

CONVICT LABOR CONTRACTS

State Board Has Another Tussle with the Penitentiary Question.

BUCKSTAFFS PAY HIGHER PRICE FOR LABOR

Foundrymen Not Willing to Enter a Contract at the Present Figure, Although the Board is Anxious They Should.

LINCOLN, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The penitentiary contracts are again claiming the attention of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings and a meeting was held this evening to consider a new proposition made by Buckstaff Brothers in regard to the operation of the stone foundry. During the summer the foundry was closed down on account of overproduction, but during the last month work has again been resumed, the Buckstaffs employing fifteen of the convicts at 50 cents per day, and also paying for the steam power used in the work. This is a much better rate than has heretofore been paid for the men, and the state board is anxious to make a contract on that basis. The Buckstaffs say they cannot pay that much and propose a contract to use twenty men at 40 cents per day until next spring, when they say they will cease operations at the penitentiary and put up a factory to be operated by free labor.

returns from the various counties on the state bonds are now all in, with the secretary of state, Kearney county, was the last to report, the abstract getting in this afternoon. One week from today is the time provided by law for opening the returns. The secretary of state has already received the county clerks had furnished official envelopes in which to forward the abstracts, but that a number of them had used their own envelopes. When the envelopes arrived at the office of the secretary of state some of them were opened before it was known what they contained.

DORSEY JURY STILL OUT.

At 7 o'clock this evening the jury in the Dorsey-Higgins case and one who arrived at an agreement and Judge Munger called them in to learn something of the situation. They stated that they were in agreement, but that there was more money wanted. They then went back to the jury room and Judge Munger wired the situation to Judge Woolson of Iowa, before the case had been tried. Woolson had nothing to suggest. At 11 o'clock the jury was again called in and it was learned that they were in agreement for the conviction of Dorsey. It was also learned that the acquittal of Higgins had been agreed upon. Judge Munger gave a final instruction to the jury, their attention to the expense of the case and the necessity of a new trial in case of disagreement and urged them, if possible, to arrive at an agreement. The jury returned to the room and it was learned that shortly after midnight two of those in favor of the conviction of Dorsey changed over to the other side. Matters stood at midnight and the judge decided that unless an agreement was reached before morning the jury would be discharged, as he will go to Omaha on the early morning train.

At 2:30 a. m. the jury in the Dorsey case announced its inability to agree. The judge then discharged the jury, who were indicted with Dorsey, and Judge Woolson was ordered to give a new bond for his second trial.

INCREASE IN SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The reports sent to the state superintendent from fifty-two counties show a net increase of 4,088 in the number of children of school age over the reports of last year. Only sixteen counties show a loss, the total amounting to 1,265. Douglas county shows the largest increase, amounting to 2,264.

The State Fish commission was reorganized today, with R. S. Oberfelder as president and J. S. Kirkpatrick as secretary.

The governor has committed the sentence of James Harlow to the penitentiary for three years and Harlow was released from the penitentiary today. The case is from Otoe county. Harlow having been sent up for three years for burglary. Harlow was released today and stole two joints of stove pipe and a water bucket and on trial confessed to the crime. The commutation is made on the request of the prosecuting attorney and Judge Harlow, it having been concluded that the sentence was excessive for so small an offense, and further because Harlow had formerly borne a good character and has a family to support.

The Oriental Exhibition company of Omaha was incorporated yesterday. The purpose of the company is to operate "Street Shows" and other amusements at the exposition. Its capital stock is \$20,000 and the incorporators are Leopold Bone, Harry O'Brien and James M. O'Brien. The board of directors consists of the Presbytery of Hastings, a church association, the incorporators being C. H. Mitchellmore, George F. Milbourn, Robert Brown, James G. Pattison, W. M. Porter and Henry Fox.

The following notarial commissions were issued Saturday: John J. Hastings; Ross D. Higgins; Broken Bow; Henry C. Hens; Lexington; Thomas J. Cahill; North Bend; L. E. Winslow; Lincoln; Jesse E. Edwards; Rushville; James P. Miller; York; M. H. Hoerner and Charles S. Weymuller, Omaha.

LINCOLN LOCAL NOTES.

C. M. Crawford, cashier of the defunct Mercantile bank, has been called to appear before Judge Holmes Thursday morning to answer some questions regarding the disappearance of some notes and securities belonging to the assets of the bank.

