the leading citizens and taxpayers of the county, regardless of party affiliation, inviting all parties favoring the movement to meet in mass convention at Dakota City July 17. The republican county central committee is called to meet on July 10 at this place, at which time it will be decided whether the republican party will pursue the same policy of endorsing the citizens' nominees as of two years ago or nominating a ticket. A call signed "By request of many citizens" has also been issued for free silver electors to meet in convention at Dakota City at 8 p. m. on July 10 for the purpose of organizing a bimetallic union, pursuant to the requirements of the Nebraska State Bimetallic union.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—The republican county committee will meet Saturday to designate time and place for holding the county convention. The office of treasurer appears to be in demand, no less than twenty aspirants for this position being already announced.

CROP PROSPECTS NEVER BETTER.

Platte County Raising Corn and Small Grain in Abundance.

COLUMBUS, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—The crop prospects for Platte county were never more flattering in the past six years than at the present time. The rye harvest will be nearly ended this week and the barley and wheat will follow closely. Corn as a rule will be laid by this week, and it is looking finely. Ten days ago rain was badly needed and the prospect was rather gloomy, but the last days of June brought several good local showers and corn has made a wonderful growth since. Oats will be a heavy crop—equal to the yield of 1895.

JUNIATA, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Harvest is in full blast here now. The shocks in many fields already cut stand so thickly over the ground that a wagon could hardly pass between them. Clover and alfalfa are making heavy crops of excellent hay. Spring wheat and oats are well headed out.

DUNBAR, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Harvesting of fall wheat began here today. It promises a yield of twenty bushels per acre.

NELSON, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Dr. J. R. Buffington of this city began cutting his crop of wheat this morning, which is the second volunteer crop on the same ground. The ground was not plowed last fall. Last season the volunteer crop yielded ten bushels per acre and this year it will make seven or eight bushels.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Harvesting is in operation. Corn is growing nicely and fruit promises a fair yield. The berry crop here was unusually large this year.

Osgood Case is on Trial.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—District court convened in this city today. The case of State against Osgood, transferred to this county from Johnson county is now on trial, a jury having been obtained at noon.

General Colby of Beatrice is engaged for the defendant and Mr. Evans of Lincoln is assisting County Attorney Raper in the prosecution.

Burglars Rob a Hardware Store.

CULBERTSON, Neb., July 6.—(Special Telegram.)—H. Blum's hardware store was entered by thieves last night and several razors and knives were stolen. The money drawer was also opened, but only 25 cents was secured. The thieves have not been found.

Bound Over to District Court.

LINCOLN, July 6.—(Special Telegram.)—O. K. Hall, the young rowdy who shot Gatekeeper Howard at Lincoln park Sunday night, was bound over to the district court today in the sum of $1,000. He furnished bail.

Writes a Book on Pawnee County.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—W. E. Hursler of the Press is publishing an elaborate edition of a souvenir book of Pawnee county, which will be issued in September. The publication gives a description of Pawnee county and its resources and advantages, and will contain numerous portraits of prominent citizens, public buildings and residences.

Tramps Are Run Out of Town.

HERMAN, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—Four tramps tried to enter the town last night and insulted several young women on the streets. The citizens were aroused and in short time the park adjoining the depot was crowded with indignant people. The tramps were ordered to move on and when they refused they were handled pretty roughly. They soon started up the track toward Tekamah.

Ship Their Cattle to Chicago.

DUNBAR, Neb., July 6.—(Special.)—A special train consisting of ten cars of fine fat cattle left this station yesterday for the Chicago market, made up by the following shippers: H. S. Baker, R. F. Baker and J. M. Hoagland.

South Omaha News.

At the meeting of the city council last night Chairman Mort of the special committee appointed to confer with the officials of the street railway company asked for further time, as the first interview held with President Murphy was not satisfactory.

The committee on the Mud creek nuisance asked for further time, which was granted.

An ordinance granting the Schlitz Brewing company permission to lay railway tracks across certain streets and alleys was read for the first time and referred to the judiciary committee.

Property owners on Missouri avenue between Thirteenth and Twentieth streets petitioned for a sanitary sewer and urged that bonds be issued to pay for same. Referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

Caldwell asked that the ordinance providing for the speed of trains through the city be reported back from the committee and brought up for final passage at the next meeting. It was so ordered.

