

SAVING FOR SCHOOL FUND

Treasurer Brian Buys Block of Idaho Bonds Direct from State. BROKERS LOSE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS

Northwestern Road Asks for and Receives Permission to Put in a Rate of Less Than Two Cents a Mile.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 26.—(Special)—The "square deal" program, as applied to the present administration of state affairs, is accomplishing results of genuine worth to the taxpayers of the commonwealth of Nebraska. An era of real, not sham, reform has been ushered in and manifestations of the treasury grafters are being piled loose as bedstiffs a matter of almost every-day occurrence.

State Treasurer L. G. Brian has furnished the most recent evidence that the administration of the affairs of his office are to be conducted with the sole view of safeguarding public interests and that the grafters must go. Today the announcement was made at the office of the treasurer that Mr. Brian's trip to Boise, Idaho, had resulted in the completion of a deal whereby the Nebraska permanent school fund has become the buyer of \$275,000 of Idaho bonds.

In connection with the purchase of the Idaho bonds by Treasurer Brian it is stated that the ordinary commission on a block of bonds aggregating \$275,000 would approximate \$5,500, which amount is saved for the school children of Nebraska rather than going to line the pockets of a broker.

Permanent Fund Growing.

The records of the state treasurer's office disclose that the permanent school fund, all of which is invested in state bonds and other gilt-edge securities, now exceeds \$7,000,000. This money has been derived from the sale of and income from lands set aside early in the history of the state for the permanent endowment of the public schools. The increase in the value of the lands and the steady growth of the fund itself is bringing in each year a greater income for the regular semi-annual apportionment of the temporary funds, and in future years this growth may become so pronounced that the semi-annual apportionments to the schools will be almost entirely maintained by the income from the state fund.

Beats Two Cents a Mile.

The Northwestern road has gone the legislature one better and, with the permission of the State Railway commission, which was granted today, will on May 1 put into effect a rate of considerably less than 2 cents per mile between Lincoln and three other points. Yesterday this company asked permission to put into effect the short line rate between Lincoln and Omaha, Lincoln and Norfolk and Omaha and Crawford. The short line between Lincoln and Norfolk is the Union Pacific, while in the other two cases the Burlington has the most direct route. In granting permission to put these rates into effect the commission specified that no charge from any intermediate point should be greater than from one terminal to the other. This will have the effect of reducing the Northwestern's rate from Lincoln to all points beyond Fremont and from Omaha to all points this side of Cedar Bluffs. The Northwestern's rate to Crawford, based on the 3-cent per mile schedule, is 2.67, while the Burlington rate is 2.45.

Odd Fellows Celebrate.

Delegates from thirty cities and towns in Nebraska gathered in the representative chamber of the state house this afternoon to celebrate the eighty-eighth anniversary of the establishment of the order in the United States. Plans for the celebration had been formulated by the late A. H. Weir. Error to the state house capital there was a parade, of which F. James Congrave was marshal. It was headed by a platoon of police and the First Regimental band. Over 300 delegates were present from the following towns: Alnsworth, Gibbon, Verdon, Seward, Valley, Blinair, Avoon, Nebraska City, Rising City, Harvard, Merna, Friend, Havelock, Millard, Nemaha, Panama, York, Stella, Dorchester, Ashland, Elmwood, Barnstow, Plainview, Hardy, Falls City, Syracuse, Howell, Emerson, Salem and Grand Island.

After prayer by Rev. F. M. Orr, J. M. Williams delivered the address of welcome.

At present there are fifty-three congregations in the conference, forty-six churches and thirty parsonages. The total amount expended during the last year not included in the regular conference expenses was \$4,611.25. The morning and afternoon sessions tomorrow will be taken up by a general discussion of the school question.

State House Deserted.

Crape hung upon the door of Governor Sheldon's office today and during the afternoon all offices in the capital were locked up. Most of the state officials and their assistants went to Nebraska this morning to attend the funeral of the governor's aged mother, who passed away a few days ago.

Lumber Firm's Object.

