

PUTS BLAME ON RAILROADS

Asserts Grain Trust Would Be Impossible Without Their Assistance.

GIVES ROYAL HIGHLANDERS A CLEAN BILL

State Insurance Department Finds All the Funds of the Order Properly Accounted for by its Officers.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 28.—(Special.)—A member of the Farmers' Grain and Live Stock Shippers Association in commenting upon the suit started by Attorney General Brown against the alleged grain trust said that while the attorney general was doing good work and was on the right track he had failed to include the principal offenders against the laws of the state, in his list of defendants.

"Before the grain trust is finally broken up and the small shippers get an opportunity to do business and the farmers get an opportunity to sell their grain without having to take for its price named by a committee, proceedings will have to be started against the railroads. If the railroads could be reached the grain trust would be smashed within a month without any legal proceedings. If the farmers had a way to compel the railroads to furnish them cars and to furnish them side-tracks to their elevators erected on the right of way or allow them to erect elevators on the right of way, then the grain trust would cut no ice. But there is no way to compel the railroads to do this. They absolutely refuse and the reason is simple. Railroad officials own stock in the line elevators and the owners of the line elevators own stock in the railroads. It will be necessary to go after the railroads before the grain trust is finally wiped out.

"The railroads, you see, absolutely refuse to furnish the farmers cars or to build side-tracks to a farmer's elevator so it is up to our organization to get the grain to the trust. You see it is all the fault of the railroads. I've talked with the railroad people about this matter and of course they deny that they are interested in the line elevators, but they are not. Why don't they furnish the Farmers' Grain Shippers' association with transportation facilities? They are interested, that's why, and until they are brought to time the grain trust will continue to do business at the old stand."

Attorney General Brown has been considering the phase of the case and it is very probable before the suit is finally settled the railroads will be brought into the matter.

Royal Highlanders All Right.

The officials of the Royal Highlanders, who have been undergoing an examination by the insurance department as to their conduct of the affairs of the order, have been presented with a clean bill by Special Examiner Wiggins, who says that every cent of money taken in by the officers for all purposes, including the payment of claims and the expenses of the order, has been accounted for and deposited in the general fund of the society. The report covers a period from June 1, 1903, to the present time, the first date being the time the last examination of the order was made.

The total income during these four years as reported by Mr. Wiggins, including fees, per capita tax, monthly payments, interests, supplies, commissions on loans and miscellaneous items, amounted to \$53,678.54, which, with the amount on hand at the end of the year 1903, makes the total income \$106,832.47. There has been disbursed during the four years a total of \$67,649.72, divided between the items: Death claims paid, \$30,294; disability claims paid, \$6,390; expenses, \$19,232.72; leaving a balance on hand of \$66,787.17.

Examiner Wiggins reports the following assets and liabilities of the order:

Table with columns for Real estate, home office building, Real estate mortgages, first liens in hands of auditor, Deposited in Aurora State Bank, Deposited First National Bank, etc.

Table with columns for Total ledger assets, NON LEDGER ASSETS, Accrued interest on mortgages, Total admitted assets, NON LEDGER LIABILITIES, Losses reported, Losses resisted, Total, etc.

Balance to protect contracts, Commenting on the financial statement, Mr. Wiggins said the only real estate owned by the order was the lot upon which its new building is being constructed and that when the building was completed its total cost would be about \$3,000. He said the loans on farms he had carefully investigated and that the loans were all well secured and none of them, neither principal nor interest, was past due. All money, he said, was deposited in the name of the Royal Highlanders and that all payments were made by the Royal Highlanders and that all mortgages run to the Royal Highlanders. He takes occasion in his report to compliment the officials of the order for their conduct of its affairs.

Lindsay to Move Eyecore.

Custodian Lindsay of the federal building has announced that the horses which stand on the north side of the federal square must find another location when the new postoffice building is finally completed. These horses and wagons standing there, he says, have been an eyesore to him for a long time and now that the federal board has demanded the removal of saloons across the street from the new building he intends to make the draymen move their horses and wagons.

Back to the Woods.

Alexander Balasa, Joe Balasa and Paul Wellman, three Omaha lads under 12 years old, were caught here this morning in a trap which was set for muskrats, where they expected to become their own.

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boons and shakes off the restraint thrown around him by the superintendent of the St. James orphanage, where for some time they have been living. This afternoon they were taken back to their starting point by John Balasa, a brother of two of the boys. The lads made their getaway from Omaha by walking to Valley and then catching a freight train, which they rode to Lincoln. They had no complaint to make about the way they were treated at the orphanage, but merely ran away to see the world. The mother of the Balasa boys is dead and their father works in a stable out on Cuming street. The mother of the Wellman boy lives in Lincoln.