The sum of $400 was transferred from the occupation tax fund, half to the street repair fund and the balance to the general fund.

Upon motion of Mort the street commissioner was instructed to smooth off Thirty-second street from L to J streets.

Mayor Ensor appointed L. J. Carpenter, Tom Hocter and Tommy O'Neil appraisers to appraise the property in the vicinity of Thirteenth and I streets in connection with the vacation of an alley on the Fetner block.

Mort complained that the Fourth ward had not been given police protection during the past week and he urged that an officer be detailed there every day. The mayor promised to attend to the matter.

The city attorney and the chairman of the committee on streets were authorized to enter into a contract with A. Stutzer of Omaha for laying permanent sidewalks for the coming year.

A bridge will be built across Mud creek at Twenty-fifth street.

Schultz wants the ordinance governing fast driving on the L and O street viaducts enforced and the chief of police will be instructed accordingly.

The council then went into committee of the whole to consider the levy for the coming fiscal year.

Clerk Carpenter read the ordinance section by section, each section being discussed and acted upon separately.

For the general fund 10 mills was levied; interest fund 12½ mills; police, 5 mills; fire, 3 mills; public light, 5 mills; outstanding judgments, 9½ mills; park, ¾ mills; viaduct, 1¼ mills, making a total of 37 mills.

Fred Zabrel Was Strangled.

A coroner's jury yesterday investigated the death of Albert Zabrel and reached the conclusion that the deceased came to his death by strangulation at the hands of Henry Hecht, with Peter Moore and Charles Kohm accessories. Mrs. Anna Kohm, mother of the dead man, was the first witness called. She stated positively that she saw Hecht choking her son. She stated further that Moore started the fight. These statements were corroborated by Mary Devorak, Mrs. Kohm's daughter, and a half sister of Zabrel. Other witnesses implicated Charles Kohm, the husband of the dead man's mother, and the jury thought it best to recommend that he be held.

Immediately after the inquest Assistant County Attorney Jeffries filed complaints in police court charging Moore and Hecht with manslaughter. The complaints contain two counts, one alleging a sudden quarrel and the other an assault. The preliminary hearing has been set for Friday.

Steam Grader at Work.

The steam grader was put to work on the Armour tract yesterday noon and is rapidly removing the big bluff. Another grader handled by twenty horses is at work on the old Jetter property and this portion of the site will soon be reduced to grade. A. J. Simpson, chief of the construction force, is expected here from Chicago today where he has been to confer with the architects. Two trains of fifteen cars each take the soil from the steam grader and haul it to a point in the north part of the yards on the B. & M. right of way where it is wasted. The building of the elevated railroad for the steam grader still continues, it being the intention to run the track clear up to the highest point of the bluff.

Promises to Build a Block.

John P. Finley, who recently purchased the land at the southeast corner of Twenty-fifth and N streets where the World's Fair saloon and Goldstein's store now stands, intends having these buildings removed for the purpose of erecting a three-story brick building. Mr. Finley says that he will commence building right away provided the city council will give him permission to allow the two frame structures to be removed to stand on Twenty-fifth street until the new building is ready for occupancy. This was done when the block across the street was built, and it is thought that the request will be granted as a precedent has been set.

Her Buys More Land.

The tract of land purchased yesterday by P. E. Her from the Martin Lumber company for the use of the beet sugar factory is bounded on the west by blocks 303 and 306, and on the east by Union Stock Yards property. It lies between G and J streets and contains about four acres. With the blocks adjoining now owned by the beet sugar people this makes a tract of about twenty-four acres, which Mr. Her says will not be any too much land for the buildings it is proposed to erect. The price paid for the land has not been made public as the transfer has not as yet been made.

Magic City Gossip.

Mrs. Jim Jones has gone to Geneva to visit friends.

Charles S. Dunn of Montrose, Ia., was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Ed Hart of the Silver City, Ia., Times was in the city yesterday visiting friends.

Miss Mary Graham, Richfield, Neb., is here, the guest of Miss Stella Alexander.

Mrs. A. T. Stowell left yesterday for Long Island, Kan., where she will visit relatives.

The Young Men's club of the First Methodist church is in camp near Anchor Mills.

Miss Nellie Pierce of Blair is visiting Miss Effie Gardner, 809 North Twenty-fifth street.

Miss Nanette Rodman of Blair is the guest of her brother, Charles Rodman, 2115 N street.

