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State Auditor Completes Compilation of Appropriations by Last Legislature—Examining School Land Appraisements.

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LINCOLN, July 11.—(Special)—State Treasurer Mortenson is beginning to fish around for a few small investments for the permanent school fund. He has just made an endeavor to secure a \$75,000 issue of Nance county bridge bonds, but the county supervisors held back, saying that they would issue their securities in the cooler month of September. He has a call for \$50,000 of general fund warrants which will turn about \$30,000 back into the permanent school fund. It is barely possible that he may be obliged to secure another block of Massachusetts bonds, but he will resort to this form of investment only when it becomes absolutely necessary. He is obliged to detach coupons when making such purchases in order to even up the interest rate, and in the case of most of the recent purchases of the bonds of the Cofish state no interest will be received in the temporary school fund for five or six years. This results in a poor showing on the income side of the temporary school fund ledger. As soon as the new buildings authorized by the last legislature are under way he will be able to invest a considerable part of the surplus in the permanent fund in general fund warrants, issued to pay for these.

Warden Beemer Gives Lie to Fakes.

Warden A. D. Beemer stated this morning that there was no foundation for any of the sensational reports concerning Rhea that gained currency yesterday. One of the reports was that a prominent young woman had called at the warden's office and demanded that she be allowed to see the prisoner. According to the story as it went out she stormed around, went into hysterics and then fainted dead away and had to be bundled off to the city by the warden. Another story had Rhea cursing the governor and the legislature in a way still another yarn went out that Rhea was given knives and razors by some friend on the outside. All these stories are denied by Beemer.

The scaffold on which Rhea was hanged was taken down this morning and the timber was stored away in a dry place to await further calls for its use. According to the legal department of the state there are several cases awaiting trial in different parts of the state which may eventuate in hangings.

Rhea Buried with Simple Ceremonies.

The body of William Rhea, the young man who was executed yesterday at the penitentiary, was buried this morning at Wyuka cemetery, with services of the simplest description. At an early hour this morning a simple cortege went to the cemetery from the rooms of a local undertaker, where the body had been prepared for burial. Dr. F. L. Wharton, and former prison chaplain, was at the grave and spoke the simple service read at the grave which had made a light to save Rhea from the gallows, was also at the graveside. Several floral offerings from persons who had sympathized with the condemned man, were placed on the grave. The Indiana relatives of Rhea paid the expenses of the burial.

Auditor's Statement of Expenditures.

Auditor Weston this afternoon issued a statement showing the money appropriated by the last legislature. The statement gives the amount in detail and also furnishes a summary of the amount which has been appropriated for each general purpose. The total sum which the state will pay out during the biennium is \$3,740,290.70, according to the footing of the general summary given in the statement. Nearly \$500,000 of this amount covers extraordinary expenses such as the construction of new buildings.

An interesting feature of the statement is the table showing the amount paid to each member of the legislature for mileage expenses. The period covered by the report ends May 25. Up to that time the members in no case had been paid anything for mileage except 10 cents per mile coming and going. In no case was mileage for visiting committees allowed. These junkets were cut off by the list by the Harrison resolution in the house, which required members claiming mileage for these trips to file affidavits that they had not ridden on passes.

School Land Appraisements.

Land Commissioner Folmer has begun to review the appraisements made by the county commissioners of the land in nearly every case. He has found that the commissioners, who by law are constituted the appraisers, are apt to undervalue the land because of their bias against the state and in favor of the leaseholder. In nearly all cases he has found that the values fixed are too low. He endeavors to place the same valuation on the land as that of surrounding farms.

Mickey Signs Final British Petition.

Governor Mickey was the first individual to sign the Lincoln petition to the czar of Russia asking for religious toleration for the Jews. Henry Schlesinger, a prominent Lincoln Hebrew, is circulating the petition. All the state officers signed it after the governor. The petition is simply a plea to the czar to lend his aid to the religious enfranchisement of the Jews. It refers to his work in calling The Hague peace conference as a precedent justifying the expectations of the signers that he will heed the petition. It expressly disclaims any intention to meddle with the internal affairs of the Russian nation.

Woes of Mrs. Minsk.

Mrs. Herman Minsk, wife of a saloon keeper, is a much aggrieved woman and Herman is apt to be habbed at any moment on a warrant sworn out by his wife charging assault. The matrimonial state coach has not been getting over the ruts easily of recent weeks and all, as she asserts, because Herman would daily with other women. When she found that he had been arrested with a woman who is the inmate of a tenderloin resort she began

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