

MAY KILL IRRIGATION LAW

Decision of Supreme Court on Riparian Rights is Far-Reaching.

JOHN O. YEISER'S CASE OUT OF COURT

Initiative and Referendum Appeal is Found to Be Without Standing - Bartley Rousemen Win Again.

LINCOLN, Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The supreme court today announced its decision on the appeal in the case of the county of Crawford against Hathaway and others. The appellant in this case brought an action in the district court of Dawson county against Leroy Hathaway and others to enjoin them from carrying out the provisions of an ordinance which was passed by the board of directors of the county of Crawford...

The case of the state ex rel John O. Yeiser against Beecher Higby, from Douglas county, was dismissed. In this case Yeiser sought to obtain a writ of mandamus compelling the city clerk of Omaha to issue an ordinance under the initiative and referendum act. The case was dismissed for the reason that no final order or judgment was rendered in the trial court. The court held that error proceeding could not be prosecuted before a final judgment had been entered.

A decision of interest to the medical profession was rendered in the case of the state against Charles W. Little, an osteopath. The court held that "one who practices what is known as osteopathy, without obtaining a certificate from the state board of health is a practitioner of medicine and is liable to the penalty prescribed specifically for practicing medicine without a license."

State Loses Bartley Case. In the case of the State of Nebraska against the bondsmen of ex-Treasurer Bartley the court adhered to its former judgment reversing the decision of the district court of Douglas county, which was in favor of the state. The first reversal was predicated on the sole ground that the trial court committed an error in directing a verdict for the state for the full amount of its claim. It was this ruling alone that the court dealt with in arriving at the decision rendered today. The opinion in the case was written by Chief Justice Norval and in closing it says:

With the proofs before the court the admission of the transcript of the evidence tending to show that a part of the money sought to be recovered by Bartley had not been embezzled during Bartley's second term, hence the district court in directing the jury to return a verdict for the state for the full amount claimed in the petition in this case. There is no escaping this conclusion.

The syllabus of the opinion: Findings made as indicated as evidence in actions other than those wherein they were filed, are admissions against interest. Conflicting evidence is to be weighed and when there is a conflict in evidence upon a material issue it is error to direct a verdict for either party.

The amount involved in this case is approximately \$600,000. Judge Hoiscomb took no part in the opinion.

In the appeal of Mr. Charles Tuttle of Lincoln, an osteopath, the court affirmed the decision of the lower court. It holds that an osteopath is a practitioner of medicine and subject to regulations of the State Board of Health.

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LYNCH AND MOST DESTROYED

Entire Block of Business Houses on Main Street Swept Away.

FIRE LICKS UP MOST OF THE TOWN

Starts in a Restaurant and Burns Until All in its Reach Has Been Consumed—List of Losses.

CREIGHTON, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire destroyed the major part of Lynch, an inland town sixty miles north-west of here, this morning. The entire block of business houses on the north side of Main street were burned to the ground. The fire originated in the rear of Mrs. L. A. Roth's restaurant from some unknown cause. Losses: Harvey Sifers, millinery \$400; on inventory, general merchandise, \$2,300; insurance \$1,500; Mrs. L. A. Roth, restaurant, \$500; insurance \$200; W. M. Healey, hardware, \$2,900; insurance \$1,300; Thomas Pflugs, drugs, \$1,000; insurance \$500; Dr. Ira, building and contents, \$1,200; no insurance; E. Saunders, building and contents, \$2,300; insurance \$1,900.

SAUNDERS OF HOLDREGE

Governor-Elect Dietrich Selects Him for Assistant Physician at Asylum for Insane.

HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor-elect Dietrich made an appointment today in the selection of Dr. A. F. Saunders as assistant physician in the state asylum for insane at Lincoln. Before making the appointment Mr. Dietrich consulted Dr. Greene of Lincoln for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the appointment was agreeable to him, as it is the governor-elect's intention to follow the plan with all appointments where assistant physicians are to be chosen for the various institutions.

Boys Sent to Penitentiary.

