CLEAN BILL AT THE ASYLUM

State Board Reports on Investigation of Norfolk Institution.

GOVERNOR SILENT REGARDING RESULT

State Board of Health Grants Certificates to Practice Medicine to Thirty-Seven Out of Fifty-Three Applicants.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, June 21.—(Special.)—After an informal discussion between the attorneys representing Governor Mickey, Dr. Alden and Dr. Nicholson, in the matter of the removal of the two physicians from the position of superintendent and assistant at the Norfolk asylum, the Board of Public Lands and Buildings this afternoon made a report of its investigations to the governor, holding in nearly every particular that the charges made by the governor had not been sustained.

The board reported that no deaths had occurred at the asylum as a result of alleged cruelties practiced by the attendants and employes; that on occasions necessary violence had been used by four of the attendants, but this was not habitual and two of the attendants had left the institution and the other two were now employed outside of the building. The board found also that Dr. Alden had been unable to maintain harmony between himself and first assistant and the steward, who were not his own appointees, but upon the demand of the governor this discord had ceased. Neither of the physicians was guilty of keeping misleading records.

Late this afternoon the governor had not received a copy of the findings of the board, but upon being informed of the action of the board, he said:

"I shall look over the testimony carefully as well as the findings of the board and then shall take whatever action I deem proper in the premises. Until I read carefully the testimony I will not discuss the board's report."

Certificates to Practice Medicine.

The Board of Secretaries of the State Board of Health this morning granted certificates to thirty-seven out of fifty-three applicants for licenses to practice medicine in the state. Of the number taking the examination sixteen failed. The highest grade of any of the applicants was made by Claude Palmer, who scored 94¼ on the scale of 100. Following is the list of those who passed the examination:

Arthur G. Bunce, Harry O. Cox, John F. Langton, Francis J. Speitskai, Louis C. Swarsgander, Forest A. Kelley, Daniel F. Crowley, T. J. Higgins, Leslie W. Morsman, B. A. Copsey, Harry E. Lamb, L. S. Blanchard, C. Edith Maxwell, H. S. Willis, Claude Palmer, Edward C. Lynch, Joseph L. Webb, G. A. Wittke, D. P. Demp, E. L. Meyers, R. T. Battle, James R. Stone, Guy E. Martin, Fay E. Gaether, Edwin L. Brash, Nora M. Fairchild, John A. Fuller, James M. Kent, C. H. Munger, Edwin W. Bookhart, Athenus S. Ass, C. J. Shelby, C. O. Nordwall, R. H. Foster, Charles A. Blanchard, W. J. Leary, Claude S. Mills.

Bond Company Must Pay.

In the case of the Farmers' and Merchants' Irrigation Company against the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, appealed from Dawson county, wherein the bonding company gave power of attorney to execute and deliver bonds required in judicial proceedings, the supreme court holds that where a bonding company with knowledge of an informality in the execution of a bond by its agent, receives and retains the premium paid for the bond, it is estopped in an action on the bond from urging such informality as a defense.

Aid Bonds Must Be Paid.

Lincoln township, Kearney county, has lost its suit to recover $23,500, the value of bonds voted and delivered to the Kansas City & Omaha Railroad company, which built a line from Fairfield in Clay county to Alma in Harlan county. The bonds were voted with the understanding that the road would operate in connection with the St. Joseph & Grand Island and with the Union Pacific, and that it would give the people of the township the advantage of a competitive road against the Burlington. Later the line was foreclosed in the United States circuit court and in July 1, 1902, the road ceased to operate and surrendered to the B. & M. company and has since been operated as a part of the same. Suit was brought by the township alleging breach of contract by the road. A demurrer to this petition was overruled, after which the defendants answered and a trial resulted in a judgment for the defendants. The judgment is affirmed. The court says a railroad corporation succeeding to the property of another road through foreclosure is not answerable for the general debt of the corporation whose property is thus acquired. The right of a township to maintain an action to recover the value of bonds voted to aid in the construction of a railroad doubted.

Colfax Loses Bridge Case.

