

MANIPULATING STATE FUNDS

Statement Showing the Amount on Hand on March 1.

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GROWS LARGER

Some Money Would Like to Know Where Money is Kept—Treasurer Meserve's Explanations on Stump Last Fall.

Table with columns for fund names and amounts, including items like 'General fund', 'Permanent school fund', etc.

It will be noticed that the permanent school fund, which was considered very large last fall when it amounted to \$137,000, is now up to \$260,783.03.

When the present officials went into office it was on a pledge to keep the permanent school fund invested. Last fall during the campaign Treasurer Meserve made a speech, giving as the excuse for not investing the school fund that all sorts of bonds and securities were in such demand and had gone to such a high premium that it was hard to find investments.

PERMANENT FUND INCREASES

Since then the permanent school fund has been allowed to grow larger and larger until the question is now often asked, "Where is this money kept?"

The permanent school fund cannot be deposited in the accredited banks to draw interest to the state like the other funds and handled by the treasurer as his private funds, to be deposited in whatever place he deems safe.

The recent legislation on the subject of county and state deposits leads to some speculation as to the attitude of the state treasurer. The law now fixes the interest rate on county deposits at 3 per cent and on state deposits at 2 per cent.

It is even hinted that at least one of the money taken out of the county depositories, where it was drawing 3 per cent, was hurried to the state treasury, was immediately re-deposited by the state at 2 per cent.

The bank which has deposits from the county amounting to \$20,000 pays interest on the same at the rate of 75 per month, or \$96 per year, which goes into the county fund. The \$20,000 is withdrawn on demand of the state treasurer, and a day or so later is again deposited in the bank at the rate of 50 per month, which interest goes to the state instead of the county.

It is carried out in every county this plan would deprive the counties of a large amount of interest money, one-third of which would revert to the coffers of the state depositories or persons interested.

The county treasurers are already finding out that a county rate of 2 per cent and a state rate of 2 per cent on the same money opens great possibilities for the manipulation of public funds.

Governor Fryer returned from Albion today, and the executive office was at once besieged by anxious place-hunters. Much of the afternoon was spent in the consideration of claims for political reward, but no news of appointments was given out before night.

The city was startled today by the news that the remains of two still-born babes had been found in the busiest part of the city. One was found by street cleaners at the corner of Twelfth and P streets. It was wrapped in newspaper and was lying in the gutter covered with dirt.

The city council members were sworn in and took their chairs. The council is now composed of the following members: J. H. Eichenburg, H. C. Kerr, C. K. Lawson, R. V. Schocky, E. P. Nells, J. H. Sims, Hal Main, G. H. Spicer. No business of importance was transacted.

RED CLOTH NEB. APRIL 12.—(Special.)—Bill Hayes and June Bent, who have just been tried for highway robbery, were convicted and sentenced by Judge Bell to five years in the penitentiary.

Second Increase in Wages. POTTSTOWN, Pa., April 12.—The puddlers of Potts Bros. Iron company and of the lower works of the Glasgow Iron company have been notified of an increase in their wages from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per day, to take effect May 1.

LEBANON, Pa., April 12.—The Pennsylvania Coal and Nut works and the East Lebanon Iron company have posted notices of a second increase of 10 per cent in the wages of their employees. The first increase was 5 per cent.

Funeral of Ex-Senator Taber. DENVER, April 12.—The remains of the late Senator Taber will be taken to the capitol from 2:30 until 6 p. m. tomorrow. The funeral will be held on Friday at the Church of the Sacred Heart, at 10:30 a. m.

NEW YORK, April 12.—The bark Ellen Gowan, which was reported from Vineyard yesterday to have been sunk on Sunday, had a crew of five men aboard. They were last seen at 12:30 a. m. with their cargo of coal at \$26,000.

WILL GO TO THE JURY TODAY

End of the Case Against Good Shot is Now in Sight.

EVIDENCE ALL IN AND PLEAS BEING MADE

Accused Takes the Stand and Tells His Story at Length, Endeavoring to Prove an Alibi—Details of the Trial.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The case in the federal court against Good Shot, a Pine Ridge agency Sioux, who is charged with the murder of his wife, did not go to the jury this evening as expected, arguments of the attorneys not having been completed.

