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BUILDINGS OF THE STATE

Senate Committee Reports on Needs and Present Conditions.

UNIVERSITY STRUCTURES ARE CRITICISED

Poorly Ventilated and in Several Instances of Faulty Construction—Repairs on Capitol Building Recommended.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 20.—(Special.)—The senate committee on public lands and buildings submitted its report to the senate this morning covering its examination of the various public institutions of the state.

It was made by C. A. Randall, chairman. The condition of the different institutions and their equipment is declared to be generally good.

The report recommends more commodious quarters at the Norfolk asylum, including a hospital building and a cottage for men. An appropriation of \$50,000 to cement the tunnels and remodel the basements of the cottages is favored.

The soldiers' home at Grand Island is declared to be very much crowded and another building to accommodate 100 inmates is recommended. The institution is so crowded, according to the report, that 25 per cent of the inmates are in the hospital.

A building for tuberculosis patients is recommended for the Hastings asylum. The condition of the industrial school at Kearney is commended, and the committee favors the building of a new cottage and an addition to the main building, to be used as a kitchen.

The use of cement blocks at the Kearney normal school is commended and it is recommended that if any addition be built at Kearney hard pressed brick be used.

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NO BIDDERS FOR BEET PLANT

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Clerk of United States Court Unable to Find Buyer for Standard Property, Which Will Be Offered Again.

FREMONT, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—George H. Thummel, clerk of the United States circuit court at Omaha, was in town yesterday for the purpose of selling the Standard Beet Sugar company's plant at Leavitt. The property was offered for sale yesterday afternoon, but there were no bidders and the property will be offered again.

What disposition is likely to be made of the plant is not known. There seems to be an opinion that the machinery may be moved to some place in the west where a larger quantity of beets can be obtained. For during three successive seasons the most of the beets have come here from the vicinity of North Platte.

CITY TICKETS IN THE FIELD Albia and Nebraska City Will Have Competition.

ALBION, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—The anti-license faction of the local political organizations held a caucus last night in the district court room and placed in nomination the following ticket: For mayor, G. G. Barwick; city councilmen, McGill, city treasurer, W. G. Price; city engineer, A. A. Higgins; alderman, First ward, Frank Day; Second ward, E. A. Williamson. The question of license or no license is to be submitted to the voters and the officers elected are pledged to carry out the wishes of the people in this matter. The city election each spring in Albion is one of the hardest fought political campaigns of the year. The two actions are very evenly divided. The license people have not held their caucus yet.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—The democrats held their caucus Tuesday evening in the district court room and there was a very light attendance. The nominees were: Councilmen—First ward, Mike Bauer; Second ward, O. O. Morton; Third ward, J. D. Houston; Fourth ward, James Hubanks; board of education, George W. Hawkes, James Welch and William Kennedy. The republican caucus was held in the afternoon in the district court room and it was an enthusiastic meeting. Every ward had a good representation and the opinion of delegates was that the nominees would sweep the town. The democrats have chosen chairman and H. R. Bonwell secretary. The candidates for councilmen are B. D. Tait, John S. Darley and Paul G. Hinger. In the First ward no nomination was made, as they would endorse Mike Bauer, democrat. The nominees in the Second ward are J. R. Bloomington, M. E. Vaughan and F. C. Nicholson. C. W. Seymour introduced a resolution against the open primary law, but that was voted down almost unanimously. The central committee are M. T. Hester, E. H. Hoeman, T. C. Dunn and A. P. Moran.

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company with his brothers and a lad named Silenski, was shooting at a can which was thrown up in the air. The injured boy threw up his hands and the bullet struck the shooting, Silenski, did not get a bead on the same until it was level with his companion. He put two holes through the can and then the bullet went into the boy.

LUMBERMEN REPUDIATE CIRCULAR

Alleged "Round" Agreement Never Adopted by Association.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINDCOLN, Neb., March 20.—(Special Telegram.)—It developed in the alleged lumbermen's circular today that the memorandum and circular letter sent out by Secretary Critchfield and published this morning was not sponsored by the association, but that the letter had been repudiated by the board of directors and it had been recalled, while the memorandum agreement was an agreement drawn by Critchfield at the request of Lumbermen Newcomb and Guldwater of Weeping Water. This latter these two men testified to and each said neither had signed the agreement and neither had lived up to it.

Critchfield and President Clark of the association testified that the circular letter published was a proposed agreement drafted by a committee of the southern manufacturing lumbermen and secretaries of various state associations. It had been sent to the Nebraska lumber dealers for rejection or approval, and it had been rejected at the first meeting of the board of directors. Later letters were sent out to each member saying it had been repudiated. The state probably will conclude its case tomorrow and then the defense will begin.

DOLLIVER TO VISIT NORFOLK Iowa Senator Will Talk to Norfolk Nebraska Teachers.

NORFOLK, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—The Norfolk Commercial club today appointed a committee to raise \$100 among business men of the city to defray the expenses of the annual meeting of the Northern Nebraska Teachers' association, which comes to this city April 3, 4 and 5. President P. S. Perdue of Madison county, to whose untiring efforts the enthusiasm of the approaching meeting is largely due, and many teachers of the county were destroyed. The loss is about \$2,500, partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. The man sleeping in the barn escaped with no little difficulty, as the fire had gained considerable progress by the time he was awakened.

NORTH PLATTE—Dr. Quigley of this city, who was recently named as one of the editors of the Omaha Medical Journal, is trying to interest ten or twelve families in a plan to establish a test city at the bluff south of the city, in which members of the city will sleep during the summer months. The doctor thinks such a plan would prove beneficial to those who take advantage of it. Five or six families have so far consented to become members.

STANTON—The following teachers have been selected: J. H. Welch, superintendent; Elsie Ford Piper, principal of high school; Lillian M. Jewell, assistant; Lorena Lewis, seventh and eighth grades; Bertha Pinger, fifth and sixth grades; Josephine Johnson, third grade; Minnie Pelton, first primary. No selections were made for second primary and fourth grade. The present teachers not being applicants, and the board desiring a greater number of applicants from which to select.

BEATRICE—At a meeting of the Cortland Telephone company at Cortland yesterday, propositions from the New Home and Bell companies were submitted with a view of bettering the service of the Cortland company. A free discussion of the proposition of the Bell was accepted. The toll rates between Beatrice and Cortland was fixed at 5 cents. The Bell people will soon begin the construction of an exclusive trunk line between the place and Cortland, which is twenty miles north of Beatrice.

WATERLOO—At a special election in this school district, held Tuesday evening at the school house, the district of the district to the amount of \$1,000 were voted, the proceeds from which will be used in building a two-room addition to the school house and installing a heating plant. Work will begin as soon as possible. The school board of Waterloo is apparently "hog"