

LAWYERS FIGHT IN COURT

Attorneys Greene and Tibbets Wind Up Wordy Contest with Hira.

SEPARATED BEFORE DAMAGE IS DONE

Number of State Associations Holding Their Annual Conventions in the Capital City Attracts Many Visitors.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Attorney R. J. Greene and Judge Tibbets had a brief conference in the district court this morning in which a resort to physical force was had. Greene aggravated the opposing attorney with abusive epithets such as liar, perjurer and others. The case over which the controversy arose is that of Penn against Trompen, of long standing in the district court. Some time ago Tibbets charged that the records in the case had been mutilated with the result that Judge Penn, on the district bench, entered the filing of an information charging Greene with contempt. Mr. Greene a few days ago gave notice that he would ask the court to settle the bill of exceptions, and having been refused, a little later Judge Tibbets appeared on the bench and asked to have the bill settled, but finding that it had already been done went before Judge Holmes, who had allowed the bill, and entered strenuous protest. This is what led to the attack of Greene. Tibbets rushed at him and tackled in foot ball fashion. The state attorneys were separated by the spectators before much damage was done.

Trouble Over Gas.

Considerable indignation has been aroused among the citizens who use gas over a project which is on foot for the transfer of \$200,000 of stock of the Lincoln Gas & Electric Light company to a local syndicate. These men are to be given an option at two years during which time, it is asserted, they are expected to root for the gas company, and aid in building up a public sentiment which will permit the company to hold to the present prices for gas. This is the charge which is being made by the citizens who are interested in the movement for dollar gas.

Telephone Men Confer.

The representatives of the independent telephone companies operating in the state are having a two day meeting at the Lindell hotel for the discussion of the mutual interests of corporations which are covering Nebraska with a network of wires. The extension of toll lines is one of the subjects which will be discussed. There will be an effort to secure closer co-operation. About forty members of the association are present this year. The meeting opened this afternoon at the Lindell with an address by President L. C. Clark of Papillion, and a report by Secretary E. C. Hansen of Fairbury. Several technical papers were read.

Conference on Charities.

The executive committee of the Nebraska State Conference of Charities and Corrections is busy preparing a program for the annual meeting to be held here February 2 and 3. The president's address will be delivered by former Chief of Police Hogland on the morning of February 2. On that evening twenty five papers of the National Society for the Blind will give an entertainment, and Wednesday evening S. G. Smith, D. D., of St. Paul will talk on the "Problem of Pauperism." The meetings will be held in the First Christian church.

Poultry Show Opening.

The biggest poultry show in the history of the State Association of Poultry Farmers will open at the Auditorium at 8 a. m. tomorrow. "The entries are far in excess of those of any previous year," said Mr. Ludden today, "and we are going to have the Auditorium more fully occupied than it was last year."

The premium list this year will be probably run to \$2,500. Last year \$1,400 was expended in premiums, and the amount will undoubtedly be exceeded this year. The judges in the competitions are F. H. Sheilsberger and W. L. Russell, well known Iowa fanciers and breeders; C. H. Rhodes of Kansas City and Adam Thompson of Antio, Mo.

Beekkeepers in Session.

The Nebraska Bee Keepers' association held its first meeting this afternoon at the State university farm in the experiment station building. E. Whitcomb of Friend is president and L. S. Stittman of York is secretary. The meeting was fairly well attended, about fifty men interested in bee culture being present. The program was as follows: "Past, Present and Future of Bee Keeping in Nebraska," E. Whitcomb; "What We Need Most," G. W. Whitford; "The Professional Man as a Beekeeper," Dr. Hunsinger; "How Best to Increase Interest in Our Work," E. Ketchum; "Honey Exhibit at St. Louis," William Jones.

Herdsman Lets Printing.

Lee Herdman, clerk of the supreme court and today received from the State Journal company a copy of volume 1 of the Nebraska reports, unofficial, which contain the printing board turned down. Mr. Herdman stated that he was acting upon the advice of the attorney general in letting the contract, who said that it was not only his right but his duty to have the reports printed. It is expected that there will be six volumes in all and the cost will be about \$2,500 a volume. When the printing board refused Herdman's request some time during the summer, Mr. Herdman advertised for bids and the State Journal, a printing company at the lowest, it is likely now that the printing board will try to restrain the Journal company from completing the work and a test will thus be made of the validity of the law creating the board.

New Bank Incorporates.

The Dwight State bank of Dwight is a new institution that was authorized to do business by the state banking board today. Its capital stock is \$25,000 and the incorporators are J. M. Burge, W. P. Bueck, F. V. Krenk, Charles A. Kastl, George Doiron and Thomas Wolf. The Blue Springs State bank today increased its capital stock from \$20,000 to \$25,000. This bank has been running for less than three years and now has an deposit in the neighborhood of \$100,000, which is the history of most of the small banks in towns of prosperous Nebraska.

Thurston and Deuel Counties Come to the Front with a Settlement with the Treasurer.

Thurston and Deuel counties come to the front with a settlement with the treasurer today, paying in \$2,500 in all. These two make eleven counties which have made settlements. Despite the fact that the Wahash railroad stated in its answer to the suit for \$2,000 damages brought by Morton E. Sharpe that the flood waters of the Missouri and the Kaw rivers overflowing at Kansas City last spring was "the act of God" the defendants were not liable for goods destroyed. Judge Waters gave Sharpe judgment for \$2.50 this morning. Some months ago Sharpe avers that he shipped goods over the line of the defendants at a point where the contract was made and that he never delivered these goods at Council Bluffs to the Rock Island. This, he declared, the road indicated failed to do, on the contrary delivering the stuff to the Missouri Pacific at Kansas City. Here the waters rose and the goods were engulfed and an immense quantity of merchandise and other freight ruined, or practically so.