Sent to Home of Good Shepherd.

May Myrtle Griffith, a 15-year-old girl from Auburn, who came here with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Haskins several days ago and was arrested for drinking too much liquor, was this morning taken to the Home of the Good Shepherd at Omaha, where she will be given an opportunity to start life right. She was accompanied by Police Matron Doyle. The little girl said her mother treated her cruelly and she left home on that account.

Escaped Lunatic Captured.

William Miller made his getaway from the asylum several days ago because it didn't suit him to stay there, was picked up on the street by the police this morning and returned to the institution.

Searle Completes Vacation.

State Auditor Searle returned this afternoon from an extended stay in his ranch in Keitt county, where he looked after the harvesting of his hay. He reports a bountiful crop of a good quality.

Howe Dies of Injuries.

Hans Howe, a switchman employed by the Burlington, who was injured several nights ago by being crushed between two freight cars, died this morning. The young man's home was near St. Louis. He was here with his brother-in-law, William D. McClachlin.

Sensational Romance Ends.

Ira Dasey of Crawfordsville, Ind., who was recently married in Omaha after a three days courtship, to Miss Inez Mann of this city, whose husband died, has had a sensational case, have come to Lincoln and expect to live happy ever after. After her husband's arrest the wife returned to the home of her father in this city. Several days ago father and daughter went to Crawfordsville and Dasey offered the boy a job and all three have returned to Lincoln.

Contract for Normal Building.

The State Normal board tonight let the contract for the erection of the Peru Normal library to Shultz & Assemacher of Seneca, Kan., for \$3,222. F. C. Phillips of Lincoln secured the contract for the heating plant and plumbing for \$7,300. There were five bidders on the building. The question of the lapsing of the appropriations August 31 did not come up, but at the meeting tomorrow it is understood the board will hold that all appropriations made two years ago lapse. The members of the claims committee said tonight they would not "O. K." any claims to be paid out of the appropriations after August 31 and neither would they "O. K." a claim for services not yet rendered.

FAINTING SAVES A WOMAN'S LIFE

Divorced husband shoots at her, but Misses the Mark. NORFOLK, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Within sight of his three little daughters, Gustav Schraeder, a resident of Atkinson, fired two loads from a shotgun at their mother and his former wife, and later, when he had been convinced that the loads were ineffective, that the woman lay dead on the floor, he stretched himself out on the bed and blew his own head off. Mrs. Schraeder, merely in a swoon from the shock, revived and helped bury the man on the woman.

Authorities Stop Lynching

Man Was Under Arrest for Assaulting Little Girl. SEWARD, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—J. A. Dowling, for a long time a Seward Jeweler, is in jail on the charge of undue familiarity with the 10-year-old daughter of Chan Wullenwasber. His trial will occur this afternoon. Last night a mob took him off the offender out and had a rope to string him up to the bridge but the authorities interfered.

Dakota County Citizens' Ticket.

At the Dakota county citizen's mass convention the following ticket was nominated, which comprises the present officials, with the exception of L. Blanchard, county commissioner, first district. Messrs. Ross, Blum, Elmers and Sawyers were nominated by acclamation and unanimously. One ballot was taken on superintendent, the contestants being Miss Blanche Hamilton, George J. Bloucher and Robert Thompson, the first ballot resulted: Ed. Morgan 21, Hamilton 7 and Thompson 4. For surveyor the first ballot resulted Leedom 78, Barnes 58. Two ballots were required to settle the commissioner from the first district, which comprise the precincts of Dakota and Covington. Six candidates were in the field and the first ballot resulted: Ed. Morgan 3, Wm. Lahrs 5, T. F. Meredith 3, W. J. Blanchard 12, T. F. Monahan 5, W. J. Manning 2. The second ballot resulted in the selection of Morgan by the following vote: Morgan 18, Lahrs 6, Meredith 2, Monahan 2. The meeting was presided over by J. P. Rockwell as chairman and Fred S. Berry as secretary. About 200 were present.

Horse Thief Arrested.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff Trude today received a telegram from Sheriff Page of Fillmore county, stating that G. H. Baker, who is wanted here for stealing three horses and a buggy, had been arrested at Nebraska City by him. As Baker is wanted at Geneva for stealing a team several years ago it is more than likely that he will be taken to Fillmore county first to stand trial. Sheriff Trude went to Lincoln this evening to meet Sheriff Page and his prisoners. Baker was driving one of the horse stolen here to a buggy taken from Kimball's barn when arrested. He had sold the other two horses.

Bound Over for Arson.

