

PRECINCT BONDS PURCHASED

State Treasurer Makes a Departure in Investment of School Fund.

INSISTS INVESTMENT IS LEGAL

Attorneys for Barker Will Make an Appeal for Repeal to Acting Governor Hopewell—Passes for County Attorneys.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, June 8.—(Special.)—State Treasurer L. G. Brian today returned from Scott's Bluff county, where he entered into a financial transaction on the part of the state treasury to the state treasury. He bought precinct bonds worth \$9,000 in the face of the constitutional provision that state funds shall not be invested except in United States bonds, state securities and county bonds.

The bonds are for the county in a measure and that they are in fact the same as county bonds. He believes that the fact that the county clerk and the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners signs the precinct bonds and that the county board levies the tax on the property of the precincts and the treasurer collects the tax, the precinct bonds are in fact county bonds.

Acting Governor Hopewell today issued a requisition for the return of William H. Holmes to Omaha from Ogden, Utah, on the charge of embezzling \$77 while acting as attorney for Joseph Schwenck, for whom he agreed to collect a legacy of \$1,000 left to the complainant by Frances Kempf, formerly a resident of Blount Falls, E. D. It is charged that on February 27, 1906, he received the money and that he fled. The complainant alleges that he has a receipt showing that Holmes received the money.

James Beebe of Scott's Bluff county will be brought back from Wisconsin on the charge of having induced Miss Pansy Shoemaker, aged 19, from her home for immoral purposes. Land Commissioner H. M. Eaton has filed a motion for a new trial in the supreme court in the case of Della Rutledge, alleging that the court erred in attempting to transfer school lands of the state.

Land Commissioner H. M. Eaton has filed a motion for a new trial in the supreme court in the case of Della Rutledge, alleging that the court erred in attempting to transfer school lands of the state. Loophole for Barker. If a legal technicality is to govern, Murderer Frank Barker still has a chance to escape hanging. June 15, the date fixed for his execution, whether or not the district court of Lancaster county grants him a jury trial to establish his sanity or insanity. The peculiar wording of the new Nebraska statute relative to reprieve, pardon and commutation is being studied by Barker's attorney.

Lighting Bonds Insufficient. TECUMSEH, Neb., June 8.—(Special.)—The mayor and city council of Tecumseh have taken a new stand in the electric lighting proposition. Several weeks ago an election was held at which time bonds in the sum of \$13,750 were voted for the purpose of improving the present plant, which is the property of the city. The bonds were made optional after ten years, to run twenty years, and the rate of interest was fixed at 4 1/2 per cent. They did not seem to be desirable at the time, and a par bid must be had to make a legal sale. Since the issuance of the bonds the city has been visited by a great many electrical engineers, and they all agree that with the present high prices of material and labor an adequate plant could not be put in for the amount of the bonds voted. The officers have secured the services of J. E. Marts of Seward, who is to go over the ground and outline about what is wanted in the way of a plant, locating all arc and incandescent lights, and giving prices to consumers, etc. When Mr. Marts makes his report the city will have a second election will be called and bonds in a sufficient sum for a good plant voted upon.

Beatrice Commencement. BEATRICE, Neb., June 8.—(Special.)—With impressive ceremony the members of the high school class of 1907 were given their diplomas last night at the Presbyterian church. The salutatory was delivered by Robert Warner, who spoke on "The Brides of Modern Times." Senator E. J. Burkett delivered the address before the graduating class, his subject being "The New Woman and Young Man." The new woman has supplanted man in many fields of activity. In the schools, the professions the young man is brought more and more into competition with women. College education for women originated in America and has developed since 1824. In the last century women have made greater strides in the world than men. The senator's address was listened to with pleasure. Principal Garrett presented collegiate scholarships to Robert Warner and Clara Holmes, after which President Bogole of the Board of Education gave the members of the class their diplomas. The class numbers thirty-one.

Mayor Gets His Man. FREMONT, Neb., June 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Mayor Wols won out in his contest with the city council over the city engineer matter. Last evening he submitted the name of J. W. Andrews a second time, and he was confirmed by a vote of 7 to 1. The action of the board of public works came before the council and made a strong plea for Mr. Andrews' retention on account of his having done a great deal of work on the paving and light and water plants. L. D. Richards resigned as member of the public works board, but agreed to continue in the office until the next meeting, when his successor will probably be appointed. The committee to present a plan of settling the matter of closing Platte avenue reported that it had been agreed to narrow the street to thirty-two feet and close Ninth street in front of and between the college buildings. They had since learned that owing to an act of the legislature the streets could not be narrowed below sixty-six feet, and consequently the whole matter was up in the air again. They will report later.

Gets Fifteen Years for Incest. BUTTE, Neb., June 8.—(Special Telegram.)—After being out eighteen hours a jury rendered a verdict here of guilty in the case of M. P. Snodgrass, charged with incest. Judge Westover sentenced the defendant to fifteen years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

News of Nebraska. M'COOK—A term of United States circuit court will open in McCook Monday, June 10. M'COOK—According to the city directory of McCook, just gone to press, the population of this city is 1,125. NEBRASKA CITY—The large bar at the corner of 15th and Main streets was last night and

PASSENGER TRAIN IN DITCH

Six Cars Derailed, Two Landing Bottom Side Up Beside Track.

OCCUPANTS NOT SERIOUSLY HURT

Hot Box on Engine Tender Causes Journal to Burn Off, Derailing the Cars Behind—Train Slightly Delayed.

