

COLBY IS HELD BLAMELESS

Judge Advocate General Reports on the Company E Case from Wilber.

FORMER CAPTAIN HELD RESPONSIBLE

Presidential Electors Meet and Organized by Selection of H. H. Wilton as Chairman and F. A. Barton as Secretary.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—John A. Ehrhardt, judge advocate general of the National Guard, has exonerated L. W. Colby, former captain in the 12th, money appropriated to pay the members of the company at Wilber. Special Examiner H. S. Wiggins made the charge against Colby in a report to Governor Mickey after an examination of the books in the office of the adjutant general.

Judge Ehrhardt was instructed to investigate the charge against General Colby and made his report to Governor Mickey today. The report contains the testimony of a number of witnesses examined, which led Judge Ehrhardt to the belief that the money in question had been paid to Captain McGintie. Judge Ehrhardt quotes from the report of Mr. Wiggins as follows:

Every officer and man of company E with whom I talked firmly believe that McGintie did not receive any of the proceeds of the company. It is my opinion, General Colby now has the \$125 use the men, less what he may have paid Sands for handling the money. In my opinion, General Colby is too good a man of business to turn over the pay of his company to a man who has a criminal record in his duty as an officer and who had been convicted of the same crime for nearly two years, during which time his correspondence regarding this pay had been entirely with Captain McGintie.

Commenting on this, Judge Ehrhardt says:

I have carefully considered all the affidavits and statements in connection with this transaction and am at a loss to find any fact that would show that any of the money was ever returned to General Colby. It might be said that Captain Wilber, too good a business man to sign a receipt for \$125 that he never received, especially when the man had been in dispute for almost two years. True, his connection with the company had been terminated, but his responsibility to the state yet remained for all property drawn as captain of Company E. The men were responsible to him for such property as issued by him.

This money is either in the hands of Mr. Sands or in the possession of Captain McGintie. From all the facts, I am of the opinion that the money is in the hands of Captain McGintie. True, there is a direct conflict in the statements of the men with Captain McGintie and Mr. Greer on the one hand and Mr. Sands, Mr. Barton and the record evidence on the other hand. Colby's instructions, Mr. Sands' letter book, Mr. Barton's statement cannot be ignored in reaching a conclusion in this matter, and they all point to the fact that this money was paid to Captain McGintie.

Regular Hours for Committees.

It is not improbable the first reform to be instituted by the house of representatives will be the publication of the time and place of meetings of all committees. This has not heretofore been done, though the senate adopted such a rule two years ago. The meetings of the house committees have been announced in the house, if at all, and those who were not present knew nothing of the time and place of meetings. This has not heretofore been done, though the senate adopted such a rule two years ago. The meetings of the house committees have been announced in the house, if at all, and those who were not present knew nothing of the time and place of meetings.

Go the Law One Better.

The presidential and vice presidential electors met in the office of Governor Mickey this morning to fill the requirements of the law and incidentally went a little further. They organized by electing H. H. Wilton chairman and F. A. Barton secretary. This organization the law provides should be accomplished at the second meeting.

What Sulphur Does

For the Human Body in Health and Disease.

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

CLARKS ARE AGAIN IN COURT

Norfolk Church Worker Loses Case Brought by Father of Child.

NORFOLK, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The Clarks are in court again. Having occupied more attention of the police and the bench in Norfolk during the last year than any other ten families put together, the Clarks are again in court. The case brought today was unique to a degree.

Old Settler Hurt in Runaway.

OAKLAND, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Oscar Samson, an old settler of this vicinity and vice president of the First National bank of this city, was so severely injured in a runaway here this afternoon that it is feared he cannot recover. His team became frightened by some children coming down hill in a wagon and became unmanageable, throwing the occupants out of the buggy. Mr. Samson struck on his forehead on a frozen ground with terrific force, rendering him unconscious. His forehead was badly cut and bruised, his nose broken and it is feared the skull has been fractured. Dr. Davis has been called from Omaha to consult with the local physicians.

