

RANCHERS RENT THE LAND

School Property in McPherson and Arthur Counties in Demand.

MANY ACRES LEASED AT A BIG BONUS

Commissioner Wolfe Reports a Very Successful Trip to the Unsettled Cattle Country in Western Nebraska.

LINCOLN, July 20.—Commissioner Wolfe returned today from his trip into McPherson and Arthur counties, where he has been offering school lands for lease. This is the first time that the lands in Arthur county have been put on the market. He leased in McPherson county 5,220 acres and in Arthur county 12,760 acres, receiving therefor a bonus of \$2,295 in addition to the regular rental. This land will be largely used by stockmen as a nucleus for their ranches. The commissioner expects that a great deal more of the land will be leased in the near future, as many have signified their intention of taking it as soon as they can go upon the land.

The Army and Navy Journal reports that Major Edmund G. Fehet of the Sixth United States cavalry was put on the retired list on July 9, "having been found incapacitated for active service on account of disability incident thereto." Major Fehet was well known in Nebraska, having been for two years detailed as special aid to the adjutant general of the guard. As a retired officer he will draw \$2,000 a year. Under the two calls issued by the state asking for volunteers the quota of Nebraska, according to the census reports, was 3,557. The number of men sent to the field in the First and Second regiments, 2,048; recruits to the First and Second regiments, 84; 301 in the First regiment, 1,326; total, 4,058 men, or 761 in excess of the quota.

Carlisle F. Drips, the postal clerk who was arrested at Hastings yesterday by Inspector Sinclair, was brought to this city. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner Billingsly this morning. Drips was accused of stealing an envelope containing \$280, as detailed in the Hastings Dispatch. The money did not reach its destination and Drips was suspected of stealing it. Upon being arrested he denied that he had taken the money, but some bills in his possession were identified. Today Drips confessed his guilt and waived examination. His bail was fixed at \$1,000, and being unable to furnish it he was taken to Omaha today to await the action of the federal court. Sixty-four dollars of the stolen money was recovered.

State Board in Contempt

The Nebraska Telephone company has secured an order compelling Attorney General Smith, G. L. Laws, J. C. Dahlman and J. W. Edgerton to appear before the State Board of Public Utilities on Friday morning next. The money did not reach its destination and Drips was suspected of stealing it. Upon being arrested he denied that he had taken the money, but some bills in his possession were identified. Today Drips confessed his guilt and waived examination. His bail was fixed at \$1,000, and being unable to furnish it he was taken to Omaha today to await the action of the federal court. Sixty-four dollars of the stolen money was recovered.

The colored men of this city organized a new republican club last night with good membership. The officers elected are B. J. Crampton, secretary; Amos Walker, assistant secretary; Charles Hollinger, president. A novel entertainment was held in East Lincoln last night for the benefit of the Old Fellows' home endowment fund. The price paid for each one by his lunch and general good time was determined by his height. Through the kindness of William Foot and I cent additional for each inch over the even feet. A stereopticon and musical program occupied the early part of the evening.

The annual outing of Grace Methodist Sunday school yesterday was a success in every way. The special train started early in the morning with a load of about 300 and returned last night. The faculty of the medical department of Cotner University has been strengthened by the addition of J. W. Edgerton, M. D., formerly of Omaha and Dr. W. O. Bunnett, recently from Pennsylvania, and Dr. E. A. Carr of Lincoln. The directors have secured the property occupied until recently by the Tabitha hospital and are having it renovated and rearranged for hospital and college purposes.

Another Bad Man Gone

BUTTE, Neb., July 20.—(Special.)—One week ago, Grand Juror J. W. Edgerton, now Bonesteel, S. D., turned up missing. Nothing particular was thought about his absence for a few days, as he was a single man and often went out on a camping expedition for a few days. He was also a typical "chance" man, but more than likely the habit of using a six-shooter or a Winchester to enforce an argument. He was the participant in many a "gun play"; once in Butte exchanging several shots in the hotel bar with the notorious Bill Powell, and a few months ago he was shot through the legs by a party with whom he had a difficulty. Not showing up for several days a search was organized Sunday last and the territory to the Missouri river closely examined. It was found that he had been killed and that his body could be found about four miles northwest of Bonesteel covered up. Several parties went to that locality and in a shallow well found him covered up with grass. He was badly decomposed, but a search was made and he was discovered by the horrible smell. Watches were stationed near the body and a courier sent for the coroner. Upon his arrival the body was removed to Bonesteel and the inquest held last night. It was found that he had been shot through the shoulder, the ball passing down through his body. The jury returned a verdict that he came to his death by a gunshot by the hands of parties unknown.

