

BRIEF IN COMMISSION CASE

Attorney General Attacks the Validity of the Amendment. TITLE TO OFFICE OF MEMBERS ATTACKED

Action Taken at Request of Legislature to Settle Question of the Earliest Possible Moment—Orders for Guardians.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Attorney General Thompson has sent to the printer the copy of his brief to be filed in the test case to test the constitutionality of the State Railway commission.

Orders for Guardians. Adjutant General Culver has issued the following circular letter, relating to squad drills for the National Guard.

With a desire to stimulate drill and interest every citizen man is invited to improve the efficiency of the company. The following program has been arranged for competition.

Assuming that every company has been divided into squads, in accordance with previous instructions, the company commander will designate the hours for squad drill, which will be continued up to the time of the contest.

The first contest will be confined to that portion of the infantry which is being equipped with "Definitions" and concluding with page 39, which contains information that will be of great interest when read with questions by the United States Inspector, and can not be too thoroughly studied.

The second contest between the squads in the company will cover the "School of the Squad," and will take place during the fourth week in April.

Prizes will be offered by the military board, and will be presented to the successful squad in each company, the commissioned officers acting as judges, unless the services of other officers can be secured.

The National Guard will be divided into groups of four companies each, or battalions, that can be conveniently assembled, without regard to regiment (time and place to be designated by the military board).

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GROUND HOG OUT ON A COLD DAY Sudden Drop in Temperature Being Taste of Real Winter.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Today's minimum temperature was 7 below zero. This shows a drop of 8 degrees since Friday afternoon.

GENEVA, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The ground hog returned to his burrow today. The sun shone clear this morning, but it was 1 degree below zero and a hard wind was blowing.

NEBRASKA, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The storm came down last night with a sweep. Yesterday afternoon was springlike and people were going about in shirt sleeves.

HAIRVARD, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—A strong northeast wind came up suddenly about 8 o'clock last evening, continuing till nearly morning, the mercury going to 2 degrees below zero. This is a change of close to thirty degrees from noon yesterday.

AUBURN, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—A severe cold wave struck here last night about 9 o'clock, accompanied by a high north-west wind. The temperature dropped from 8 above to zero in a few hours.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The work of packing ice is being pushed vigorously. Every man who wants work can easily secure it. The ice is ten inches thick and clear as crystal.

COMMITTEE VISITS KEARNEY Members of House and Senate Consider Needs of Institutions.

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The committee from the legislature, appointed to look over the needs of the state institutions arrived in Kearney at a late hour Friday night.

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passed the following sentences: John Reid, 18 months; Arthur Turnbull, 18 months; Samuel Sullivan, burglary, five years; William Provost, horse stealing, two years; Francis LaMotte, two years; Arthur Bell, receiving stolen property, two years.

Car Thief Pleads Guilty. RULO, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—William Baundford, aged 25 years, was arrested in St. Joseph and taken to Falls City for trial, accused with breaking into freight cars in this city.

Fish Hatchery for Nebraska. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman E. H. Hubbard of Sioux City and Congressman J. J. McCarthy of Ames, Nebraska, are endeavoring in Washington to secure the establishment of a government fish hatchery at Crystal Lake, Neb.

News of Nebraska. EUSTIS—Citizens will hold a mass meeting Monday night to argue the school question.

BEATRICE—Rev. C. E. Cobey has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Christian church at Waverly, Kan.

BEATRICE—Mrs. G. T. Loy, an old resident of Wymore, died yesterday, aged 81 years. She leaves a husband and six children.

BEATRICE—The death is announced of Emma Wikert, wife of Charles Wikert, aged 41 years. She leaves a husband and four children.

BEATRICE—Sovereign Lecturer Schleh of Omaha will address an open meeting of the Woodmen of the World, to be held here Monday night.

BEATRICE—A cold wave struck this vicinity Friday night. There was a light fall of snow accompanied by a strong northwest wind.

BEATRICE—The North Platte Volunteer Fire department will give their twelfth annual ball on the evening of Saturday, April 13.

BEATRICE—Judge Ratterman performed at his office the wedding of Miss Georgia A. Bloom and Miss Georgia A. Leeper of Davis City.

BEATRICE—The Burlington passenger train No. 1 collided with freight engine in the local yards Saturday noon.

BEATRICE—Mrs. S. A. Bruce, aged 80, died yesterday at the home of her son, about five miles east of here.

BEATRICE—S. S. Hayman of Grand Island has been looking the ground over for the purpose of locating a water system under the direction of his son, Prof. Ora A. Hayman of Holdrege.