In an action of mandamus to compel the supervisors of Colfax county to repair the bridge across the Platte river at Schuyler the court held that the action cannot be maintained without notice to both counties under section 116, chapter lxxviii, Compiled Statutes. The court states that the reasons given by Referee John J. Sullivan, to whom the case was referred, justify the conclusions reached by him and the court.

The bonndary line between Butler and Colfax counties is the south bank of the Platte river. The bridge over the river between the counties was rebuilt in 1904 at a cost of about $23,000. In the following spring more than half of it was carried away by the action of the ice in the river.

The court says that it is clearly the legislative policy that the joint duty with respect to bridges on the dividing line between counties should be enforced by action against both counties. As the action was brought against but one county, the writ is denied by the court.

Rejcha Out for Legislature.

Frank Rejcha of Olive Branch precinct, in the southeastern section of the county, has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for representative in the legislature. Mr. Rejcha has resided in Lancaster county for twenty-five years and has always taken an active part in republican politics.

"I shall run merely as an old-time resident of the county," said Mr. Rejcha, "and on the record I have made as a citizen. I have been going to republican conventions for a long number of years and have concluded at the earnest solicitation of some of my friends to ask for this office.

Judges Going to Europe.

Chief Justice Sedgwick and former Chief Justice John J. Sullivan will leave the first part of the week for a visit to England, Ireland and some other places across the water. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Sedgwick and Mrs. Sullivan. It is their intention to be gone until some time in September. It is understood the trip was inspired by reason of the fear on the part of Judge Sullivan that the democrats would draft him to run for governor.

Secretary Bennett of the State Board of Assessment, accompanied by his family, left this evening for a visit to his old home in Indiana. They will be gone about a week.

Three Men Held at Kearney.

KEARNEY, Neb., June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Three men, giving their names as Mike Ryan, John Martin and Tom Wade, are in custody here charged with vagrancy. Officers think the men desperate criminals who may be wanted at other places. They had been selling clothing here and at other towns along the Kearney & Black Hills railroad. They are dressed in new clothing, with all marks removed.

P. E. O. ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Reception in Evening Closes the Session.

BLUE HILL, Neb., June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska Grand Chapter P. E. O., in session at Blue Hill, has been favored with ideal weather. Wednesday evening a short session was held and work exemplified by the grand chapter officers, which was followed by an informal reception. Thursday morning devotional exercises were led by Cora McMullen of Wymore. Each chapter president gave a short verbal report of the year's work, which proved most interesting. Mrs. Thompson, chairman of committee on officers' recommendations, presented the report, which resulted in several valuable additions to the present laws.

Mrs. Britt of McCook, chairman of the official chapter reports, presented her report, which was adopted. The memorial fund for establishing a P. E. O. home in Colorado, was presented by Mrs. Hapeman of Minden. It was left with the chapters for future action. Mrs. Vance of Wymore gave an excellent paper on "What it Means to be a P. E. O." Mrs. Kyd of Beatrice moved that chapter reports at conventions be limited to 100 words, which was carried.

The following officers were elected for the next year:

President, Miss Little, Geneva; first vice president, Mrs. Harrison, York; second vice president, Mrs. Brown, Hastings; recording secretary, Mrs. Shankland, Lexington; corresponding secretary, Miss Kyd, Beatrice; treasurer, Mrs. Jones, Lincoln; organizer, Mrs. Greimes, Blue Hill.

Officers were then installed by Mrs. Peterson. A brilliant reception was given the convention by chapter W of Blue Hill.

FREMONT MAN SHOOTS HIMSELF

Little Son Present in Room at the Time.