The Missouri Pacific was first made defendant with the Wahash, but the action was dismissed and the Wahash alone held responsible.

Speakers for Republican Banquet.

Three speakers have already signified their intention of participating in the annual banquet of the Young Men's Republican club to be held February 12. Governor Bailey of Kansas is one of them. Congressman Burkett wired today that he had secured the promise of Congressman George W. Frier of Illinois to speak here at that function. The third is Judge Robertson of Norfolk.

Lewis May Live.

William Lewis, who was shot at the state farm last night while stealing corn, is still alive and there is a bare chance of his recovery. He is indignant at having been shot by just a private citizen, and said he would not have objected had he been an officer. He said he intended to prosecute the man who fired the shot if he lived and he wanted the police to do it if he died. Mrs. Lewis called at the station yesterday morning and secured Lewis' horse and buggy but did not express much concern at her husband's plight. Lewis admitted stealing the corn.

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DEMES WRONG DOING BY DEFENDANT

Insists That Former Testimony Was Given Under Duress from Her Parents—Contest on Admitting Letters.

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YORK, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—All morning and late this afternoon the attorneys have been having Miss Beulah Thomas, the prosecuting witness, on the stand in the trial of the State against John Blair, in which Blair is charged with a criminal assault on Beulah Thomas, whom he was accused of afterward abducting and keeping at his home. As some predicted, Miss Thomas is testifying differently than at the preliminary hearing before County Judge Taylor, in which she testified to a assault at different times, some during the night and some during the day. On the stand today she denies a part of the testimony she gave at that time. A large number of those who are well acquainted with Miss Thomas are surprised, but a few expected testimony of this kind and were predicting before the trial that testimony in behalf of Blair would be given. Blair has stated that Miss Thomas' parents were compelling her to testify against him. Intimate friends and neighbors deny this statement. It is also stated that the truth today on the witness stand has been the same as in the case of John Blair under bonds and in jail, where he has been confined since last November, and has caused more trouble and feeling in the neighborhood of Arberville than anything that has happened in that locality. Blair is one of the oldest settlers in that part of the county and previously has never been mixed up in an affair of this kind, but has had the respect of the community in which he lives.

Denies Former Story.

A part of the time it was hard for the attorneys to get Miss Thomas to answer. In her testimony she denies that at any time has there been any relations between her and Blair, and she denies the friendship and notting criminal between them as she had testified at the preliminary hearing. She said that she testified at the preliminary hearing differently than because she was threatened by her parents and that they had really compelled her to testify differently. She asserts that now she is telling the truth. Messrs. Meeker and Wray and Attorney Fred C. Power are assisting the county attorney in the prosecution and they tried in every way known to shake her testimony.

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ORGANIZE ROOSEVELT CLUB

Tecumseh Club Endorses Administration of President and Governor.

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TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—At a meeting of Nemaha precinct a Roosevelt club was organized here tonight. Judge S. P. Davidson was chosen temporary president and S. W. Thurber temporary secretary. Permanent organization will be perfected later. The following resolutions were adopted: Whereas, the republican electors of Tecumseh, Nemaha precinct, hereby express their hearty approval of the thoroughly executive manner in which Theodore Roosevelt has handled the affairs of this government during his administration as president, therefore be it Resolved, That we hereby endorse his nomination and election as president. This resolution as well as one endorsing Governor Mickey was received with cheers and passed without a dissenting vote. The Mickey resolution follows: Whereas, the members of the Roosevelt club of Tecumseh, Nemaha precinct, believing that Hon. John H. Mickey has given a wise, judicious and economical administration as governor, therefore be it Resolved, That we heartily endorse his acts in the past and pledge him our loyal support to secure his re-nomination and re-election. Delegates were selected to attend the meeting of the state league in Lincoln and a committee was chosen to secure a speaker for the meeting.

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(From a Staff Correspondent.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Charged with robbing the dead and dying at the Iroquois theater fire three men have been placed under arrest by the Chicago police. The first of the alleged thieves to be captured was Louis Wiltz, keeper of the Illinois saloon, located at Dearborn and Randolph streets, a few doors from the main entrance of the theater. It is charged that Wiltz robbed the body of a dying woman, Mrs. E. J. Trask, the afternoon of the fire, securing \$100, which it is alleged was divided among three men, two of whom were arrested after Wiltz. The police claim to have received confessions from all three men. The other two arrested are Charles Conway, said to have received \$20, and Thomas McCarty, alleged to have been given \$27.50. The third man, still at large, is a stranger and was given \$12. He is said to be a traveling man from St. Louis. It is said that Wiltz confessed that \$10 was taken from the body of Mrs. Trask at Ottawa, Ill., when she was carried, and John P. Egan, a bridge iron worker, who stated that he was employed at the Iroquois theater as an extra hand to assist on the fly floor of the theater, was the witness from whom the evidence was obtained. "Did you try to lower the asbestos curtain on the day of the fire?" he was asked. "Yes; a man came running over to me from the south side of the stage as I was working in the flies and said to lower the asbestos curtain for there was a fire. I ran to it and tried to lower it, but it was heavy, and when someone jostled my hand was caught. Someone else came and pulled down the rope and released me and shoved me out of the way."

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