

FIREARMS FOR CONVICTS

Turkey at Nebraska Penitentiary Discovers a Hidden Arsenal.

SAWS, FILES AND CELL KEYS ARE FOUND

Frustration of Plot for a Wholesale Jail Breaking—Lincoln People Blame Loose Fusion Management.

LYONS, Feb. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The discovery of a collection of loaded firearms, saws, files and cell keys by a turkey at the state penitentiary probably prevented the commission of the greatest wholesale delivery of prisoners ever planned at the institution.

The implements were found carefully hidden away in a ventilating tube that leads into a cell occupied by A. A. Baird, serving a second term for grand larceny, and C. Williams, a horse thief, who has done time in the state prison of Missouri.

The unprecedented extent to which the prisoners were able to develop their plans and the deadly assortment of tools and other equipment which they had succeeded in securing, are regarded in Lincoln tonight as the immediate results of loose management in relations to mismanagement on the part of the fusion authorities, who just vacated their offices.

Warden Davis and Deputy Bowers took charge of the institution a week ago, but the entire force of wardens, guards and guards was retained. From these the new warden learned of the loose methods of his predecessor and a reform in the management of the prison was at once instituted.

Turnkey Cokley was detailed to make a thorough investigation of all the cells, workshops and buildings of the penitentiary. As he had almost completed his task yesterday morning he noticed a small rag protruding from the ventilating tube in one of the cells.

Pulling this out, he discovered a collection of implements that could have been used in various circumstances used to liberate forty convicts.

One key found in the collection was made to fit the doors of twenty cells in the upper gallery of the cell house, and still another key was found to fit the lock of the cell house leading into the prison yard.

His discovery was communicated to the warden and the occupants of the cell were immediately committed to the dark dungeon.

PLENTY OF BUTTER AT ASYLUM.

Institute for Chronic Insane at Hastings Overstocked by Fusionists.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—It was asserted that the fusion officials had laid in a supply of 4,000 pounds of butter at the Chronic Insane asylum, but the New York reporter visited the place last week and learned that they had overstocked the institution with 12,000 pounds and that on February 1, 1901, there was still on hand 9,337 pounds, or enough butter to run the asylum until July, providing it was good.

But some of the butter is so putrid that it cannot be used for any purpose. When Mr. Haverly was appointed steward of this institution he checked up with former Steward Barnes. Mr. Haverly was shown the butter room in which was kept 4,000 pounds and he accepted it as such, but there was another room which was not shown him and this was nearly filled with spoiled butter, which was dumped carelessly into barrels.

During December and January the fusion officials bought of A. S. Howard of Kansas and E. N. Crane and A. P. Slack of Juniata 12,235 pounds of butter, for which they paid \$1,885.71. Besides this they bought a large bill of creamery butter. Much of the butter is so bad it cannot be worked over.

Besides laying in an abundance of butter the fusion officials overstocked the institution with clothing for male patients. From August 21, 1900, to December 27, 1900, the asylum was furnished men's clothing to the amount of \$8,750.50. Of this \$6,100 was furnished during the month of December, which shows that only \$1,650.50 was spent for clothing for the male patients during August, September, October and November.

These suits were furnished at the contract price of \$5 a suit. After they had been delivered several Hastings citizens examined the stock and said they were willing to put in similar suits at \$2.75 a suit.

For Injuries Received in Ducking. LYONS, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—An attorney who refuses to give his name and who says Dunlap, Ia., is his home, is here getting evidence against some of the citizens who, he asserts, took part in the ducking of Andrew Adams one night last fall in Logan creek for abusing his family. Adams now says through his attorney that he received permanent injuries in the hands of the mob by having three of his ribs broken and being otherwise mistreated, he also claims to have been whipped around the legs until they bled. Adams left the town the next day, leaving his family in destitute circumstances. They have been supported by the town until a few days ago, when the citizens raised funds and sent them to friends in Iowa.

