

RICHARDS - COMSTOCK CASE

Motion For New Trial Will Be Argued First of March.

DATE IS SET BEFORE JUDGE MUNGER

Attorneys for Convicted Cattle Men Will Tell the Court Why Clients Should Have Another Trial.

The argument upon the motion for a new trial in the Richards and Comstock land cases will be heard before Judge Munger March 1. At least such is the date set for the hearing.

Bartlett Richards, W. G. Comstock, Aquilla Triplett and C. C. Jameson were found guilty at the November term of the United States district court, after a trial of thirty days, of conspiracy to defraud the government out of large tracts of land in Cherry county, and for conspiracy to suborn perjury. The case was one of the most important ever held in this district and a verdict of guilty was returned by the jury after being out but about three hours. The attorneys for the defendants at once filed a motion for a new trial and the hearing on the motion was set for February 4. Owing, however, to the illness of Charles W. Pearall, the official stenographer for the trial, a transcript of the record of the famous case could not be furnished in time, and the hearing was postponed, until the transcript could be furnished. Mr. Pearall has sufficiently recovered from his illness to have the transcript ready in time for the hearing for March 1, and, barring further unlooked for delays, the arguments will be had on that date.

Whatever may be the result of the hearing, sentence will be pronounced by the court against the convicted parties, and then their alternative recourse will be an appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals or the supreme court of the United States.

Time to Hear Ware Motion.

The argument on the application for a new trial in the case of Rev. George G. Ware, convicted in February, 1906, of conspiracy to defraud the government out of title, use and possession of public lands in Thomas and Hooker counties, and for which he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment in the Douglas county jail for one year, will be heard before the United States circuit court of appeals early in May. The hearing has been deferred from time to time on account of the United States district attorneys being engaged in the trial of other land cases.

HUNDRETH MERIDIAN LOST

Line that Marked the Arid Belt Wiped Out by Big Crops.

County Attorney Ready of Hayes county and editor and publisher of the Hayes County Republican-Times at Hayes Center was an attendant at the gathering of Nebraska editors during the week in Omaha. Mr. Ready is bubbling over with enthusiasm over the outlook for southwestern Nebraska.

"The arid belt, as that country west of the 100th meridian used to be called, is a thing of the past," says he. "We have forgotten where the 100th meridian is. Land is selling out in the southwestern country now for \$15 and \$20 an acre which fifteen years ago brought hardly \$300 per quarter. The cattle ranges have given way to thirty farms and we are raising all kinds of grain abundantly and feeding it to our own home-raised hogs and cattle. Daily mails through all the country prevail now where we used to have to guess at them once a week and then miss out. Why, up in Hayes Center we are actually talking of a city park now. We have the best schools in the western part of the state and the prettiest teachers. That is a natural consequence from the fact that our Hayes county people are among the best in Nebraska, or the west. New settlers are coming into the country to stay and they are as an inviolable rule fine people, just the class we want, that will help us build up that county into one of the greatest in Nebraska. Hayes Center is growing and, while we have no railroad nearer than Palsade, we expect to

hear the foot of an engine on our way before many more seasons. Telephone lines are being extended all through the county and we are in direct touch with the rest of the state. Come out and see us."

EFFECT OF TWO-CENT FARE

Railroad Men Say Law Will Cause Complete Readjustment of Rates.

The decision of the Nebraska legislature to reduce the passenger rates within the state of Nebraska to 2 cents per mile will upset the entire fabric of western rates, as railroad men contend. Through rates to the Pacific coast are based upon the short line mileage, which is the Union Pacific from Omaha to San Francisco. A reduction of the rates in Nebraska will force a reduction in the through rates not only through Omaha, but through all Missouri river gateways, as they will have to meet the competition through Omaha.

L. W. Walker, general passenger agent of the Burlington, in speaking of the reduction in Nebraska, said:

"When you realize that out of 5,000 miles of railroad in Nebraska, 1,500 miles, or 30 per cent of our mileage, has been built and is now operated under the most expensive standard of railway operation that has ever obtained in this country, as to wages, labor and material, through an area of 36,000 square miles out of the total area of 76,000 square miles, and with a population of ten people to the square mile, and that in the broad portion of the state as to wealth and population, the thirty-four counties to the east and south of Valley county, where the maximum population is thirty-two people to the square mile, and that for the entire state the population is fifteen to the square mile, the absolute unfairness to the railroads of a 2-cent passenger rate ought to be apparent to any fair-minded man."

