

## CLEARING UP COURT DOCKET

Supreme Court Will Be Almost Up When  
Commissioner Law Expires.

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State Military Board Unable to See  
How Militia Encampment Can Be  
Held on Account of Short-  
age of Funds.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, April 29.—(Special.)—The supreme court, with the aid of nine commissioners, is making rapid headway with the accumulated litigation and it is estimated that at the rate cases are now being disposed of the docket will be brought practically up to date by April 1, 1903, the time the terms of the commissioners expire. The court alone, before the commissioners were appointed, decided or acted upon about forty cases during each working month, but the new filings invariably exceeded that number so that the number of cases pending kept growing larger and larger. With the assistance of the commissioners the court now disposes of over 150 cases each month.

When the commissioners began their labors there were 1,543 cases pending, including those under advisement. Since that time there have been 588 new cases added to the docket, making a total of 1,441. During the first ten months of the commission 1,501 cases were disposed of, leaving 940 cases pending, including those under advisement. At the average rate of filing it is likely that 475 new cases will be added to the docket before December 31, which, with the 940 pending, will make 1,415.

"It would be unreasonable to expect the court to clear the docket entirely by the time the commissioners' term expires," said an attorney today, "but it is more than likely that they will have everything disposed of that is filed prior to January first. This will leave the court three months behind, and at the rate cases have been disposed of in the past the court and three commissioners ought to be able to attend to all litigation from that time on."

## Editor Takes Too Much Sulphonial

Bruno Hermann, managing editor of the Free Press of this city, died at 10 o'clock this morning from an overdose of sulphonal. Whether he took the drug with suicidal intent or to relieve himself of insomnia is a mystery. His physician prescribed its use several weeks ago for sleeplessness, and his friends assert that he took the overdose by accident.

Hermann lived in a rooming house at 328 South Thirtieth street. About a month ago he was married to Miss Eugenia Kessler, presumably in New York City. They returned to Lincoln and began planning for a home, living temporarily in Mr. Hermann's apartment on South Thirtieth street. Last Friday Mrs. Hermann was called east by a telegram dated in Chicago and asking her to come to the bedside of a sick sister. The message was signed by a man's given name, but contained no address. A thorough search through Mr. Hermann's belongings failed to furnish information as to where she was, no record of their marriage nor of any relatives. Mr. Hermann was inclined to be dependent at times and often spoke in terms of regret to his friends that he ever came to live in Lincoln, saying that he was accustomed to a more cosmopolitan life than he found here.

The wife of the man has not been found, though telegrams have been sent to all persons named in the letters and papers found in Mr. Hermann's room.

Physicians who attended Mr. Hermann deny that there was any suicidal motive mixed up in the affair. They maintain that congestion of the lungs, together with a dose of some coal tar preparation for relieving cough, caused his death.

Mr. Hermann was a little over 30 years of age. He is a native of Austria and has a father, mother and brother living. He came to America soon after his graduation from college and was employed on the German edition of the New York Journal. Four years ago he was employed by F. H. Nagel as editor of the Free Press and has continued in that capacity ever since. Among his effects was found a \$10,000 life insurance policy.

Governor Savage and state officials will go by special Burlington train to Nebraska City tomorrow to attend the funeral of F. Sterling Morton. They leave about 10 o'clock and return at 7.

Militia Encampment in Doubt.

The state military authorities are undecided as to whether or not to have an encampment of the Nebraska National guard held this year. The funds available are not sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of such a meeting of the reserve militia force, and because of this condition it is not likely that an encampment will be held. The state military board will soon be called together to discuss the matter.

Secretary Royce of the State Banking board has issued a charter to the Bank of Decatur. The institution is owned by Thomas R. Ashley and is capitalized for \$5,000.

Norris Brown, deputy attorney general, who has been confined to his home in Kearney for several days by sickness, is convalescing and hopes soon to resume his duties at the statehouse.

The state officials will tender a reception to the State Editorial association in Representative hall on the evening of May 6 and 7.

The German Remedy company of Geneva has filed articles of incorporation. It is capitalized for \$10,000 and its incorporators are Harry M. Hardin, Hans Peters, Jr., and W. Samuel Baker.

The Hastings Country club has incorporated under the laws of the state. Its capital stock is limited to \$5,000. The organizers of the club are G. H. Pratt, Charles G. Lime and George W. Tibbitts.

A mass meeting of republicans will be held in the courthouse next Thursday evening for the purpose of considering the proposed extension of the Lincoln nominating system throughout the county, for use in selecting candidates for county offices.

Plainview Odd Fellows Celebrate.

