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OUR LETTER BOX.

Pensions for Federal Employes.

OMAHA, Neb., July 31.—To the Editor of The Bee: I wish to refer to an editorial which appeared in your paper a short time ago in regard to civil service pensions. You have the wrong idea when you say it will cost the United States treasury millions of dollars. It will not cost the government one cent. The plan is to take (and it is estimated that 3 per cent will do it) out of the salary of each employe each month, which will create a fund sufficient to permit an employe after twenty years' service to retire on half pay and would compel employes to retire when they reach the age of 60 or 65 years, or when they become incapacitated after five years service. It is after careful study estimated that from 3 to 5 per cent of the wages of employes will do as above stated with no expense to the government, although the government becomes the custodian of the funds. A law of this character would be a great blessing to every person in the employ of the government. It says to those who are employed by it you must save from 3 to 5 per cent of your wages and when you become old you will be taken care of by the government to the extent of one-half your pay. There are perhaps a few employes who would say we do not want anything taken out of our wages, but they do not study into the matter, or it is those who live up to every cent of their salary and when they become old think the government should not turn them out, and yet they are unable to perform their duties properly. This law would be one of the grandest blessings that could befall the employes of the government, and the papers and members of congress and senators who take an active part in securing its consummation will write their names high upon the hall of honor, and future generations will rise up and call them blessed.

J. H. SHUGARD.

ROGERT AND DOLL DISMISSED

Two Young Men Come Clear of Charge of Robbery at Ruser's.

After the witnesses for the prosecution had been heard in the county court yesterday afternoon, Assistant County Attorney Shotwell dismissed the cases against Rudolph Rogert and Charles Doll, who were charged with the robbery at the point of revolvers of Gallop's tavern at Ruser's park July 24. Mr. Shotwell expressed the opinion that the case against the boys was a feeble one.

JURY HAS WILLIAMSON CASE

Judge DeHaven Delivers His Charge at Afternoon Session of the Court.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 2.—Arguments in the case of Congressman Williamson, United States Commissioner Biggs and Dr. von Gesner indicted for subornation of perjury in connection with land transactions in eastern Oregon, were concluded this morning. This afternoon Judge DeHaven delivered his charge to the jury.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair and Warmer in Nebraska and Western Iowa Today—Fair Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Forecast of the weather for Thursday and Friday:

For Nebraska—Fair and warmer Thursday. Friday, fair.

For Iowa—Fair and warmer in the west; showers in the east portion Thursday. Friday, fair and warmer in east portion.

For Kansas—Fair Thursday; warmer in the southeast portion. Friday, fair.

For South Dakota—Fair and warmer Thursday. Friday, showers and cooler.

For Wyoming—Fair Thursday and Friday, except showers in the northwest portion.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Aug. 2.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1905.	1904.	1903.	1902.
Maximum temperature ...	81	94	85	80
Minimum temperature ...	68	73	66	61
Mean temperature	74	84	76	70
Precipitation	.33	.00	.00	.03

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and comparison with the last two years:

Normal temperature	74
Excess for the day	0
Total excess since March 1	158
Normal precipitation	.12 inch
Excess for the day	.21 inch
Precipitation since March 1	12.67 inches
Deficiency since March 1	6.87 inches
Deficiency for cor. period 1904	3.99 inches
Deficiency for cor. period 1903	3.62 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather.	Tem. 7 p.m.	Max. Tem.	Rainfall.
Bismarck, cloudy	70	80	.01
Cheyenne, partly cloudy	72	80	.00
Chicago, cloudy	72	78	.00
Davenport, partly cloudy	74	80	T
Denver, partly cloudy	78	84	.00
Havre, clear	86	88	.00
Helena, raining	76	84	T
Huron, clear	78	80	.00
Kansas City, raining	74	84	.04
North Platte, clear	78	84	.00
Omaha, cloudy	78	81	.03
Rapid City, clear	78	78	.00
St. Louis, cloudy	74	86	.00
St. Paul, clear	78	80	.00
Salt Lake City, clear	82	90	.00
Valentine, clear	74	78	.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

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DOUGLAS DRAWS A RAISE

Merchandise Valuations Are Increased Fifteen Per Cent.