Mrs. Chris Markeson fell down a pair of stairs last night and fractured the bones in one of her legs.

The women of the South Omaha hospital cleared about $50 by selling refreshments at Syndicate park Monday.

Thomas Chizak of Percival, Ia., returned to his home last night, after spending a few days with his brother, J. V. Chizak.

Eddie Jetter, son of B. Jetter, who was overcome by the heat Monday, is rapidly recovering and will be out again in a few days.

A meeting of the committee in charge of the celebration Monday will be held at the Hector-Johnson office this evening to settle up accounts.

The women of the Baptist church will give a lawn social at the home of R. D. Weirs, Twenty-third and H streets, Friday evening. There will be music and refreshments and a good time is promised all who attend.

J. S. Meeks, who was being held as a witness in the Zabrel murder case, was released last night on the order of Assistant County Attorney Jeffries.

Charles Fowler and wife have returned from Milford, where Mr. Fowler visited his father, Judge Fowler, who is now commandant of the soldiers' home at that place.

Mrs. Margaret McGrath, mother of Mrs. Harry Clingen, died at her residence, 3017 O street, yesterday. The funeral will be held from the family residence Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock. After services at the house high mass will be celebrated at St. Agnes' church. Interment at St. Mary's cemetery.

ROSEBUD AGENCY CELEBRATION.

Black Bear Is Accidentally Shot in the Arm and Breast.

ROSEBUD, S. D., July 6.—(Special Telegram.)—At the sham battle of the Custer massacre at the heights today Black Bear was accidentally shot in the left arm and left breast. He was carried in an ambulance to the agency hospital. The wounds were dressed by the agency surgeon. The wounds are painful, but not serious. But for this accident the sham battle was a great success and was one of the features of the celebration.

The whites at the agency were wakened before 3 o'clock Sunday morning by wild war-whoops and ringing of sleigh bells. Half dressed they ran to the doors and windows and beheld a sight which would have made the blood run cold had it been some twenty or thirty years ago. A large band of Indians on horseback came galloping down the hills and past the stockade. They were hideous in their war bonnets, eagle feathers and paint. Their horses were spattered with blood paint. They shot off their rifles, not hesitating to point the unfired arms into some frightened white man's face. They yelled and whooped as if about to attack the stockade. Some venturesome braves even rushed into the stockade, bearing, however, Old Glory before them. In loyalty to the flag the Indians are more patriotic than the whites, for the colors are seen everywhere in their dress and ceremonies.

Saturday was the great ceremonial day. The white buffalo, or Tatanka Walowanji dance, was the chief feature. Its occasion is the performance of ceremonial rites over the entrance of young Indian girls into womanhood. The dance was held in Crow Dog's camp. The young girls, four in number, sat on skins before a dais within the open tent. Chiefs and medicine men sat in a circle inside the tepee, in their center a raised platform upon which rested a buffalo skull surrounded by freshly gathered sage—the omnipresent herb, the enemy of ghosts. Other herbs and relics of superstitious import were conspicuous. Presents of calico, robes and beadwork were offered to the Great Father amid the beating of the tom-tom and incantations of the medicine men. A large sheet moved before the tent door also served to drive away evil spirits. The girls were then placed on the platform and incantations resumed. A green felt robe was thrown over the altar and the ceremony was ended.

Then came the feast, the ever-present feature of every Indian ceremony. The squaws eagerly seized cups and cans and rushed to the large black kettles hanging over the fire beyond the tent. So eager were they that some dipped their fingers into the boiling mess and licked their burned, dripping fingers. From the number of heads being gnawed, that is evidently the choice portion of the dog, this soup, as thick as gravy and floating with some pieces of rich meat, tastes like tender pork. Its odor, however, puts to flight the appetite of the uninitiated white.

The rest of the day was devoted to gift-giving—"ma-ko-cha."

KILLS ONE AND INJURES ANOTHER.

Fatal Explosion of Giant Powder Near Deadwood, S. D.

DEADWOOD, S. D., July 6.—(Special Telegram.)—William Sleep, a ranchman living on Crow creek in the western part of this county, was killed yesterday by an explosion of giant powder. His son-in-law, Joseph Miller, had one arm blown off and was otherwise injured. Sleep and Miller were firing giant powder at a Fourth of July celebration. Sleep carried several sticks in the breast of his shirt, a custom among miners. Miller was preparing to fire a shot when a stick exploded in his hand. Sleep stood so near that the shock exploded the powder that he had on his person, mangling his body horribly.

