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of the river will last. The object of the diversion dike is to turn the water into the south channel. The Burlington is shortening the bridge across the Platte by filling up the north end and have a big gang loading sand and gravel at the bluffs across the river to do the filling. At present the strongest current is where the filling is going on.

CORONER'S INQUEST DELAYED

Farmers Living Near Smith Home Are Avoiding the Process Server.

SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The coroner's inquest over the body of Mrs. Frank Smith, who was killed by an unidentified assailant near Milford, will not be held until tomorrow. The coroner went to the scene of the crime Saturday and empaneled a jury and then postponed the inquest until tomorrow.

In the neighborhood are many Mennonites, who are greatly opposed to getting in the toils of the law, and their peculiar religious belief has made investigation of the crime difficult. One of this faith is on the jury. There is no further clue to the perpetrator of the assault.

District Court at Chadron.

CHADRON, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—District court has adjourned until January 21.

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Mrs. Smith's Skull Not Crushed.

MILFORD, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The post mortem examination of the body of Mrs. Frank Smith disclosed the imprint on the skull of the iron on the single tree, but the skull was not crushed in as supposed. On conclusion of the examination the coroner's inquest was adjourned.

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Nebraska News Notes.

BEATRICE—Royal A. West and Mrs. Eliza West, both of Des Moines, Ia., were married here today by Judge Spafford.

BEATRICE—John Kuhl and Charles Ford were sentenced to ninety days each in the county jail at hard labor for resisting an officer.

AINSWORTH—Dennis Collins, one of Ainsworth's oldest settlers, had a paralytic stroke last night and died at 3 a. m. Sunday morning. He leaves a wife and two brothers. The funeral will be held at the residence Tuesday forenoon.

BEATRICE—William Casely, who stole an overcoat here Saturday belonging to E. E. Hunt, a traveling man, is under arrest at Tecumseh for a similar offense. He will be brought here when the Tecumseh authorities get through with him.

GUIDE ROCK—Last night occurred the death of George Garber from heart trouble, following a long illness with inflammation of the lungs. Deceased was a relative of the late ex-Governor Silas Garber. A wife and five small children are left to mourn a husband and father.

HASTINGS—George W. Maxwell of this city is returning from the New England National trap-shooting contest at Wellington, Mass., with a record of high gun, his score being 99 out of 100.

Mr. Maxwell lost one arm some years ago, but there are only a few men in the country who are more expert with the shotgun. He is more expert with a one-armed shot who had a better record.

GUIDE ROCK—Officers of the Royal Neighbors of America for the ensuing year, recently elected, are: Mrs. Cora Evans, president; Mrs. Ruth Omsiede, vice; Mrs. Lena Sargent, chancellor; Eva Fowler, recorder; Mrs. Lois Evans, secretary; Miss Estel Steedman, J. S.; Mrs. Elizabeth Brehm, O. S.; Geo. Thompson, manager; Dr. Reed, Christian.

HASTINGS—Holiday shopping in Hastings would be much greater than of yore before. The postoffice has never done so large a business as within the last few days. Banking operations are being conducted practically on a normal basis. The year just closed has undoubtedly been the most prosperous in the history of the city. For a time, following the inauguration of the limited cash payment plan by the bank, a few merchants noticed a slight falling off in trade, but such effect is apparent none. During the twelve months over \$250,000 of residence property has been built in Hastings and \$2,000,000 of new business blocks have been erected.

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EXPRESS COMPANIES TURN

State Railroad Commission Will Make Them Come to Law.

POULTRY MEN GET RECOGNITION

Recent Raise in Rates for Shipping Exhibits Has Been Canceled—Return Will Be Made Without Charge.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Express companies of Nebraska will be obliged to report their business condition to the State Railroad commission or defend themselves in the courts. The board today sent out notice to this effect, and in case of refusal to comply the attorney general will be directed to proceed against them under the commission law.

When the express companies filed their reports recently, they were not in full. Few gave the interstate business and some did not include the salaries paid to clerks. It is with a view of ascertaining actual conditions that the commissioners have taken action. The American refused to give interstate business and the Wells-Fargo company refused to give salaries paid. The Pacific and United States companies did not report the interstate business, either, that originated in Nebraska or that entering. The United States company failed to give the earnings of the entire company.

Concession to Poultry Men.

Poultry men will be able to ship exhibits to Omaha's poultry show and return them free of charge, as has been usual. An increase in the rate recently established by the express companies will not be enforced. This is a result of an investigation made by the railroad commissioners within the last day or two. They discovered the companies were trying to enforce a 50 per cent charge of the first class tariff for returning poultry exhibits from the show after charging double the first class rate to send the chickens to Omaha. Under the law such a rate may not be enforced without the permission of the commission, hence the investigation. The express companies when consulted today, agreed to ship the exhibits and return them as they have done previously and later they will be granted a hearing by the commission on the justice of the proposed increase in charge.