STANTON, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—The September term of the Eighth Judicial district court convened here Monday, Judge Guy T. Graves presiding. Albert Holman, Henry Krum and Frank Thorp, ages respectively 17, 19 and 20 years, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary and were sentenced to the state penitentiary for one year at hard labor. The Krum boy has served time in the state industrial school at Kearney. Herman Lindley is being reported for disposing of mortgaged property and the prosecution claim to have a very strong case against him. The Eyrum case, which created such a sensation here last spring, was dismissed, the prosecution asking permission to nolle prosecute. A large number of equity cases have been disposed of and the docket will be pretty well cleaned up this week.

The real estate market is very active here this fall, land selling readily at advanced prices. Knox Tipple has become the owner of the Barnes hotel of this city and will assume control about December 1. He operated the Pacific house at Norfolk for a number of years.

Scarlet Fever at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Scarlet fever is quite prevalent in the city, fifteen cases having been reported to the authorities. Some of them are quite serious, while others are of a light form. A mild quarantine has been established. No cases have proved fatal and it is thought that the disease will be soon under the control of the physicians.

Thomas Dillon, who dropped dead in Sioux City yesterday, had lived here but a short time and was not very well known. He left here only a few days ago, intending to return permanently to Chicago. He had no relatives here, it is known he had been upwards of 70 years of age and a veteran of the civil war.

Returning to Be Discontinued.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Secretary of the Treasury Gage today issued the following circular discontinuing the refunding operation: "The Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary, Washington, D. C., Nov. 21, 1900. Referring to the circular of March 14, 1900, known as the 'Refunding Circular,' which invited the attention of owners of United States 4 per cent bonds, under loan of 1907, and 5 per cent bonds, loan of 1901, to the proposed exchange of such bonds for 2 per cent bonds of the same tenor, authorized by said circular, it is hereby notified that the circular of March 14, 1900, is hereby discontinued. All persons interested are therefore hereby notified that bonds intended for exchange under the above circular should be forwarded for that purpose not later than the date of this circular. The circular of March 14, 1900, is hereby rescinded to take effect in accordance with the provisions of this circular, it is also expected."

Baby Becomes Bone of Contention.

WEST POINT, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—A bitterly fought custody battle over the possession of a ten-month-old child has been engaging the attention of Judge Kraze of the county court for some days past. The facts of the case as revealed by the testimony indicate that two young girls, one Birdell Denahoe, a daughter of Carey Denahoe of Bancroft, a prominent citizen, went to live with Irving M. Priest without having gone through the formality of a marriage. The couple moved to Modale, Ia., where two children were born to them out of wedlock. One child died and the couple becoming involved in domestic trouble, the woman left her paramour and taking the child returned with it to this county. The father followed and sued out a writ of habeas corpus, in which he sought to gain possession of the child. The woman is just 19 years of age and seems determined to retain her child. Prominent attorneys have been engaged on both sides and the case will be fought to a finish. Twenty of the most prominent people of Bancroft are here as witnesses.

Jury Finds Him Guilty.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—The district court was occupied this forenoon in the case of the state against Charles Shepperd, colored, who was charged with having stolen money from the store of John Schlapacasse while scrubbing the room. The jury returned a verdict just before adjournment for the noon hour and at 3:30 this afternoon returned a verdict of guilty. The afternoon was spent in trying the case of the state against William Nation, who was charged with burglary at Union.

Prosperity in Evidence.

WISNER, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—The year 1900 has been active in the building line here. F. Wagner built a double, two-story brick, the first floor to be occupied by a general store and harness shop and the upstairs to be made into offices and a hall. Knoll Bros. put up another brick to be used by them as a saloon. The town has built a new water pumping station and extended the water mains, put in a large gasoline engine and supply pump—and all of this without bonding the town! With the ones now under construction there will be fourteen substantial residences added this year, many new barns and additions to other residences.

Will Be No Suffering at Faramon.

FARARMON, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—The long delayed storm reached here yesterday, leaving us from three to four inches of snow on the ground this morning. This is welcomed here, though, owing to the drought last season, the supply of fodder is limited and it will be practically all gone on the stock that is compelled to winter here during the winter. Yet every drop of moisture is a harbinger of good for the future. Many families have moved away from here, but those who remain feel confident that the next season will be a good one. Though the failure of crops was hard on the people, there will be no suffering for want of food or clothing.