The damage suit of Mary V. Moss against the State Journal company was commenced in the district court today, the jury having been obtained before noon. Mrs. Moss asks for \$20,000, claiming that the Journal published scandalous reports about her that caused her much damage. The case was tried last spring and resulted in a disagreement by the jury.

The Powers-Sheriff suit in Judge Cornish's court became emotional today when Mrs. Powers went on the witness stand and accused Sadie Flowers of attempting to poison the little baby. Mrs. Powers also accused putting her own little sister out in the cold with the intention of letting her freeze to death. Lloyd Flowers, a brother of Sadie, who testified as to her eccentricity, and his testimony brought about a bitter controversy between Wolfenbarger and Rose, the two attorneys, which almost resulted in a personal encounter. The case is unfinished.

The Lincoln Light infantry will tender a reception to George D. Meiklejohn, assistant secretary of war, at the army camp Monday evening. Mr. Meiklejohn was notified of the event and today word was received from him that he would be here on that day. Omaha people at the hotels: At the Lindell—Charles M. Pearson, R. Dickens, C. L. Boucher, V. E. Wilson, W. J. Miller. At the Lincoln—M. H. Collins and E. S. D. Forness.

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WAGNER GOES UP FOR SIX YEARS. His Mistress Hays a Gun and Threatens to Shoot Sheriff. FIRMONT, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Judge Marshall this morning overruled the motion of "Big Mike" Wagner for a new trial and sentenced him to the penitentiary for six years. Mike's mistress is present in court, and attempted to make a scene, and after some purchase a revolver and ammunition and threatened to shoot Sheriff Kreader and Deputy Edwards.

John Hain got one year for ill-use of a forged check purporting to be signed by H. P. Marquardt. Sheriff Kreader and Deputy Edwards took Mike to Lincoln this afternoon.

THIR ARRESTED. FRANKLIN, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—A man giving the name of Harry Hanson was taken last night from Town Marshal John Smith and as yet no trace of him has been found. On Thursday night E. J. Eaton's barn was broken into, a harness and several other articles being stolen. Mr. Eaton got in the man's tracks and followed the trail as far east as Red Cloud, when it turned south. An officer went with Mr. Eaton from Red Cloud and they soon overtook Hanson with the stolen property in his possession. He was placed under arrest and returned to this city.

Suicide at Fairbury. FAIRBURY, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Ed Ritter committed suicide this afternoon, firing a bullet into his head while in a liver stable office waiting for a team to take him to the city. Ritter was found sitting in a chair with the revolver in his hand. Ritter had been living on his own farm near Reynolds, but sold off his effects a few weeks since and has been working in the railroad yards. He leaves a wife and one child.

Y. P. S. C. E. Convention. HUMBOLDT, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The second day's session of the eighth annual Young People's Society (Christian Endeavor) convention of the Lincoln county opened at the Presbyterian church yesterday with a sunrise prayer meeting. Sunday school and church services were held in the afternoon. The convention closed this evening. About seventy-five delegates were present from abroad.

Suspecter Got Away. FAIRBURY, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—During Sunday afternoon an attempt was made to break into Ackerman's store, but the parties were frightened away. Policeman Cook arrested three men soon after midnight. They gave the names of J. J. Davis, Frank Bally and Thomas Taylor, and had in their possession stolen keys and knives. They were locked up in the city jail, but during the day Davis and Bally escaped and are still at large.

Herded at Franklin. FRANKLIN, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—James Johnson of Deadwood, S. D., who has been here a short time on account of poor health visiting relatives, was buried today at the First Presbyterian church, which Mr. Johnson was a member. His death was caused by consumption, which has contracted by working in smelters in the Black Hills. He had considerable insurance.