Prohibitionists Have Convention. HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Prohibitionists of Adams county had a convention at the court house this afternoon and perfected a county organization, with W. D. Norton of Kansas as chairman, Clinton Wolcott of Kansas secretary and J. R. Penfield of Hastings treasurer. Sixteen men were found in sixteen townships to constitute a county central committee. The meeting was addressed by speeches from D. D. Norton, Moses Sigler, E. D. Gideon and others. The prohibition

ists have organized for the purpose of taking an active part in county politics, but will not participate in the coming city election.

GARDNER JURY IS SECURED

Taking of Testimony is Begun for Second Time in Zahn Murder Case.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—It was about noon today before the defendant exhausted his last challenge in the case of the State against Gardner and a jury was secured. Over 150 men were called. The state waived all peremptory challenges. The following are the jurors: Ben Mitchell, farmer, Elkhorn; Charles A. Farham, farmer, Cotterell; T. H. Pierson, tailor, Fremont; A. C. Record, traveling agent, Fremont; Ed Scott, farmer, Cotterell; Burley Walker, farmer, North Bend; J. W. Kimmel, farmer, Maple; J. W. Nation, laborer, Fremont; L. P. Griffin, railroad watchman, Fremont; Rudolph Hartfeld, laborer, Fremont; N. O. Withey, retired, Fremont; T. E. Haurigan, teacher, Fremont.

Taking of testimony was begun this afternoon. County Attorney Martin is bringing out more of Gardner's connection with the shooting than in the former case and spending less time in inquiring about what Rhea did. Henry Bushner's testimony was more full than in the Rhea case. He swore that after he had heard two shots fired he saw two men of about the same size in the street at the corner of Zahn's place, near the alley. They fired in both directions, up and down the street, one shot striking the window, where he was standing. He heard a man call out "Come on, Bill, now is your chance," and saw two men run down the alley toward the east from the saloon. His account of what he saw in the saloon of the movements of the men there after Zahn was shot was substantially as in the first case.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Carl Swanson, a Swedish living in Waterloo township, was brought here last night by the sheriff, a raving maniac. Swanson is 42 years of age and has been farming in this county for a number of years. He was examined by the board this morning and pronounced insane. Just what has caused his mental trouble is not known and it is doubtful if he can be restored by a course of treatment.

Royal Prize is a Hatchet. TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—E. H. Grist gave a stag whist party at his home last evening, or rather, a Washington party. Everything about the house in the way of decoration was indicative of the venerable George, and when the score cards were distributed they were miniature hatchets. The royal prize, won by W. M. Buffum, was a hatchet. Refreshments were served.

Vaccinating Wymore. WYMORE, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Jas. Gafford, given, Yoder and Johnson offer services to vaccinate the school children without charge if the vaccine points were furnished them and the Board of Education promptly accepted the offer. The work was done Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and nearly 400 children were inoculated.

Appointments at Insane Asylum. HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Ed Burton has been appointed night watchman at the Chronic Insane asylum, to take the place of Mr. Eighenberger. Miss Oia Ladd has been appointed stenographer of this institution, to take the place of Miss Grace Waldron.

Funeral of B. C. Kerr. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The funeral of B. C. Kerr was from the Presbyterian church this afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. S. Blech. The Grand Army post, Woman's Relief corps and Odd Fellows attended. The Odd Fellows laid the body to rest in Oak Hill cemetery.

Vigilant Home From Alaska. LYONS, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—J. V. Vifquain, son of General Vifquain, now stationed in Cuba, and a brother of J. B. Vifquain, near this city, is here visiting after an absence of five years, spent in the Alaska gold fields. Mr. Vifquain's home is in Dawson City.

Narrow Escape from Drowning. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Henry Fields and two other men attempted to cross the Missouri river from this city to their home at Pacific Junction, Mo., last night. The ice gave way and they came near being drowned.

Examine Feeble Minded Institute. BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—A legislative delegation was here today examining the Institute for the Feeble Minded. The representatives made a complete examination of the institute and returned to Lincoln this evening.

Smallpox at Lyons. LYONS, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Rev. A. L. Gray, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, has been confined at his home under quarantine the usual length of time and has been again quarantined, another member of his family being sick with the smallpox.

Theresa Lemmers of Aloys. WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Theresa, 18-year-old daughter of Henry Lemmers, a farmer of Aloys, died Wednesday and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at that place. The cause of death was typhoid fever.