TOTAL STATE LEVY IS SEVEN MILLS

Chairman Allen of Democrat Committee Calls State Convention to Meet at Lincoln Wednesday, September 20.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Today the State Board of Equalization and Assessment on the motion of Land Commissioner Eaton ordered an increase of 15 per cent in the Douglas county merchandise assessment, raising the total assessed valuation from $1,774,314 to $2,040,461 on that species of property. This action was taken as a result of a complaint of President John E. Miller of the Commercial club of this city, which led to a two days' hearing at which much testimony was introduced by the Lincoln merchants in an attempt to prove their charges that Douglas county merchandise was assessed at only 50 per cent of its true value. There was but little discussion among the members of the board as to the action taken, although Secretary of State Galusha stated that he felt he could vote for a 50 per cent increase if it were not for the fact that many of the small dealers had been assessed high enough.

County Assessor Miller of Douglas county, who was present when the announcement was made, said that he thought it would do, although he had felt that a larger increase would have a salutary effect throughout the state and especially in the two larger counties to compel merchants to list their stocks at their full values. The Lancaster county officials admitted that the assessment of the small merchants at their full value made it impossible for the board to make a larger increase.

Among the Lancaster county merchants there is evidence of some dissatisfaction, since the belief has been inculcated that the larger dealers in Douglas county are grossly under assessed. According to the statement of County Assessor Reed before the board the total value of Omaha merchandise now on the assessment rolls, including the increase ordered today, is $12,507,305 as compared with a total valuation of $3,302,210 in Lancaster county. Reed attained this result by including the items, "goods in process of manufacture," amounting to $165,000, and "all other property," with a total of $296,000. He stated that nearly everything under these two schedules might have been classed as merchandise. In making the increase the board took into consideration the admission of Reed that a small increase might, with justice, be ordered.

Reviews Land Values.

Today the board reviewed land assessments for the last time and after some discussion concluded to leave the tax rolls with increases in eight counties, six of which had already been acted on. In all cases the realty values have been restored to the figures of 1904 as equalized by the state board, and the eight counties are increased above the assessed valuations of last year. The following counties were increased:

Colfax, 2 per cent; Hitchcock, 10; Lancaster, 5; Richardson, 5; Saline, 5; Sherman, 10; Sheridan, 10.

The board had considered the feasibility of making an increase of 5 per cent in Hamilton county to bring it up to the average in Polk county, but on the showing made by the officials of that county the project was abandoned. Today Governor Mickey suggested a 10 per cent raise on Phelps county land, but it failed to carry. Auditor Searle advising against it, and a 5 per cent increase in Gosper county failed for the same reason. There was some talk of increasing Banner and Box Butte counties, but nothing was done.

State Levy of Seven Mills.

Today the State Board of Equalization and Assessment practically closed its labors by fixing the levy for the current year at 7 mills. This total includes 4½ mills for the general fund, 1 mill under the Sheldon act for the payment of the floating debt of the state, 1 mill for the university, and ½ mill for the common school fund. Last year the total levy was 6 mills. The increase is accounted for by the additional mill required under the Sheldon act, since the general fund levy of 4½ mills is the same as that imposed last year.

With the various increases ordered throughout the ninety counties the grand assessment roll of the state, as equalized, will reach close to $304,000,000, as compared with $294,000,000 last year, an increase of $10,000,000, a little more than half of which was returned by the assessors. It is stated that not a county escaped an increase in one classification or another.

The members of the board are unanimous in their expression of satisfaction with the work accomplished. They say that the schedules have undergone a thorough revision wherever there was any data to work with, and it is claimed that the result has been to put the new amendment to the revenue law, granting the power of classification, on a sound basis. Governor Mickey has taken the lead in the demand for the strict application of the law this year, believing that any laxness now would render the statute ineffective in the future.

Secretary Bennett of the board, has been instructed to spare no pains to have the certificates ready for issuance to the counties by August 8, the date, when under the statute, they must be completed. Bennett today expressed some doubt as to his ability to do the work in that time. The formal minutes have yet to be approved.

Invokes Civil Rights Act.

Game Warden Carter said today that he intended to invoke the civil rights act against an Ainsworth liveryman who refused to hire a rig to Deputy Smith on the ground that he intended to use it in the pursuit of hunters who were violating the law. Carter has requested County Attorney Eli of Brown county to proceed against the liveryman if sufficient evidence can be secured. It is claimed that the liveryman stated to a witness that he had the rig, but did not intend to let a warden have it.

Hunger Has Merry Time.

Deputy Warden Hunger, who has been at work in Madison and Brown counties, brought back a report of two convictions at Johnstown, Brown county. He says that he played the sleuth to catch the offenders, holding out his willingness to buy a few plump prairie chickens as the bait. The men, Walter Farley and Fred Valentine, were fined $5 each. During the night someone hurled a stone or cinder through Hunger's window, the latter believes, to even up the score.