BEATRICE—Mrs. T. A. Livingston, living about three miles east of here, was badly injured in a runaway yesterday, her right arm and leg broken, and her head being dragged on the frozen ground.

charged with shooting Captain Macklin at Fort Reno. BEATRICE—Word was received here yesterday announcing the death of William Crocker, a brother-in-law of W. W. Morse of this city, which occurred at his home in Chicago, Ill., on Saturday, Jan. 31, 1907.

BEATRICE—Judge Keilliger held court here yesterday forenoon, granting two divorces. One was to Lella C. Freeman from the Smith on Ellis St.

BEATRICE—Following is the record of the mortgage indebtedness of Cuming county for the year 1906.

BEATRICE—Louis Sieks, living eleven miles east of here, died yesterday morning after a week's illness of pneumonia. He was 32 years of age and leaves a wife and three children.

BEATRICE—Word has been received of the death of Frank Verbrack at the family residence in this city.

BEATRICE—Joseph Huddard, a well known citizen of the town, died suddenly of heart failure last night at the home of his wife.

BEATRICE—The silver anniversary of BROCKEN was celebrated here yesterday. There were more than sixty guests present.

BEATRICE—Mrs. Peter Peterson, who lives about seventeen miles north of here, is suffering from a severe case of rheumatism.

BEATRICE—Quite a large tract of land in the North Platte river in the western part of Lincoln and in Keith counties is being purchased by the government.

BEATRICE—The Crabtree Forensic club held a meeting last evening and debated the question of "Should the United States team at Humboldt February 15, which is resolved: That Cuba should remain permanent member of the team."

BEATRICE—The Brotherhood of Local Improvement is beginning its preparations for its annual May party to be held on May 1st.

BEATRICE—The formal test of Harrison water system has been made and the work and machinery was accepted.

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WELCOME Hardware dealers and all other visitors to Omaha during the Hardware Dealers' Convention, or at any other time, are cordially asked to visit our store. Come in and look around, make it your headquarters when in the city.

LACE CURTAIN SALE At the end of a most successful January Lace Curtain Sale we find we still have left some odd pairs, which we desire to close out at once.

- Lot 1—Odd lengths of curtains, corners and cretonne samples. Irish Point corners representing curtains costing up to \$10 a pair; Nottingham and Brussels corners—while they last, at each, 14c.

FURNITURE Our furniture department offers many special bargains in sample pieces; one of a kind in each finish; go at big price reductions.

- \$9.00 Piano Chair, revolving seat, reduced to \$6.00; \$13.75 Piano Bench, golden oak, reduced to \$8.75; \$12.00 Mahogany finish rush seat Rocker, reduced to \$7.75.

STOCK RUGS If you want a good rug and want it cheap, come to our basement and let us show you these beauties. They are room size rugs made from short lengths of carpets and borders.

- \$16.00 Brussels Rug, 9x12, for \$13.50; \$20.00 Brussels Rug, 9x12, for \$17.00; \$21.00 Brussels Rug 10-6x12, for \$15.00.

LINOLEUM All short lengths of linoleum and oil cloth that accumulate during the entire year are now being closed out at a great reduction.

You Ought to Go Somewhere HOMESEEKERS—February 5th and 19th, round trip to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, \$20.00. Greatly reduced; also to Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and the Southwest.

ONE-WAY—To Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, \$11.60, February 5th and 19th. Greatly reduced also to Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, the South, Southwest and Northwest. ONE-WAY COLONIST—Daily March and April, nearly 50% reduction to Big Horn Basin, Montana, Washington, Puget Sound, Oregon, California and Utah.

MARDI GRAS—Extremely low to New Orleans, Pensacola, Mobile, February 6th to 10th, inclusive. EXCELLENT TRAINS TO St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Chicago. Personally conducted, through Tourist sleepers, also through Standard sleepers to California via scenic Colorado; to the Northwest via Burlington-Northern Pacific joint lines.

Burlington Route 10,600 TON STEAMSHIP MOMUS New, just built for Southern Pacific Co., with all first-class cabin accommodations in the superstructure amidships, hence all staterooms outside rooms, now in the NEW ORLEANS and HAVANA SERVICE.

Describe your trip. TICKET OFFICE, 1502 Farnam St., Omaha. ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD running to ship's side on Saturdays. Tickets, reservations, also descriptive matter, at ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. CITY TICKET OFFICE, 402 FARNAM ST. SAMUEL NORTH, District Passenger Agent.