

WALKING OFF THE PLANK

Employers at Industrial Home Being Separated from Their Positions.

SUPERINTENDENT HOXIE TAKES REVENGE

Discharges Persons Who Show Any Favor for Von Forell-Latter Is After Mr. Hoxie's Place.

LINCOLN, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Political trincles come so thick and fast at the Kearney industrial home that the institution is becoming an eyecore to the population and a subject of ridicule for republicans. The trouble first began long ago when it developed that Superintendent Hoxie possessed neither business ability nor good personal judgment to handle such an institution. It became apparent some time ago that the school would run far short of funds, and this led to the general rumor that there would be a change in the management after a while. This rumor, as usual, acted like a dinner call among the populists of the state and there was a general rush for the place. Prominent among those who wanted to be superintendent was Von Forell, who besides being regent of the university and a local preacher also drew a salary as chaplain of the school. Hoxie took this ambition of Forell as the rank of treason and tried to pry him loose from his salary. Forell did not want to let go and the fuss grew larger until all the employees were mixed up in it. Those who favor Forell's candidacy were summarily dismissed by Hoxie and the institution is becoming thoroughly demoralized.

Today two of the most efficient employees, one a teacher and the other an assistant engineer, arrived in the city and had a long conference with secretary of State Porter. They told him they had received their walking papers Friday afternoon for no other reason than that they were friendly to Forell. Hoxie had refused any investigation. Neither had he paid them their salaries, as the affairs of the institution are in such a chaotic state that regular salaries have not been paid for two months.

Hoxie Will Explain.

While the discharged employees were getting their grievances before the members of the board word was received that Hoxie would be here tomorrow to tell his side of the story. It is believed that as a result of the trouble Hoxie will be relieved from his duties soon. The year and the necessity of this is being explained by several politicians who think they have a show for the succession. Those believe that in the interests of harmony Forell should receive the desired promotion. It is not known what Hoxie will say in the matter and the governor-elect is not expressing himself very freely on any subject since the announcement of his appointment as Fred Jewell is his private secretary. This appointment is not giving satisfaction to the fusion leaders for several reasons. The principal reason is that there were many other applicants for the place, although the selection is criticized because Jewell has already received several good rewards, said to be beyond any political services he ever performed. His criticisms are perfectly natural, coming as they do mainly from place-hunters, but the matter is causing the new governor a good deal of worry.

The recent action of the State Board of Transportation in dismissing the telegraph case is causing some unfavorable comment among the populists and those who really believe in regulating the corporations as they see fit, in expressing themselves. They believe that was a grandstand play in the first place and that a man from Kettie county, fully 200 miles from Lincoln, was selected to file the complaint. This made it very hard to have several adjournments because the complainant was not in the city. After about a year of the record concerning the case is dismissed, the record saying "as per stipulation" was brought into use in this case.

A Stumbling Block.

The telegraph case has, however, served practically as a warning to those who have other cases that have come before the three secretaries for hearing. The Tibbles complaint was notoriously a stumbling block placed in the way of any bond bill complaint and has resulted in nothing. Some of the other so-called "complaints" have been pure fakes. One is mentioned where two men living within six miles of the home of one of the state officials filed a complaint alleging that they were not getting good enough train service. The total length of the road that ran through their place was less than thirty-five miles, and they were the only village along it that was not served by some other railroad. Yet this sham complaint occupied much space in the newspapers and for the time made the public believe that the secretaries of the board were trying to earn the salaries. But nobody knows what was finally done about the matter and it is quite probable that the rubber stamp "as per stipulation" was brought into use in this case.

A prominent populist said the other day that he was heartily tired of these sham complaints, and he believed he would file a suit himself that would be presented to the conclusion so fast that it would bring the board to an actual show-down. He said that the populists were perfectly right in desiring to abolish the board and he believed they would receive some substantial support from the populist members when the time came to put the matter to a vote.

Lincoln Local Notes.

The annual State Teachers' association meeting which opens a four days' session in this city tomorrow bids fair to be the largest and most successful gathering of educators that Nebraska has ever seen. Enrollment for this afternoon, and the expected tomorrow morning, every train bringing in large numbers of schoolmasters and a fair sprinkling of schoolmistresses. Although the work of the association proper does not begin until tomorrow afternoon, two auxiliary meetings will take place tonight. At the high school auditorium representatives from the Lincoln, Crete, Beatrice and York high schools will hold their interschool debate on the expansion question. The educational council will also hold a business meeting at the library building. The first general session will be held in the Oliver theater tomorrow night when President Taylor will formally welcome the teachers to Lincoln. Following his address will be a concert by Prof. Hagenson's orchestra.