A Misunderstanding. Misunderstanding symptoms of disease lead doctors to treat something else when the kidneys are out of order. Foley's Kidney Cure will bring you health when other medicines have failed. Take no substitute.

Brave General Dudley III. BOSTON, Feb. 23.—General N. A. M. Dudley, U. S. A., retired an old time fighter, has been ill at his home for almost a week and his condition is such that his friends have become seriously alarmed. He is in his 75th year. During the rebellion he received five breast for bravery under fire.

CLOUDY SKY, WARMER AIR Such are the Conditions in Nebraska If the Forecast Holds Good.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Weather forecast for Sunday and Monday: For Nebraska and South Dakota—Partly cloudy with rising temperature Sunday; Monday fair, except snow buries in western portion; southeasterly winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Iowa, Illinois and Missouri—Fair Sunday and probably Monday; fresh northwesterly winds, except snow buries in western portion; southeasterly winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Kansas—Fair Sunday, with rising temperature; Monday fair; variable winds. For Colorado—Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday; probably snow in mountain districts; southeast winds.

For Wyoming—Partly cloudy; snow in mountain districts Sunday and probably Monday; rising temperature Sunday; variable winds.

For Montana—Partly cloudy, with snow and rising temperature Sunday; Monday fair, with colder in western portion; variable winds. For New Mexico—Partly cloudy Sunday; Monday occasional rain or snow; southerly winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Western Texas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Arkansas—Fair Sunday and probably Monday; rising temperature Sunday; northerly winds, becoming variable.

FAST TRAIN IS IN PERIL

Wheels Fly Off Tender While Bouncing a Mile a Minute.

ENGINE HALTS WITH COACHES ON RAILS

Nebraska Mortgages Show a Gratifying Decline in Six Months—Attitude of Branding Secretaries Resign in Favor of New Law.

LINCOLN, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The west-bound Rock Island passenger train miraculously escaped being wrecked a few miles east of Lincoln yesterday afternoon. The train left Omaha a few minutes before 8 o'clock and when it struck the long, level roadbed east of Prairie Home the engineer turned on full steam and soon had the train working sixty miles an hour. While going at this speed the wheels of the front truck under the water tank suddenly disconnected and tumbled off on opposite sides, leaving the tender supported only by the rear truck and the coupling connecting it with the engine. This disabled the tender was dragged along more than a mile, but until the train was brought to a standstill the passengers were unconscious of the accident.

Experienced railroad men say that under ordinary circumstances an accident of this nature would have wrecked the entire train. If the front end of the tender had gone down to the ties it would have piled up the cars and probably brought down the locomotive.

Nebraska Mortgages Reduced. The Bureau of Industrial Statistics has completed a record of all mortgages filed and released in Nebraska during the six months ending December 31, 1900. In forty-three counties the mortgage indebtedness was reduced, while in the remaining counties it was slightly increased. Comparison with former reports of the department shows that more mortgages were released during the first half of the year than in an annual period for over eight years. The report covers a period when farmers and cattlemen are more apt to borrow money than in any other season of the year, which fact accounts for the increase in the few counties. The counties making the most favorable showing are: Butler, Chase, Cherry, Dodge, Douglas, Dawes, Fillmore, Frontier, Gage, Garfield, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hitchcock, Holt, Jefferson, Keith, Keya Paha, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Louisa, Nemaha, Nottawac, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Perkins, Platte, Rock, Red Willow, Richardson, Saline, Sherman, Thayer, Thurston, Valley, Wayne and York.

The following is a comparison of the farm mortgages filed and released in several counties during the six months:

Table with columns: County, Filed, Released. Includes Douglas, Hamilton, Kearney, Lincoln, Nemaha, Nottawac, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Perkins, Platte, Rock, Red Willow, Richardson, Saline, Sherman, Thayer, Thurston, Valley, Wayne and York.

For the entire state the totals are: Farm mortgages: Filed, 10,140; Released, 10,140. Town and city mortgages: Filed, 2,500; Released, 2,500.