At Tilden Hunger captured a trammel net and a seine which was being used by a party of six men, who were placed under arrest. Under the cover of darkness they escaped from the officer, but the department has clues to their identity and will order prosecutions. One of the men was recognized. Hunger says that a crowd of sympathizers with the men whose nets were confiscated, paraded the streets and sought to secure entrance to his room at the hotel.

Names More Delegates.

Governor Mickey today announced that he had named the following delegates to represent Nebraska at the national conference of commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States, which is to be held at Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island, August 18, 1905: Ralph W. Breckenridge, Omaha; Roscoe Pound, Lincoln; John L. Webster, Omaha.

Assembly Begins Work.

The Epworth assembly began work today with the largest attendance in its history. The ticket sale has been unprecedented and the managers claim that the outlook is good for the most successful assembly ever held in the state. During the day crowds of people from out in the state arrived on the incoming trains and proceeded to the Epworth Lake park, where they established themselves in tents. Many of these canvas houses had been put in shape for occupancy, but there was enough work to do to make the park the busiest place around the capital. The formal program begins tonight with an address of welcome by President L. O. Jones.

Calls Democratic Convention.

Chairman T. S. Allen has issued the following call for a democratic state convention:

The democrats of the state of Nebraska are hereby called to meet in convention at the Auditorium in the city of Lincoln on Wednesday, September 20, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices, to be voted for at the general election to be held in the state of Nebraska November 7, to-wit:

One judge of the supreme court.

Two regents of the State university.

And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said state convention.

The basis of representation of the several counties in said convention shall be the vote cast for Hon. George W. Berge for governor at the general election held on November 8, 1904, giving one delegate for each 100 votes or major fraction thereof so cast for said George W. Berge. Said apportionment entitles the several counties to the following representation in the said convention:

Adams	19	Johnson	10
Antelope	11	Kearney	10
Banner	1	Keith	2
Blaine	1	Keya Paha	3
Box Butte	4	Kimball	1
Boone	13	Knox	17
Boyd	8	Lancaster	46
Brown	3	Lincoln	7
Buffalo	18	Logan	1
Burt	10	Loup	1
Butler	19	McPherson	1
Cass	20	Madison	16
Cedar	14	Merrick	9
Chase	2	Nance	7
Cherry	5	Nemaha	15
Cheyenne	4	Nuckolls	11
Clay	17	Otoe	21
Colfax	12	Pawnee	8
Cuming	17	Perkins	2
Custer	20	Phelps	10
Dakota	6	Pierce	10
Dawes	5	Platte	22
Dawson	12	Polk	14
Deuel	2	Red Willow	8
Dixon	10	Richardson	21
Dodge	23	Rock	2
Douglas	128	Saline	18
Dundy	2	Sarpy	10
Fillmore	15	Saunders	22
Franklin	10	Scott's Bluff	2
Frontier	7	Seward	18
Furnas	11	Sheridan	6
Gage	21	Sherman	7
Garfield	2	Sioux	2
Gosper	5	Stanton	8
Grant	1	Thayer	13
Greeley	8	Thomas	1
Hall	15	Thurston	7
Hamilton	15	Valley	8
Harlan	8	Washington	13
Hayes	2	Wayne	10
Hitchcock	4	Webster	11
Holt	17	Wheeler	2
Hooker	1	York	16
Howard	11		
Jefferson	11	Total	991

It is recommended that no proxies be allowed and that the delegates present from each of the respective counties be authorized to cast the full vote of their delegation.

Cousins May Not Marry.

For the first time since the law against the marriage of cousins went into operation, July 1, it was invoked today by the officials in the county judge's office, who refused a license to Arthur Kackly, a wealthy farmer of Princeville, Ill., and Martha Culvert, a resident of the same town, on the ground that they were cousins. The disappointed man said that he had been told by a Peoria lawyer that there was nothing on the Nebraska statute books forbidding the marriage. Kackly again consulted an attorney, who informed him that in Iowa he could secure the desired license and the couple took an afternoon train for Council Bluffs. The statute which stood in the way of issuing a license was introduced in the last legislature by Representative Casebeer of Gage county.

Christian Convention.

The annual convention of the Christian church is in session at Bethany park, east of Lincoln. The enrollment has reached 500. The meetings are held in a new tabernacle erected for the convenience of the gathering, which is an annual affair. Each evening evangelistic sermons are preached by Rev. J. H. O. Smith of Valparaiso, Ind. During the day there is singing by a large chorus, with lectures on various religious topics.

