

CONVICT LABOR CONTRACT

State Closes Deal with Lee Broom and Duster Company.

GIRL'S CHARGES AGAINST HER AUNT

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L. S. Hastings, an attorney of David City, this morning asked the supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of George Gould, who is under arrest in the Butler county jail on the charge of complicity in the Platte Valley bank embezzlement.

J. Wesley Dentler of Bagby, who has been prominently mentioned in this city for several days, was this afternoon adjudged insane and committed to the state hospital. Last night Dentler purchased a small place of scrap iron from a junk dealer for \$50 and a few days ago he obtained some notoriety by offering to a local newspaper an advertisement setting forth that "His satanic majesty, the devil," would appear in public at the Oliver theater.

The trial of Frank Marshall on the charge of killing the stationer, Bill Marshall, and another colored woman, is assigned to begin in the district court tomorrow morning. The accused is colored.

WILSON B. COMSTOCK and Miss Jessie B. Spurch were married tonight at the home of the bride's parents, Twelfth and Nelson streets, Belmont. Mr. Comstock is police magistrate and was formerly councilman from the Seventh ward.

DAVID CITY, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—The preliminary hearing of George Gould, charged with being an accomplice of A. H. Gould in the forging of notes and mortgages which resulted in wrecking the Platte Valley State bank of Wellwood, was concluded in county court today. Gould was held for the district court under bonds of \$20,000, which he did not give. He is now in the county jail.

SHOOTS WIFE, THEN HIMSELF

Husband Commits Suicide After Attempting His Companion's Life.

HAD SEPARATED AND MAN WAS JEALOUS

LABORING UNDER IMPRESSION THAT HIS WIFE WAS GUILTY OF IMPROPER CONDUCT, CAUSES HIM TO COMMIT THE CRIME—WIFE STILL LIVES.

SARGENT, Neb., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The little town of Taylor, eight miles north of here, was the scene of a shocking tragedy last night, the result of which is that Ira J. Lundy is dead and his wife wounded, with very slight chance for her recovery.

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YORK DISTRICT COURT BUSY

Many Cases on the Docket for Hearing at the Term Now in Session.

YORK, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—The fourth term of court convened yesterday with Judge R. F. Good presiding and George F. Corcoran reporting. The principal part of the day was taken up with arguing cases and in dismissing some cases and putting others over until the next term of court.

One of the important cases of this term of court is the State of Nebraska against Armour of Ore, who has a large poultry packing establishment at York. They are accused by State Game Commissioner Stepietion of having thirteen prairie chickens and quail in their possession. Joseph Pickering, a druggist at Charleston, Neb., will have his trial at this term of court. He is charged with selling and distributing liquors without a druggist's permit.

AGITATED OVER NEW RAILROAD Holt County is Worrying Over Failure to Push Work on the A. & N. System.

ATKINSON, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—Considerable skepticism is being indulged on the part of Atkinson people regarding the completion of the Atkinson & Niobrara River railway. The building of this road has been held in agitation for the last four years and on two occasions indications have pointed very favorably toward its completion.

SEEKS BETTER CONNECTIONS Falls City Petitions Missouri Pacific to Give it Improved Railroad Service.

FALLS CITY, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—The citizens of this place have petitioned the Missouri Pacific to give them better passenger connections from this point. As it now is anyone desiring to transact business in Omaha or Kansas City is compelled to take the best part of two days in going and returning. A stub now runs from Auburn to Omaha north, and one south from Lincoln to Kansas City daily. By starting the two stubs from Falls City it would give as much better service. The petition is signed by a large number of citizens.

EXPECTS TO DOUBLE ACREAGE American Beet Sugar Company Hopes for 5,000 Acres for Grand Island.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—The American Beet Sugar Company has closed the close of last week contracts for 2,200 acres of beets, which is but little over half the amount a year ago. The irrigated districts, especially, there has been a large increase in acres contracted for by the farmers over last year. Two months ago the total acreage was but 2,600. It is hoped that 5,000 acres will be secured for the local factory.

BOY KILLED AT KEARNEY Willis Wright Run Over While Stealing Ride on Freight Train.

KEARNEY, Neb., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Willis, son of George Wright of this city, was run over and killed by freight train No. 27 on the Union Pacific railroad this afternoon. Indications are that the boy was catching a ride and was either getting on or off when he fell from the ladder on the side of the car beneath the car wheels. The train was slowing up at the time of the accident and it was not discovered until the train had stopped.

GEORGE GOULD ALSO HELD Brother of Convicted Cashier to Be Tried for Wreck of Wellwood Bank.

VAIN HUNT FOR MISCREANTS

Officers and Citizens Fail to Discover One to Mattilda Goldsby's Assault.

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WOMEN ARE ESPECIALLY LIABLE TO COLDS.

Colds Invariably Result in Catarrh Which Sets Up a Host of Distressing Diseases.

PE-RU-NA BOTH PREVENTS AND CURES A COLD—READ PROOF.

Advertisement for Pe-Ru-Na medicine. It features two portraits of women, Miss Lizzie Brady and Miss Ella Pittaway, with their testimonies. Miss Brady writes: "I desire to speak in the highest terms of Pe-Ru-Na, the medicine which I believe is entitled to more praise than any other..." Miss Pittaway writes: "I cannot speak too high of Pe-Ru-Na as a medicine of special value during the inclement weather..."

Advertisement for Uncle Sam's Cigarettes. It features a cartoon illustration of Uncle Sam and a man in a military-style uniform. The text says: "UNCLE SAM (AFTER THE BANQUET): NOW, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, TAKE A CARBARET TO-NIGHT AND YOU WILL FEEL ALL RIGHT IN THE MORNING. IT'S THE GREAT AMERICAN MEDICINE."

Advertisement for a medical specialist. It features a portrait of a man and text: "\$5.00 A MONTH Specialist In all DISEASES and DISORDERS of MEN. 12 years in Omaha. SYPHILIS cured by the QUICKEST, safest and most reliable method that has ever been discovered..."

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