Yehaska News Notes. Calvin Ray of Clark left thirty-five head of hogs from cholera. The Methodists of Madison are arranging to build a new church next spring. The school at Yehaska closed for the year. The Republican celebrated its twenty-seventh birthday. The Teachers' association of southwestern Nebraska will be at Cambridge November 26 to 28. The managers of the Silver Creek creamery expect to be ready for business by January 1. The Humboldt republicans will hold an election to decide on the man they want for postmaster. The Milden creamery is now ready for business and for the present will be operated only three days each week. The National Farmers' association will hold a session at Rapidview on the 26th. Program will be published in next week's Tribune. Herman Otto of Western shipped 3,300 bushels of corn to the city of Yehaska and it all works. He raised the beans and they are said to be of good quality. Peter McBride and mother of Gordon left Tuesday night for their native birth in mid Iowa. They will be definitely spent the remainder of their days. Kate W. Dunning, who was a candidate against her will for superintendent of schools of Madison county, was elected, but absolutely refused to qualify for the office. Two horses which their riders had hitched in front of a candy store had disappeared when the owners went after them and they are supposed to have been stolen. Reports from the cornfields in the vicinity of Herman are very encouraging, the yield being larger than in any other section. At least half the crop is in the ear. It is reported that a farmer who fledging a well on the Garfield table, about thirty-five miles northwest of Gothenburg, struck a vein of coal nine feet thick at a depth of 180 feet. There was a coal oil famine in Emerson the first of the week. For several days some could be purchased and many were obliged to resort to the use of the old-fashioned kerosene. L. Leggett of Cherry county last night head of homes in the early storm which visited that county and now his ill luck has again been visited, his house and which destroyed his house and all its contents. L. J. Harris has sold his interest in the Ord Times to his partner H. D. Leggett, who will conduct the paper alone. His policy is to change the name of the paper to the Ord States, which will be held there at that time. There are already many times more cattle being fed in Neokolls county at this time than in any previous year in its history. The end is not yet. Almost every day cattle are being shipped into some part of the country for winter feeding. The Republican Valley District. Poultry association at its monthly meeting on Saturday the 6th inst., arranged to hold a poultry and stock show at McCook on January 11 and 12, 1898, in connection with the former's convention, which will be held there at that time. The Northeast Nebraska Teachers' association will be held in Emerson November 25 and 27, the Friday and Saturday following. Thanks to an excellent program being arranged and nearly all the leading educators in northeastern Nebraska will be in attendance. Some twenty cattle have been lying in the vicinity of Battle Creek lately. It seems they get sick after being turned into the stalk fields. Last Monday and Tuesday Fred Hensinger lost twenty head of his cattle and in about the same time D. J. Brice lost six and Frank Wright two.

The 3-year-old son of N. E. Workman of North Platte was quite seriously burned about the face and hands by W. Woodcock, who used carbolic acid. The little fellow got hold of the liquid and rubbed it on his face and hands, and also got some of the poisonous stuff into his mouth, but did not swallow it. Mr. T. J. Matthews, special agent of the general land office at North Platte, is making an investigation of the government lands in the vicinity of North Platte, and has several acres of lands in the hills south and west of this city, which is good grazing land, subject to entry. The sheep still continue to come into Colfax county to be fed. Within the past week Joseph Dzworek received 5,000 head. C. H. Chase reported George Little 2,500 and John Praker 2,000. The same by the 2 & 34 and Tuesday J. A. Knollie, the big Kansas City firm which is feeding so extensively here, received thirty-one carloads more. There are in the neighborhood as few sheep being fed at Wood River and probably the total amount fed in Hall county will be close to 200,000. The feeding of sheep is about about closed in the south of the farmers and the community in general. The Hebron Republican has started in on its eighth year.

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Clothing Repairers Organize. NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—A thousand men and women organized in the second hand clothing trade have banded themselves together with an organization to be known as the "Pressers, Cleaners and Washers' Union." The union is to be organized before the end of the week, looking to the betterment of their conditions in the matter of wages. It is estimated that there are 800 employees in the cloakmaking industry are still out.

Yellow Fever Reports. NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 15.—There were seven new cases of yellow fever and one death reported at the Board of Health up to 1 o'clock today.

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 15.—Three new cases of yellow fever reported today. No deaths.

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The Young Men's Christian Association lecture course of Yankton offered for winter has now been fully settled and the talent secured is as follows: Colonel Copeland, John L. Maille, State Dramatic Opera company, John A. Clark and Benjamin Chapin, Company C, Second Battalion, First Regiment, South Dakota National Guard, was inspected last evening at the Yankton Y. M. C. A. building.

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Clothing Repairers Organize. NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—A thousand men and women organized in the second hand clothing trade have banded themselves together with an organization to be known as the "Pressers, Cleaners and Washers' Union." The union is to be organized before the end of the week, looking to the betterment of their conditions in the matter of wages. It is estimated that there are 800 employees in the cloakmaking industry are still out.

Yellow Fever Reports. NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 15.—There were seven new cases of yellow fever and one death reported at the Board of Health up to 1 o'clock today.

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 15.—Three new cases of yellow fever reported today. No deaths.

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