UP FOR STEALING JEWELRY

Fellow Arrested When He Enters Pawnshop to Dispose of Plunder.

Charles E. McKenna, 21 North Eighteenth street, who was arrested last Tuesday morning on the charge of being a suspicious character, was arraigned in police court Friday morning on the charge of grand larceny and the case was continued for trial until next Monday.

The defendant was arrested when he entered a pawn shop with several articles of jewelry to sell and, it has since developed, that the jewelry is the property of John P. Noonan, whose room at 1729 Capitol avenue was broken into Monday night and the jewelry stolen from a trunk. The crime with which McKenna is charged was committed Monday night while Noonan and his daughter were at Council Bluffs and jewelry to the value of \$33 was stolen from the trunk and found in McKenna's possession.

William Cook and Walter Scott, colored, were arraigned in police court Friday morning on the charge of breaking and entering an Illinois Central freight car February 12, and stealing a case of cutlery. After preliminary examination, Cook was bound over for trial in the district court under bond of \$500 and Scott was discharged, as his connection with the crime was not clearly proven. Part of the plunder obtained from the freight car was found by Detectives Mitchell and Sullivan in Cook's room at Tenth and Davenport streets.

RECOGNITION OF BIRTHDAY

Observance of Fifteenth Anniversary of City Government Favored by Mayor.

Relative to observing the fifteenth anniversary of Omaha's city government, Mayor Dahlman said he was in favor of giving the day some substantial recognition. The anniversary falls on March 6, and not on the 5th, as announced by someone who brought the matter to the notice of the mayor. Mayor Dahlman sent the city council a communication on the subject and urged that the day be observed. The council will consider the matter next Monday afternoon in the general committee.

One suggestion has been to have exercises at the Auditorium, while another was to use the council chamber. Only two members of the first city government are now alive. Both live in the city. The mayor thought it would be a good idea to secure the Auditorium for the occasion.

OUT OF POT INTO KETTLE

Man Freed of Charge in Omaha to Be Accused of Another in Denver.

L. M. Sutton of Denver, who was arrested Wednesday evening at his room, 236 Douglas street, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Deau Par, who had been posing as brother and sister, were released from the city jail Friday morning at the request of the arresting officers, as it appeared Sutton had been more sinned against than sinning. Deau Par is being held at the jail and probably will be taken to Salida, Colo., on the charge of grand larceny, as several bolts of cloth, muslin, linens and some jewelry found in his trunk are alleged to have been stolen from a store at Salida.

Mrs. Deau Par, with whom Sutton is said to have fallen desperately in love and believing she was a sister of Deau Par, is very sick at the county hospital and Sutton is destitute of money or friends.

COME TO GET SQUARE MEAL

Bill Hayward Tells How He Came to Attend Omaha Club Banquet.

"Hello, Bill, what are you doing here?" asked an Omaha friend of Colonel William Hayward when meeting him on the street Friday.

"Oh, I just came up to the Omaha club banquet," replied the colonel.

"Oh, yes, you were one of the speakers last year, weren't you?"

"Yes, and that is how I came to be a guest of the club this year. It was this way: I was so nervous in anticipation of the speech I was to make last year that I could not eat a thing at the banquet. When they jessed me about not eating I told them just how it was.

"Well, you just come back next year and get a square meal," said President Peck of the club. And so, on the invitation being renewed this year, here I am to get a square meal."

EXAMINE FOR CLERKS AND CARRIERS

A class of eleven clerks and carriers for the South Omaha postoffice was examined before Viola Cook, local secretary, at the federal building Wednesday. Three of the applicants applied to be clerks and eight to be carriers. The examination was held because of an immediate demand for clerks for these positions at South Omaha. Appointments may be looked for at an early date from this new list.

AN OLD AND WELL-TRIED REMEDY

FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS

Spring Opening

Men's Hats

Tomorrow

We are on time all the time. When it concerns Hats we are up to the minute. Our enormous stock of Men's New Spring Hats embraces all that is newest and best in style, shade and quality. We have Hats for men of every age, face and figure—for the fashionable, modest or dignified man. The fashionable man, in particular, will find here an array of the "very latest," correct in every detail of color or outline.