FREMONT, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—Bert Stiles committed suicide by shooting himself at his home, 750 North F street, this morning. After breakfast he went down town, returning in a few minutes. He went into the bed room on the lower floor and, standing before a mirror, shot himself through the right temple. His 5-year-old boy was in the room with him at the time and ran out crying "papa's shot." Water Commissioner Mathews, who was in his office, came over on hearing the screams of Mrs. Stiles. The wounded man was lying flat on his back on the floor and was unconscious. It was some minutes before a doctor could be found and it was at once seen that the shot was fatal. He died while being taken to the hospital and instead was carried to Bader's undertaking rooms. No cause is known for the act. Last evening Stiles was drinking, which was unusual for him, but was not perceptibly under the influence of liquor. His wife is prostrated. He also leaves two children, 2 and 5 years old. He was a son of City Clerk S. F. Stiles and moved here recently from Hooper. He was a member in good standing of the Knights of Pythias and was one of the organizers of the Western Bees and an officer of their Nebraska grand lodge. At the time of his death he was in their employ and also collected for the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. An inquest will probably be held this afternoon.

DR. MATTHEWS LOSES HIS CASE

State Board of Health to Revoke License of Omaha Physician.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Board of Health this morning affirmed the decision of the board of secretaries to revoke the license to practice medicine held by Dr. Mathews of Omaha.

The board allowed Dr. Mathews until Monday to introduce any new evidence he may have. Dr. Mathews is accused of performing a criminal operation upon Miss Edith Short, a former nurse at Dr. Bailey's sanitarium.

Home Telephone Can Build.

WYMORE, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—Last night at a regular session of the council the mayor's veto to an ordinance repealing a franchise granted to the New Home Telephone company was sustained. Last January the New Home Telephone company desired to come into the city and was granted a franchise. Immediately an injunction suit was brought against them to restrain them from building here, the allegation being made that the franchise had been "railroaded." After some time the injunction suit was withdrawn. Yesterday work was again commenced, but the mayor ordered them to stop and to show what right they had to build, as an ordinance had been introduced in the council repealing the franchise granted them on the grounds that they had not lived up to the conditions imposed by the granting of said franchise. This ordinance had been vetoed by the mayor and had been tabled indefinitely. Last night, however, an effort to pass the repealing ordinance failed, and the Home company is free to go on with their work.

Convention of Blind Graduates.

COLLEGE VIEW, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—The alumni of the Nebraska School for the Blind, situated at Nebraska City, met Tuesday last at College View. The meetings were held in the college main building. This meeting included the most successful and influential blind of the state. Among the most prominent of the delegates were Mr. Mer Parrish, a tuner from Beatrice; Mr. Bertram Bell, who for the last few years has been employed by the Baldwin Piano factory of Chicago Heights, Ill., and Miss Sarah Cozad. She is a teacher of music in northern Kansas, where she has a class of about sixty-eight pupils and is doing very well. All of the fourteen delegates are making a success of life, thanks to the training given them and to their plucky perseverance. Many of these people came to Lincoln unattended and found their way, by the aid of the street car men, to College View.

Accidentally Shoots Himself.

FREMONT, Neb., June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—August Suva, a son of Joseph Suva, living a mile north of Dodge, accidentally shot himself yesterday afternoon. The shooting occurred near the barn. His brother heard the discharge of a gun and found him near the granary in a pool of blood. A physician was summoned, but the young man died before he arrived. It is supposed that Suva seized the gun, which was kept in the granary, by the muzzle. The shot entered the stomach, passing upward. He was 22 years of age and a young man of exceptional promise. Coroner Overgard held an inquest today and the jury rendered a verdice of accidental shooting.

Missing Woman Located.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Today Mrs. Eva Biddle, who disappeared from her home at Wymore last week, was located at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grubb in South Beatrice and taken in custody by the officers. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beal, took her home this evening.

Child Seriously Burned.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire today partially destroyed the home of Harry Scott. His little child was severely burned about the face and head and narrowly escaped a frightful death. A gasoline explosion caused the fire.

CONVENTION BIG SUCCESS

Over Five Hundred Delegates Discuss Work of Sunday School.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM DISPLAYED IN WORK

Reports of Officers Show a Decidedly Satisfactory Condition of Affairs Throughout the State.

YORK, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—The state Sunday school convention continues to grow in interest. This is certainly the best in the history of the association. There are 525 delegates enrolled. All are enthusiastic and attentive.

The association assembled Wednesday morning promptly at 8 o'clock for prayer service. The Bible study, conducted by Rev. Daniel E. Jenkins, Omaha, was uplifting to those present. George G. Wallace, chairman of executive committee, Omaha, conducted conference with workers of the state.

