

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 this, 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 it under cross-examination, though he would he say he 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 not 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 letter written to the governor and which was published at the time. His statement at times bordered on the dramatic, especially in the account of 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.

"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 recital of the trial. After the 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 so close was 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.

The recent special limit order was made on the theory that improvements had not placed the line in a safe condition. The road's officials have claimed since that conditions are so much improved there is no further need of the order. The commission therefore decided to make another inspection and the entire board entered a motor car provided by the road. Since the accident at Weeping Water, when one of the board suffered a sprained ankle trying to play engineer and inspector at the same time, the board has changed its idea on the subject of inspection and will accept the courtesy of the railroad in driving.

The three commissioners left Lincoln in a four-seated motor car provided with a conductor and engineer and at Weeping Water they will enter a larger car sent up from Coffeyville, Kan., for the purpose of making a long fall sentence.

They will proceed to Auburn and Falls City today and tomorrow will return by the Nebraska City line by way of Omaha.

Boy Promises to Be Good. August Schroeder of Creighton has asked Governor Sheldon to commute his sentence of imprisonment in the Lancaster county jail so that he may go home to his parents and be good. He is 19 years old and was given a long fall sentence for taking money from his employers in Lincoln. The governor has taken the case under advisement.

Saloon Men to Plead Guilty. Attorney Matt Gering has notified the food commissioner that the saloon men of Plattsmouth, who were proceeded against for selling food from ungraded bottles, will plead guilty and take the maximum penalties run from \$50 to \$100 in the discretion of the court.

Damage Case Appealed. Frank Anderson, who was injured in the Union Stock yards at South Omaha and who brought a suit for \$6,000 damages unsuccessfully in Douglas county against the stock yards company, has appealed his case to supreme court. He alleges an error that the trial judge struck out of his petition the allegation that the company should have maintained automatic couplers.

Lincoln Insurance Company. Lincoln insurance men today appeared at the auditor's office to protest against admitting to business in the state the Great Western Insurance company of Kansas City. The objections were verbal and will later be reduced to writing.

Dry Farming Congress. A call has been issued for a trans-mississippi dry farming congress to meet in Lincoln, January 23-28, for the purpose of boosting dry farming methods. The governor is asked to appoint Nebraska delegates to the meeting. The call is issued by Fisher Harris of Bell Lake City.

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. Boyd, 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 Hoogner, 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.

Nebraska News Notes. COLUMBUS—There will be a Farmers' institute held here on Friday and Saturday. PERU—President Crabtree announces that the Peru normal is prepared to accommodate 100 students next summer.

BLUE HILLS—Many hogs are being marketed at this point. Farmers are anxious to sell instead of feeding high priced corn. PERU—Rain began falling at 9:30 last night and continued till 7:30 a. m. today. It was accompanied by thunder and lightning.

ARLINGTON—The weather has been ideal and wire upon the public highways continues. The climate appears more like Texas than Nebraska.

PERU—The Crabtree spelling book, a work written by President Crabtree, is soon to be issued by the press of the University Publishing company.

GENEVA—Word has been received from Congressman Hinshaw that Miss Hattie A. Little will in all probability be appointed postmistress at Geneva.

MILFORD—Regular trains commenced running on the new high line at Burlington on Thanksgiving day and the through Billings and Pacific train Sunday.

BLUE HILLS—There is some talk of organizing a band. Twenty-two have volunteered to play, but the most important thing is to get a band leader.

COLUMBUS—At the annual meeting of the West Geneva Telephone company, organized by the farmers of the west part of the county, met at Columbus. Officers: President, James Jones; vice president, Henry Shaffer; secretary, J. B. Russell; treasurer, Charles G. H. body. Poles are being set and lines put up rapidly. Shares of stock are being taken.

COLUMBUS—The Ancient Order of Hibernians has just elected officers for the ensuing year. Officers: President, J. P. Ryan; vice president, John Curran; recording secretary, John H. Harty; financial secretary, James Haney; treasurer, John T. Cox; sergeant at arms, Martin Castello; sentinel, Edward Sheehan.

COLUMBUS—There was a mass meeting of the citizens of Columbus held last Friday night on the call of President Carr of the Commercial Union. The subject especially discussed was the holding of a Chautauque at Columbus. The meeting was addressed by R. R. Smith of the Redpath Lyceum bureau, and great enthusiasm was created and evergreen set in motion for Chautauque to be held for nine days in August.

ARLINGTON—Arlington camp 1904, Modern Woodmen of the World, has elected the following officers: William J. Ludwig, venerable consul; George Scaggs, worthy advisor; James J. Flinn, Paul Meyer, banker; Clarence W. Fagan, inside guard; John Francis, outside guard; Chester C. Marshall was elected a trustee for three years. An amulet was enjoyed by all present.

