

## PRISON CONGRESS VANGUARD

Secretary Milligan Arrives to Prepare for the Big Meeting.

## COMPLIMENTS THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

State Labor Bureau Is Now Busy Figuring Up How Much Corn Was Raised in Nebraska During the Year.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Oct. 20.—(Special)—John L. Milligan, secretary of the National Prison association, was the first of the officers of the association to reach Lincoln. He arrived this morning from his home in Allegheny, Pa., and at once opened headquarters in the Lindell hotel. Mr. Milligan's first duty was to write to Justice Deemer of the Iowa supreme bench to get his consent to change the date of his address from Thursday to Wednesday night. This because it is impossible for Governor Hoch of Kansas to be here on Wednesday night and it is probable that he will be unable to come at all.

"This is my first trip to Lincoln," said Mr. Milligan, "and from what I have seen of the city and of the state I am well impressed. I am well pleased with the arrangements made by the local committee for the meeting. I have never seen better arrangements nor more interest being taken in a meeting of the association.

"We have a splendid program and we will have a great attendance. In most of the states the governors have appointed on an average of fifteen delegates and from the western states and from Missouri and Iowa we are expecting great crowds.

I expect fully 200 delegates from the eastern states. The governor of Pennsylvania appointed twenty-six delegates and sixteen of them will be here. From Pittsburgh will come seven and from the central part of the state three will come and six will come from Philadelphia. The delegates will begin to come in tonight and many of them will be here by tomorrow in time for the first meeting tomorrow evening."

Mr. Milligan has been elected secretary of the national association seventeen times. On two occasions he has resigned, but the association refused to consider his resignation. He expects to resign again this year, but as this habit has become chronic with him it is supposed the association will again refuse to listen to him. On five different occasions he has been appointed to represent the government in foreign occasions like the present. In discussing the objects of the national association Mr. Milligan said:

"The association was organized in 1879 in Cincinnati and Governor Hayes of Ohio was elected the first president. A year later Governor Seymour of New York was chosen president and served a number of years until his death, and then ex-President Hayes was chosen president and served until his death. Since that time the presidency has been given to various prominent men in different parts of the country.

## Objects of Association.

"The object of the association is the discussion of penological science, criminal law, reform, prison finance, the care of discharged prisoners, juvenile reformatory, prison labor and the general uplifting of humanity.

"Prison labor is one of the greatest questions at this time. In the east the labor unions are insisting that prisoners be required to do only the simplest work with the use of machines and the fight is coming this way. In some states they have secured the enactment of laws in conformity with their demands. Another great work we have is looking after discharged prisoners and giving them a chance to make good citizens.

"The association is now composed of about 40 members, made up of people who are interested in this kind of work. It is doing much good and is attracting attention even in the old country. Recently Dr. Roedenthaler of Frankfort, representing the German government, called upon me for a report of our work in our efforts to establish the indeterminate sentence. Dr. Roedenthaler has been in the country some time making his study and I think probably he will be at the meeting, but I am not sure, as he has an engagement in New York at this time.

"Chancellor Andrews is on our program and I shall be glad to hear him speak. He is spoken of in our country as a man of much learning and ability and in securing him for an address the association has done

well. I think our Lincoln meeting will be a most interesting one."

## Insurance Deputy Puzzled.

Insurance Deputy Pierce is trying to figure out how to issue a license to the Bankers Union of the World in conformity with the supreme court's latest interpretation of its decision in the matter, which was given out last night after the court had studied its opinion for one night and day. The license specifies that the law has been complied with, while the supreme court in telling what is meant in its opinion in the case said the auditor must issue the license if the insurance company promised and made assurances that it would pay into its mortuary funds some \$4,000 which it was alleged by the insurance department had been illegally drawn out of it. Mr. Pierce and the attorney general are working on a special license to conform to that interpretation and avoid saying the law had been complied with.

The action of the court has occasioned considerable gossip among lawyers and state officers over this decision. When it first came down denying the writ asked for by the plaintiff, Chief Justice Holcomb was asked for an interpretation of the court's decision and replied that the license must not issue until President Spinney had put the \$4,000 in the mortuary fund. The department so informed Spinney, and Judge Field and Attorney General Brown then asked the court for its interpretation of the opinion and it came down last night, giving Spinney until December 31 to replace the money. The license to be issued will have to run until March 1.

## Miss Day a Humorist.

In answer to inquiries sent out by Superintendent McBrien regarding the qualifications of candidates for county superintendent, one was received this morning which made even Mr. McBrien admit there was some humor in one of the candidates. The letter that caused Mr. McBrien to smile was from Miss Anna V. Day, of Beatrice, candidate for county superintendent in Gage county. After the preliminaries Miss Day wrote:

"Below you will find the names and qualifications of the candidates for county superintendent of Gage county:

Republican—Anna V. Day.

Democrat—Anna V. Day.

Prohibition—No candidate.

All of the above hold professional state offices except for Miss Day.

## THREE VICTIMS OF KEROSENE

## Two Children Dead and Mother is Fatally Burned.

BLADEN, N.C., Oct. 20.—Two girls dead and their mother in a dying condition is the result of trying to start the kitchen fire with kerosene at the home of Fred Piel Thursday evening.

One daughter, aged 15, the other daughter a child of 4 years are dead. Mrs. Piel cannot live, as her body is terribly blistered and she is suffering from the horrible burns.

The elder daughter was pouring oil on the fire, when the kerosene can exploded, the building catching fire, destroying the structure and nearly all of the contents. Mrs. Piel was rushed to the scene and carried out the inmates of the burning home. Mrs. Piel was in bed, having been ill health for some time.

Mr. Piel was in Blue Hill, eight miles away, where he was working for the Burlington railway.

One boy and two girls were at school, while another girl was working in the country. The family was not in good financial circumstances and a subscription has been raised for the burial of the victims and to provide for necessities for the family.

## FARMER DRINKS SELF TO DEATH

## Consumes Two Jugs of Whisky Before He Succumbs.

KEARNEY, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special Telegram)—James Halpin, a farmer living in Loup township, was found dead this morning near his home. Halpin has been addicted to the liquor habit for years and that was the cause of his death. His wife has gone insane from her troubles and yesterday was sent to the Hastings asylum. The last time that he was seen alive was yesterday afternoon, when he was found sitting in the road beside his buggy in the spot where his body was found this morning.

It is supposed that he got out of the buggy, unhitched the horses and turned them loose and sat down and actually drank himself to death. By his side was found three jugs of whisky, two of which he contemplated renewing third grade county certificates. Such certificates are issued under the guidance and the force of an established law. The crime of the hour is the flagrant and open violation of law. The sacred oath taken by every county superintendent calling their attention to the provisions of the new law and warning them that to renew the old certificates would subject them to prosecution and probably forfeiture of their portion of the state appropriation of school money.

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