Brand Secretaries Resign. Anticipating the passage of Senator Van Boskirk's brand law, S. P. Delator of Lewellyn and J. H. Quigley of Valentine today resigned their positions as secretaries of the State Brand and Marks commission. The proposed bill would place the duty of registering cattle brands and marks entirely under the direction of the secretary of state and would do away with the present state commission. The three secretaries of the commission have indicated the bill and insist that they are anxious that it may be passed.

"We believe the law will greatly simplify the work of registering brands and marks and it would certainly be an improvement over the present method," said Mr. Delator today. "We are in favor of the bill for it is in the interests of the cattle owners. Our resignations are given for the reason that we do not care to return to Lincoln again and because we think the brand bill will undoubtedly become a law."

Up in this afternoon 3,000 applications for the registration of brands were made to the commission. This number includes many duplicate brands, for which the applications were returned and substitutes issued on request.

Governor Dietrich and staff will leave Thursday for Washington to attend the reinauguration of President McKinley. It is likely the National Guard band of Beatrice will accompany the party.

Possession of Business Site. The supreme court at the last sitting rendered an opinion in the case involving the possession of the Arroyo, city store building at 1013 O street. The property was bought a year ago by Mayer Bros., a rival clothing firm, but Armstrong refused to move out. He offered the Mayer Bros. \$5,000 more than they had paid for the property or an increased rent for a limited period, but both offers were refused. Then the owners and the occupants employed legal counsel and proceedings for forcible entry and detention were begun before a justice of the peace. The case was finally taken to the supreme court. The decision of that tribunal will have the effect of starting the case over again in the justice's court. The occupant of the building declares that the decision of the court is really in his favor, for it will enable him to complete the construction of a new building by the time the case is finally decided. This new building was begun several weeks ago and its construction is being rushed with all possible haste.

The case has attracted more attention here than most any civil case originating in the city for several years past. The two firms practically control the clothing business of the city and have fought each other in courts and in the advertising columns of newspapers since the day they started in business.

Judicial Opinion of Supreme Court. The opinion of the court treats of its jurisdiction in such cases. The syllabus declares that owing to the numerous cases on the docket it is the practice of the court to enter orders for the hearing and advance cases for hearing in applications for writs of mandamus brought by private persons for the enforcement of private rights unless some good reason is made to appear why the application is not the first instance for the writ. The hearing of it holds that it is proper to grant an original application for a writ of mandamus made in a case pending in this court only when it appears that it is ancillary in character and subserves some useful purpose, protects the rights of the parties which would otherwise be jeopardized or renders effective a judgment which has been or may be entered in the case. The court adds that it has already determined the statute for an appeal from a justice of the peace in forcible entry and detention cases to be invalid, and that a judgment rendered in the district court in proceedings taken under such statute is without jurisdiction and void.

It is also pursuing a shadow, a phantom, to further consume time in the argument and consideration of that which is already firmly and finally settled and determined," wrote Judge Holcomb.

The case in question was started before Justice Westernman and afterward taken to the district court, where judgment was rendered affirming the decision of the justice. The supreme court gave an opinion several months ago, holding that the appeal from the justice of the peace to the district court was void.

Pat Crowe and Mrs. Nation. COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—If the Omaha police had been here last evening they could have captured the much-wanted Pat Crowe. He was here and made no attempt to conceal his identity. Arriving with Mrs. Carrie Nation they participated in the grand march at the market hall given by the Columbus fire department at the opera house. Carrie had her hatchet with her and Pat carried the valise in which the \$25,000 was deposited by Mr. Cudahy.

Riddle Again Found Guilty. DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—For the second time in the term of district court James C. Riddle has been found guilty of selling liquor illegally. There is no more case against Riddle and one more against Payson on similar charges to come up next week. Court adjourned last night until Monday.

South Omaha News. It begins to look now as if M street would be opened to the river, while friends of the N street route are still planning and figuring. The East Side Improvement club is going right head with its projects and proposes to open a route to the river during the coming summer. The grading necessary will mean the filling in of several deep gullies, but as the money is on hand and the property owners are willing the chances are that the grading will commence as soon as the property owners of the route are estimated by engineers that 125,000 cubic yards will be needed to fill the gullies between Twentieth and Twenty-second streets. Petitions now in circulation show signatures aggregating nearly one-quarter of the property owners, and there can be no doubt about the passage of an ordinance when backed by the large number of signatures mentioned.