PLAINVIEW, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—Plainview lodge No. 57, Independent Order Odd Fellows, celebrated their eighty-third anniversary of the introduction of Oddfellowship in America by appropriate services in the opera house Saturday evening. Rev. Sisson of Norfolk delivered an address. "The Re-

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LINCOLN, Neb., April 29.—(Special Telegram.)—At a meeting of the State Normal School Board tonight Principal W. A. Clark and all teachers of the state normal school at Peru were re-elected by unanimous vote. It was decided that hereafter all elections of principal and teachers be for an indefinite term, instead of for one year, as has been the custom in the past. The secretary was instructed to advertise for bids for coal for the ensuing year, bids to be opened at the meeting of May 20. Model school tuition was fixed at 12½ cents a week. The recommendation of the principal for needed dormitory repairs and improvements was approved. It was decided that appointments of principal, assistant teachers and such other employees as may be required be in accordance with section 4, subdivision III of the school laws, fixing their compensation and prescribing their duties, without reference to time, subject only to the power of removal conferred by the statute. The principal was authorized to employ a registrar and bookkeeper at a salary not to exceed \$75 per month, beginning September 1, 1902. The principal was instructed to purchase and put in place convenient to the boiler house a suitable four-ton scale. The question of the proper recognition of kindergarten graduates for the years 1899 and 1900 was referred to the secretary with request to report at the May meeting. The principal was authorized to make arrangements for the Nebraska county institute for 1902 to be held in conjunction with the summer school in the normal school building.

## ARREST PAIR IN DAKOTA CITY

Burness' Son and Woman's Brother  
Charge Two with Adultery and  
Man Held in Jail.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—Considerable excitement was occasioned here today by the arrest of Frank B. Burness and Miss Ida Stoffel, both of South Sioux City, charged with adultery. The complaints were sworn to by Frank Burness of Omaha, son of the defendant, and Nick Stoffel, brother of the woman.

Burness is the foreman of the Sioux Beet Syrup Manufacturing company at South Sioux City, and came there last fall, leaving his family in Omaha. Miss Stoffel, who had probably got word of the affair, went to Sioux City, and upon her return was accompanied by an attorney. She was also placed under arrest. The accused pair were taken before Justice Spencer, who bound Burness over to the district court in the sum of \$500, in default of which he was placed in jail. Miss Stoffel was also bound over to the district court, giving her own recognizance in the sum of \$100.

## ACCEPT STATE'S COMPROMISE

Bondsmen Meet County's Offer and  
Shortage of Ex-Treasurer  
Lynch Will Be Paid.

COLUMBUS, Neb., April 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Two of the bondsmen of the defaulting former county treasurer, James W. Lynch, were represented in a meeting this afternoon at which it was agreed to endeavor to meet the offer of the county board and stop the prolonged litigation by settling with the state on the compromise basis.

Attorney General Pratt has agreed to recommend the acceptance of \$8,636 in full settlement of the state's claim of nearly double that sum and the county board has passed a resolution authorizing the payment of \$1,500 on this basis, provided the bondsmen make up the balance and secure a release from the state.

The action of the bondsmen makes an early close of the long controversy practically certain.

## HELD FOR ROWLAND'S MURDER

G. W. Dull, in Whose Store Kansas  
Doctor Was Shot, Must Explain  
Circumstantial Evidence.

M'COOK, Neb., April 29.—(Special Telegram.)—On the strength of the evidence adduced in the coroner's inquest held over the remains of Dr. J. Walter Rowland, who was killed in a small room in the rear of G. W. Dull's store in Herndon, Kan., yesterday morning, Dull was arrested and taken to Atwood, Kan.

The evidence is circumstantially strong against Dull, who has long been a close friend of Rowland.

Nebraska Cities to Change Charters.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—Mayor Cleary last night appointed a committee on legislation to act with like committees from the several cities of this class in Nebraska to suggest changes in the charter. The committee is appointed consists of W. F. McLaughlin, chairman; R. Goehring, A. W. Sterne, On motion of McLaughlin, City Attorney Garlow and James Cleary, mayor, were added to the committee.

Makes Corporations Too the Mark.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—Assessor Ackerman is compelling corporations to put in all of the difference between their real and personal property and paid up capital stock, deducting no indebtedness, as per the recent decision of the supreme court and there is some talk of the corporations here getting together and compelling other property to be assessed on an equal scale.

## As Sinks in Chopper's Leg.

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Glen Talbot, a Tecumseh young man, was painfully injured today by severely cutting himself in the leg with an ax. A clothes line caused the mishap. The ax was embedded in the calf of the leg the full width and to a considerable depth. It required several stitches to close the wound.

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The precipitation of the last week was below normal in southern counties and above normal in northern. Heavy snow occurred quite generally the first part of the week in western counties.

The high wind of the last week was very unfavorable for the growth of vegetation. The soil was dry and seed was blown out of the ground in some fields, while other fields the grain was covered with dirt. Winter wheat has continued to deteriorate in condition in most parts of the state. In some southern counties considerable damage has been done and the crop will be very light under the most favorable conditions for the rest of the season. In most counties, however, generous rain soon would place the crop in good condition. Oats are a poor stand generally. The last week was especially unfavorable for this crop; besides the damage from wind and dust the frost in central and northern counties did some damage to oats. Grass and small grain have grown slowly, but the conditions were much improved by the generous rain on the 25th. A little corn has been planted. Cherry, plum and apple trees are in bloom. Very little damage to fruit by the frost has been reported. Peach trees are blossoming but scantily.