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POLES AND JEWS CONSCRIPTED

Late Arrival from Poland Tells of Russia's Methods.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The Russian Jewish population of this city was increased recently by the arrival of a young man from the province of Grodno, Russian Poland, and who came here to avoid service in the Russian army, and tells an interesting story of the situation at his former home. As he has a number of relatives living here, some of whom are people of considerable means, he is unwilling to give his name for publication. The province is situated on the German frontier and the population consists of Poles and Jews, all of the frontier line, being Russian. Every day men are leaving to avoid military service. The boundary line and roads leading to it are patrolled by troops and to run the guards successfully is no small job. Previous to the present war, the province was a rich and many can yet, but the price is so high few pay it, preferring to take their chances. The densest ignorance of what is going on at the front prevails even among the higher classes, the newspapers being being so far from the frontier, and valueless. About all the information the mass of the people have of the war is that all the men are being conscripted. In many cases he says all the men in a family have been taken. The government does nothing for the support of the wives and children of its soldiers and thousands are dependent on the charity of their neighbors, who can barely eke out an existence for themselves. Those living within ten to twenty miles of the frontier are comparatively easy to get out while in the interior, owing to the law by which any stranger in the town without a passport will be arrested, it is almost impossible to avoid detection and arrest. The conscription is in the order and hundreds are leaving every day and an surprisingly large number succeed in passing the frontier. The guards are from other and interior provinces. The conscripted soldiers, he says, are not drilled and instructed in their arms. They are placed in jails until enough have been gathered together to make up a carload or trainload, then sent east to the large mobilization camps. The Jews and Poles take no interest in the war. They would be glad to see Russia and Poland at peace. He thinks, he thinks, when conscripted, desert at the first opportunity and if the real situation in Manchuria was today actually known to the mass of the inhabitants of Russian Poland, Russia would have serious trouble at home and right in its own army. After a man goes into the army his relatives never hear from him again and have no means of knowing where he is going or to what regiment he is assigned. Most of the Jews are in the infantry.

OLD FOREE HANGS ON.

The State Board of Irrigation has reappointed the man who was discharged from this department for a number of years. The appointees are: Adna Dobson, state engineer, secretary; James A. Green, assistant secretary; H. O. Smith, under secretary, division No. 1; Page O. Smith, under secretary, division No. 2; Fannie Steinmetz, chief clerk and stenographer.

GALUSHA FOR ECONOMY.

Upon the recommendation of Secretary of State Galusha and Lew Frazier, secretary to the Printing board, an effort will be made to have a law enacted providing that the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings can purchase supplies in the nature of pencils, paper, ink, rubber bands, etc., in bulk. At present these supplies are bought at retail prices when they might just as well be bought at wholesale prices and the state saved many hundreds if not thousands of dollars. It is Mr. Galusha's idea to make the secretary of the Printing board custodian of supplies and at state officers who are in receipt of supplies be given proper requisition.

RICHARDS REAPPOINTED.

MYRON T. RICHARDS, who for the last two years has carried the mail to and from the state house to the postoffice, will do the same thing for the next two years. Today the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings reappointed him.

HOTELS CHANGE OWNERS.

The Lincoln and Capitol hotels changed hands today, the purchasers being D. H. Thompson, Elmer Stephenson and C. D. Miller. The price paid was \$200,000. The report that the property was bought as an investment for the Columbia Fire Insurance company is denied. The hotels in question were bought from the National Hotel company.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE DRAWS CROWD.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The attendance at the Farmers' Institute session of the institute was the largest of any since it opened, and careful attention was paid to the program as carried out. C. H. Hinman of the state experiment station gave an interesting demonstration in judging dairy cows, which brought many new points for consideration of the farmers. Mr. C. E. Weston of Fairbury, who created so much interest last year with her household topics, was on hand this afternoon with a similar address, in which she paid particular attention to yeast and bread making. She also conducted a question box, answering all questions in the most practical way, her talk being not only valuable to farmers' wives, but to all listeners as well. She urged strongly upon the parent the necessity of implanting in the child ideas of economy, thrift and saving, and advocated the more extended use of the savings bank. Her talk was the most practical and helpful along the same line in the city. Musical numbers were two vocal solos by Art Wilson, accompanied by Messrs. Mann and Smith on the guitar and mandolin, the two last named also playing a duet which was warmly applauded.

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HEAD HURT

And It Was Justified.

In reply to your letter of recent date, I would say that I am cured as sound as a dollar. I used about three of the fifty-cent packages. I was going to write you, but was holding up to see if the pills would give me any further relief. I am cured entirely. I had faith in Pyramid File Cure at the start, and struck right to the treatment. You can refer anyone to me you like. I can soon tell what Pyramid File Cure has done for me.

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OLD ROAD EXISTS NO LONGER

County Board Puts an End to Fruitful Cause of Trouble.

WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The Board of Supervisors at its place on the west side of the city, in the old section of the old Blair road. This road, which in former years ran diagonally across two townships southeast of this city, has been a fruitful cause of litigation, hatred and ill will for many years. Innumerable lawsuits have been the result of attempts to divert travel to the section line, murderous assaults have been committed, fences pulled down, property destroyed and for a time a perfect reign of terror prevailed among the residents adjoining the highway in dispute. The road now follows the section line, where it belongs under the law.

NEBRASKA CITY'S MAYOR DEAD

Overcome by Heart Disease While in His Office.

