

CHANCE FOR PAWNEE BAND

Nebraska Organization May Play at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

SENATOR FULTON IS BACK OF THE MOVE

Organization of Band is Unique, Embracing Features Which Has Kept it Intact Since its Organization in 1870.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 10.—(Special.)—The Pawnee city military band may play an engagement at the Portland exposition. For several days the promoters of the exposition have been in communication with the band to secure its services. It is very probable an agreement will be reached, because United States Senator Fulton of Oregon, a former Pawnee boy, is very much interested in the movement, and his brother, E. L. Fulton, has been for many years director of the band. Congressman Custum of Washington, who is an active worker in the exposition affairs, is also a former Nebraskan, and is said to be anxious that the big musical organization be secured for a part of the period at least.

The Pawnee band is a most unusual organization. It was organized in 1870, and some of the organizers are still active members. From 1884 to the present time it has maintained the position as the largest in the west, and in a musical way has made a wide reputation in its handling of the best standard compositions. It has often been heard in concert work in Lincoln and Omaha and other parts of the state.

In another feature the organization is unique. It is a fraternal society in every sense of the term, neither member nor director drawing pay for their services. The welfare and conduct of the members are looked after, both in the band work and in public and private life—features which Pawnee people claim have made the band so successful and united during its quarter of a century of existence. It maintains a membership of fifty, which is extraordinary for a town of less than 2,000 people.

Currie Gets Big Contract.

Representative Frank Currie of Dawes county has received word from Washington announcing that he was the lowest bidder for a contract for supplying 5,000 head of hogs and 200 hogs to the Rosebud Indian reservation, the delivery to be made May 1. The magnitude of the contract attracted a number of big stockmen of the west.

DEL TITTINGER IS NOT GUILTY

On Second Trial Man Accused of Cattle Stealing is Acquitted.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—At 3 p. m. the jury, which went out this morning in the Tittinger case, rendered a verdict of "not guilty." This is the second time that Del Tittinger has been tried on this charge, the first jury disagreeing, the vote standing six for conviction and six for acquittal. The defense sought to prove an alibi, and the defendant swore that he was at another place than the scene of the cattle stealing, and another witness corroborated him. The only evidence in the case which connected the defendant, Delmar Tittinger, with the crime, was the testimony of Lee Case, who was jointly charged with Tittinger. Case entered the plea of guilty and turned state's evidence and testified that Tittinger assisted him in the commission of the felony. But on cross-examination Case gave way to his bitter feeling toward Tittinger, and his evidence was of little weight because of the confusion caused by the cross-examination. Case getting a few of the important matters mixed.

The verdict meets with the approval of all the unbiased citizens who were in attendance at the trial. The men who are the backbone of the various prosecutions carried on against the defendant, a sorely disappointed. There have been about a half dozen felony charges filed against Del Tittinger by various owners of cattle, and this was the last trial. Whether the remaining charges against Tittinger will be tried is not known, but the determination seems to be that they be forced on.

Engine Driving Red Breaks.

PLATTSBOURNE, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—The Burlington passenger train from Plattsmouth met with a little mishap when about one mile west of Cedar creek yesterday, when the left driving rod of the engine broke, and as the rod whirled over it struck the cab with great force, knocking the fireman out of his seat and fracturing one of his arms before the train

could be stopped. One side of the cab was badly shattered, while the casing of the steam chest was knocked off, causing the train to stop. The engine was repaired from this city brought the crippled engine to the local shops.

HUNTERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

About Exhausted from Hunger and Exposure When Rescued.