FREMONT, Neb., June 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Train No. 4 on the Union Pacific, consisting of two mail cars, one baggage, two coaches and two Pullmans, went into the ditch about three and a half miles west of Fremont about 3:30 this afternoon. Two mail cars and baggage and express cars turned over on their sides and two coaches were derailed, one turning over. William Short, the baggageman, was badly bruised and cut about the left hip. The mail crew and passengers were considerably shaken up, but not hurt badly enough to require medical attention.

The accident was caused by a hot box on the rear truck of the tender. The axle burned squarely off, letting the tender drop and derailing the following cars. The engine kept the track, and the tender was pulled along the rails for a distance of 300 yards. The ninety-pound steel rails were twisted into all manner of shape. The front three cars were in the ditch almost bottom up, and it is a wonder that the men in them were not killed. There was no one in the first mail car.

The first report was that three men, the mail clerks and baggagemen, were killed and many passengers injured, and the Union Pacific started all the available doctors for the scene of the wreck, but learning of the facts when they reached the scene they brought them back. The Pullmans were taken back to Ames by No. 14, which was following. Trains were run over the Northwestern to Ames, consequently traffic was but little delayed. The track was torn up for 300 yards.

EVIDENTLY VICTIM OF MURDER. Railroad Laborers Find Body in Straw Stack. ALDA, Neb., June 8.—(Special.)—A gang of Greeks working for the Union Pacific railroad two miles west of Alda found a dead man in a straw stack a few rods from the tracks. All indications and the coroner's verdict show the man to have been murdered last fall and hidden at this place. When the body was found this afternoon it was in an advanced state of decomposition, but the skull, which was well preserved, plainly showed where the victim had been slugged, and a large bolt, supposed to have been the weapon used, was found a few feet from the body.

A notebook found in the dead man's clothes was the only means of identification, and the address of Jules Hoffmann, Chapman, Kan., was given. The body has been taken to Grand Island to await developments and a thorough investigation will be made.

Other addresses found in the book on the dead man, and it is supposed they were put there by the deceased through some desire to refer to them again, are: "W. J. Stone, Gretna; Richard Schultz, Hampton, Mo. 21; Frank H. H. Deshler, and Mr. Schermerhorn, Union Pacific." It is believed that the man had worked for or under these or been directed to them. Not a penny was found on his person. Whether or not the crime was committed here and what the motive is so far no clue. That it was committed some months ago, probably as long ago as last September, is the opinion of the coroner from the condition of the body. An inquest will be held over the remains Monday. The body was ordered gathered up, put into a casket and brought to the station in Grand Island. The man was evidently 40 years old. A metal pledge of a temperance society was found on his person.

FLOURING MILL IS WRECKED. Explosion Shatters One of Largest Plants in Western Nebraska. BEAVER CITY, Neb., June 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The flouring mill at Wilsonville, one of the largest in western Nebraska, was completely wrecked this morning by a terrific explosion. Lewis Polje, engineer, was instantly killed and Frank Armstrong, head miller, was severely bruised. Polje was literally blown to pieces. He was about 35 years of age. The accident occurred at about 9 o'clock, and the machinery at the mill was running smoothly so far as known.

William Turley, conductor on Burlington train No. 178, witnessed the explosion as his train was pulling out from Wilsonville station. He testified to a reporter at Beaver City that it looked to him as though the mill was lifted into the air as by a dynamite explosion and he could see the mill operators thrown to the air. The mill is the property of George Zulauf of Stamford, who hurried to the scene of the disaster. Passing through Beaver City on the morning train, thirty minutes after the explosion, he states that the machinery of the mill had been thoroughly overhauled and can give no theory for the accident.

LABORER KILLED BY A TRAIN. Engineer Does Not See Him Until Body Was in Air. MILLARD, Neb., June 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Martin Peterson was struck and instantly killed here by Union Pacific train No. 19. His leg was broken, head crushed and the body otherwise bruised. The accident happened at the street crossing west of the depot. Engineer Tucker says he did not see the man until the body was in the air after being struck. It was buried fully 100 feet. Peterson was a backsmith helper employed in the grading camp of Lamereaux & Peterson.

Burkett Guarded on Politics. BEATRICE, Neb., June 8.—(Special.)—While in the city yesterday Hon. E. J. Burkett, United States senator from Nebraska, discussed politics briefly. He stated that in the event that Theodore Roosevelt could not be induced to make the race for president for the third term Taft would undoubtedly have a big following in Nebraska. In his visit to many towns in the state during the last few weeks Mr. Burkett stated that he had found a great many Ohio people who admired Foraker, but the sentiment among them was not very strong for him as a presidential candidate. Senator Burkett left Saturday for Beaver Crossing, Neb., where he addressed the graduating class Saturday evening. He was accompanied by his private stenographer, George B. Tobey.

No Bail for Boche. NORFOLK, Neb., June 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Herman Boche must stay in jail until he is tried next fall for the murder of Frank Jarner, according to a decision rendered by Judge Welch at Madison today. Boche's counsel may appeal to the supreme court, seeking to get Boche admitted to bail.

News of Nebraska. WEST POINT—Michael Hickey, the alleged attempted train wrecker, was given his preliminary hearing before the county judge and was held to the district court in \$500 bail. HASTINGS—John Macher, a switchman in the injury of an excursion, was seriously injured by being caught between

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