The State Railroad Commission has received a complaint from Orr Bros. of Clay Center against the action of the railroads in increasing the minimum capacity of cars from 24,000 to 30,000 pounds. The Orr Bros. said they were notified of this increase October 18, after they had shipped out many chickens under the old ruling on capacity, and consequently the charges to them will be increased about \$5 a car. The commission can do nothing for the Clay Center firm. At the time the proposition was up to the commission permission was refused the railroads to put in this rate in Nebraska, though the commission had no jurisdiction over interstate business and could not prevent the railroads from making its rulings on interstate shipments.

As provided by section 8 of the terminal tax law the several county and city clerks shall prepare separate assessment rolls for the assessment of local railway property in the cities and villages. In order that the work may be uniform throughout the state George E. Bennett, secretary of the State Board of Assessment, has prepared blanks for the guidance of the clerks and will forward them at an early date, together with two copies of senate file 261, which is the terminal tax law.

The several county clerks must furnish necessary blanks for the listing of this property. It shall be the duty of the assessor upon the receipt of such assessment

roll from the county clerk between the first day of March and May 1 of each year, to value and assess all of the local property of each railroad company in each city and village within his jurisdiction as of the first of March of the current year. When the assessor has completed the assessment of this local property it is his duty to forward the same to the state board at the capital at Lincoln on or before May 1 of each year.

The law provides that on the first Monday in May of each year the state board shall proceed to assess for the purpose of the franchise of any company. It is the duty of the board to equalize and so fix the values of the various properties returned that the companies assessed shall stand as near as may be on a basis of equality with other tax payer in the same cities and villages.

Attorney General Thompson has received a letter from the clerk of the United States circuit court at St. Louis that the Burlington injunction case is the second case on the calendar for January 6. This is the suit brought by the Burlington railroad in the United States court here to enjoin the railway commission from reducing grain rates. The commission filed a demurrer to the petition in the federal court here and the demurrer was sustained. The railroad appealed, inasmuch as the commission intends to take a new tack on making grain rates. It is likely the attorney general will ask that the suit be dismissed.

The efforts of former County Attorney Slabaugh to secure the release of Paul Claycomb have been successful, and the young man will leave the penitentiary in time to eat his Christmas dinner at his home in Omaha. Governor Sheldon gave him a conditional pardon this afternoon. Claycomb is to report to the governor monthly and is not to use intoxicating liquor. Judge Slabaugh said Claycomb was not a bad man at all, but had gotten in with a fast crowd of boys and went wrong.

For love of a man Inga Anderson, a native of Finland, has learned the English language, sold a claim in the Klondike, traveled half way across the country and is now working day and night for the release of the object of her affections from the state penitentiary. The man is John B. Martin. He is serving a five years' sentence for assisting in working the old-fashioned padlock game on an unsuspecting traveler named Miller, who, while going through Lincoln to the coast, fell in with the evil ones and lost \$50. Martin pleaded guilty and got five years.

Miss Anderson arrived in Lincoln several days ago and soon her story was pretty well known. She was working in a restaurant out in Idaho, and Martin boarded there. He could not speak her language and neither could she speak his, he being a native of Norway. But in that mysterious way known only to Cupid it was not long before each was confident of the love of the other. Then they separated. The woman went up in the Klondike and started a claim. Martin's mind worked differently, and some two years ago he landed in the penitentiary of Nebraska. It was just recently that the girl discovered his whereabouts. Then letters were exchanged. Both began studying the language of this country and now both can speak it. The woman went up in the Klondike and started a claim. Martin's mind worked differently, and some two years ago he landed in the penitentiary of Nebraska. It was just recently that the girl discovered his whereabouts. Then letters were exchanged. Both began studying the language of this country and now both can speak it. The woman went up in the Klondike and started a claim. Martin's mind worked differently, and some two years ago he landed in the penitentiary of Nebraska. It was just recently that the girl discovered his whereabouts. Then letters were exchanged. Both began studying the language of this country and now both can speak it.

This momentous litigation resulted from the refusal of the local agent to deliver to Mr. Gardner a parcel of freight, consisting of two cartwheels and one axle, without first seeing the bill of lading. Mr. Gardner instituted an action in replevin in the county court and judgment for 1 cent was entered in favor of the defendant railroad corporation. Mr. Gardner appealed to the district court, where the case was tried on the same points of law, and the judgment of the lower court was reversed. The cartwheels and axle are valued at \$20.30 and the railroad has a claim for a little less than \$1 for storage. The court costs up to date amount to about \$30.

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