

SUES FIRST TERM BONDSMEN

Attorney General Smyth opens firm on Bartley's securities. Charges another heavy embezzlement. Petition alleges that Bartley diverted in May, 1894, to his own use \$125,000 of the state's money.

LINCOLN, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The attorney general today commenced suit in the district court of Lancaster county against the signers of the first bond of ex-Treasurer Joseph S. Bartley, to recover the sum of \$125,000, alleged to have been taken by Bartley on the 20th of May, 1894, and converted to his own use.

The attorney general in his petition sets forth the fact that Bartley was elected treasurer of the general election of 1894, that at the close of his term on the 5th day of January, 1895, he was declared to have been elected, and a certificate was issued to him that he had been elected.

On the 20th day of May, 1894, the state treasury was closed, and the balance on hand was \$125,000. The petition then goes on to say that Bartley, on the 25th day of May, 1894, the 24th day of January, 1895, when he surrendered the office in his successor, which was himself.

By reason of these facts the defendant is declared to be indebted to the state of Nebraska in the sum of \$125,000, with interest thereon from the date of the date of 1894, for which judgment is asked.

The list of the bondsmen sued, together with the amount of their qualifications on the bond, is as follows: J. W. McArthur, \$50,000; J. M. Cook, \$100,000; J. D. McArthur, \$50,000; J. M. Cook, \$100,000; J. D. McArthur, \$50,000; J. M. Cook, \$100,000.

The attorneys for Joseph H. Bartley, plaintiff in error in the supreme court, filed their reply brief today, in which the following contentions are prominent.

First—The state did not prove that Mr. Bartley ever embezzled a dollar in his life. Second—it is claimed, and this is the extent of the argument, that the alleged embezzlement was effected by the drawing of a check by plaintiff as attorney, within S. Hart's National bank, an alleged state depository in favor of Mr. Millard in payment of the amount of that check against the account of plaintiff.

Third—The state proved "beyond the peradventure of a doubt" the making of an appropriation by the legislature, in violation of the constitution, of a claim under that appropriation, the examination and adjustment of that claim by the auditor and the payment of the same by the state.

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Plattsmouth, Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—After deliberating all Saturday and until 11 o'clock Sunday morning, the grand jury returned a verdict of guilty against the Missouri Pacific railroad, returned a verdict of \$4,000 damages for the plaintiff, and returned a verdict for the defendant on the charge of conspiracy.

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UNION PACIFIC AN ENIGMA. Destination of the Overland Route Under the New Conditions. MUCH GUESSING AT THE SOLUTION.

Plans of the Reorganization Committee May Not Yet Be Crystallized.—Kansas Pacific Line an Incubus. "If they have agreed to a man there's keeping it dark," said General Manager Dickinson of the Union Pacific yesterday morning when asked if he had heard anything in connection with the president of the reorganized company.

Another official of the Union Pacific said: "It is pretty certain that we shall hear nothing concerning the presidency or any other office of the reorganized company until the Kansas Pacific problem has been solved."

There is a growing belief in local railroad circles that the reorganization committee will not bid in the Kansas Pacific property. It is said that if the government offers the sale of a bidder the committee will not bid.

Another Remarkable Run. Engine No. 889, ahead of train No. 2 on the Union Pacific, made another fast run yesterday from Grant Island to North Platte. The distance is 127 5/8 miles and was covered in 134 minutes.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 20.—The Dispatch today says: The denial by Colonel Lamont, published in the Dispatch Saturday of the report that C. S. Mellen was to become the chief of the great Union Pacific, has been credited by railroad men in this city.

WORK ON THE BURLINGTON DEPOT. Cold Weather Does Not Delay the Work on the new Burlington depot has been interrupted but by the recent winter weather. A full force of eighty-five men is now employed on the building and with the exception of last Thursday, the day of the northern, the men have lost no time.

Using Printers' Ink. The advertising departments of western railroad companies are working overtime in the production of literature designed to interest the prospective gold hunters who will journey toward the Klondike fields in the spring.

Chicago News: Never look a log pistol in the eye. The wisdom of advertising that brings out the best of the advertiser's goods is not to be questioned.

Verdict of Acquittal. Last night the jury in the Maudlin trial returned a verdict of not guilty. A

Michigan Central and Pivgreen. Railroads Fighting Demand Made by the Governor. DETROIT, Dec. 20.—The Michigan Central Railroad company today filed its answer to Governor Pivgreen's petition for a mandamus to compel the company to sell him a 1,000 mile bond under the act of 1891 for the use of himself and family for \$20.

Postpone Joint Traffic Case. Desire is to Have a Full Bench to Pass on It. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—No decisions of much general importance were rendered by the supreme court of the United States today.

Cold Weather and Little Snow. Very cold weather and little snow was reported by the Nebraska railroads yesterday. The Union Pacific reported snow of about the same depth as that reported elsewhere.

All But One Car Rates. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Wall Street Journal says today: Important action on the rate situation is expected at the Joint Traffic association meeting this week.

Short Railroad Sold. LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 20.—The Excelsior Springs railroad was sold at auction at the court house here today to E. L. Morse, one of the bondholders, for \$20,000.

Railway Notes and Personal. Assistant General Passenger Agent Smith of the B. & O. will attend the Louisville conference of western passenger men on Tuesday.

Makes it Right. Chicago Tribune: Reader of publishing house—My dear sir, this story of yours is utterly unprofitable and we would like the risk of publishing it.

Plugged a Hole. When the pedestal of the statue of Blair, which Missouri has presented to Statuary Hall, was standing in that hall the other day, a hole was plugged in the Missouri Post.

A Mexican Courtesy. Many amusing situations arise in Mexico on account of the graceful custom of regarding women as property.

Advertisement for 'HARPER'S WEEKLY' featuring the text 'HARPER'S WEEKLY' and 'This Busy World'.

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER. Prediction: Fair to Fair Day with Westerly Winds. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Forecast for Tuesday: For Nebraska and Iowa—Fair, westerly winds.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER. North Platte, clear. Omaha, clear. Council Bluffs, clear. Lincoln, clear.

REPORTS FROM STATIONS AT 8 P. M. Sunday 21st meridian time. Precipitation: North Platte, 0.00. Omaha, 0.00.

Advertisement for 'Baco-Curo' featuring the text 'Baco-Curo' and 'DON'T TAKE TOGACIO'.

Advertisement for 'Gemmy Means' featuring the text 'Gemmy Means' and 'DON'T TAKE TOGACIO'.

Advertisement for 'ELGIN Full Ruby Jeweled Watches' featuring the text 'ELGIN Full Ruby Jeweled Watches' and 'keep correct time all the time'.

Advertisement for 'SEEING STARS' featuring the text 'SEEING STARS' and 'after the manner provoked by the playful school boy'.

Advertisement for 'The Aloe & Penfold Co' featuring the text 'The Aloe & Penfold Co' and 'LEADING SCIENTIFIC OPTICIANS'.

Advertisement for 'NEW BODIE COLLAR' featuring the text 'NEW BODIE COLLAR' and 'MADE ME A MAN'.

Advertisement for 'WEEK MEN' featuring the text 'WEEK MEN' and 'HARPER & BROTHERS, Publishers, New York and London'.