Only one firm belonging to the Nebraska Lumber Dealers' association feels dissatisfied with the findings made by A. M. Post of Columbus, in which he held that the state had failed to establish the existence of a general conspiracy in restraint of trade. This firm is the Barnett Lumber company of McCook. The referee found that the Barnett house and the W. C. Bullard Lumber company of the same place had maintained a local agreement on prices and division of territory. The former concern has filed objections to this feature of the report, objecting to it because the Bullard company is not a member of the state lumbermen's organization and was not a defendant in the suit. The claim is made in the Burnett company's plea that the referee could not find it guilty of maintaining an unlawful combination with any firm against whom the state's suit was not directed.

Bad Stomach Trouble Cured.

Having been sick for the last two years with a bad stomach trouble, a friend gave me a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They did me so much good that I bought a bottle of them and have used twelve bottles in all. Today I am well of bad stomach trouble.—Mrs. John Lowe, Cooper, Maine.

HAMLIN ON WITNESS STAND

Defendant in Grand Island Murder Case Testifies in Own Behalf. JURY HEARS OF MANY MENTAL LAPSES Since Overcome by Heat While a Boy His Mind Has Not Been Sound at All Times.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 26.—(Special)—John Hamlin has himself taken the stand in an effort to convince the jury that he was insane at the time of the shooting. His examination, direct and cross, occupied almost an entire day. His story, unmodified by any statements of the cross-examination, was to the effect that ever since he could remember he had been afflicted with dizzy spells, especially in warm weather.

He went to work as soon as able—at the age of 15—on a farm in Missouri. He was supposed to do the light work on a ranch. But one day he was put to pitching slough hay. He was overcome and fell on a wagon and his "horse" would not let him work any more. Later, on a farm in Iowa, while pitching straw away from the straw elevator of a threshing machine, he was overcome and fell from the stack. He knew nothing further until awakening in bed at the farmer's home, several hours later in the day. The next year, when farming for himself, he was one day cultivating corn. It was hot and sultry and he suddenly found himself lying on the ground, the lines wrapped around his body, but the team standing still. He tried to cultivate to the right of the row, but was again overcome. Having recovered he proceeded to unhitch the horse from the cultivator and hitch them to the wagon to go home, but had several times to stop and lie down. He next remembers only of waking up in the slater's home. This incident—the team coming home driverless, with him in the bottom of the wagon—occurred in June. It was corroborating time before he was again able to work. He was under the care of a physician till December of that year.

Advised to Change Climate.

Again, at Sloan, Ia., he was working for a cement sidewalk man and was suddenly struck by lightning while he was shouting at him. He said he had got dizzy and had gone into the freshly completed cement walk with a spade and was ruining it. Another instance of his alleged temporary irrationality took place on a train. He was suddenly yanked from his seat by the conductor and his employer, who asked him what he meant. He was told that he appeared to be determined to jump through the window. He had, they said, been responsible for the broken window. At the end of the division, Sioux City, they took him to a woman doctor, who prescribed for him, the physician, advised him to go to a cooler climate. He went to Colorado and back to Grand Island. On the third day of August—the day of the shooting—he had worked at excavating for a school house. It was a warm day and he began to get the shooting pains in his head, to which he was subject every time he went to the Missouri farm, in the middle of the afternoon. He came home that evening. He remembered eating supper at the Kent home—the home of the parents of Rachel Engle. After supper he went to his room. He came down on the rear porch and bathed his feet. He immediately summoned help and the man's wrists were bound and the city physician summoned. When discovered by the jailer the man was still gouging his wrists with the knife in order to make the blood flow more freely. He resisted the efforts to stop the flow of blood and begged to be permitted to die. He repeatedly attempted to tear away the bandages. Upon examination the physicians found the two lacerations in the abdominal region. They were as deep as the knife blade would go and it is feared entered the abdominal cavity. He was finally put beyond danger of further harming himself and sent to the St. Francis hospital.

Womack has frequently been taken up by the officers and four months ago was sent to Lincoln to the institution for the cure of epileptics. The attending physician does not expect him to recover.