W. E. Nichol, recording secretary, gave report of the year's work, which was highly gratifying. P. S. Dietrick, Red Cloud, statistical secretary, gave a full report of the schools of the state. H. M. Stiedley gave a report of work done out in the field which has been continuously and faithfully performed.

Paul S. Dietrick of Red Cloud, who conducted the county work in York county so successfully and raised it to a business standing, presided over the session of county organization. M. D. Berg of Ponca presented it from the standpoint of the aim of county associations. "How Shall the Apportionment Be Raised?" and "How Can the County Association Help Its Constituency Do Better Work?" were presented by Robert W. Adams, Tekamah, and L. L. Coryell, Auburn. These subjects were discussed by those present.

Mrs. Belle Warner, Price, rendered a vocal solo which was appreciated by all. The Sunday school missionaries of the state were introduced and presented their respective work to the attention of those present.

Dr. Jenkins again led the Bible study, when the session was reopened in the afternoon. E. C. Babcock, treasurer, of Lincoln, gave report.

Raising the Money.

At this time the pledges for the expenses were taken from the schools and $750 was pledged for the state work.

It was decided that county officers raise their own apportionments and leave the most excellent field workers, Prof. H. M. Stiedley and Miss Mamie Haines, free to attend to bettering and the raising of the standard of schools.

A conference on some problems of Sunday schools was held by Thomas F. Sturgess of Omaha, Prof. L. D. Eichern of Canon City, Colo., the music leader, and Mrs. J. A. Walker, Denver, Colo., the international primary president.

Mr. E. C. Knapp, director of Bible study, Broadway tabernacle, New York, addressed the convention on the subject of "Building Up a Sunday School," which was followed by a conference when questions were asked which he answered in a scholarly, businesslike way, each answer containing the help asked for in concise form.

For the evening session the Methodist Episcopal church was crowded to its fullest capacity. Fifteen hundred people were present. The song service opened the evening's exercises and was followed by an address by L. D. Eichorn on the subject, "Improving the Music." He introduced songs for Sunday school taken from music of Beethoven, Mendelssohn and others of the best composers and showed how music might be used of this grade and would be of great value to students. He thinks the catchy, jingly songs used so much now of little value and written by musicians to meet the demand, not because it is the best they can do.

Commercial Club Picnic.

CREIGHTON, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—The members of the Creighton Commercial club were entertained here today by the farmers of this section at a picnic dinner, held in the H. Rhodes grove two and one-half miles north of here. The club members and their wives and children were driven in carriages to the grove, a few impromptu speeches were given, after which dinner was served. The afternoon was taken up in different sports, foot races, ball games, etc. The above complimentary dinner was given the Commercial club in return for a like compliment given the farmers during the Farmers' institute, held here in the spring. These meetings are highly commendable as they tend to bring the farmers and the merchants closer together in a mutual feeling to benefit one another.

News of Nebraska.

PLATTSMOUTH—The water in the Platte river is receding.

SEWARD—Gartner & Neville have sold the Diamond bakery to J. W. Harper.

PLATTSMOUTH—The Cass county old settlers' eighteenth annual reunion will be held in Union on August 24 and 25.

PLATTSMOUTH—Will H. Clements is acting as station agent for the Burlington here in the absence of W. L. Picket.

PLATTSMOUTH—Homer Sanders, while working in the Burlington storehouse, had one foot badly mashed.

BEATRICE—Francis Boon, aged 85 years, died yesterday at the county poor farm after an illness of about two weeks.

SEWARD—The Germantown ball team will play the Seward German Lutheran college team on the college campus Saturday.

TEKAMAH—The Minneapolis & Omaha road is building a thirty-two-foot addition on the north side of its depot at this place.

PLATTSMOUTH—Ami B. Todd of Denver is visiting relatives here and says that his health is better than it has been for a year.

FALLS CITY—Mr. Thomas Hewitt of Lexington, Neb., and Miss Elizabeth Naylor of Falls City were married here last evening.