MISS MORRISON ON TRIAL

Elaborate's Sensational Case Opened—Young Woman to Answer for Cutting Rival's Throat.

ELDRADO, Kan., Nov. 21.—When Judge C. B. Johnson announced the case the court room was crowded with spectators. Among them were a dozen women, clerks in the store where Castle and Miss Morrison had worked, or neighbors of the dead woman and her husband. On a front seat sat Judge Morrison, aged 67, the father of the alleged murderer, and back of him, crouching low to escape the gaze of the curious, young Castle, for the love of whom, the state will contend, Miss Morrison killed his wife.

Presently Judge Morrison left the room, accompanied by the sheriff, and the two women entered the Miss Morrison, slender and frail looking, to a seat beside the judge's desk. The prisoner was dressed plainly and bore a dejected appearance. She sat quietly through the proceedings, making no comment and hardly speaking a word. Her five months' confinement in the county jail had apparently changed her completely.

Yesterday Miss Morrison's attorneys filed a plea in abatement, asserting that the preliminary hearing had not been regular, and that the prisoner therefore could not be tried on the charge of murder in the first degree. The state's attorney moved that the plea be amended and asked that the case proceed.

The afternoon court convened at 1:30 o'clock and the state filed a demurrer to the plea in abatement made by the attorneys for Miss Morrison. The afternoon was spent in arguments of counsel on both sides. Miss Morrison and Olla Castle sat a few feet from each other during the afternoon session, but neither even glanced at the other.

Judge Shinn sustained the state's demurrer and told the defense to prepare its amended plea. After the amended plea was filed, read and argued the court overruled the demurrer. A motion to quash the information was filed, and it too, was overruled. Miss Morrison and her attorneys held a conference, after which a motion for a continuance was filed. The motion for a continuance is on the ground that one of York's corps showing that the defense is absent from the state and cannot be here at this term of court. Judge Shinn overruled the motion for a continuance and set the case for tomorrow.

THAT DOUBTFUL STATE, OHIO

Secretary's Statistics Show How Dangerously Near Bryan Didn't Come to Carrying McKinley's Home.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 21.—The secretary of state today completed the count of the ballots for presidential electors. The result shows: McKinley, 54,518; Bryan, 47,882; McKinley's plurality, 6,636. The total vote was 1,023,101. Four years ago McKinley received a plurality of 51,109 out of a total of 1,023,101. The increase in the total vote this year was 29,012.

By a coincidence, Bryan has exactly the same vote as he received in 1896.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS. War Survivors Remembered by the Government. WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Pensions granted of the issue of November 3 were: McKinley Original—Perry H. Tate, Dillon, 80; increase—George Colby, Elgin, 10; Original widows, etc.—Emma J. Bull, Danvers, 15; Mrs. J. W. Flannery, 15; Mrs. M. D. Dalley, Coon Rapids, 16; Mrs. W. Morgan, Marshalltown, 3; Clara Cordes, Manson, 36; David Lowe, Volga, 36; Original widows, etc.—Mrs. J. W. Flannery, 15; increase—Joseph G. Bushyager, Sheffield, 15; increase—William H. Seymour, Dallas Center, 15; Mrs. J. W. Flannery, 15; Mrs. D. G. Gilson, 18; War with Spain, original—Alvin Simmons, Columbus Junction, 35; Original widows, etc.—James J. Wolf, Sioux Falls, 35.

Returning to Be Discontinued. WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Secretary of the Treasury Gage today issued the following circular discontinuing the refunding operation: "The Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary, Washington, D. C., Nov. 21, 1900. Referring to the circular of March 14, 1900, known as the 'Refunding Circular,' which invited the attention of owners of United States 4 per cent bonds, under loan of 1907, and 5 per cent bonds, loan of 1901, to the proposed exchange of such bonds for 2 per cent bonds of the same tenor, authorized by said circular, it is hereby notified that the circular of March 14, 1900, is hereby discontinued. All persons interested are therefore hereby notified that bonds intended for exchange under the above circular should be forwarded for that purpose not later than the date of this circular. The circular of March 14, 1900, is hereby rescinded to take effect in accordance with the provisions of this circular, it is also expected."

