

CONVICTS EARN A LIVING

Produce Now Enough Revenue to Pay for Their Keeping.

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Contracts for Prison Labor Turn In More Money Than Is Needed to Support the Prisoners Now in Confinement.

LINCOLN, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The state penitentiary has now become self-sustaining, the receipts being sufficient to keep up the expenses of the institution. The appropriation for the penitentiary for the two years was \$60,000. The rule has been that the money earned by the institution by reason of the labor contracts should be turned into the state treasury, there to constitute a fund from which the money was drawn to pay the expenses, and when this fund was exhausted the appropriation was drawn upon. Since the 11th of last month it has been found that the money drawn from the appropriation and the special fund is growing in size, besides paying the current expenses. The reasons for this good showing are that the new contracts made with the manufacturers for the employment of the men are higher than ever before and many men being employed in addition to the number stipulated in the contracts. The number now at work is 225 and the contracts run from 35 cents to 50 cents per day for each man.

When interviewed this afternoon, expressed his great satisfaction at the good condition of affairs at the penitentiary, but said that the institution could not be kept self-sustaining during the whole year, as the contracts allowed the manufacturers to lay off all the men for thirty days during the year, and this would make it necessary to draw upon the state appropriation for expense money. Besides this shut-down, there would be somewhat of a falling off in the receipts later in the season, when no extra men were needed.

STATE HOUSE GOSSIP.

State Superintendent Jackson returned this morning from a trip to Omaha, where he had been in attendance at a meeting of the executive committee of the National Educational Congress. While there he engaged with others interested in the investigation of the space allotted for the educational exhibit and it was found that more space was desired in some way there will be but five feet of wall space for each teacher who has made application. Superintendent Jackson thinks that by the addition of shelves, partitions and movable partitions in the form of screens the space can be increased to nine square feet for each applicant and it is hoped that still more room will be granted, so that each applicant will be entitled to twelve or fifteen square feet.

The National Cattle company, with a capital stock of \$5,000, filed articles of incorporation today in the state office. The officers are: W. M. Wehman, president; W. M. Wehman, secretary; W. M. Wehman, treasurer; W. M. Wehman, clerk; W. M. Wehman, auditor; W. M. Wehman, agent.

The funeral of Mrs. Marie Friend, who died yesterday at her home at 27 South Eighteenth street, will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow forenoon. Rabbi Leo M. Frankin of Omaha will conduct the service and the burial will be at the Jewish cemetery.

The Woman's club of Lincoln, which now numbers over 500 members, is intending to take a hand in politics this spring and to that end will hold a caucus and nominate two members of the school board from among its members. These candidates they will present to the other conventions for endorsement.

The grand jury is in session and has put in the last two days looking after minor criminal matters. It is said that the investigation of city affairs will be taken up in a few days.

The city investigating committee will use up the balance of this week probing into city affairs, and the council next Monday night. The evidence so far shows conclusively that the city employees have been paid in full by the city and that they are not entitled to any more money for their jobs and that they have been subjected to frequent assessments. The testimony in regard to the conduct of the water department has been given and it is being testified that he was instructed by the mayor to plug up one well so as to stop the flow, in order that a new well could be put down in the city.

There is much talk of impeachment proceedings, and the members of the investigating committee say that they will have ten votes out of twelve to impeach the mayor in favor of impeachment. The general opinion is, however, that they will not be able to muster that many votes.

Omaha people at the hotels: At the Lindell—E. P. Quinn, H. Hayden, T. W. Jackson, A. K. Lepe, J. Fawcett, J. F. Coak, Jr., H. B. Corryell, O. P. Judd.

GRAND ARMY STATE ENCAMPMENT.

Delegates Parade and Address the School Children.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The delegates to the state encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, put in this forenoon at the hotels and headquarters renewing acquaintance and incidentally in some wire pulling for official preferment. Some of the veterans visited the sugar factory and other points of interest. This afternoon speakers were assigned to the various school buildings, the exercises there being in the nature of Lincoln day celebration, after which the delegates will proceed in procession and march down the business streets to the encampment hall. A procession of veterans also paraded the streets, led by the Norfolk Military band and company. The delegates will be followed by a campfire. Election of officers will be held tomorrow.

The Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic held a large attendance present, including every one of the officers. They put in the day in committee reports and regular business.

Prosperity at Nebraska.

NEHAWA, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Through the month of January local business men have been balancing accounts and taking an account of their year, and as a result they feel much encouraged. Compared with last year the bank deposits have increased 75 per cent and for the first time in its history the bank had enough money of its

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The dry goods trade has increased about 50 per cent, clothing about 100 per cent, grocery business being the same under all conditions. Lumber business has increased 14 per cent. The implement business has also been doubled. Collections are reported 75 per cent better than last year, each being paid for nearly everything bought.

ITEMS GLEANED AT HARTINGTON.

City Expects Soon to Be Lighted by Electricity.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—During the month of January there were twenty-nine farm and four town mortgages filed on Cedar county realty amounting to \$25,875; also during the same time there were forty-three farm and five town releases of real estate mortgages amounting to \$47,753.50. During the month 244 chattel mortgages were filed amounting to \$61,545.39, and 292 chattels were released, amounting to \$87,821.20. The total mortgage indebtedness for the month was \$91,520.30 and the total amount of mortgage indebtedness paid off was \$136,642.70, leaving a significant balance of \$45,877.60.

Before many weeks the streets, public places, business houses and many of the homes of Hartington will be lighted by electricity. It will be in session, it will be well to take up the program on Friday, February 11. The program set out consists of a letter from the superintendent, a sample program for the day, a number of quotations from Lincoln's speeches and letters, a short sketch of his life and of his political reputation. On the last page of the booklet sent out is a picture of the national Lincoln monument at Springfield, Ill., which will be dedicated on March 10, and toward which Nebraska contributed \$500.

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