Look at the Window

When you are down town Saturday look at our hat window. Note the newest ideas in shape and color, it will give you an impression of what is to be worn this season. When you have seen the window step inside for a moment and you will get a better impression. The size of our display will astonish you. Such a profusion of new and elegant headgear will not be seen elsewhere this season.

The "Asbury"	"THE STETSON"	The "Lawton,"
An Aristocrat	The Best of all Good Hats No. 1 Quality.....	A New Favorite
\$2.50	3.50	\$2.00
	THE NEBRASKA SPECIAL Economy and Style.....	
	\$1.50	

COME AND SEE THE BIG HAT SHOW

Nebraska Clothing Co.

FARNAM and FIFTEENTH

Spring Opening

Boys' Clothing

Tomorrow

Tomorrow we place on exhibition one of the largest, finest, cleanest, brightest and best stocks of Boys' Spring and Summer Clothing that has ever been shown in Omaha. The styles and fabrics are the very newest. The garments are correct in every particular and are superlatively good.



Boys' Suits... These suits come in a variety of new spring colorings, light and dark checks and over-plaids, blue serges, blue chevrons, etc. We have short pants suits and knickerbocker suits. The coats are made plain or double breasted. These garments are smart, attractive and down to date in style and fabric—ages 6 to 16 years, prices range from.....

Suits	Top Coats
For Small Boys—For smaller boys we have Sailor Collar Russian Blouses, or Sailor Blouses in light and dark checks and over-plaids, blue and red serge, blue cheviot, etc. The suits are cut from the best and most approved fabrics and are made in the Newest Spring Styles. We have never sold more charming or "catchy" clothing for boys at 3 to 8 years—prices range from—	For Small Boys Top Coats for little fellows. Come in light and dark tan covert cloth, herring bone and checked worsteds; are made in the newest spring styles—just suited to the swagger of sturdy little chaps at ages 3 to 8 years. Prices range from—
\$1.95 to \$4.95	\$2.95 to \$4.95

Nebraska Clothing Co.

FARNAM and FIFTEENTH

NOTES ON OMAHA SOCIETY

H. M. Whitney and Daughter of Boston Guests of Friends.

LUNCHEON GIVEN FOR MISS BARNES

Miss Katherine Hastings Gives Dutch Party for Elaness Club and Miss Von Houten Speaks on Holland.

Miss Whitney of Boston, fiancée of Mr. N. P. Dodge, Jr., and her father, Mr. H. M. Whitney, arrived Friday to be the guests of Mrs. Edgar Scott, sister of Mr. Dodge. Mr. and Miss Whitney are on their way to California and will remain in Omaha about a week. Among the many social affairs planned are: Saturday Mrs. Scott will give a luncheon; in the evening Mr. Dodge will give a large dinner at the Omaha club. Monday Mrs. Sam Burns, Jr., will give a luncheon; in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Ward Burgess a dinner. Tuesday Mrs. John N. Baldwin and Miss Genevieve Baldwin will give a luncheon; in the evening Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Poppleton will entertain at dinner. Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Smith will entertain informally at dinner. Thursday Mr. Whitney and Miss Whitney will leave for their southern trip.

Consensus among the affairs of Friday was the luncheon given by Miss Marjorie Johnson in honor of Miss Barnes, who is the guest of Miss Helen Davis. Miss Barnes was a class mate of Miss Johnson at St. Mary's academy at Knoxville, so, the college flower, was used in the table appointments. A low mound of violets, festooned with small bunches of violets, was used as a centerpiece, and to each bunch was attached a velvet ribbon, which extended to each guest's plate, which made a pretty bouquet for each guest after luncheon. The plate cards were also decorated with violets and marked the places for the twelve guests.

Dutch Party for Elaness Club

Miss Katherine Hastings gave a Dutch party Thursday evening for the Elaness club. Miss Von Houten gave an interesting talk on customs peculiar to Holland. Supper was served later in the evening and the table was prettily decorated with Holland flags and the plate cards were little wooden shoes. The members present were Miss Theodora Borglum, Miss May Hastings, Miss Nellie Fay, Miss Pearl Rockfellow, Miss Madge Von Houten and, Miss Helen Brandeis.