STATE FAIR AND EXPOSITION

Board Decides to Bring the Show to Omaha if Satisfactory Arrangements Can Be Made.

LINCOLN, April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Agricultural Board, after a meeting here this afternoon, about thirty members being present. The question of holding a state fair this year was discussed and it was decided that a successful fair could not be held here in Lincoln this year on account of lack of time to secure and fit up the grounds.

PRAIRIE FIRES IN ROCK COUNTY

Entire Country for Twenty Miles is a Mass of Flames.

BASSSETT, Neb., April 12.—A prairie fire of extraordinary extent and of great fierceness is raging throughout Rock county. The residents of this entire section are fighting the flames, but a strong wind is driving the fire and all efforts to control it have failed.

Blair, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—The Union Bank, Knights of Pythias, gave a grand ball, cakewalk and drill at the opera house last evening. There was a large attendance.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT IS DIVIDED

CREIGHTON, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—The Highland school district, which lies just east of this town and which contained forty children, has just been divided by the county superintendent, D. D. Martindale. The division leaves two schools in each district.

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SWAN OF DICTATOR TORRES

Merchants of Nicaragua Impatiently Await Relief from Oppression.

LAST DECREE OF THE RULER IS ISSUED

Consists Himself the Only Power to Judge Cases Involving Finances and He May Also Decide to Confiscate Estates.

NEW ORLEANS, April 12.—A Pinyane special correspondent, writing from Bluefields, Nicaragua, under date of April 8, says: Thursday was made eventful by the appearance of another of the decrees which have won a name for Torres, both in this country and in the United States.

LOCATION OF BURDOCK BURS

Half Day's Session in the George Case is Taken Up with Circumstantial Evidence.

CANTON, O., April 12.—It is the present expectation of the attorneys for the state that they will have all of their direct evidence before the jury this week, providing a Saturday session is held, which is probable. Although it is the intention to make up for time lost today.

There was a mere hint of sensation today in the holding of the court that the photographs of other women whom the defense are seeking to associate with Saxton, go in with the evidence. The matter is admitted for the purpose of attacking the identification of a woman in an incident related by a witness who said it was Mrs. George.

Only half a day's session of court was held in the George trial today. Adjournment was taken at noon on account of the funeral of L. V. Blockius, father-in-law of Prosecuting Attorney Pomeroy and a relative of Attorney Welby.

Police Officer Robn was again called to the witness box at the opening. His cross-examination was in regard to burdock burs being found in a number of places in addition to the vacant lot in which the assassin was seen to enter.

Former Police Officer Charles Dickerhoff testified that on the night before the murder he met Mrs. George, who told him that she was to go with her to look for Saxton. For some time they watched Saxton's movements at the house. Mrs. George could not enter on account of an injunction.

E. J. Rex and M. M. Herbst testified to having seen the policeman and a woman in the vicinity of the Saxton block. William Saxton, the policeman, testified that he often saw Mrs. George there. Once she was standing near Saxton's room holding a revolver in her hand. Again he found the ball lights out and Mrs. George standing near Saxton's room. Again he found the ball lights out and Mrs. George standing near Saxton's room.

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FOUND SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Disposal of the Million and a Half Estate Left by Wallace C. Andrews, Victim of Fire.

GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST ATTORNEY

Pierre's Disbarment Proceedings Against S. M. Howard of Gettysburg are Brought in the Supreme Court Today.

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PACKING HOUSE STATISTICS

Western Killings Show a Slight Falling Off from Those of the Preceding Week.

CENTENNIAL FAIR BILL SIGNED

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 12.—A telegram from Jefferson City says the governor has signed the bill authorizing the immediate incorporation of the Louisiana Purchase Centennial Fair to be held in St. Louis in 1903.

IRON FURNACE RESUMES. EASTON, Pa., April 12.—The Keystone Furnace of the Thomas Iron company at Easton, Pa., has resumed operations.

FOR DYSPESIA

Horsford's Acid Phosphate Agreeable to the Taste.

Take no Substitute.

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST

Partly Cloudy and Colder Thursday, with Westerly Winds—Fair Tomorrow.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER

Table with columns for station names and weather conditions, including Omaha, St. Paul, Chicago, etc.

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