PLATTSMOUTH—Mrs. A. Street, who has been engaged in business here for twelve years, has sold her millinery stock to Mrs. H. E. Weidman.

PAPILLION—Two hundred soldiers, under command of Captain Wilcox, are camped in town. They are on their practice march from Fort Crook.

WYMORE—A street fair will be held here next month in connection with the state circuit races. The Wymore band has also ben engaged to play each day.

WYMORE—Today at noon occurred the marriage of Charley Miller to Miss Anna Docekal. Mrs. Miller is the daughter of Frank Docekal, a retired merchant.

FAIRBURY—City Clerk F. L. Rains has advertised for proposals for the construction of 8,000 feet of sanitary sewers, the bids to be received until July 10.

SEWARD—President Geesen of the German-American Picnic association called a meeting of the committee together and it was arranged to hold the picnic on August 22.

SEWARD—Martin B. Lehr, traveling freight agent for the Wabash railroad, was married here Saturday to Miss May Sorenson. Rev. H. W. Leavitt was the officiating minister.

SEWARD—The grand jury finished up its work Saturday and was discharged. The cost of the grand jury was $1,000. A number of indictments were found, but not yet made public.

WOOD RIVER—The wedding of Miss Nellie Francis of this place and John Gorham of Grand Island was solemnized this morning in St. Mary's Catholic church, Rev. P. Lynch officiating.

SEWARD—Senator Martin Demery and Mr. V. D. Johnston of Beaver Crossing have purchased a $3,500 stock of general merchandise at Arlington, Neb., and will ship it to Beaver Crossing and conduct a general merchandise store.

WYMORE—Yesterday, while fishing at Blue Springs, Sam Earl of this city received a sever gash on the head, requiring several stitches to close. Mr. Earl was sitting on the middle of the dam fishing and, becoming dizzy by the rushing waters, fell off on the rocks below. For a while his life was despaired of, but at present his condition is somewhat improved.

NORTH PLATTE—The North Platte fire department has entered into a contract with the Dixie Carnival company for the appearance of that attraction for a week beginning July 2.

BEATRICE—The drill team of Washington camp No. 3, Woodmen of the World, is making plans to attend the annual meeting of the Woodmen to be held at Nebraska City July 3, 4 and 5.

WYMORE—A scenic artist from New York is here working on a $1,000 contract for new scenery for the Wymore opera house. The building will be furnished with opera chairs of the latest pattern.

WYMORE—C. A. Roth, chief storekeeper of the Wymore division of the Burlington, has been transferred to the Alliance division. He and his wife will leave for that place tomorrow. E. C. Hill succeeds him here.

WYMORE—About fifteen of the business men are taking another "trade extension trip" today. This is their fourth trip this spring. They drive out through the country visiting their customers and meeting new ones.

FAIRBURY—At a meeting of the city council last evening Mayor Uhley appointed as members of the city library board, for the term of three years, Mrs. C. F. Steele, Mrs. B. W. McLucas and Prof. A. L. Carlness.

SEWARD—The German Lutheran congregation will hold an open air mission service Sunday in the Mirgin's grove, south of Seward. Rev. Becker, the resident pastor, will be assisted by two ministers of the county churches.

PAPILLION—Marshall Gatewood arrested a boy 16 years old last evening for stealing a horse from a grading camp near Omaha. The boy sold the horse here for $15, which he paid over to Marshal Gatewood. Sheriff McEvory took him to the Omaha jail.

WYMORE—Work was commenced yesterday tearing down the frame buildings on the site for a new brick block to be erected by Mr. H. A. Greenwood. When the block is finished it will be occupied by Jesse Newton with a stock of men's furnishings.

SEWARD—The house occupied by Henry Rolfmeir on his farm in J. precinct, was destroyed by fire Saturday. Mrs. Rolfmeir was canning cherries just outside the door and was not aware of the house being on fire until the whole interior was fairly consumed.

BEATRICE—Homer Armstrong, the youth who was lodged in jail here Tuesday evening on the charge of stealing a horse from Alexander Armstrong, a farmer living near Odell, was given a hearing before Judge Spafford today as an incorrigible and ordered sent to the reform school.