NEBRASKA CITY, Jan. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—H. H. Bartling, head of the Bartling grain company and mayor of Nebraska City, died here last night of heart disease. Mr. Bartling was one of the pioneer residents of Otoe county, coming here in 1866 and for a number of years has been one of the most substantial business men of Nebraska City. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of his death.

DR. JOHNSON FOR COMMANDER.

RECOMBINE, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Dr. P. C. Johnson, D. D., of this city is being highly spoken of as a candidate for department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Nebraska. His friends from over the state are urging his candidacy and they express a desire to assist him in the position. Dr. Johnson is a prominent member of the order and his strength would not be confined to any section of the state, as he is well known all over Nebraska. He is a very loyal man and a great friend of the old soldiers. He would make a splendid officer.

RICHARDSON'S MORTGAGE RECORD.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The mortgage record for Richardson county during December is as follows: Farm mortgages filed, \$27,427.32; released, \$27,427.32; city mortgages filed, \$7,061.53; released, \$7,061.53; chattel mortgages filed, \$1,000.00; released, \$1,000.00. The summary for the year of 1904 is as follows: Farm mortgages filed, \$27,427.32; released, \$27,427.32; city mortgages filed, \$7,061.53; released, \$7,061.53; chattel mortgages filed, \$1,000.00; released, \$1,000.00.

WOODMAN CHOPS HIS OWN EAR.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—While Ed Ruby was chopping wood southwest of Plattsmouth his ax was caught in the wood and, grinding, struck him just back of the right ear, cutting off a portion of the bone and cutting through the ear. The gash was about two and one-half inches long and half an inch deep. His brother, who was with him at the time, took him to town in a buggy, where a physician dressed the wound.

MAY SEE FORMER TREASURER.

NEBRASKA CITY, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The county commissioners have instructed the county attorney to recover \$1,000 from former County Treasurer C. P. Lloyd or his bondsmen. When Lloyd's term of office expired he withheld \$1,000 in the hands of the county treasurer, and it is to recover this amount that the order was issued. A suit will be brought against Lloyd and his bondsmen unless a satisfactory settlement can be made.

SUICIDE IS NOT IDENTIFIED.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The identity of the man found dead at the Ames depot is still unknown. No man of his description has been in the employ of the Ames depot since the year 1904. The man who was found dead at the Ames depot is still unknown. No man of his description has been in the employ of the Ames depot since the year 1904.

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Richard & Wilhelm Carpet Co.

THE FURNITURE EVENT OF THE SEASON

Big January Special Sale worthy the attention of the most critical and economical purchaser. We bought several carloads of desirable furniture from prominent manufacturers who were overstocked. These goods are all new, this season's designs and consist of fancy and comfortable rockers, odd chairs, couches, together with a large assortment of parlor tables, pedestals, taboretts, stools, Roman chairs, bed room rockers and chairs, ladies' desks and desk chairs, gold chairs and divans, etc. Here with a short list of bargains:

Table listing furniture items and prices. Items include Mahogany parlor table, Mahogany round table, Mahogany desk, etc. Prices range from 7.50 to 55.00.

Child's weathered oak doll and play house furniture in dressers, beds, chiffoniers, writing tables, kindergarten tables, benches, chairs and rockers all go in this January Sale at a discount of 25 per cent from regular prices.

Lace Curtains Rugs

There has been lively selling in our rug department owing to the extra special price we are making on the 9x12 rugs, including such well known makes as Lowell Wilton \$40 rugs, Bigelow Axminster rugs, Ventnor Wilton and Kimrick Wilton, also a large lot of Sanford Axminster. Regular selling price of these rugs up to \$40, all in one pile, your choice, each—

25.00

thickness and is of excellent quality, being clear and without much snow. The West Point fire company held a banquet at the Market hotel. West Point, Jan. 7.—The Board of Education of the West Point school district has purchased a block of ground for the purpose of providing an additional playground for the ever-increasing number of children in attendance at the public schools. This step has been under consideration for the last two years. The committee on the subject of the school building, providing nearly double the room formerly available, ensures ample accommodation for any possible increase in the school population for many years to come.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair Today in Nebraska—Tomorrow Partly Cloudy, Probably Snow in Western Portion.

Local Record.

Table showing weather statistics for Omaha, including maximum and minimum temperatures, precipitation, and wind velocity for various years.

Do not undervalue the services of a skilful physician.

Even the best medicine cannot take the place of the family doctor. Therefore we say: Consult your physician freely about your case and ask him what he thinks about your taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for your cough.

If he says take it, then take it. If he says do not take it, then follow his advice.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral advertisement featuring an illustration of a bottle and text describing its benefits for coughs and respiratory issues.