

OIL INSPECTOR TAKES HOLD

J. E. Hays Assumes Charge as Successor to Ed R. Sizer.

BOYD COUNTY TRANSFER COMPLETE

Execution of Deeds of Relinquishment is Consummated—Application for Receiver in Lincoln.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 1.—(Special.)—J. E. Hays today began his duties as chief state oil inspector. So far as possible he will carry out the policy of his predecessor, Ed R. Sizer, but will insist on having his deputies inspect oil at the tanks instead of at railroad stations, as has been done in some instances in the past few years.

Ed R. Sizer has succeeded H. M. Bushnell as postmaster of the Lincoln office, the latter's four-year term having expired today. The records of the office were checked over this morning by an auditor from the department at Washington and found in a satisfactory condition. The footings show that the office did a larger volume of business during Mr. Bushnell's term than in any corresponding period in its history. The receipts in all departments were larger than ever before. The Lincoln output of second-class mail more than doubled and sales in the stamp and money-order department sustained a substantial increase.

As a token of esteem the mail carriers and employees of the office gave Mr. Bushnell a gold watch. Speeches were made by several members of the staff, and Mr. Bushnell responded briefly, thanking his subordinates for their gifts, but for their earnest co-operation and support during his term of office.

There are not likely to be many changes in the personnel of the office, nearly all of the positions being under the control of the civil service commission. T. A. Williams, a young attorney, will replace Webster Eaton as deputy postmaster, but otherwise all present employees will be retained.

Boyd County Relinquishment.

The execution of the deeds of relinquishment to the Boyd county homestead lands was completed today and as soon as accepted by the general government the land will be subject to entry by the present occupants. There are 2,700 acres involved in the transaction. The property has been in possession of the present occupants since 1893 and during this time the state has received no rental from any portion of it. The relinquishment of the land was authorized by act of the last legislature and voted for by every member of the State Board of Educational, Lands and Funds, excepting Land Commissioner Follmer, who maintained that the property in question rightfully belonged to the school and could not be sold without the consent of the general government. The title to the entire tract has been in dispute for many years.

Sanford Parker of Spencer, who acted as the representative of the homesteaders, Alexander Blair and others, received the deeds this morning and filed them with the United States land office. In turn the documents will be referred to the department at Washington and it is expected that the whole transaction will be closed within the next few days.

Application for Receiver.

An application for the appointment of a receiver for the W. B. Rodman company, dealers in household goods, will be made to the district court next week. Today the store remained closed, and it was reported that C. W. Rodman, the principal proprietor, had been heard from in Kansas City. He could not be found today and it is not known whether he intends to return to the city. The stockholders of the institution are mostly employees of the Burlington railroad, who purchased stock in small amounts, ranging from \$100 to \$2,000. Arrangements had almost been completed for opening a grocery department in the store, two railroad engineers having agreed to take \$1,500 worth of stock each to start the venture. The store is one of the largest in the city. The stock consisted of furniture, hardware, stoves, musical instruments, jewelry and other household articles.

Demands Fire Escapes.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Watson has returned from a five days' campaign in Omaha against violators of the law requiring the construction of fire escapes. He said he expected all the persons who were indicted by the Douglas county grand jury for failure to construct escapes to comply with the law immediately. In Grand Island, where the grand jury indicted several persons for a similar reason, there was a ready response by all who came within the provisions of the law.

Ask Pastor to Remain.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—The local congregation of the Presbyterian church held their annual meeting Friday night and decided to extend a call to Rev. John A. Currie to continue in charge of the church for another year. Rev. Currie came here a year ago from Craig, Mo., and has made many friends by his earnest and faithful work.

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SNOW THROUGHOUT STATE

Accompanied by High Northwest Wind and a Surplus of Ice-Making Temperature.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—Snow has been falling in this vicinity most all day. The river is still rising. The men at work building the pier under the Burlington bridge at this point were compelled to quit work on account of high water. The channel in the Platte river is being kept open and the bridges of the Burlington and the Missouri Pacific, which span the stream, are being watched to prevent the ice from forming gorges or washing them away.

WEST POINT, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—Snow is still falling with a very strong and boisterous northwest wind blowing. The ground is covered to a depth of two inches.

HARVARD, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—The past twenty-four hours has been windy and cold and snowing. The snow has fallen to a depth of one inch.

DAVID CITY, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—After about three weeks of fine weather this county is having genuine winter. Thursday morning it commenced raining and continued until late in the evening, when it turned to snow, which has been falling with a strong north wind ever since. The moisture will be a great help to the fall wheat, which was suffering because of the ground being too dry.