BEATRICE—The 80th birthday anniversary of John C. Howe was appropriately celebrated last night at the home of his niece, Mrs. Joseph McCann. Mr. Howe was made the recipient of several tokens of remembrance as well as congratulations of having reached such an anniversary.

FAIRBURY—District court is in session, Judge Raper presiding. This morning the court sustained the city council in their action in granting a liquor license to F. F. Borland. The case was appealed by the attorney for the remonstrators, from the decision of the council a few days ago.

NORTH PLATTE—A good rain fell here last night, amounting to about one-half inch. It was not badly needed, but was of advantage to the growing crops. The early part of the storm was accompanied by a severe windstorm, and telephone connections were destroyed with some of the outside towns.

WYMORE—Semmer Miller was bound over to the district court here this morning on a charge of grand larceny from the person. Last week he had stolen a gold watch and chain from a man asleep in Horseshoe park, on the outskirts of town. He came here from Denver and said his home was in Iowa.

NORTH PLATTE—A call has been issued for a meeting of the Republican County Central committee to meet in the office of Walter V. Hoagland of this city, on June 30, 1906, at 3 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is to fix a date for the republican county convention and for other incidental business.

WOOD RIVER—Mr. J. O. Mead, one of the early settlers in Hall county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sherman Tracy, last night at the age of 90 years. The funeral took place at the home this afternoon, Rev. A. E. Bashford conducting the services. The remains were laid to rest in the Wood River cemetery.

BEATRICE—Carpenter and Helvey, two of the six prisoners who were put to work on the streets Tuesday, escaped yesterday afternoon from Officer Land and left for parts unknown. Clarence Cave of this city and a young man named Wilson from Wymore, who were working out fines on the streets, raised the necessary funds yesterday, paid out and were discharged.

NORTH PLATTE—County Assessor Robbins today turned over his assessment schedule to the board of equalization. The schedule shows a gain in the valuation of property in Lincoln county of $500,000. The improvement on town lots show a gain of $52,625, and on other lands, $73,130. There will be a slight increase in the valuation of the Union Pacific property in this county.

NORTH PLATTE—One hundred and fifty Italians, who had been employed on construction work on the North river branch of the Union Pacific railroad at $1.75 per day, went on a strike Monday. The strikers and their belongings were brought to this city in the afternoon in the outfit cars in which they lived and upon their arrival in the west end of the city were ejected from the cars.

BEATRICE—William S. Fulton, a Beatrice boy and at present a member of Fulton Bros. Stock company, now playing a summer's engagement at the Oliver theater at Lincoln, has been granted a patent on an auto-skate, a substitute for a bicycle. Each skate has two small ball-bearing wheels with pneumatic tires and is so arranged that it can be fastened to the foot the same as an ordinary skate.

TEKAMAH—At a regular meeting of Tekamah lodge No. 31, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held last night the following officers were installed by Past Grand Master Hopewell: Frank E. Ward, W. M.; H. K. Clark, S. W.; Walter M. Hopewell, J. W.; J. P. Latta, treasurer; John A. Singhaus, secretary; Fred Wixer, S. D.; F. P. Smith, J. D.; F. N. Moorehouse, S. S.; M. L. Gilkerson, J. S.; H. M. Morehouse, tyler.

NORTH PLATTE—The work of the steam pile drivers on the North Platte river bridge on the new road of the Union Pacific up the North Platte valley was completed last week, and the bridge is now ready for the laying of the steel. A gang of section house carpenters arrived the first of the week and will begin at once to erect section houses along the line of the new road. The fencing of the right-of-way will also soon begin.

NORTH PLATTE—City Engineer Paul C Meyers sent in his resignation to the city council last night, and they promptly accepted it. There had been considerable friction between the city engineer and the council over the location of the permanent sidewalks being laid in the city. The surveyor having laid out his stakes for walks, and the council directing the walks to be laid otherwise, so that the walks would be on the level with, and in a line with the other permanent walks.