## Southern Section.

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Cass—Wheat looking well, slightly damaged, some pieces turning brown in spots, but generally looks well; oats damaged by high winds.

Clay—Wheat, barley and oats considerably injured by high winds and dry weather; grass coming up slowly; some damage to early fruit.

Franklin—Wheat and oats injured somewhat by high winds and suffering for lack of rain.

Grant—High winds unfavorable for wheat; oats growing slowly; plum, cherry and apple trees in bloom; few peach blossoms.

Hamilton—Wheat looking well; rain of Friday improved all crops.

Jefferson—Wheat much injured; little corn planted; oats in some fields cut off at top of ground.

Johnston—Wheat injured slightly; oats coming up nicely; some corn planted; fruit trees blossoming.

Lancaster—Wheat and oats suffering for lack of rain; grass growing slowly; some corn planted; oats uneven and rather poor stand.

Nemaha—Wheat and oats injured by drought and wind; some corn planted; potatoes coming up slowly; grass growing slowly.

Nuckolls—Wheat not standing and getting thinner on the ground; pastures poor and stock thin; very little corn planted.

Otoe—Wheat damaged some by dry weather; oats coming up nicely; some corn planted; high winds damaged some wheat.

Polk—Wheat damaged some by winds; oats whiplashed and in some cases drifted under; plowing for corn nearly finished.

Richmond—Wheat looking fairly well; oats growing slowly; pastures short; corn planting begun; peach trees in bloom.

Saline—High winds damaged small grain to some extent.

Saunder—Rain of the 25th caused slight improvement in crops generally; oats coming up slowly; stand very thin.

Stearns—Wheat and oats own well; oats uneven and poor stand; little growth in pastures and meadows; frost slightly injured fruit.

Thayer—Wheat crop further damaged by weather of week and oats considerably injured; apple, cherry and plum trees in bloom.

York—Wheat short and not growing fast; oats damaged some by wind; rain of 25th much improved appearance of wheat, oats and grass.

## Northeastern Section.

Antelope—Crops and gardens much improved since rain of 25th; corn planted; some grain on sandy soils; grass growing very slowly.

Boone—Wheat and grass looking well since rain, but had grown little before the storm; plowing for corn well advanced.

Boyd—Small grain up and looks well; grass starting nicely; plowing for corn advanced.

Colfax—Grain on the Platte bottom injured by frost; all grain backward and under; corn will be much benefited by heavy rain of 25th.

Cuming—Small grain injured some by high winds; oats and grass looking well; pastures improving slowly; rain very beneficial.

Dakota—Small grain and grass doing well since rain; high winds unfavorable for small grain; oats growing slowly.

Dixon—Heavy rain on the 25th; too cool for crops to grow well.

Dodge—Boards and small grain damaged by wind; winter wheat good; spring grain only about half a stand; plowing for corn advanced.

Douglas—Winter wheat and rye looking well; oats injured by high wind; grass starting slowly.

Holt—Too cool for small grain to grow fairly; corn still continues; heavy rain very beneficial; grass short.

Knox—Wheat and oats coming up unevenly; corn still continues; heavy rain very beneficial; grass short.

Madison—Cold, with high wind; rather unfavorable for small grain and grass; rain on 25th put ground in good condition.

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Platte—Winter wheat greatly improved since rain; frost damaged oats somewhat and killed some cherry blossoms.

Barry—The high winds have injured wheat and oats somewhat.

Stanton—Small grain doing fairly well, but considerable damage has been done by high wind; some corn planted.

Washington—Wheat and oats damaged by high wind of 25th; some fields entirely covered with dirt; plowing for corn well advanced.

Wayne—Spring grain coming up unevenly and growth very slow.

Central Section.

Boone—Winter wheat looking fine; spring wheat and oats good, but damaged by high winds.

Buffalo—Small grain looking nicely; pastures starting slowly; early sown oats injured by frost; very little corn planted.

Custer—Too cool for crops to grow rapidly; pastures poor.

Dawson—Winter wheat and rye doing well; oats coming up unevenly; rather dry for plowing; cutworms injuring spring grain.

Garfield—Small grain coming up; frost injured oats slightly.

Greeley—Fall grain looks well; small grain sown by rain of 25th; grass growing slowly; some corn planted.

Hall—Wheat and oats doing fairly well; the rain on the 25th in eastern part of county very beneficial.

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Nance—Small grain in good condition.

Sherman—Spring grain damaged by wind and dust; winter wheat and rye look well; pastures poor and backward; some corn planted.

Valley—Dry first of the week, with hard rain on 25th; ground in fair condition.

Southwestern Section.

Adams—Grass and pastures short; small grain suffered from wind and drought; plowing for corn progressing finely; plow trees blossoming.

Chase—Grass and small grain growing fast; some corn planted.

Dundy—Alfalfa and wheat growing nicely; grass growing slower; considerable damage to fruit.

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