FREMONT, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—Roy Cook of this city and his brother, C. Cook of Arlington, had a narrow escape from drowning in the Platte Sunday night and Monday. They were out hunting on the river near Mercer and about dark Sunday evening started from an island for the north bank in a canvas boat. The river was running bankfull and a stiff wind was blowing. After going a short distance the boat sprung a leak and sank in about three feet of water. By swimming and wading they succeeded in the darkness in reaching a shallow place only a few yards square, where there was only about eight inches of water. They were at times almost drowned over much deeper. Here they spent the night. The younger brother suffered severely and much of the time Roy was obliged to hold him up or he would have fallen into the water and drowned. Monday morning they made their way to a large island, which was not overflooded, though only a few inches above the water. Fortunately, they had one gun and some shells, which they fired off at intervals during the day, but without bringing anyone to their assistance. Monday night was spent on this island and Tuesday morning found the younger brother nearly exhausted from cramps and cold and exposure. They renewed their efforts to attract attention, waving a handkerchief tied to the end of the gun barrel, and about noon were overjoyed to see a man in a small boat heading toward them from the north shore. It was E. Nelson, a farmer living near Mercer, who had heard the shots and saw their distress signal from the bank, and they were taken off in safety. Their situation Sunday night was especially dangerous, the sandbar being only a few yards in extent and surrounded by deep water. During the greater part of this night Roy stood on the bar holding up his brother, who was unable to stand on account of cramps and exhaustion from his struggle in the ice cold water and at times they felt that their chances of rescue were small. Their greatest danger was that the current would wash the bar away during the night.

Killed by Fall of Horse.

WEST POINT, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—A fatal accident occurred last evening in the lower railroad yards in this city by which Charles Zepelin, one of the best known citizens of this place, lost his life. Zepelin, who is in the employ of Schinostock Bros., was on horseback engaged in driving cattle. In crossing the railroad track his horse stumbled and fell upon him, his body falling across the rail, the weight of the animal crushing his internal organs. He was immediately removed to his home and medical aid summoned, but to no avail. He lingered a few hours, when death relieved his sufferings. The deceased was 40 years of age and leaves a wife and two children. He was one of the oldest settlers of the city and will be interred Sunday under the auspices of the German Lutheran church.

Veteran Ends His Life.

FREMONT, Neb., March 10.—(Special Telegram.)—William Blair, a veteran of the civil war, 70 years of age, was found dead in his house this afternoon with a bullet wound in his head. He was sitting in a chair and a revolver lay by the side of it. He lived alone in a little house on West Military avenue and was last seen alive Wednesday evening. He was born in Germany and served during the war in an Ohio regiment and rose to the rank of major. During his residence of three years in this city he was a heavy drinker and seldom sober. When last seen he was in a drunken state. At one time he owned considerable property in Saunders county near Colon, where some of his family still reside. A daughter is a missionary in China.

News of Nebraska.

SEWARD, March 10.—The women of the Methodist church will hold a fair at the church on March 20.

SEWARD, March 10.—Judge Thomas sold his twenty acres north of Seward to E. Meln of Wilber for \$4,500 cash and a \$5,000 brick block at Wilber.

OSCEOLA, Neb., March 10.—A series of lectures is being held this week at the First Presbyterian church under the direction of Rev. Knox Bonds, the pastor.

FALLS CITY, March 10.—Thirty-six citizens signed a petition to Mayor Hill this week asking him to order the removal of the slot machines in the city. He has promised to request they were all ordered out.

SEWARD, March 10.—Judge Leavens during the past week married Jesse Kirk and Nettie Chapman, both of York, and Theodore Madison of Fillmore county and Mary Peterson of Cordova, Seward county.

PLATTSBOURNE, March 10.—Mrs. Chetwood Hamilton of Omaha, diocesan secretary of the Women's auxiliary of Omaha, was in this city yesterday and organized a club for Lenten study in St. Luke's church.

PAPILLION, March 10.—Mr. and Mrs.

Alken, missionaries to Siam, but who have been in the east during the past week, arrived here yesterday for a visit prior to their departure to that country, April 1.

PAPILLION, March 10.—Yesterday the old stone schoolhouse in district No. 18 was totally destroyed by fire. This building was the first erected in Sarpy county. A small part of the contents were saved, including most of the books of the school.