NORTH PLATTE—North Platte will not have a Fourth of July celebration this year. But Sutherland, to the west, has made great arrangements and Attorney A. Muldoon of this city will be the principal speaker of the day. At Ogallala, fifty-one miles west, there will be a celebration of magnitude and Attorney J. G. Beeler will give the oration. At Maxwell, fourteen miles east of this city, there will also be a celebration, so that though the citizens of the city of North Platte have a carnival on tap on the holiday, they will not be prohibited from enjoying some of the fruits of a genuine Fourth of July in the neighboring villages.

STELLA—The merchants of Stella held a mass meeting and decided to have a celebration here on the Fourth of July. Ample funds have been subscribed to make the financial side of the matter a success. A large tent will be erected on Main street for speakers, and the whole town will be used as a park for the day. Every street in town is lined with large shade trees, so the day can be comfortably spent by all visitors.

FALLS CITY—The case of the state against Erle Bode for embezzlement was called for trial Wednesday afternoon, when Judge Kelligar arrived and the application made by Bode for a continuance was overruled. Owing to the indisposition of Bode's counsel, the case was postponed until a later date, when the jury will be called back. This will be July 11. The cases against Richard Adams and several others for gambling at Stella were settled by Adams pleading guilty to gambling and paying a fine of $100 and costs. The cases against the other parties were dismissed by the county attorney.

FREMONT—Peterson's hardware store was entered by burglars about 3:30 this morning by breaking a window in the rear. The sound was heard at the police station a block and a half away, but while the officers were examining all the store windows in the vicinity, the burglars did their work and escaped. A considerable quantity of small goods was taken, the exact amount Mr. Peterson is unable to tell.

Best All.

When your eyes are dim, tongue coated, appetite poor, bowels constipated, Electric Bitters best all cures. 50 cents. For sale by Sherman & McConnell Drug Co.

JURY HAS JOE CROW'S CASE

Twelve Men Balloting on Charge of Impeding Justice with Passes.

ATTORNEYS CLASH IN VERBAL COMBAT

Counsel for the Ex-Postmaster and Foreman of Grand Jury Cast Aspersions on Government Officials.

Joseph Crow's case in the United States district court was given to the jury at 2:18 o'clock yesterday afternoon. As no agreement had been reached at 6 o'clock, the court permitted the jury to go to supper and it was taken to the Paxton hotel, returning to the jury room at 7:15. From that time until 10 o'clock there was no indications of an agreement, and the jury sent word to Judge Munger, who was in waiting at the court room, that further instructions were desired. Defendant Crow and Attorney Gurley were sent for and there were present in the court room in addition to the above named when the jury filed in, District Attorney Goss, Marshal Warner and two deputies and two of the secret service officials.

Albert Watkins of Lincoln, foreman of the jury, stated that the instructions that the jury desired to be informed upon were: "What would be the effect if a verdict of guilty was found on one count and a disagreement on all others?"

Judge Munger said: "The effect, while such a verdict could be returned, would be that a new trial would have to be had on all the counts upon which there was a disagreement."

The jury then retired again and it was expected that it would soon return the mixed verdict. Half an hour passed and the jury did not return, and Judge Munger stated, after some little reflection, "that he did not feel disposed to accept such a verdict at this time anyhow." An additional bailiff was sworn in and the marshal was directed by the court to permit the jury to go to a hotel, but that it must be kept together, and return to the jury room for deliberation at 8 o'clock this morning, although the court would not be ready to receive any report until 9 o'clock or after.

Judge Munger and the court officials then left the court house, on the further information that the jury would not come to an agreement during the night. The jury was then taken to the hotel in charge of Bailiffs Miller and Smith for the remainder of the night.

Prior to the beginning of the arguments the proposition was considered as to whether the arguments should apply to the first nine counts of the indictment, which charged the impeding of justice, in the offering of passes to specific individuals, members of the grand jury, or the tenth count, which charges that the passes were given by Crow to the jurors for the purpose of influencing them to vote a no-bill against Ware. The court maintained that if the first nine counts were sustained and a verdict of guilty returned on them it would be equivalent to a verdict of guilty on the tenth count, and vice versa. The government therefore decided to stand on the first nine counts and the court eliminated the tenth count.