County Commissioner Marries.

County Commissioner Fred C. Kenyon and Kate P. Woodward were married at the home of the bride, 1812 H street, today. Mr. Kenyon has been a confirmed bachelor. The bride was a school teacher. The couple started for Portland, where the groom will act as a delegate to the national irrigation convention.

New Boiler Badly Needed.

The members of the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings are trying to determine what action to take with reference to the reconstruction of the steam plant at the Milford Industrial home. Land Commissioner Eaton told the governor that the boiler is unsafe and that it has been condemned by the insurance inspectors, and he said that the board did not want to be responsible for any accident that may occur. The last legislature appropriated $1,500 for a new boiler, but the engine house is in bad condition and the board is in a quandary what to do because of the lack of funds.

Thinks Slabaugh Will Act.

Attorney General Brown stated today that he did not think there would be any reason to fear that the automobile law will not be enforced in Douglas county, notwithstanding the fact that only sixty-seven machines have been registered and licensed under the new statute. He said that he has been informed by County Attorney Slabaugh that he would proceed to secure the enforcement of the law. He has not thought of taking any steps himself.

Sending Military Stores.

Captain Davis of the adjutant general's office said today that a carload of headquarters stores would be shipped to Kearney tomorrow. Among other things to be sent will be tentage for the brigade headquarters. A detail from Company A of Kearney will put up the canvas and get everything in readiness for occupancy at the headquarters.

Too Much Water for Marksmen.

Word received from Colonel McLaughlin, who has charge of the rifle shoot at Kearney, indicates that the unusual rainfall has caused some trouble, filling the markers' pits and making it necessary to dig drainage ditches and build wooden platforms.

The Tidball Lumber company of Ravenna, with an authorized capital stock of $50,000, has been incorporated by John L. Tidball, C. F. Tidball and John L. Tidball, jr.

Omaha Firm Gets Contract.

Governor Mickey announced tonight that he had let the contract for the silver service for the battleship Nebraska to the Reichenburg-Smith company of Omaha. There were four competitors. The set will comprise twenty-three pieces in massive hand engraved silver, of which eighteen will be drinking cups, one punch bowl, ladle, salver, loving cup and compotes. The price is $3,000, the amount of the appropriation. The presentation will take place when the battleship goes into commission, when the governor and his staff will be present.

Hotel Changes Hands.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The Paddock hotel, for many years managed by O. J. Collman, a son-in-law of the late United States Senator Paddock, was leased today to J. S. Poole of St. Louis, who will take charge August 15. Mr. Collman severs his connection with the hotel in order to devote his entire time to the extension of the Kansas Southern & Gulf railway, of which he is general manager.

REPUBLICAN RIVER OVERFLOWS

Much Damage Done to Property on the Lowlands.

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Owing to the continuous rains Republican river has again risen out of its banks and is flooding the low lands, doing considerable damage.

Cass County Teachers Meet.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The Cass County Teachers' institute convened here Monday morning and up to the present time 125 teachers are enrolled. Prof. E. L. Rouse of Plattsmouth is instructor in mathematics and Prof. E. B. Sherman of Columbus in English and civics. County Superintendent C. S. Wortman has made great plans for the week's work and the teachers are finding every session interesting. State Superintendent McBrien was present Monday and addressed the teachers on the subject of "The Teachers' First Experience." A district board meeting was also held and a fine address made by Bucephalus Wolph of Nehawka on the subject of "The Teacher from the Viewpoint of the School Board."

Wednesday night Superintendent Davidson of the Omaha schools lectured and on Friday night Spilliman Riggs will deliver his popular lecture, "Musical Fits and Misfits."

Tuesday night a reception was held in the Congregational church and all teachers renewed and formed new acquaintances and spent a most enjoyable time.

New Bank at Atkinson.

ATKINSON, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—A National bank is to be opened at this place as soon as the necessary books and stationery arrive. The organization papers are now on the road. Dowling & Purcell and the Walrath-Sherwood Lumber company are to furnish the capital, which will be $25,000.

Woodman Picnic Postponed.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—On account of the rain the Modern Woodmen picnic has been postponed until Thursday, August 24. The Omaha committee met with the local committee this morning and found it necessary to get rates to postpone it until August 24. Despite the heavy rains there was quite a number of strangers in the city.

News of Nebraska.

SEWARD—Two and sixty-two hundredths inches of rain fell last night.