RIVER IS FULL OF DEAD FISH.

Finny Denizens of the Jim Dying from Some Unknown Cause.

HURON, S. D., July 6.—(Special.)—Large numbers of dead fish are floating in the Jim river at this point and at points farther up. A weed supposed to be poisonous, and which grows in great profusion along the river at the water's edge, is believed to be the cause of the fish dying. Specimens of the weed were sent to Prof. Saunders of the state agricultural college at Brookings for examination and he expresses the opinion that a peculiar fungus that forms upon the fish and not the weed is the cause of death. Some of the fish have been sent to him for examination and his opinion is anxiously awaited.

Brings Farnsworth Back.

VERMILION, S. D., July 6.—(Special.)—Sheriff Vaughn returned from Norfolk, Neb., with R. A. Farnsworth, charged with attempted rape on Eva Thorsen and Minnie Dole. He was placed in the county jail.

Farnsworth will have his preliminary hearing in the case of Eva Thorsen on Saturday next. Public opinion at Meckling, Eva Thorsen's home, has quieted down.

Barber Arrested for Burglary.

PIERRE, S. D., July 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The bottling works in this city were entered and robbed of $100 last night. Papers were found on the floor of the place belonging to William Barrick, a barber, and he was arrested and charged with the crime. A hearing was continued from this afternoon to tomorrow.

Militia Going Into Camp.

HURON, S. D., July 6.—(Special.)—Several companies passed through here yesterday on their way to Bryant to attend the South Dakota National Guard encampment. Captain Casper, with company H of this city, is in attendance.

Rust is Injuring Wheat.

VERMILION, S. D., July 6.—(Special.)—Rust is injuring many wheat fields severely in Clay county and farmers report its ravages quite general in this section.

ESTES AND WALL LET OUT OF JAIL.

Knew Nothing of the Shooting of Stockmen Pond.

Arthur Estes and Joseph Wall, who were held on suspicion that they were implicated in the shooting of Stockman Charles Pond, who was on an accommodation train at Chalco on the morning of June 26, were yesterday discharged. Tom Dean and Edward Irvine, two others who are also thought to have had something to do with the affair, are still being held. In addition to these men three others have been held for the shooting, but these have been taken to Ashland, where they will be tried. They have been identified by Pond.

Pond is still at the Methodist hospital in this city and is improving. It is believed that he will be able to appear against his alleged assailants in a week.

Musgrove Out on Parole.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 6.—Governor Mount today paroled Benjamin R. Musgrave, who was sentenced to state prison from Terre Haute, for ten years, for swindling a life insurance company. The parole is issued upon the showing that the prisoner is dying of consumption. Musgrave had about six teen months to serve. Musgrave's crime was one of the sensations of the time and consisted of an attempt to collect $3,000 life insurance by placing a cadaver in his house and burying it for his own body.

Pays Penalty for Wife Murder.

SING SING, N. Y., July 6.—John Henry Barker, colored, was electrocuted here today for wife murder. The crime was committed on August 30, 1895, just outside of White Plains. Barker was jealous of his wife and after being separated from her for some time, returned on the date mentioned and shot her to death, afterward hacking her body with a spade.

SWARMS OF ENDEAVORERS

They Flock Into 'Frisco and Take the Western City by Storm.

HARD TIME SORTING OUT THE BAGGAGE

All in Readiness for the Great Convention in the Immense Pavilion—Notables Who Are Already Present.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—It is already evident that the Christian Endeavor convention which opens tomorrow will be the greatest in the history of the organization. The attendance will more than exceed anticipation, and the royal welcome extended to the delegates insures the success and enthusiasm of the gathering. All day long trains have been rolling in and have been met by the members of the reception committee, which of itself is a small army. The latch string of California is out and the initials "C. E." are the open sesame to boundless hospitality.

