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WESTON BACK IN LINCOLN

All Criminal Prosecutions in Wyoming Against Auditor Are Dropped.

MANY ATTRACTIONS FOR THE TEACHERS

Court May Finally Be Asked to Pass on Question of Paying County Treasurers Fees Out of Permanent School Fund.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—State Auditor Weston returned to Lincoln last night and for the first time in a month he showed up at his office this morning.

All criminal prosecution against him for being a partner in the Casper bank that failed has been dismissed. Mr. Weston stated, and depositors will be paid in full. Mr. Weston paid into the bank \$10,000 in cash to help make up the shortage.

"I was not in any particular responsible for the bank failure," said Mr. Weston. "I have never had anything to do with the management of the bank other than being a silent partner." He attributed the failure to the collapse of the cattle and sheep industry, his partners going in too heavy. The auditor shows no ill effect of his unavoidable sojourn in Wyoming, but expressed his pleasure at getting back to Lincoln.

Growth of Teachers' Association. The membership of the State Teachers' association this year promises to be the largest in the history of the association, which fact recalls that its growth has been little short of phenomenal.

One of the interesting features of the association will be the music, which will be in charge of Mr. Willard Kimball, director of the University School of Music since its establishment nine years ago.

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PAPILLION, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—While driving in a cut-of-the-way portion of this county in the vicinity of the Platte river, some men discovered the body of an unidentified man lying under some brush.

Local committee announced that, although the number of private rooms at its disposal exceeds that of any previous year, the demand is proportionally large.

RAILROAD HOLIDAY RATES. In all directions via "THE NORTHWESTERN LINE," December 24-31. Good till January 4.

Poultrymen Plan Ahead. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The Southeastern Nebraska Poultry association held a meeting here last night and arranged to hold a show in this city next year beginning December 23 and continuing through the holidays.

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constitution declares shall not be diminished.

In the office of the land commissioner it was stated that office would not take the matter up to the court because the attorney general had ruled on it and the office was willing to abide by his decision.

Ministers Join Prison Association. The Ministerial association of Omaha is now a part of the Nebraska Prison association and has endorsed the work and the constitution and by-laws of the association.

The letter was a splendid endorsement of the Prison association and its work was an indication that the ministers of Omaha would do all in their power to further the work of the association.

Entertainment at Penitentiary. At the State penitentiary Christmas morning the convicts will give an entertainment for their officers and friends.

Crusade Against Impure Milk. Food Commissioner Thompson is again going after the milk dealers and this time it is for the purpose of getting in close touch with cows tainted with tuberculosis.

Released Alleged Bank Robber. Detective Malone stated today that he had released the three men he had arrested charged with robbing the Pleasant Dale bank because no one seemed anxious to prosecute them.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Livingston chapter No. 10, Royal Arch Masons, met last night and installed the following officers: John E. C. Fisher, H. P. B. L. Spelman, etc.

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Thursday is the great day of the year. Everything is in remarkable readiness for the final rush. Our customers have been exceedingly thoughtful and our army of employes have worked heroically.

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Boys' Sleds. Hardwood, nicely varnished, with top board painted and ornamented—hand holes on sides—flat runners—\$1.00 sled for \$1.00.

Girls' Sleds. Size 12x24 inches—varnished and ornamented—flat runners—our 25c sled—\$1.00.

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Green Trading Stamps All the Time

ELLSWORTH D'FRANCE FREED

Leaves Sioux Falls Penitentiary After Fifteen Years' Servitude.

TWO-CENT STAMP THE AMOUNT OF LOOT

Long Sentence Imposed at Omaha and Now Ended Runs Back to Holdup of a Nebraska Mail Carrier.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—After having served a term of fifteen years, Ellsworth D'France, for the theft of a two-cent postage stamp, Ellsworth P. DeFrance today stepped from the federal prison here a free man.

POISON IN THEIR PANCAKES. Mother and Son Taken Seriously Ill, but Doctor Saves Their Lives.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—A case of poisoning from eating pancakes comes from the western part of the county. Mrs. George Gerretts and her son, Louis Smith, came very near losing their lives.

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NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—"You may arrange for a banquet in October. If the Nebraska State Hospital for the Insane at Norfolk is not completed by that time, I will pay for the feast. If it is, you pay for it."

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BARNES READY FOR NEW JOB. NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Supreme Court Commissioner J. B. Barnes has wiped clean the slate of his labors as commissioner and will now wait until January 7, when he begins his duties as associate justice.

GOES FROM BAD TO WORSE. Always true of constipation. It begins many maladies, but Dr. King's New Life Pills cure or pay. Only 25c. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

A VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON AN EASTERN TRIP. Fares from Chicago to Philadelphia and New York are not any more via Washington than over the direct route.

CARD OF THANKS. We desire to thank our friends, the officers and members of Ivy Camp No. 2, Royal Neighbors of America; M. W. A. and the Golden Link Rebekahs, for the kindness shown during the illness and death of Mrs. C. B. Brown.

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