SEWARD—The prohibition county convention will meet here at the county court room on Saturday, August 5.

SEWARD—The Seward volunteer firemen are arranging with a carnival company to hold a week's carnival here.

O'NEILL—Excavating is now being done for the new $20,000 hotel. One new grain elevator is being completed and another started.

SEWARD—The 155-acre farm of Mrs. Monterey was purchased yesterday for $10,850 by Gerard L. Smith. The sales of one real estate dealer here amounted to $120,875 for July.

OAKLAND—The steam shovel in the Great Northern's big cut just south of this city is now working night and day with a large force of men. Work in the camps in this vicinity is progressing rapidly.

SEWARD—It was the intention of the Havelock shopmen to celebrate their annual picnic anniversary at the Seward fair grounds park next Saturday, but they have postponed the picnic until some time in September.

OAKLAND—Henry Daubert sold his 120-acre farm nine miles south of this city Tuesday to John A. Wedell of Essex, Ia. This farm is just across the Burt county line in Dodge county and has excellent improvements.

O'NEILL—The crop conditions in Holt county have improved wonderfully during the month of July and the farmers are now encouraged at the outlook. The prosperity of the county is being manifested in the town by many improvements.

O'NEILL—Hon. Gilbert N. Laws of Lincoln is spending a few days in this vicinity inspecting land with some prospective eastern investors. Mr. Laws says that Holt county has improved during the past few years beyond his expectations.

OAKLAND—Another good rain in this vicinity Tuesday afternoon now insures a bumper corn crop this fall. Threshing has begun and grain is threshing out fine, ranging all the way from 40 to 50 bushels per acre and is of fine quality.

ST. PAUL—Another heavy rain, accompanied as usual by thunder and lightning, visited this neighborhood last night. Precipitation 1.58. Farmers are beginning to pray for dry weather, as the frequent showers interferes with stacking grain.

FREMONT—The largest yield of wheat and oats so far reported in this vicinity is reported by A. S. Grigereit. The wheat ran 41 bushels to the acre and the oats 74. The yield is due to high grade seed as well as thorough preparation of the soil. Mr. Grigereit has a big field of sugar beets that are looking well.

PLATTSMOUTH—The Commercial club members of Louisville, Neb., were in the city today consulting with the county commissioners regarding the Platte river wagon bridge which was damaged by the spring floods. It was decided to co-operate with the Sarpy county officials in the matter and have a joint meeting.

SEWARD—The city authorities, headed by Mayor Miller, caused the raid of a flagrantly offensive place Sunday night. Two men and two women were fined and assessed costs that amounted to $173.60 by Judge Gladwish. Mayor Miller has started a crusade against Sunday base ball and he also intends to eradicate other offenses.

PLATTSMOUTH—The Cass county mortgage record for July shows that eleven farm mortgages were filed and eleven released. In town property thirteen mortgages were filed and sixteen released, involving the following amounts: Farm property, filed, $32,950; released, $30,650. Town property, filed, $21,007; released, $15,962.

O'NEILL—E. E. Halsted of Ponca who recently bought the building in which the Elkhorn Valley bank was located has announced that all arrangements are completed for opening a new bank which he is establishing here, and also announces that he will erect a new brick store building on the vacant lot adjoining the bank building.

OAKLAND—Improvements at the high school grounds have begun this week. Peter Palmer has a force of men at work laying a cement sidewalk the entire length of the west side of the grounds. Gas lights are to be put in the high school room and upper and lower halls and iron ceilings are to be put in several rooms before school begins.

SEWARD—The third annual celebration of the anniversary of the landing of the first German families in Philadelphia on October 6, 1683, will be held at the Seward county fair grounds on Thursday, August 17. President John Weller of the Lutheran seminary will be the orator. A street procession, games and races will be part of the entertainment.

FREMONT—Police Judge Joe C. Cook and Miss Maud Clark of this city were married here at noon today by Rev. F. M. Sanderson in the presence of the relatives of the contracting parties. Last evening Mr. Cook gave an informal banquet to the members of the base ball nine on account of his retirement as a ball player and his intention to again be numbered among the married men.

COLUMBUS—A carpenter named Ed Thayer leaped from a low scaffold last evening about quitting time and landed on a large nail projecting up through a piece of wood. The nail was forced clear up through his foot and penetrated through the top of his shoe making an ugly and painful wound. Thayer was removed this morning to the hospital and physicians say it will take several days to predict any result.

Many Drop Dead

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Attention, Sir Knights!