EDGEM—Mrs. Ella Calver, daughter of the late Hon. S. H. Brown, died of typhoid fever. Her brother died of the same disease. Her mother, Mrs. Calver was the next victim, dying on November 12. Mrs. Calver and a sister, Miss Gertrude, were stricken with typhoid fever. Mrs. Calver was buried from the Methodist church Sunday afternoon. Miss Gertrude still lingers and there are hopes of her recovery, though there are grave doubts.

MILFORD—The firm of F. S. Johnson & Co., proprietors of the Chautauque mill, is erecting a new cement dam across the Big Blue river. The drawing down of the water from Chautauque has increased the interest in the recent discovery of a spring in the pond that bubbled up to the surface of the water. The gas which bubbled rapidly on the surface when ignited. This is near where coal was reported as discovered away back in 1871 in the river bank before the ground was flooded by the construction of the mill dam.

STANTON—Mrs. Nancy Strickland Taylor was buried here yesterday in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Mrs. Taylor was born in Ireland in 1812 and was 84 years at the time of her death. She left surviving her three children, twenty-five grandchildren and thirty-two great grandchildren. She moved to this county twenty-five years ago with her son, William Taylor, with whom she lived until her death. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years. Her husband, Peter Youngers, the manager of the other booths were Mrs. Gesselman, Mrs. Sid Donahoe, Mrs. W. W. Blitckley, Mrs. John Blitckley and Mrs. G. A. Flory, while Mrs. J. E. Wescott sold chances on a hand-drawn game. The successful contest being Mrs. J. P. McCall. An officer supper was held at the club house last night. Almost all of the merchandise being disposed of. Two hundred dollars was raised and music in the Geneva schools is assured.

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Come and Go Gossip. Mrs. Stanton of Washington, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Kennedy, for the past two months will return home before Christmas.

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Prospective Pleasures. Another promising affair has been added to the holiday calendar for the younger set in the announcement of an "at home" to be given next Friday afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock, by Miss Marie Treachuck. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bryson will entertain the Poppleton Avenue Card club next Saturday evening.

The Dundee Dancing club gave a dance last evening at the Dundee dance hall. These present were Mrs. Joseph Barker, Mrs. Arthur Remington, Mrs. A. M. Cuddey, Mrs. Clement Chase, Mrs. E. M. Wilhelm and the hostess.

The Original Monday bridge club was entertained this week by Mrs. C. W. Hull. These present were Mrs. Joseph Barker, Mrs. Arthur Remington, Mrs. A. M. Cuddey, Mrs. Mrs. A. L. Reed, Mrs. Isaac Coles, Mrs. William Redick and Mrs. Charles Kouzine.

Mrs. Harry W. McVea entertained the Wood Dell club Monday afternoon at her home, 2312 Parker street. The afternoon was devoted to a Kensington and guessing contests. The women present were: Mrs. E. Lawler, Mrs. H. L. Dust, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Corryell, Mrs. D. Pierce, Mrs. Nielson, Mrs. Moss, Mrs. J. Foster, Mrs. Julian and the hostess. The next meeting of the club will not be until some time next month.

Week's-End Card Club. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kimberly entertained the Week's-End Card club Saturday. High five was played at two tables and the prizes were won by Mrs. F. O. Fahn and Mr. C. O. Talmage. Those present were Mr.



A Guaranteed Beer. The following guarantee appears on the label of every bottle of Budweiser. The King of Bottled Beers. "We guarantee that this beer is brewed especially for our own trade according to the Budweiser Process, of the best Saazer Hops and finest Barley, and warranted to keep in any climate." No other beer is sold under so strong a guarantee—none equals it in quality or sales. Bottled only at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery St. Louis, U. S. A. GEO. KRUG, Manager Anheuser-Busch Branch Omaha, Neb.

E. Burnham's Antiseptic Liquid Shampoo and Shampoo Soap. Says that Ordinary Soaps and Shampoos kill the Hair. Fully seventy-five per cent of the cause of dandruff and baldness are due to the destroying action of strong alkali in the ordinary soaps and shampoos that make the hair dry, harsh and brittle, give it that "dead" appearance and, in a short time—kill it!

Your Overcoat. It should be cut to suit your individual figure; not one in a lot for men of a certain height and weight. The Nicoll overcoat makes the wearer look prosperous—comfortable—and easy going. Specially priced this week at \$25, \$30, \$35 and \$40—but they're worth more. Better drop in and have the salesman show you these tempting overcoat values.

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Notes on Omaha Society. Monday sees usual round of bridge and other club meetings.

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