PAPILLON, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—The warm spell of the week past received a set back last night in the shape of a brisk northwest wind and a blinding snow. The snow melts as fast as it falls.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Snow has been falling all afternoon and covers the ground to the depth of nearly three inches. The temperature is slightly below the freezing point.

WAYNE, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—This section of the state has been visited by a severe snowstorm during the past twenty-four hours and it is still raging.

BUTTE, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—A severe storm has raged here for the past three days. No mail has been received for two days, and weather is moderating tonight. Reports from the country say the stock stood the storm well.

DISTRICT COURT AT BEATRICE

Hiatt Wins the Rate Case and Railroad Loses a Damage Suit.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of McCormick Harvester company against Hiatt, after being out twenty-two hours, returned a verdict in favor of the defendant, Hiatt. The opinion of the court was affirmed. This case will be taken to the supreme court.

In the case of D. R. Corby against the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, giving him damages in the sum of \$13,850. The railroad company was charged with charging excess freight upon a peddler's wagon from Pearl City, Ill., to Beatrice.

Judge Letton adjourned court today until Monday evening. Among the cases set for trial next week are the Parker will case, which it is expected will consume the entire week. The will in question was probated in the county court, and this case is for the purpose of setting aside the will. The amount involved in the will is in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

TRIPLE WEDDING AT GRETNA

Three Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson Take Husband for Better or Worse.

GRETNA, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—A triple wedding took place at 2 o'clock this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, when Mr. George Speedie took the fair daughter Ingrid, John Larson promised to love and respect Tilda and lastly Arthur Ekberg won Anna's heart. Rev. Markley of this place performed all the ceremonies. Friends witnessed the ceremony and an elaborate supper was served at 9 o'clock. Mr. Speedie will farm his father's place the coming summer. Mr. and Mrs. Larson will go to housekeeping at Ashland and Mr. Ekberg will go to Fremont, where he has rented a farm.

NON-REGISTERED DRUGGISTS

Member of State Examining Board is on a Still Hunt for Them.

AUBURN, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—C. L. Stillman of Columbus, a member of the examining board, was in this city yesterday for the purpose of causing the arrest of a druggist who is not registered. He expects to return next week for that purpose. He stated that there were twenty-three other druggists in the state who he expected to prosecute soon. The fees collected from these persons, the payment of \$2 per year for each registered druggist in the state and the fee of \$5 from each applicant, whether or not given a certificate of registration, amounts to about \$6,000 a year and is divided among the members of the examining board.

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While Boring a Well Farmer Finds a Vein of Bituminous.

TWO HUNDRED FEET BELOW THE SURFACE

Claims It is in Sufficient Quantities to Justify Mining—Coal was Found in Vicinity Years Ago, but Never Developed.

FREMONT, March 1.—(Special.)—Early this week while digging a well on the farm of H. Remley, about two miles north of Jamestown, a vein of a good quality of soft coal was struck at a depth of 200 feet. The vein was fully ten feet in width and of a uniform quality. After going through the usual gravel strata the well digger's auger struck what appeared to be large pieces of rock. At a depth of about 150 feet a stratum of a hard slate or sandy rock was struck. The bottom of it was black and shaly and the upper edge of the vein appeared to be clearly defined. Below the vein is a stratum of hard clay. H. H. Brown, who had charge of the well digging, is very confident that the vein is of sufficient size and quality to justify mining.

Indications of coal were discovered in the vicinity of Jamestown about eighteen years ago and some prospecting done, but no deep shaft or boring was made. The small pieces of coal which were taken out of the well suggest the bottom of it was burned well and were exceptionally free of clinkers. No pieces larger than a walnut were taken out.

CLOAK FOR PETTY THIEVING

Chimney Sweeper Uses His Business as a Means to Steal, but Doesn't Prosper.

FREMONT, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—A chimney sweep, who gave his name as Charles Lewis, was given a sentence of thirty days by Police Judge Conan this morning on the charge of petty larceny. Lewis' sweeping business was his cloak for a big lot of sneak thieving of principally spoons and other small articles. When first arrested he denied having anything to do with the petty thieving, but finally weakened and confessed to Marshal Mulkien. About \$10 worth of silver which he had sold to a party here in the city was recovered. Lewis' plan was to go around and peddle out the stuff after having made a haul.

SHOT IN A FAMILY QUARREL

Son-in-Law Dangerously Wounds His Wife's Father on an Island Near Tekamah.