In addition to signing the petition residents of M street have quietly raised the \$1,000 for the purpose of assisting property owners who do not feel that they can afford to pay the special tax which will be assessed for the work. Grading will cost 10 or 12 cents a cubic yard, and while the work will be expensive it is not certain that the street are determined to have the work done regardless of whether N or O streets are opened to the river.

One of the principal workers in this matter asserted yesterday that as soon as the grading commenced a petition would be started to pave the street from Thirteenth to Twenty-fourth, and thus make a first-class roadway to the eastern part of the city.

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Corner Farnam and Fifteenth Streets

Midwinter in CALIFORNIA \$25 to California Not in years have the rates to California been as low as on February 12, 19 and 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

when the Burlington will sell one-way tickets to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Jose, Sacramento and dozens of other points in the state at \$25—about half ordinary rate. Thro' tourist cars, \$5 for a berth.

Tickets, time-tables and information at 1502 Farnam St. and at the Burlington Station. J. FRANCIS, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Neb.

Adkins Investigates

President Adkins of the city council went to Omaha yesterday to investigate the ordinance in relation to the construction of a viaduct across Thirty-sixth street, in the northern part of the city. What Mr. Adkins wants to know is whether the proposed bridge will be large enough for street cars or only a wagon bridge. If there is only a chance for a bridge wide enough to accommodate wagon traffic there is liable to be some opposition to the ordinance, which will come up for passage at the meeting of the council Monday night.

Boy Drowned While Skating

Ambrose Conway, 11 years of age, was drowned at Clear lake in Syndicate park yesterday afternoon while skating. The lad is the son of Joseph Conway, 1712 Van Camp avenue, Omaha. Conway was skating with a number of boys in the park and tried to skate on the ice. When he fell through an effort was made to rescue him, but as the ice was too thin and the water too deep the efforts were unavailing. Undertaker Brewer was called to the park and took charge of the remains. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Holland Gets Busy

City Electrician Holland has just about completed the work of rebuilding the city fire alarm lines. Something like six miles of wire was used in the rebuilding and now the fire alarm service is as good as any in the country. On account of the heavy wage carried by the electric light company the fire alarm wires had to be removed from the electric light poles and Holland has been busy for the last week attending to this matter. Now the fire alarm system is in first-class shape.

An Expert Wanted

There seems to be some difficulty about the employment of an expert to check the books of the city officers. J. A. Beck wants the job, but he is persona non grata with the administration and the committee will be compelled to look elsewhere. Frank Burness is an applicant and it is more than likely that he will be given the work, as he has checked the books before and the council always found him to be correct. The work costs about \$250.

Home Missionary Wanted

The Women's Home Missionary society of the First Methodist Episcopal church will hold a meeting on Friday, March 1, at the home of Mrs. M. Mabery, 1328 North Twenty-fifth street. All members of the society are urged to be present, as special business of importance will come up. All those who attend are requested to bring a needle and thread. A program will be rendered and light refreshments will be served.

Ice Harvest Purchased

Yesterday the South Omaha Ice company, through its local manager, Frank Meckler, purchased the coming crop of ice on the lake at Letts, Iowa. The buying of the company has already cut enough ice for shipping purposes and as it uses refrigerating plants it has ice to spare. The South Omaha Ice company will commence cutting ice on the Jetter lake on Monday, providing the weather continues cold.

Easter Services

Rev. J. A. Johnson, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, announces the appointment of the following committee to arrange for Easter services: Mrs. O. C. Osborne, Mrs. F. A. Cressey, Mrs. C. C. Howe, Clarence Peterson, Byron Smiley, John Fields and John Lund. This committee will arrange for special music and will have the decorations in charge.

Epworth League Party. On Tuesday evening the Epworth league will give a "Longfellow" party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cressey, 1429 North Twenty-fourth street. A program of exceeding interest is being arranged for and

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