GATHERING FOR LAND OPENING

Many Settlers Coming into the North Platte District. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., April 26.—(Special)—Although the one-section land opening at the land office here will not occur until May 1, scores of homesteaders have arrived here during the last few days to find out the location of land and make selections. Some, who expected much, after looking over the land returned to their homes, refusing to enter land. Others who understand conditions better, make selections, and only those who are fortunate enough to get their choice. As has been usual at the land openings, a few grafters are working. One persistent sinner represents himself to be familiar with vacant lands and hires rigs and takes parties out and shows them seeded land and prepares their papers to file upon vacant lands many miles from that which he showed them. Of course seeded land appears much better. For this he demands \$100 to locate them, and he finds a few suckers. There are several of these frauds and curbsome locators who know the land no better than the strangers whom they dupe.

COLLAPSE OF BRIDGE IS FATAL

Baby Falls to Sand Bar and is Trampled by Horses. FREMONT, Neb., April 26.—(Special)—After deliberating nearly twenty-four hours the jury in the \$2,000 damage suit of Mrs. Minerva Colby against Byron Bradt, F. E. Cook, E. Schembke, Joseph Johnson, C. N. Benson and Arthur Behourday, saloonkeepers, for the death of her husband, brought in a verdict for \$1,000 damages against all of the defendants except Bradt and Cook. According to the court's instructions, the judgment was in favor of the widow's children, as it was shown during the trial that General Colby, Mrs. Colby's attorney, had two years ago received \$1,700 from Bradt and Cook in order to have the remonstrances filed against them withdrawn. The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

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Nebraska Man Insane.

TERRA HAUTE, Ind., April 26.—(Special)—While on his way from Nebraska to Greenfield, Ind., last night Mark Whittaker, 30 years old, became violently insane at Terra Haute. With difficulty he was controlled till the train reached the city, where he was placed in the care of relatives. Two special officers took charge of him at Terra Haute.

MAN MAKES EFFORT TO END LIFE

Grand Island Painter Cuts Wrists and Stabs Himself While in Jail. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 26.—(Special)—W. A. Womack, a painter by trade, made a desperate attempt at suicide while in the city jail, to which he had applied at midnight for lodging. He made two vicious stabs with a pocket knife into his side, close to the abdominal region and severed the main arteries in his wrist.

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PLATTSMOUTH—W. C. Carragher has sold his stock of drugs in Union to A. E. Shultz for \$2,500. BEATRICE—Peter Bednar, living south of Wynmore, captured two wild geese and seven young ones yesterday. PLATTSMOUTH—Rev. A. L. Zink united in marriage Charles F. Matland and Miss Helen M. Vroman, both of this city. PLATTSMOUTH—Judge Travis united in marriage Harold C. Lewis of Council Bluffs and Miss Edna G. Stenson of Columbus, Neb. PLATTSMOUTH—Homer Schrader killed a mother wolf and captured nine young wolves on his father's farm southwest of this city. COLUMBUS—Robert Kummer will next Sunday start on his trip to the home of his childhood, Switzerland. He will be gone about three months. BEATRICE—Filley has organized a ball team and elected Ed Wilkinson as manager. It would like to hear from ball teams in this section of the state. BLUE HILLS—Miss Emilie Waterman and Gustav Bank were quietly married at the Lutheran Trinity church Wednesday morning by Rev. Schubkegel. PLATTSMOUTH—Claud Peters, for many years a resident of Franklin county, died at the home of his daughter, north of town, after a long illness of Bright's disease. HUMBOLDT—Miss Jennie Gravatt and Mr. Frank Rist were married last evening at the home of Mrs. Benjamin F. Gravatt. FREMONT—There was a heavy frost this morning. It is likely to be worse for fruit than the cold spell of last week. GENEVA—A meeting is called for May 4 of all persons interested in organizing a local mutual telephone company. It is signed by about forty farmers in the county. NEBRASKA CITY—Lon G. Sheldon of Lawton, Okl., and Miss Ada L. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Walker of Fairbury, were married today at the home of the bride's parents in Fairbury. FREDERICKSBURG—Dan Sullivan, a lumberman of Lincoln, has bought the real estate and lumber stock of G. W. Hassett of this city. John McGilbert of Lincoln will have charge of the Sullivan yards. BLOOMFIELD—Peter W. Liewer, a clothing man from Carroll, Ia., has leased the building next to the corner drug store and will open a clothing and furnishing goods store there in about two weeks. AUBURN—Mrs. Joseph Snurr, daughter of William Watson, Sr., of this city, died at a hospital at Omaha Wednesday afternoon after an operation. The body was buried in the city cemetery yesterday and the funeral was held this morning. BEATRICE—The funeral services for William McGowan, the old soldier who dropped dead at his home near Diller Wednesday morning, were held today at 10 o'clock. He was 83 years of age and had lived in that section for many years. BEATRICE—Yesterday at 12:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Garton, living six miles southwest of Beatrice, was solemnized the marriage of Miss Ellmore Garton to James Cole of Lincoln. Rev. J. E. Davis officiating. BEATRICE—John Boyd, for the last