FALLS CITY, March 10.—The finishing touches have been put on the farmers' elevator at Strasburg, and it is now in shape to do and is doing a lively receiving and shipping grain business. This is the only farmers' elevator in this county.

PAPILLION, March 10.—Herman Carstensen and Miss Catherine Bestman were united in marriage yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bestman, near Springfield, Neb. William Huseman performing the ceremony. They will reside on a farm near Papillion.

PAPILLION, March 10.—Yesterday occurred the annual meeting of the youth of Gretna and Miss Cecelia Heuck at the home of the bride's parents, west of Papillion. Rev. William Huseman officiated. Mr. Weeth is engaged in the mercantile business in Gretna and the couple will make that their home.

PLATTSBOURNE, March 10.—Sheriff McBrigg has received a letter from the sheriff of the county of Missouri, asking for information leading to the arrest of one John Mathes, who was arrested here at Plattsmouth, Mo., Mathes deserted a wife and two children. The father of the girl offers a reward of \$500.

SEWARD, March 10.—Chapter A. D. P. E. G. held its annual meeting Tuesday evening at the chapter room. The following officers were elected: President, Gay Palmer; vice president, Grace Stewart; recording secretary, Edna Ruby; corresponding secretary, Nellie Davis; treasurer, Gertrude Kerschard; chaplain and journalist, Della Smith; guard, Edith Stoneker.

FALLS CITY, March 10.—The summary of the mortgage record of Richardson county for February shows there were thirty-three farm mortgages filed, aggregating \$24,418. Twenty-five farm mortgages released amounting to \$51,821.90; city mortgages filed, \$2,825; released, three, \$50. Chattel mortgages filed, fifty-nine, \$27,725.88; released, twenty, \$13,443.

ALBANY, March 10.—The Aurora Dramatic club gave an exceptionally good entertainment at the opera house Wednesday evening by putting on "The Captain." Miss John Sauls and Raymond Rhodes were pronounced genuine artists in their line of special work, while the singing of the Vanberg sisters was one of the finest features of the evening. The club is composed of some of the most amateurs that could be found in the state.

SEWARD, March 10.—Mr. and Mrs. John Woods have issued invitations for the wedding and reception of their daughter, Miss Victoria Hedden, who is being married to Hildebrand of Omaha, Thursday, March 15. Miss Hedden is prominent in musical circles here and at the same time a comfortable competency. She owns the brick blocks that are now occupied as a court room and by all means is doing a very successful business.

PLATTSBOURNE, March 10.—The calm serenity of the beautiful town of Murdock, in this county, was suddenly awakened from its lethargy by the arrival of Mr. Darnell, attorney for the Anti-Saloon league, who came at the request of the most prominent citizens to investigate the liquor traffic. Sunday he occupied the most important public buildings both morning and evening services. Monday a permanent organization was perfected and officers elected. Before Austin has been notified to discontinue the sale of liquor at the clubroom and the proprietor of the clubroom to do likewise or suffer the consequences.

PAPILLION, March 10.—In district court this week several cases were disposed of, the majority of which were of minor importance. In the case of the State against J. C. & Mohler, the subcontractors of Springfield, who were found guilty several months ago of violating the anti-saloon law, a fine of \$100 was levied. In the case of the State against Thomas Beadle, the man arrested some time ago for stabbing Joseph Miller at a dance in La Platte, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery, and received a fine of \$50 and thirty days in jail. Ida Matilda Clarke was granted a divorce from A. W. Clarke, Jr., with alimony of \$100 per month and the custody of her four children. Judge Truitt presided at this opening of the March term of court.