Cuming County Delegates

WEST POINT, Neb., July 20.—(Special.)—The republicans of Cuming county met in convention yesterday for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention. There was full attendance and the proceedings were characterized by great enthusiasm and unanimity. The name of Daniel C. Giffert, Cuming county's candidate for lieutenant governor, was received with storm of applause and delegates elected instructed to vote for him. It is the opinion of the republicans of this county that the candidacy of Mr. Giffert will greatly strengthen the party ticket, as he is known throughout the state as a clean, able and competent man, with high administrative capacity. The following delegates were appointed: E. K. Valentine, chairman; James C. Elliott, John H. Lindale, Dr. H. S. Summers, A. D. Heemer, C. H. Weaver, N. C. Sears, Joseph H. Blenke, George W. Mullin, Oscar M. Thompson and John W. Watson.

Ball Breaking

HOLDREGE, Neb., July 20.—(Special.)—A man about 25 years of age, going through the country with a horse and buggy, was last week caught attempting to break into the store of Willis O. Axtell of Loomis. He had a horse and buggy and skeleton keys and a chain. He was taken to the district court. In default of bonds he was placed in the county jail, and Monday night was locked in his cell by Deputy Sheriff L. C.

Bar. During the night he picked the lock to his cell, and wrenched a leg off his bunk and also the hook which fastened the bunk to the wall. He proceeded to dig his way out through the brick walls of the jail—sixteen inches thick—making good his escape. The next morning the horse, harness and buggy of D. T. Cornell were missing and the supposition is that this man Johnson took them to make good his escape. He has not been apprehended.

SAVES TROUBLE OF A TRIAL

Nebraska City Man Who Attempted to Kill His Wife Takes His Own Life.

NEBRASKA CITY, July 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The lifeless body of Charles Tolliver, who attempted to kill his wife yesterday morning by shooting her with a revolver, was found this morning hanging from a limb of a tree in a secluded spot about two miles west of town. Tolliver ran from the house immediately after firing the shot, thinking, doubtless, that it had resulted fatally. He is believed to have hidden himself in the dense undergrowth near the park during the day, and securing a rope about six feet in length hanged himself some time during the night. His neck was broken by the bullet. He was in no way injured. The bullet has been extracted from the neck of Mrs. Tolliver and her complete recovery is probable. The family consisted of the husband, wife and five children ranging in age from 5 to 22 years. Mrs. Tolliver has been a hard working woman and bears a good reputation.

REPUBLICANS IN FIGHTING TRIM

Those in the First District Are Out to Make a Winning.

LINCOLN, July 20.—(Special.)—The republican convention of the First congressional district will be held in this city on August 6, 7 and 8. The first day will be devoted to the nomination of candidates for the district. The only avowed candidates in the field for the nomination are Burkett of Lancaster and Stull of Nemaha, although there is still a little talk that Hayward of Otoe and Davidson of Johnson may be candidates. The republican committee will accept the nomination of the district and will receive the united republican support. A desperate effort is being made in the district by the fusionists to create dissension between the friends of the various candidates. The fusionists are being sent out about the disaffection among the imaginary factions. The republicans of the district are in good shape to wage an enthusiastic campaign for the man selected by the convention. The fusionists of the district are not in such a hopeful condition and their troubles seem to multiply instead of diminish. The dispute over the question as to which branch of the party is entitled to the nomination goes on, but it is conceded that Berge of Lancaster has lost strength in the last month, but his workers are still on the alert, each asserting that none but a populist should be nominated. For some time Boydston of Otoe loomed up as a formidable candidate, but he said now that so much opposition developed in his own county that Boydston has retired from the race. A number of fusionists in Otoe county who were applicants for positions under the constitution of the state, were increased because Boydston secured the appointment of a colored man from Lancaster county for one of the desired places. It is said the Otoe county statesman denies any responsibility in the objectionable appointment, but the fusion patriots are not easily satisfied. Some of the democrats are now pushing Matt Gering of Plattsmouth for the congressional nomination and they assert that the holding of the convention at Plattsmouth almost insures the success of the Gering boom.