Baby Becomes Bone of Contention. WEST POINT, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—A bitterly fought custody battle over the possession of a ten-month-old child has been engaging the attention of Judge Kraze of the county court for some days past. The facts of the case as revealed by the testimony indicate that two young girls, one Birdell Denahoe, a daughter of Carey Denahoe of Bancroft, a prominent citizen, went to live with Irving M. Priest without having gone through the formality of a marriage. The couple moved to Modale, Ia., where two children were born to them out of wedlock. One child died and the couple becoming involved in domestic trouble, the woman left her paramour and taking the child returned with it to this county. The father followed and sued out a writ of habeas corpus, in which he sought to gain possession of the child. The woman is just 19 years of age and seems determined to retain her child. Prominent attorneys have been engaged on both sides and the case will be fought to a finish. Twenty of the most prominent people of Bancroft are here as witnesses.

IRRIGATION FOR ARID LANDS

Congress of Western Men Meets at Chicago to Exchange Views.

LARGE NUMBER ATTEND FIRST SESSION

President Elwood Meade of Cheyenne Calls Meeting to Order, Only Business of a Preliminary Nature Being Transacted.

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—The ninth annual session of the National Irrigation congress of the United States was opened under most auspicious circumstances. The convention was held in the Central Trust hall and was called to order by President Elwood Meade of Cheyenne, Wyo., who introduced Dr. Howard S. Taylor to welcome the body to Chicago. Dr. Taylor made a long speech on the objections to annexing the Philippines in order to justify a brief statement that no one would object to enlarging the country by reclaiming the arid lands of the west.

The president then introduced George H. Maxwell, chairman of the executive committee, who delivered a response to Dr. Taylor's welcome.

The program of the congress calls for three sessions tomorrow.

The following are the officers of the National Irrigation congress: President, Elwood Meade, Cheyenne, Wyo.; first vice president, S. M. Emery, Bozeman, Mont.; second vice president, L. W. Shurtliff, Ogden, Utah; third vice president, C. B. Hurt, Boswell, Idaho; treasurer, T. L. Cannon, St. Louis, and national lecturer, George H. Maxwell, Chicago.

CHINESE RESIST ADVANCE

Reinforcements Must Be Sent—Viceroy's Visit.

BERLIN, Nov. 21.—Count von Waldersee cables from Peking that he will return the viceroy's visit today. He has advised from Colonel Yorick's corps showing that the Chinese general, Ho, with 10,000 regular troops and much artillery, is near Kalgan prepared to resist energetically a further advance of the expedition.

Colonel Yorick therefore will await reinforcements before attempting to proceed.

Men of War Again Merchants. LONDON, Nov. 21.—The Russian government, in the opinion of the correspondent of the Times, has ordered all except three cruisers of the volunteer fleet to resume commercial functions.

DEATH RECORD.

Andrew K. Anderson. WISNER, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—At his home in Wisner Wednesday morning, Andrew K. Anderson died at the age of 59 years. Mr. Anderson came to Wisner in 1889 from Norway and took up land north of Wisner, where he resided until a few years ago, when he moved to town on account of poor health. He leaves a wife and three children in excellent circumstances. The funeral will be from the Norwegian church Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Colonel Yardley of Virginia. CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Colonel Thomas Yardley, one of the oldest engineers in the iron and steel business in the country, died today, aged 75 years. During the civil war Colonel Yardley was on General Thomas' staff. He came from one of the old Virginia families, his grandfather, George Yardley, being the first governor of that state.

No Decision in Norfolk Case. CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Discrimination in freight against Norfolk, Neb., and Chicago was again the subject of inquiry by the Interstate Commerce commission today. No decision was given out.

More case, that of James C. McCree, against the Missouri Pacific Railway company, charging discrimination, will be heard before