TEKAMAH, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—A shooting occurred last night near Lake Quinnebec, twelve miles northeast of here, on a sandbar island of the Missouri river. J. A. Marsh was the victim. The weapon used was a shotgun in the hands of his son-in-law, John Wedgewood. The cause is reported as being the separation of Mr. and Mrs. Wedgewood, in which the father of the wife is accused of being implicated. The wound is of a dangerous nature and little hope are entertained of his recovery. Wedgewood escaped arrest and crossed the river into Iowa. There is doubt as to whether the shooting occurred on Nebraska or Iowa soil.

Missing with Livery Team.

WOOD RIVER, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—Frank Ford, a liveryman of this city, had a team and carriage stolen last evening by William B. Numbers, who was in his employ. Numbers had been working for Ford for some time past, and was sent by him to drive two traveling men to Cairo, twelve miles north of here. Upon the rig not returning yesterday Ford went to Cairo to investigate the matter. At Cairo he learned that the young man had driven from there in the direction of Grand Island, and upon his arrival there he was told that Numbers had put the team up at Weccott's feed barn and afterwards sold it to Elliott Gallipaux, living west of Grand Island. The young man had in the meantime left for parts unknown. Numbers has been around Wood River for the past month, coming here with the remains of Adam Large from Arizona. For the past two weeks he has been working around Ford's livery barn, apparently having no occupation or business in Arizona, call him back. He was about 24 years old, smooth faced and had several tattoo marks on his hands and body.

Callaway State Bank.

CALLAWAY, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The Callaway State bank, organized here this week, opened up for business today, with the following officers and directors: Frank H. Young, president; John Moran, vice president; James H. Decker, cashier; Frank L. Haycock, W. O. Gilbert. They are all business men of Callaway except Mr. Young and Mr. Gilbert, the former of Broken Bow and the latter of Omaha. The bank is now occupying temporary quarters, but a new brick building for its accommodation is contemplated.

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Foulard Silks Wash Goods

Unequaled in their beauty of design, unequalled in their richness of quality, unequalled in their reasonableness of price. Foulard silks, trimmed with lace. A very practical silk fabric. No smarter spring gown for street or evening wear could be devised than one correctly made from these handsome Foulard Silk Dress Patterns.

A new lot has just been received, 50 patterns of exclusive styles, no two alike, new effects in black and white. Come early and you get first choice—SEC. \$1.00, \$1.25 YARD. 27-inch Taffeta—soft, excellent quality; dull, medium or high luster, suitable for dress skirts or petticoats—SEC. \$1.00, \$1.25. 22-inch Swiss Taffeta, very soft glossy finish, for shirt waists and outside skirts, 35c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25. 24-INCH LIBERTY LACE, BLACK AND CREAM—\$1.00. 24-INCH FRENCH SATIN FINISHED SURAH—all pure silk—\$1.25. Cheney Bros' Silk Pongee for shirt waists, gowns and traveling costumes, (can be laundered), 24-inch—75c.

Spring Dress Goods

The best makes of foreign and domestic goods just opened in the newest weaves and shades. \$2.50 FRENCH VENETIAN—A VERY DESIRABLE MATERIAL FOR TAILOR SUITS, IN BEAUTIFUL SHADINGS—SPECIAL PRICE—\$2.00 yard; 64 inches wide. CANYON CLOTH—A medium weight; a stylish fabric for spring wear; colors, reds, green, blue, tan and Java, 46-inch—\$1.00. FRENCH ROPE BASKET TWEED—in plain and neutral mixtures, especially for spring tailor suits, 50-inch—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 yard. NEW CHEVIOTS—in many shades, tan, old rose, reeds, blue, Sutton, cadet and navy, 55-inch—\$1.25 yard. MOMIE CREPE CLOTH—light weight and in spring shades, marine blue, Java, old rose, French gray, 48-inch—55c yard. SILK AND WOOL OLGA CREPE. STRIPE ETAMINE. WOOL IRON FRAME ETAMINE. ALL WOOL BATISTE. ABOLINES AND VOILLES—in the newest shades.

Black Dress Goods

The late weaves and designs are represented in our new spring stock. The demand is greater than ever, but not unexpected. We prepared for it. Our extensive line of exquisite style is evidence of this. ETAMINE, ALL WOOL—45 inches wide, in plain and fancy stripes—55c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.50. ETAMINE, MOHAIR AND WOOL—45 inches—\$2.00 and \$2.25. NUN'S VEILING—46 inches wide—75c, \$1.00, \$1.50. GRENADINES—All wool iron frames and fancy stripes—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.25.