Judge John S. Stull of Auburn is in the city. The judge is a candidate for the republican nomination for congress in the First district. His only competitor so far as he knows at this time is E. J. Burkett of Lincoln who has the support of the Lancaster county delegation. While the judge realizes that that is no mean strength, as with the aid of the delegation from any one of the other larger counties in the district the Lincoln man can secure the nomination, still he is hopeful the honor will come to him, as he says the feeling in the district is that Lancaster county has been honored sufficiently. Some of the democrats are now pushing Matt Gering of Plattsmouth for the congressional nomination and they assert that the holding of the convention at Plattsmouth almost insures the success of the Gering boom.

Warm Time in Sight

AURORA, Neb., July 20.—(Special.)—The secretary of the republican county central committee has called a meeting of the committee at Aurora for Thursday, July 21, to call the county convention to name delegates to the state convention to be held August 6. Whether the county convention at this time will place in nomination a full county ticket or call another convention later is not yet known, but it is presumed that two conventions will be held. The people's independent party of Hamilton county has called its convention to York July 27 to 29. The silver republicans called a convention at York July 27 to 29. This convention will name delegates to the state convention and the senatorial convention.

Will Build a Jail

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., July 20.—(Special.)—Franklin County, after a continuous fight for years, has decided to build a \$125,000 jail. It having spent several times that amount in guarding and taking prisoners to other jails.

Suit Withdrawn

WAUSA, Neb., July 20.—(Special.)—The suit against the Omaha railroad by a citizen of Magnet to compel it to build a depot at that place has been withdrawn.

NO TWENTY-EIGHT HOUR TRAINS

Schedule to Denver to Be Lengthened to Thirty-Five Hours.

CHICAGO, July 20.—(Special.)

One of the interested lines explained to the agreement just entered into by the Chicago-Denver roads regarding fast train service. According to his understanding of the matter the vice president says the trains are to be taken off altogether and the lines are to return to exactly the same basis as existed before the first fast train was inaugurated. After August 15, therefore, no road will cover the distance from Chicago to Denver in less than thirty-three hours and there will be no fast daylight run to Omaha.

Railway Agents Meet

BUFFALO, July 20.—The second annual convention of the National Association of Railway Agents opened here today. The object of the organization, as stated by President O. J. Hammon of Pittsburgh, is "the uniting of the railroad agents of the country in one common bond, enabling them to exchange ideas and thus improve the service of the agent to the public." The delegates visited Niagara Falls as the guests of the Buffalo & Niagara Falls Electric railroad.

Illinois Central Divided

NEW YORK, July 20.—The directors of the Illinois Central railroad have decided a regular 2 1/2 per cent semi-annual dividend, payable September 1.

FORMER WEARERS OF GRAY

Large and Enthusiastic Gathering at the Annual Reunion.

CHEER NAMES OF PRESENT DAY HEROES

General Gordon Makes a Stirring Speech, in Which He Refers to the Present Era of Good Feeling.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 20.—The morning trains brought thousands of people into Atlanta to attend the opening exercises of the reunion of confederate veterans. Tens of thousands of people, veterans and their friends, reached the city to midnight and the congested condition of the down town streets this morning gave indication that today's crowd would double that of yesterday. Not a row was to be had at any hotel last night, and, but for arrangements made by the committee, which furnished sleeping quarters for 2,000 veterans at the park, many of the old fighters would have been compelled to walk the streets.

The interest of the day centered in the convention at Piedmont park. The Kentucky delegation was early at work among the delegates in its efforts to secure the next encampment for Louisville. The delegation from the Louisville Board of Trade has already secured some time and the delegation has already secured good results. Charleston is putting up a strong fight. The claims of the South Carolinians are that their state furnished more men for the civil war than Kentucky and that Louisville is out of the state. The support of Texas in the contest and asserts that that state holds the deciding vote.

Among those who arrived early and took seats on the stand were General Charles E. Hooker of Mississippi, General John B. Gordon, the commander-in-chief, and General Stephen D. Lee, looked upon by some as a candidate for commander-in-chief. Before the gathering was called to order three cheers were given for the late general. General Gordon, followed a moment later by three more for the famous cavalry officer now at the front, General Joe Wheeler.

General Hooker's Address

The oration of the day was delivered by General Charles E. Hooker of Mississippi. He said that when the surrender was made the confederate soldiers separated with arms in their hands. He said it was a capitulation, the confederates being allowed to depart in peace, so long as they observed the laws of the land. "There is no peace confederate but has kept the terms of his capitulation," said the speaker.

Referring to the surrender at Appomattox

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