MADISON, March 10.—The insane commission was in session at this place the past three days examining witnesses in the case of Charles Teske, a wealthy farmer of Green Garden precinct. Teske, who had been acting strangely, was taken to a private sanitarium nearly a year ago. He was afterwards released and sent home. His brother lodged the complaint against him before the commission at this time. Had feeling had long existed among the members of the Teske family, which culminated in several lawsuits that have dragged through the courts a number of years. The man's mind seems to have been unbalanced by brooding over the matters. The case was a very complicated one on that account, as the man is possessed of considerable property. His mental condition, however, and the evidence submitted was overwhelming proof that he was not fit to be at large. He was declared insane and will be taken to the Lincoln asylum immediately. Teske is a single man, about 38 years of age.

PROBLEM OF FREIGHT RATES

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up with which the railroads are connected. The farmer, for instance, is not the enemy, naturally, of the railroad, but the farmer in the railroad the strong arms that hold him and his interests close to the throbbing heart of the world. The farmer is the manufacturer of the railroad's enemy, naturally; nor the merchant, nor the manufacturer, nor the public, nor the consumer, nor the class who toll toll, neither do they split, divided with the farmer, but they are all united in the effort that draws its nourishment from the earth year class who commodity does not stop with the railroad, but will be satisfied only when not one stone is left on the top of another in the whole structure of private property.

Danger in the Situation.

Nor is the agitation new. It was not new six years ago, when the interstate commerce bill was passed. What is new in the present agitation is that at its head is the president of the United States. What is new in the present agitation is that the people of the United States, regardless of their individual interests, have come to look upon the subject as a national concern. The present agitation, and full of danger, too, is that from its being a question of the present order of things, it has become a question of the future of the nation. Herein lies the embarrassment and the peril of the present. Herein lies the danger that no friend of the institution of private property anywhere can afford to neglect.

The big-brained railroad man has it seems to me, his hour of opportunity now. Let him insist that there shall be no confiscation of his property, or no arrangement of control or supervision that, in the long run, will amount to confiscation. Behold him, on such an issue, the country will be found to stand with him. But he is not also that in the nation there resides the reserve power of supervision and control, a power that the railroad man has no interest of equal citizenship; and let him join our president in establishing a tribunal through whom the nation's policy shall be honestly, but at all times promptly and adequately, executed. There will be peace with justice. No other peace would last.

CONDUCTOR ACCUSED OF THEFT

Rock Island Trainmen Charged with Stealing Thousands of Dollars Worth of Freight.

WICHITA, Kan., March 10.—W. F. Kelly, a conductor on the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient, is under arrest, charged with being the leader of a gang of alleged car robbers, who have, it is alleged, stolen thousands of dollars worth of goods from the Rock Island in the past few months. Kelly has been known here under the name of P. Alexander. He was indicted by the federal grand jury at Chickasha, I. T., recently, and Chief Inspector Morawski of the Rock Island at Chickasha traced him to this city. By removing braces from the car doors the gang, it is said, most of which were trainmen in the employ of the road, robbed cars for months without breaking skulls. Kelly denies his guilt. He will be taken to Chickasha for trial.

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OUR LETTER BOX.

Credit Where Credit is Due.

WINNEBAGO, Neb., March 9, 1905.—To Whom It May Concern: Since it is just that the guilty parties are punished, it is also just that innocent parties are protected. My reflections should not hurt in any way Deputy Marshal J. F. Bides of Dakota City. He has done more in the way of enforcing the law during last summer regarding the Winnebago Indians than all the deputy marshals during the last ten years. JOSEPH SCHELL.

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FIRE RECORD.

Cold Storage Plant.

NORFOLK, Neb., March 10.—(Special Telegram.)—One of the most spectacular fires ever seen in Norfolk destroyed Davenport Bros' wholesale cold storage plant this afternoon. The loss is \$12,000, with \$8,000 insurance. The blaze started in an air chamber on the second floor during the noon hour, when the building was deserted, and burned for five hours, finally collapsing. Brick veneered walls three stories high enclosed the flames and prevented fighting it. Firemen were at the scene, but many went in with hose. Several thousand egg cases fed the flames. A wall of ice from the basement to the roof held the building up for several hours. Danger to the Norfolk foundry prompted a second alarm just before the collapse.

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