A pretty double wedding took place yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oylers, the happy couple being Miss Laura M. Edwards and Claud M. Gardner, and Della E. Edwards and Ambrose L. Ritchey.

Most of the stores in the city have been closed today and a Sabbath quiet prevailed. Family dinner parties were the order of the day and this evening many of the churches gave Christmas programs and candy treats for the little ones.

Laid to Rest.

The funeral services of Mrs. R. Beckman, who died Friday morning, were held at the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock and were largely attended. The deceased has been a resident of this place for the last twenty years and was highly esteemed. She was born in Ireland sixty-three years ago. She leaves a husband and one son, the latter being a

printer in Salt Lake City. Rev. Graves and Chaplain J. G. Tait, two former pastors, spoke.

THREE SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Trio of Brothers in Custody at Tekamah Charged with the Murder of a Man.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Sheriff Langford of this county brought in three prisoners from Iowa Saturday evening who are charged with the murder of one Charles Beck, which occurred about three miles south of Decatur on December 21, 1897. The prisoners are confined in the jail here pending preliminary examination, which is set for the 29th inst. Their names are Russell, George and Edward Sizemore, brothers. These men were in the neighborhood of where Beck was killed seven years ago and a certain amount of suspicion rested upon them after a number of years of division. The two factions of the church each of which stood so strongly for bishop and priest respectively in the long pending and numerous ecclesiastical trials of Bonacum versus Murphy, have come to an agreement whereby they meet in the same house of worship presided over by the same priest as of yore.

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He Alone to Blame.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Corner Martin held an inquest this morning on the body of Albert Dierks, the boy who was killed by a train on the Union Pacific Saturday afternoon. The evidence showed that the boy was holding on to the side of the car and trying to jump off before he reached the stock chute and was struck by the chute and fell under the wheels. None of the train men saw him until after the accident. The funeral took place this afternoon from the German Baptist church near Colfax. Brief services were held at the residence on South D street, conducted by Rev. C. Schrader of the German Baptist church. The pall bearers were selected from among the schoolmates of the deceased, a large number of whom were present. The family have the sympathy of the entire community. The mother is almost prostrated over the sad affair.

Holiday at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Today was generally observed here as a holiday. The banks and county offices were closed and the railroad freight offices and business houses were closed. The public Sunday schools held their Christmas services Saturday evening, but some had theirs this evening. The attendance at all the churches yesterday was large, the formal decorations being in evidence. At the Congregational church the choir, assisted by a chorus, played the orchestra. Ben Kendrick, cornetist, and Arthur Christensen, violinist, gave a Christmas concert last evening. The spacious auditorium of the church was filled. The music at the Catholic, Methodist and James Episcopal churches was particularly worthy of mention. In fact all the different churches in the city devoted particular attention to the musical part of their services.

Wheels Crush Out His Life.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Stephen Davis, a former resident of Beatrice, was killed by a train at the intersection of the railroad and the street. He was killed at Odell last night. He had gone there to visit a brother. As he boarded the train while on his way to return home he ran to catch it. As he reached the engine he was held in motion, his foot caught under the form and threw him under the wheels. The right leg was cut off above the knee and the flesh of the left leg was nearly severed from the bones its full length. He died in the hospital at Beatrice. He was a brother of Dick Davis of Beatrice. He leaves a widow and five children. The remains will be brought here tomorrow afternoon for burial.

Accident Averted.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Christmas exercises were held in all the churches last evening and were well attended. At the Congregational church the choir took fire from one of the tiny candles illuminating the tree and what might have proved a serious blaze was only averted by the presence of mind and prompt action of one of the singers, who wrapped his coat around the burning portion, effectually smothering the fire.

Old Times Returned.

TRENTON, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The week preceding Christmas has been of the old-times kind. The people have had fairly good crops, have many hogs and cattle and an abundance of butter and eggs, and they are in their appreciation of their improved condition by making the business for the week the best since 1893. The complaint of hard times, but the people have lived with each other in making Christmas a season of enjoyment and good will.

Christmas Cheer for Poor.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—At the last session of the Board of Supervisors each supervisor was directed to procure a Christmas dinner for a cost of not to exceed \$15 for each family in his district who was worthy and unable to procure a good dinner, so that there were but few homes in the county which did not feel like celebrating the day.

Arrested for Stabbing.

TRENTON, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—George Carson, deputy sheriff from Fairmont, came here today and, with the assistance of Constable Clark Marshall, arrested a Mr. Mathewson for stabbing a woman in Fairmont on the 23d of the month. He was traced here by letters written back to his relatives. It is thought the wound will prove fatal.

Teacher Robbed.