The Marchionette club was delightfully entertained Thursday by Mrs. John Rose. Jr. Luncheon preceded the afternoon session and the table was very attractive with its appointments appropriate to Washington's birthday. The plate cards were water color heads of George Washington. During the afternoon there was a peanut contest when the prize was won by Mrs. A. E. Hamilton. Those present were Mrs. A. E. Hamilton, Mrs. T. L. Combs, Mrs. A. H. Workman, Mrs. Robert Kimball, Mrs. O. E. Hamilton, Mrs. Paul Patton, Mrs. James Cook, Mrs. Benolds Barnum and Mrs. Rose. The guests of the club were Mrs. W. S. Gibbs, Mrs. Harry Burnham, Mrs. Leona Nelson and Mrs. Josephine Porter. The next meeting will

be Thursday, March 7, at the home of Mrs. Robert Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humpert entertained the Jewel Card club Thursday evening. High five was the game played and the prizes were won by Mrs. Henry Humpert and Mr. Albert Moore. The consolation prizes were awarded to Miss Anna Humpert and Mr. A. Steinhof. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Drawley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humpert, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Platt, Miss Anna Humpert, Miss Wear, Mr. George Wachler, Mr. A. Steinhof, Mr. John Wear, Mr. Albert Moore and Mr. Lou Grevin. The next meeting will be Thursday evening at the home of Miss Anna Humpert, 223 South Fifteenth street.

Thimble Club Social.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Sunderland gave an evening party Thursday evening for the Thimble club. The rooms were decorated in red, white and blue and many other suggestions of George Washington's birthday. No special amusement was planned for the evening, but a general good time was enjoyed. About thirty-two guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McGraw entertained the Orchard Hill High Five club Thursday evening. The high scores were made by Mrs. O. H. Wirth, Mr. B. B. Inglehart and Mr. John Campbell. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fricke, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Wirth, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Inglehart, Dr. and Mrs. McClanahan, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Dr. and Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Macomber and Mr. and Mrs. McGraw. Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Mason will entertain the club Thursday, March 7.

West Farnam Kensington.

The West Farnam Kensington club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. Rose. Those present were Mrs. N. W. Bush, Mrs. John Douglas, Mrs. B. G. Lyman, Mrs. C. C. Hammer, Mrs. S. Trostler, Mrs. Stethmann, Mrs. W. S. Heaton, Mrs. Frank Schetz, Mrs. C. W. Hinkle, Mrs. F. E. Young and Miss Lundquist. The next meeting will be in two weeks at the home of Mrs. Frank Schetz. Mr. Jack C. Goodwin of New Castle, Ind., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Kennard, expects to leave Monday for his home.

Miss Maud Riser of Lincoln, who is the guest of Mrs. Elmer Rankin, has prolonged her visit until Saturday.

Miss Barnes, who is visiting Miss Helen Davis, will leave Saturday for a visit in Chicago.

Miss Humstone of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Lake of Evanston, Ill., who have been visiting Miss Phoebe Smith, left Friday for their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yost of Joliet, Ill., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Talmage. Mr. H. M. Whitney and Miss Whitney of Boston are guests of Mrs. Edgar H. Scott.



The Shine That Lasts Longest

COTTON MILLS IN THE SOUTH

Their Great Influence on the Social and Industrial Life of the People.

Despite the opposition aroused by the success of cotton manufacturing in the south, the business is growing rapidly and will continue to grow, simply because of the south's economic advantages over other parts of the country, and over other countries. These conditions must operate to secure victorious competition, and they cannot be overcome. Without doubt northern mills engaged in producing special classes of fabrics will be able to maintain themselves, and to increase their business to meet growing demands, but northern mills cannot compete in the manufacture of goods for the production of which the south enjoys special advantages. Each section must conform to its conditions.

The manufacture of cotton in the Atlantic states has been a Godsend to a large class of people to whom no proper and systematic employment and wage earning was previously available. People who gained a precarious living scratching the rugged mountain side to raise pitifully small crops of foodstuffs, and cut off from sympathetic social connection, each family from others because of their isolated situations, have found regular and paying work in the mills, a fact that has required them to move their residence to the mill towns, where not only the benefits of society, but the ability to enjoy hitherto unknown comforts and conveniences are at their command.