PENDER, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—David Helphand and A. Spigle, who are charged with setting fire to a car of furnishing goods on the night of the fire at the residence of Mrs. Helphand, today and were bound over to the district court in the sum of \$2,000 each.

Law and Order League Formed.

SEWARD, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—On last Saturday a meeting of the Law and Order League was held in Seward and final organization was completed and officers were elected. Two hundred legal voters have signed to this league and 1,000 voters will join by autumn. It has ample financial

backing as there is represented in its membership nearly 1,000,000 of Seward county real estate.

The officers elected are: President, H. Zincker, Beaver Crossing; vice president, Levi Shafer, Seward; treasurer, J. P. Corwin, Utica; secretary, Frank B. Tipton, Seward.

THREE TRAMPS PLACED IN JAIL

One of Them Ditched a Watch While Being Chased. TEKAMAH, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Upon instructions from the superintendent of the Omaha road to Station Agent Hamilton at this place Sheriff Phipps and Marshal Langford arrested three tramps this noon. One being a cripple was easily captured, but the other two ran when they saw the officers coming towards them, but were caught after running about four or five blocks. In their attempt to get away one of them threw a woman's gold watch in the weeds in an unused pig pen, but it was recovered and turned over to the authorities.

The men were placed in the county jail and given their names and addresses as follows: Stephen Collins, age 33, Denver, Colo.; John McDaniel, age 27, Cisco, Tex.; Charles McQueen, age 26, Higgins, Tex. One of them had a bunch of keys with the name of "Sol G. Goldstrom, Wholesale and Retail Liquor Dealer, South Omaha," on them. The following letter was found on Collins:

"FRIEND STEVE—hope you will be kind to return my keys to me as I am in need of a little plug tobacco and a note from my sweetheart. When I get you will receive a letter from me and I will tell you all particulars as getting a job. Yours truly, M. MAKIN MINER"

The three will be held here until the arrival of the company's detective.

MCCOOK FAIR DRAWS A BIG CROWD

Stock Show and Agricultural Display Art Fair. MCCOOK, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Tonight the McCook street fair and carnival is in full blast, with an unexpectedly good attendance for the opening day. The stock show and agricultural display is fine and everything points to a very successful fair, with thousands in attendance and a good time for everybody. The Parker Amusement company has its various features scattered over the main streets of the city and the opportunities for enjoyment are endless.

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injury by the heavy fork falling and striking him on the head, causing a fracture of the bone. John Hirt, who was standing beside him, prevented the falling, and in attempting to prevent it Hirt's hands were hurt quite badly on the hand.

TABLE ROCK.—Linn Moore, the proprietor of the National livery stable, was robbed of \$50 Monday morning. He had the money in a pocketbook when he was shot and was busy getting the teams ready for the billposters of the Bells & Downs circus to the table rock, and the billposters were gone he missed the money.

TABLE ROCK.—Groove has been broken on the south side of the public square for a double brick block, to be erected by Dr. W. H. Wilson and Willis C. Peck. The first named to have room for both an office and a drug store, and the latter a store room. The double block will present a frontage of about sixty feet and will be eighty feet deep, and stories in height.

TECUMSEH.—Linn Swain of this city, who is now holding the position of brakeman on the Lincoln & North Platte, was robbed of his gold watch when he was out on duty last week. He left the watch in his pocket when he went to his home and someone managed to get it, unobserved. A passenger who alighted from a pocketbook when he was shot and was busy getting the teams ready for the billposters of the Bells & Downs circus to the table rock, and the billposters were gone he missed the money.

TECUMSEH.—The Wymore and Havelock ball teams played five innings at Wymore Sunday afternoon, when the game was stopped because of a dispute over the umpire. Several Wymore residents. Several Wymore players were cited to appear in justice court to answer the charges of disturbing the peace. It is understood every member of the Wymore team. When the game closed the score was 5 to 4 in favor of Wymore.

FAPILLION.—The Sarpy County Teachers' institute commenced at the schoolhouse in Fapillion Sunday afternoon, continuing on Wednesday evening. Prof. N. C. Abbott will give a lecture Wednesday evening, subject, "The History of the State." The institute is being held in the islands several years. Prof. Henshel lectures Thursday evening. On Friday the institute is closed. The principal of the school, Mr. H. B. Henshel, will preside at the closing. The institute is held in the islands several years.

FALLS CITY.—Falls City was visited last week by a fellow giving his name as R. G. French, claiming to have a system of medicine. He stayed around town for three or four days and as he was successful in his attempt to attract attention and belonged to a number of college fraternities, got well acquainted with a number of people who borrowed money from him. One night he left the town and a hotel bill of \$12 at the Falls City Hotel for the night. The hotel and down to the Missouri Pacific depot