GRAPTON, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Miss Kitty Bothwell, who teaches just outside of town, had the misfortune to be robbed of her purse, containing \$50 in return ticket, while waiting in the Lincoln B. & M. depot.

Preacher Accepts a Call.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Rev. W. D. Fryse of Knoxville, Tenn., has accepted a call from the Presbyterian congregation of this city and will be its pastor for the ensuing year.

Badger to Go to the Coast.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—The auxiliary chapter Badger left the city yesterday for San Francisco. It carries twenty-seven members from the League Island harbor and the members of the famous Guantanamo battalion.

Christmas in Uncomfortable Weather.

SANTIAGO, Dec. 26.—Most of the Americans in Santiago celebrated Christmas today, though hardly able to realize that this is the Christmas season, in the midst of the discomforts of summer weather. The palace clerks presented General Wood with a magnificent gold-headed tortoise shell walking stick.

Merchants' Remedy Notes.

A new rule has been adopted by the person can deposit more than three copes with any one merchant on the same day. HU-CAN? HU-CAN? HU-CAN? HU-CAN?

MEET TOGETHER ONCE MORE

Catholics of St. Andrew's Church, Tomamah, Reconcile Their Differences.

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Trail Good to Dawson City

Returning Miners Report Cost of Living There Has Decreased—Sad Death of Surveyor.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—The steamer "Farrallon" from Alaska is now being loaded with passengers from Dawson city, who came out over the ice. The trail is good and a large number of people are on the way out.

PANA OVERRUNS WITH BRAWLS

Kaiven, Guns and Thugs' Clubs Freely Used with Bloody Results.

PANA, Ill., Dec. 26.—The Christmas festivities have resulted in innumerable drunken brawls and encounters between union and negro nonunion miners. Eleven of the latter are in jail and as many more are nursing serious wounds. The trouble began with a duel with knives in West Pana and both were badly cut. James Meyers, a non-union miner, was assaulted tonight by unidentified persons and his injuries are reported to be fatal. A negro miner named Snyder attempted to shoot a white man after a fight. A bystander turned the gun and the charge entered Snyder's right arm, making a fatal wound. The provost guard arrested twenty persons, among them City Treasurer O. C. Moore, Mayor Overton, ex-Deputy Sheriff "Burr" Holtz, and Sheriff Thomas Ellison of the local Miners' union, who were found with arms upon them.

NEW CHURCH IN PORTO RICO

Bishop McLaren Appointed to Visit the Island to Determine Future Policy There.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Bishop William W. McLaren of the diocese of Chicago was appointed the mission to Porto Rico to investigate the field there for promotion of the Episcopal church interests, as delegated to him by the Episcopal conference in Washington. He will set out for the new island possessions before the end of the month and will take an auxiliary force with him. When Bishop McLaren has thoroughly investigated the conditions in Porto Rico he probably will return to the United States immediately and make a report upon his trip. The new mission is of importance to the Episcopal church, as the island is to be purchased in the island will be based upon the bishop's report.

Revises Old Law on Franchises.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Attorney General E. C. Crow has filed a petition at the relation of the state of Missouri for quo warranto proceedings against the Lindell Railway company to deprive the Lindell company of the franchise recently granted it by the municipal assembly of this city. The attorney general claims that the extension of the franchise granted the Lindell company is in direct conflict with what is known as the "parallel law." This law, which was passed in 1866 and prohibits the granting of a street railway within three blocks of an existing street railway.

Gives \$2,000 to Lafayette Fund.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 26.—President Beck of the Lafayette Memorial commission acknowledges the receipt of contributions from Ohio for the Lafayette monument, writes to State School Commissioner Rosebush, that all the contributions from Ohio up to date amount to \$2,250.94—the largest amount contributed by any single state except Illinois.

Governor Refuses His Signature.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 26.—Governor-Elect Stanley Sizer, that he will not sign a warrant for the death of John Collins, convicted Saturday evening of the murder of his father. He does not believe in capital punishment and that is the reason for his refusal.

Shooting Over Family Troubles.

GREENFIELD, Mo., Dec. 26.—William Shaver, a farmer living four miles west of here, shot his wife, Mrs. Shaver, producing fatal wounds, then shot himself, dying instantly. Family troubles are the cause.

OVERPRODUCTION OF MONKEYS.

The monkey slaughter question has, it appears, assumed a serious aspect just now, says the Lahore Tribune. It has caused considerable excitement among orthodox Hindus not only in Orissa and Bengal, but as far as the news has traveled. The authorities have been warned against this injudicious proposal of the Puri city fathers, lest the question should lead to some serious consequences. The religious feelings of orthodox Hindus are so sensitive that they are not to be trifled with in this manner, and the lessons of the Benares riots should not be thrown away.

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