The Sir Knights of Mount Calvary commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, are requested to meet at their asylum on Friday, August 4, 1905, at 1 o'clock p. m. sharp, to attend at the funeral obsequies of Sir Isaac R. Andrews. Per order,

WILLARD H. BUTTS,
Eminent Commander.

Attest: EBEN K. LONG, Recorder.

DROWNING IS BY ACCIDENT

Verdict of Coroner's Jury and H. C. Brome Regarding Andrews.

BODY WILL BE LAID IN PROSPECT HILL

Masons Will Have Charge of the Funeral, Which is to Be Held Friday Afternoon.

The funeral of the late I. R. Andrews, whose body was found in the Platte river Tuesday evening, will be held from the family residence, 2431 Hawthorne avenue, Bemis park, Friday afternoon. The service will begin at 1:30 and will be conducted by the Rev. W. E. C. Becker, editor of the Ashland, Neb., Gazette, and an old friend of the Andrews family. The burial will be at Prospect Hill cemetery.

Members of Mount Calvary commandery, Knights Templars, will assist in the service at the home, while Capitol lodge No. 3, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will perform the last rites at the grave.

Attorney H. C. Brome, who went to Plattsmouth Tuesday night, returned yesterday afternoon, after having made a careful investigation of the death of Mr. Andrews.

"So far as could be learned Mr. Andrews came to his death by accidental drowning," said Mr. Brome. "He left Omaha Friday to go to his gravel pit near Cedar creek. He was known to have been in the best of spirits all Friday afternoon, when he paid off his employes and planned for the transaction of various business matters. Just before leaving the camp he told some of the men he intended to shoot some muskrats along the river. His absence from camp Friday night was not thought much of, as on several recent occasions he had stopped over night at a nearby farm house, where it was at first believed he staid Friday night."

Not Seen at Ashland.

Mr. Brome made an investigation of the reports saying Andrews had been seen at Ashland Saturday and found the reports without foundation.

The dead man's watch, which stopped at 7:10, was examined yesterday by an Omaha jeweler and found not to have run down, but merely clogged by the water. Andrews' hat and rifle have not yet been found, but are being looked for.

Mr. Brome states the indications are Andrews met his death near the spot where the body was found, as the body was caught by a wire fence, and but a short distance from the fence is a large fallen tree extending out into the shallow water, indicating that Andrews drowned between the tree and the fence and at a part of the river where the bank has been caving in rapidly.

A brother of the dead lawyer is expected this morning from Colorado, while two sisters of Mrs. Andrews are looked for from Madison and Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. Andrews was a members of the Elks, Ben Hur, Shriners and various lodges of the Masonic fraternity. The amount of his life insurance has not been given out by members of the family.

Body Brought to Omaha.

The body of I. R. Andrews arrived over the Burlington from Plattsmouth at 10:53 o'clock Wednesday evening and was immediately taken to the undertaking parlors of Cole & McKay, 1517 Capitol avenue.

Attorney A. M. Jefferis, who went to Plattsmouth, remained until after the inquest and came home with the body. H. C. Brome and A. H. Burnett and a number of members of the Elks and representatives from the Masonic orders were present at the depot, Mr. Andrews having been a member of these lodges.

Mr. Andrews' friends still maintain that his death was caused by an accident, that it was not a case of suicide, nor was there any evidences of foul play. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 from the family residence.

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING THE CAUSE

Such Is Verdict of Coroner's Jury Which Examines the Case.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Coroner Henry Boech this morning went to Cedar Creek, where, at the office of the Cullen Gravel company, inquest was held over the body of I. R. Andrews, found in the Platte river at that place.

The jury consisted of J. H. Hessenslaw and John C. McLerlin of Cedar Creek, A. F. Seybert, W. S. Seybert and Phil H. Tritsch of Plattsmouth. A number of witnesses were examined, but none who had seen the body enter the water. The witness who saw Mr. Andrews last said he was seen Saturday evening toward dusk.

An examination of the body showed that it had been entangled in barbed wire in the stream and a slight abrasion on the back of the head was attributed to this source. No marks of violence were found on the person. A watch in the pocket had stopped at 7:10, but the jury could not determine whether this marked time of Saturday night or Sunday morning.

The verdict of the jury was that the deceased had come to his death by drowning, having accidentally fallen into the Platte river.

Pope Receives American.

ROME, Aug. 2.—The pope received in private audience today Rev. Edward Spalding, chancellor of the diocese of Alton, Ill.

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