Never before, not even by the Knights Templar or Grand Army, whose national reunions were held here, have arrangements been so well made or the city so tastefully decorated as now. The whole auditorium above and below is boarded in and the rough timbers are covered with purple and gold. The floors are covered with burlaps, underneath which is a padding of cotton wadding, so that the footsteps will be noiseless and the services will not be interrupted by persons moving about. Potted plants, palms, bamboos, cut flowers and wreaths of roses are everywhere and the California poppy, either fresh from the field or in tissue similitude, may be seen at every turn. There are comfortable chairs for 8,500 people and two or three thousand may stand. Machinery hall is divided off into compartments and in each are committees representing the different states. Thus, when the delegates from any state arrive, they go immediately to the space set apart for them and there register their names in a book alphabetically arranged. If the delegates are alert there can be no confusion. A strange Endeavorer finds the stand of the committee on reception; goes to one of those in charge, presents his or her card and is given a badge and one of the books on California that have been published by the state board of trade. The same with other committees, hotels or other accommodations, literature, souvenirs, etc. The arrangement is simple and admirable.

This afternoon there was a rehearsal of the convention chorus, numbering 1,500. With them were the boquet chorus and 100 trained soloists. Those who heard the singing were assured in advance of the success of tonight's concert, for it was evident that the rearrangement of the pavilion had endowed it with acoustic properties hitherto unknown to the big building.

The decoration of Woodward's pavilion, a simultaneous meeting place, is proceeding rapidly and will be completed tomorrow. This amphitheatre will accommodate over 10,000 people, and as all the churches will keep open house no Endeavorer will be left out in the cold.

Tomorrow the preliminary work of the convention begins. General Secretary Baer is delighted with the outlook, for he believes that this convention will be memorable in the annals of the Endeavorers.

MANY ARRIVALS.

About 6,000 delegates arrived today and twice as many more will arrive tomorrow. The baggage room of the ferry depot is crowded with trunks and valises. Last night there were thousands of pieces of baggage piled in great heaps under the steel arches awaiting owners and there were many pieces in those piles that owners were looking for but could not find. About fifteen carloads of baggage are due to arrive today. Tonight the great concert, the concert chorus and the boquet chorus were held in the Mechanics' pavilion. These are the singers who are to furnish the music at all the Christian Endeavor meetings and after tonight they will be divided, alternating the places of their appearance and so singing simultaneously at different meetings.

The 1897 committee is now agitating the question of inducing the shipping in the harbor to display flags and bunting during the convention. There is a probability that Lieutenant Governor Jeter will be on hand to welcome the Endeavorers when they gather in the big concert hall Tuesday morning. If the opinion of General Secretary Baer may be accepted as a criterion, the eastern visitors will be more than pleased with all the work of preparation and the hearty welcome that awaits them. The sixteenth international convention, he did not hesitate to declare, would eclipse all past conventions of the Christian Endeavor and would be a lasting monument to the generosity of the people on this far western shore.

FROM OVER THE SEA.

Among the Endeavorers who have come across the sea to attend the convention is Miss E. J. Newton of Foo Chow, the representative of the Endeavor societies in China. With her is Miss Carrie Hostetter, who has come all the way from Tokio to be in attendance at the convention. Miss Newton has brought with her a silken banner to be presented to the Christian Endeavor society that donated the largest sum of money to the foreign missions. It is the gift of the Foo Chow Christian Endeavor union, whose greetings to the society were forwarded to General Secretary Baer by the secretary, Ling Muk Ketz, before the union decided to send a delegate.

One of the most interesting features at the Mechanics' pavilion will be the reproduction of an early California mission, which will constitute the headquarters of the Missionary Extension society, under the direction of Miss M. L. Barry, state superintendent of missions for the Christian Endeavor union. The entrance to this interesting exhibit will be so fashioned as to represent exactly one of the oldest missions in the state. In the tower which rises at the northwest corner of the structure will be hung a bell taken from an old-fashioned mission, which has been for some time past reposing silent in the Park museum. The bell is the property of Mrs. William Garrett and is loaned for the occasion. Five minutes before each session of the convention opens this bell will ring as it did 100 years ago, to call the faithful to service.

Narrow Escape from Death.

REDDING, Cal., July 6.—The Christian Endeavor excursion train from Oregon had a narrow escape from a frightful wreck this afternoon two miles from Cottonwood. Charles Broadhurst, a few minutes before the train passed, had discovered that the trestle twenty feet long had been burned out. The train was rapidly approaching and in a few minutes more the train would have plunged through the trestle into the deep ravine below. Broadhurst hurriedly flagged the train, which was brought to a stop a few feet from the yawning chasm. The train then backed to Cottonwood where the Endeavorers celebrated their deliverance with hymns and prayer.