BROADCLOTH—54 inches—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00, \$4.50. CHEVIOTS—All wool, "shrunken"—55c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.25 and \$3.00. VENETIAN CLOTH—54 inches—\$2.50 quality, for Monday \$3.00 yard. SERGES—Storm serges and fine French Serges, 50 inches wide, at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

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COR. FIFTEENTH AND FARNAM STREETS.

SEPARATION IS UNBEARABLE

Hon. George A. Murphy and Divorced Wife

RE-MARRIED AFTER SHORT ESTRANGEMENT

Judge Letton, Who Had Issued Judicial Decree, Unites Them Again in Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Letton during the last session of district court held here granted a divorce to Mrs. Clara E. Murphy, divorcing her from her husband, Hon. George A. Murphy. This was a surprise to the many friends of this well known couple throughout the state. By the terms of the decree granting the divorce \$7,000 was allowed as alimony, but the vows made twenty years ago in a little Indiana city were hard to forget, and the loneliness of a separated life became a burden to them. For the past ten days the rumor has been about that they would again assume the marriage vows. Today after the adjournment of court Judge Letton and Mr. Murphy took luncheon together at the Paddock and soon afterward a hack drove up and the judge, accompanied by the groom and J. L. Guman, drove to the home of J. T. Moore on West Court street. There Mrs. Murphy was in waiting and everything being in readiness Judge Letton pronounced the words that again united them in the bonds of wedlock.

VICTIM OF UNLOADED PISTOL

Playmate Shoots His Companion with a Revolver He Thought Was Empty.

BLAIR, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—While Harold Langstaff and Harry Finlayson were playing with two companions this afternoon at the residence of Dr. Langstaff, Harold went into a bedroom and picking up a twenty-two calibre revolver, which had been previously loaded by the other boys, returned to him, returned to the kitchen and began snapping it in the face of young Finlayson. The weapon was discharged, the ball striking Finlayson in the face, going in at the inside corner of the right eye. He was carried across the street to his home and Drs. Langstaff and Robinson probed for the bullet, but could not locate it. Late this evening the chances are against the boy's recovery. He is 15 years of age. Harry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Finlayson of this city.

DEATH DUE TO AN ACCIDENT

Coroner's Jury Finds that Mrs. Bloom Died from a Fall from a Cellar Steps.

Creighton, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Further developments in the Bloom case indicate that the death of Mrs. Bloom may have been from an accident instead of by murder. She was found dead at the foot of the cellar stairs, her skull being crushed and body bruised. She was alone on the place at the time. Coroner Zorn impaneled a jury today, which rendered a verdict that the deceased came to her death by falling down the cellar stairs.

Gets Twenty Years in Penitentiary.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—John McCormick, who was tried last week on the charge of killing Mrs. Magie Linsley and was convicted of murder in the second degree, was sentenced by Judge Jesso to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Funeral of Private Gerrard.

CREIGHTON, Neb., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of a soldier who died in service in the Philippines, was received here today. The burial will take place Sunday.

Gold's Preliminary Trial Continued.

DAVID CITY, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—The county court was engaged all day yesterday with the case of the State of Nebraska against George Gould, charged with being an accomplice of A. H. Gould in wrecking the Platte Valley State bank of Bellwood. The case was continued to next Tuesday, at which time it is presumed the preliminary hearing will be concluded.

Suicide of John Frey.

NEBRASKA CITY, March 1.—(Special.)—John Frey, a well-to-do farmer six miles from Unadilla, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the head. Frey was 45 years of age. It is said he had been having trouble with his wife for some time. It is thought that he was brooding over these quarrels when he went out to do his chores and, seeing an old shotgun that was there, he blew his head off. The deceased was worth about \$12,000 and seemed to be prospering. He leaves a wife and eight children.

Johnson County Fair.

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 1.—(Special.)—The dates of the Johnson county fair this year are September 16 to 19. A good speed program will be a feature.

Advertisement for Hardy's 'THE 99 CENT STORE' featuring a 'GREAT REMOVAL SALE' of 50,000 worth of merchandise. The ad lists various items for sale such as China and Glass, Silverware, Housekeepers' Goods, Jewelry, and Lamps, with prices ranging from 10c to \$3.00. It also includes the store's address at 1513 Dodge Street and the date of the sale starting after March 10.

Advertisement for 'The Night Coughs of Children' featuring an illustration of a child and a bottle of medicine. The text promotes the medicine as a remedy for coughs and colds, mentioning its ingredients like lemon, molasses, and vinegar. It also includes a testimonial from a parent and the name of the manufacturer, J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.