

LAST CHANCE FOR CLARKE

Omaha Murderer Given Hearing by Governor Sheldon.

PLEA FOR LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Railroad Commissioners Accept Guide from Missouri Pacific Officials in Making Tour of Line.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Before his wife and numerous others, white and colored, Harrison Clarke, condemned to be hanged Friday, made his final plea for life before Governor Sheldon at the state penitentiary this afternoon. He does not ask for a pardon, but a commutation to life imprisonment. Clarke had an attorney, W. H. Crowe, but the latter had little to do because at the beginning of the hearing Clarke, at the invitation of the governor, made his statement, briefly and clearly setting out that while he was implicated in the murder of Edward Flury, he did not fire the fatal shot. He then asked that Clarence Gathright and Calvin Wain be called to testify. With his record spread out before him, he questioned them in detail about the affidavits they had made in his behalf. Gathright went back on his affidavit to a certain extent and refused to admit that he himself might have fired the shot which killed the conductor. Wain was a better witness for the condemned man. He said Gathright suggested holding up the street car and that Wain borrowed the pistol which had been carried by Clarke from Clarke and that the latter did not fire any shots. He told his story in a straightforward manner and asked to be tried under cross-examination, though he would say he was shot the conductor. He was of the opinion that Gathright did the killing.

Clarke read the affidavits made by each of the two witnesses to them and each admitted he had made the same of his own free will and without any outside interference. The affidavits have already been published and from the witness little was brought out but heretofore made public since the conviction of Clarke. Attorney Crowe testified that he had been employed by Clarke's mother previous to the overruling of his motion for a new trial, but had not got into the case until it was brought to the supreme court. Clarke repeated in his statement about what he said in the latter written to the governor and which was published at the time. His statement at times bordered on the dramatic, especially when he described how he tried to get Judge Sutton to allow him to employ an attorney. The court had already appointed two lawyers to defend him. The case had been called for trial. "If your honor please, I would like to employ an attorney," Clarke said.

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"I have already appointed attorneys to defend you," answered the court. "Do you mean to say I can't employ my own lawyer?" asked Clarke. "Is the state ready for trial," asked the judge, turning to County Attorney Shabugh. "The state is ready," answered Shabugh. "Take your seat," he said, turning to Clarke, "proceed with this case."

Clarke threw considerable force into his denial of the crime. After his testimony of Wain he called Chase Green to the stand and the latter corroborated Wain's statement, in that it was the same, he said, as Wain made to him the night of the murder. Wain was put in the same cell with Green at the time of his arrest and the two were together for two days.

Clarke at no time showed excitement, but on the other hand was perfectly cool and gave out the impression that the fact of the date of his execution is no close work of no moment to him. Mrs. Clarke sat with her husband during the hearing, but offered no suggestions. Benton Bell, Ole Jackson, Chase Green and many others were at the penitentiary, including the attorney general, deputy attorney general, and the secretary to the governor.

The governor took the matter under advisement. Clarke was sentenced to hang on December 13 (Friday of this week) and the governor will be obliged to announce his decision at an early date.

Guests of Missouri Pacific. Nebraska railroad commissioners are now guests of the Missouri Pacific railroad on a trip over the line to inspect the betterments that have been made. The entire commission left on the trip this morning and will bring the tour tomorrow.

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deputy grand master of the order in Nebraska and a former member of Buffalo Lodge, will have charge of the ceremonies and will be assisted by Grand Secretary L. F. Gage of Fremont, Past Grand Master J. E. Morrison of Gandy and Past Grand W. D. Voeberg, C. D. Ayers and J. A. Laximer.

Smaller at Wakefield. WAKEFIELD, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Wakefield, in spite of all the reports to the contrary, has but four mild cases of smallpox in the village. Two of these are confined in private homes, another at a boarding house, and Mr. Boyt landlord of the Commercial hotel in the hotel on the west side of the street. This house has been used only for rooming purposes. The first case will be let out of quarantine tomorrow. So far only two places in the country are affected, one at Art Blaugher's, nine miles south, in Wayne county, and Lemmy Hooper, four miles northwest.

The local Board of Health, considering the nearness of the holidays and the safety of the public at large, met in joint session with the school board yesterday afternoon and ordered all churches, public gatherings of all kinds stopped, and the village schools closed, the schools to remain closed until the first week in January, in this way losing but one week of school, as the usual two weeks' vacation had been previously arranged for. If there are no more new cases from outside within the next fourteen days, the churches and public gatherings will be allowed to go on.

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NOTES ON OMAHA SOCIETY

Monday Sees Usual Round of Bridge and Other Club Meetings.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR GROWING

Mrs. Ben B. Wood Announces Engagement of Daughter, Miss Wood, to Mr. William H. H. Cranmer of Denver.

Mrs. Ben Brown Wood has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Margaret Wood to Mr. William H. Cranmer of Denver. The announcement is scarcely a surprise to Miss Wood's large circle of friends, however, as Mr. Cranmer as well as his sister, Mrs. Mary Wood, have been in Omaha and has been entertained at the home of Mrs. Wood. One of the most prominent members of the young set, Miss Wood is a student at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., finishing at the Merrill Van Lear school in New York City. She was formally introduced the autumn after her return from school and the following year were the royal robes of the queen of Ak-Sar-Ben. Mr. Cranmer is the son of Mrs. Martha J. Cranmer and a member of one of Denver's oldest, wealthiest families. He graduated from Yale college in the class of '06. The wedding will be one of the fashionable affairs of the winter will take place in the near future.

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