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twenty-five years a resident of Sherman township, died at his home two miles southwest of Virginia, yesterday, aged 55. He was native of Maryland, and leaves a large family, all grown to manhood. RUMBOULT—The family of Charles W. Shurtliff severed Thursday. He was a town, is under quarantine on account of diphtheria, which has attacked the mother and one young daughter. One son died a few days ago with diphtheria of the most malignant type. LINWOOD—The last week has been very cold, dry and windy. Winter wheat is showing the effects of the weather, the color not being good. No green bugs have appeared here yet. Farmers are plowing for corn. The oats have not been hurt yet. This early frost killed. BEATRICE—Ed Kemper, a colored man of this city, yesterday found a pocketbook containing \$100.00 and a check for \$100.00 from a man living near Beatrice. The purse and money were turned over to him for reward. He is a colored man but his honesty by giving him a dime. CLAY CENTER—Charles L. Coons fled his resignation with the county clerk today as superintendent of Clay county. The only reason assigned for his action is that he believes in the existing educational system of other whom the board may appoint can best serve the schools of the county. NEBRASKA CITY—Mrs. Theresa, wife of John Meyer, died Thursday. She was the eldest daughter of John Menke of this city, spent her girlhood days here, was married to John Meyer and they had seven children were born. They have lately made their home at Burr and Douglas, in this county. PLATTSMOUTH—Miss Alice Dovey is in New York now to complete arrangements for her marriage to a young man from here. From there she goes to Cleveland to visit F. O. March, dramatic critic for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and then to New York to return to this city and spend the summer with her parents. HUMBOLDT—Mrs. Jacob Arnold, for many years a resident of the county, died suddenly in the east end of the county while lying down to rest at her country home. Several hours passed before the household discovered her condition, as the husband was absent at work and other members engaged in household duties. AUBURN—At a mass meeting held by the citizens of this place it was decided that Auburn celebrate the Fourth of July here this year. A great many arrangements were made and it was the sentiment of the meeting that this be made the most notable celebration of the character that has ever taken place in this section of Nebraska. TABLE ROCK—The coroner's jury in the case of Mrs. Frank brought in a verdict saying that Edith Frank came to her death by suicide. The deceased was 22 years of age and was a daughter of Mrs. W. A. Ault by her first husband, Dr. Allen and the young couple were married at Pawnee City September last. ARAPAHOE—Mrs. Charles Dunlap, living ten miles north of this place, dropped dead yesterday afternoon, while arranging a window curtain in an upstairs room of her residence. A little grandchild was the only one at home at the time. Deceased was an old settler in this section. Her husband and four grown up children survive her. TABLE ROCK—At a special meeting of the school board held on Tuesday night Miss Mary Goodrich, assistant principal of our schools, was re-elected for the coming year by Miss Flora Durston, principal. Mrs. Goodrich is a native of Nebraska, having been born in the town of Custer, Neb., now attending the State Normal at Peru, was selected for the second grand jury of this county for the corps of teachers for 1907 and 1908. GENEVA—A mass meeting was held in the court room at night to consider matters pertaining to the proposed junior

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