Goss on the Motive.

Each side was given an hour and a half for argument, the arguments beginning at 9:20, with United States District Attorney Goss leading off for the government. The essential feature of Mr. Goss' argument was to establish the theory of a motive as based upon the evidence. He analyzed the evidence thoroughly and his address throughout was strong, temperate and eloquent. He showed that influences were at work back of all of the cattle and land cases to prevent indictment and conviction after indictment. The duty of the government officers was not to persecute an innocent man, but to prosecute a violation of the laws against the people.

W. F. Gurley was the first speaker for the defense. He took up the evidence piece by piece and sought to show that the government had fallen down flatly on its case and that there was no evidence to convict. He maintained that neither L. C. Wheeler, District Attorney Goss nor Special District Attorney Rush was the government, although they seemed possessed with the idea that they were the whole thing.

"If there has been any violation of the law," exclaimed Mr. Gurley, "the government officers have been guilty of that violation of law."

Ransom Gets Tart.

"When the government officers have a bad case," said Frank Ransom, who followed Mr. Gurley for the defense, "they appeal to patriotism as a last resort. It appears that Mr. Crow has been guilty of lese majeste in voting no-bill against Ware, in the estimation of Wheeler, Rush and these special detectives who have been hounding these jurors. These officials have emptied the jail and taken out of its polluting precincts this man Welsh and polluted this court room with his presence. Not satisfied with hounding men by secret service agents, they have coerced their witnesses and victims at the pistol's end to sign statements which they did not make in the grand jury room. The Spanish inquisition did not resort to much worse than this. Out upon a prosecution that would seek to convict a dog on such testimony as that of Lambert and Welsh. Passes have been current about this building for lo, these many years. If a man were a member of the legislature, is there anything more natural than that he should ask the speaker of the house to get him a pass, and is there anything wrong in a member of the jury to ask the foreman to get him a pass if he had the requisite influence?"

Rush Hands It Back.

Special District Attorney Rush delivered the closing argument for the government. He was considerably worked up over the aspersions regarding the government officials made by the two preceding speakers. He paid his compliments to Gurley and Ransom in caustic terms and then went into the merits of the case. He analyzed the motive actuating Crow in giving out railroad passes, which in most instances were without the solicitation of the beneficiaries, as a "percolating system" or a "sense of obligation" that would naturally affect the jurors who had received such favors from him, particularly when he would announce loudly and personally, "I vote no bill."

"The presumption was evident," said Mr. Rush, "that the recipients of the favors would do likewise. It is a noticeable fact that it was only during the pendency of important bills before the grand jury that Mr. Crow was so generous in the distribution of his passes. After the work of the grand jury was finished his hitherto spontaneous generosity and liberality ceased. There were no more no-bills to be voted, and hence there was no further need for passes, and he overlooked the formality of providing or even offering the jurors passes to their homes, except in the cases of Ashley, Gow and Neilsen, to whom he proffered trip passes to Colorado and return."

A rather caustic climax to Mr. Rush's address was when he referred to Mr. Gurley with some warmth as "a man whose shirt collar is larger than his head, and whose girth is so big that the sircingle of the largest elephant would hardly go round it."

Woman Up for Selling Liquor.

Ollie Thomas of South Omaha was arraigned before United States Commissioner Anderson Thursday afternoon on the charge of selling malt liquors at her home in South Omaha without first securing the necessary government license. Miss Thomas pleaded not guilty and her case was continued for hearing to 10 o'clock Friday morning. In default of $500 bail she was locked up in the county jail until her hearing can be had.

Fatal Fire at Asylum.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., June 21.—Fire in the amusement hall connected with the State Asylum for the Insane early today caused one death, that of F. L. Lichtenstein, general manager of the Merchants' Silk company, and nearly created a panic among the inmates of the asylum, who were removed from a dormitory near by to another building during the height of the fire. The dead man was crushed by a falling wall. The burned building was valued at $35,000.

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