This cotton milling is working important social changes among a people who were in great need of such benefits, and they are already realizing the happiness and prosperity within their reach.—New Orleans Picayune.

FATHER OF NINE-POUND BOY

Clerk Hastings of Murray Hotel Realizes He Can Never Wear Washington's Title.

Although A. A. Hastings, chief clerk at the Murray hotel, realizes he never can be the father of his country, he does believe he is the father of another boy, as a telegram received Friday morning from Lamar, Mo., announced the arrival of a son weighing nine pounds. This is Mr. Hastings' second boy. Mr. Hastings is visiting his parents in Missouri. Mr. Hastings will run down next week and get acquainted with his new boy.

On Rollers Again.

Patrons of roller skating will have the last two days of this week for exercise on the wheels at the Auditorium. The missionary convention will be over and out of the way after Thursday evening and skating will begin Friday afternoon. There will be an exciting race on Friday night, also on Saturday night at 9 o'clock.

Burglars in Tailor Shop.

Burglars with discriminating tastes broke into the tailoring shop of K. Goodrich, 19 South Seventeenth street, Thursday night

IS THE COAST LINE SINKING?

Islands Along the Chesapeake Disappearing from Sight—Other Signs Noted.

The cable dispatches bringing information that the city of Kingston, in Jamaica, was sinking into the sea, has recalled to mind that the face line of the entire Atlantic coast has changed considerably in the last few years. This fact is noticeable in the Chesapeake Bay particularly, and the pilots who have for years gone up and down the waterway, and are qualified authorities on the subject, say that the islands which have been known in the bay for years are gradually disappearing, due to the sinking of the earth's crust and continual erosion. The pilots also assert that in some parts of the bay the channels have been made deeper in the last ten or

and stole three suit patterns of the finest material in the stock and of the total value of \$5.

Entrance was effected by breaking a glass in the rear door and turning the bolt from within. There is no clue to the thieves, but it is believed to be the work of local talent and the stolen goods will probably be recovered within a few days in a pawn shop.

It is figured by persons competent to talk on the subject that in less than 100 years from now beautiful and fertile Kent Island will have sunk into the bay and Hooper's island, Sharpe's island, Barren island, Taylor's island, Holland's island and others will have disappeared and nothing of them will remain to remind future generations of these beautiful places.

Cobb's island, once a famous gunning and fishing place, has disappeared from the surface of the bay, and other islands equally famous years ago have been swallowed up in the great action of nature.

In talking over the matter Provost Philip B. Usher said that there was no doubt that the entire face of the coast line was sinking into the sea and that the islands in the Chesapeake would meet the same fate.—Baltimore American.

Mangum & Co., LETTER SPECIALISTS.
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Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet Co.

414-16-18 South Sixteenth Street.

Saturday Bargain Table

IN THE BASEMENT.

In this lot of bargains will be included some of the most useful articles from our immense line of Imported Hygienic fire proof Terra Vulcana Ware. This is not a cheap domestic article, but the highest grade imported ware obtainable.

50c round covered Casserole, Terra Vulcana, Saturday only.....	34c
1.40 large size oval covered Casserole, Terra Vulcana, Saturday only.....	80c
35c small round covered Casserole, Terra Vulcana, Saturday only.....	24c
1.30 oval covered Casserole, Terra Vulcana, Saturday only.....	78c
65c Terra Vulcana Boston Bean Jar, Saturday only.....	40c
75c Terra Vulcana Boston Bean Jar, Saturday only.....	55c
85c Terra Vulcana Boston Bean Jar, Saturday only.....	70c
25c Oval Rare Bit Dish, Terra Vulcana, Saturday only.....	18c
1.00 Straneky Coffee Pot, in turquoise blue and white, Saturday only.....	80c
70c 6-quart Preserving Kettle, from our regular line of all white Austrian Elite Ware, Saturday only.....	49c
50c Bath Tub Seats—strong, durable and convenient; Saturday only.....	24c
A 10x14 Covered Roaster, self basting, cheap at 50c; Saturday only.....	22c
85c Rug, 1-10x3, for.....	55c
1.65 Rug, 2-6x4-6, for.....	\$1.15
2.50 Rug, 2x6, for.....	\$1.50

Kerrek Brussels Rugs

Heavy Worsted With Brussels Warp.