

LAND TRIAL NEARS THE END

Richards-Comstock Case Likely to go to Argument Friday.

TWENTY DAYS DEVOTED TO EVIDENCE

Defense Has a Surprise to Spring in the Number of Witnesses, Which Will be Small.

The twentieth day of the land trial began Wednesday morning with J. C. Petyjohn still on the stand for the purpose of identifying filings on the records of the Valentine land office during his administration as registrar.

Following his evidence old soldiers from the soldiers' homes at Milford were placed on the witness stand. These men were the special proteges of A. B. Todd and had been shipped to Gordon to receive the necessary instructions relative to the lands they were to file upon.

Defense Has Surprise. The defense evidently has something in the nature of a surprise to spring, as it has not given any sign as to the number of witnesses it may summon.

The first witness of Wednesday was Charles E. Simmons, a soldier from the Milford Home and a former resident of Omaha. His evidence was of the same general character of all old soldiers secured by A. B. Todd from the different soldiers' homes of the country.

James L. Arnel another of the Milford colony told a similar story, being one of Todd's recruits. Arnel when shown his homestead papers by Mr. Rush, repudiated his signature to one of the documents, but admitted that he had signed the other documents pertaining to the entry.

Assistant Attorney General Speaks of Government's Work. Assistant Attorney General M. C. Burch of Washington D. C. when shown his United States District Attorney Geary, was a spectator Wednesday morning at the big land trial.

The Department of Justice is much interested in this trial, said Judge Burch. As it is in all the land trials, I am on my return from the west, where the department has been looking into the coal land investigations in Utah, which has resulted in the indictment of several parties prominently identified with the appropriation of the coal lands of the country.

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A young woman in North Omaha who has been a caretaker in kindermaten work for a couple of years is in charge of a roomful of little tots this year. She had never had any trouble in discipline until a few days ago when one boy became obstreperous.

But what should she do? The boy appeared so compliant. He seemed to have no fear of anything she could do. Had it not been such a critical moment she would have cried. She realized that her whole authority would be destroyed if she gave way.

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BETTER POLICE PROTECTION

Subject to be Discussed at First Joint Meeting of Senators and Representatives.

The matter of better police protection for Omaha will be brought up by the Douglas county legislative delegation at the first joint meeting of the representatives and senators, which probably will be soon after Attorney John P. Green has spoken on legislative needs before the Real Estate exchange next Wednesday noon.

Mangum is a LETTER SPECIALIST. JEWISH SYNAGOGUE TO COME

Congregation of Shulski Will Erect Five-Thousand-Dollar Church Building.

The Jewish congregation Shulski, which at present has no church of its own, will build a synagogue in the spring on the east side of Nineteenth street just south of Cumings on a lot recently bought. The site is a half block north of the Swedish Methodist church.

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The proposed consolidation of Omaha and South Omaha was the special order of business Wednesday noon at the Real Estate exchange weekly dinner at the Commercial club rooms.

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INTENDED MURDER CHARGED

Colored Man Who Shoots at His Lady Friend is Bound Over.

After a preliminary examination in police court Wednesday morning, James Whitmore, colored, was bound over for trial in the district court under bond of \$500 on the charge of shooting with intent to murder. It is alleged that Whitmore fired two shots from a revolver at May Reed, colored, on the night of December 7, when a quarrel was started over a rent bill.

Notice. Beech camp No. 144, Modern Woodmen of America. The funeral of our late neighbor, R. W. Baldwin, will be held at the residence, 1313 South Twenty-eighth street, at 10 a. m. Thursday, December 13. Your attendance is requested. W. M. THOMAS, N. J. MARVIN, Clerk.

Castodian of Major Croft. As the result of a complaint made before the insanity commission by neighbors, Mrs. Pauline Croft has been made custodian of her father-in-law, Major Croft, an aged invalid, living with his son at Twentieth and Arnie avenues. He has been giving music lessons to a class of children. Some of the neighbors have been trying to have the matter brought before the commission. He objected to the proceedings, claiming the complaint was the result of spitework.

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Richard Mansfield and company in "Peer Gynt," a drama by Henrik Ibsen, in five acts and twelve scenes, translation by William and Thelma Archer, arranged by Mr. Mansfield. The cast: Peer Gynt.....Mr. Richard Mansfield

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