

POLICE FORCE DEFICIENT

Several Men Short and Some More Serve Notice to Quit.

NATIONAL GUARD INSPECTION

Petition of Railroaders to Raise the Flour Rate from Interior Points to Omaha is Continued.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Although the police force has been running for several months with several men less than the charter allows, the force promises to be still more depleted the first of next month, when Patrolman Joseph Haney and Patrolman F. J. Shannon have served notice upon the chief of police that they intend to quit. Both men are considered efficient officers.

At present the day shift of the department consists of three uniformed men. Last night Jacob Johanson, a wrestler of state-wide repute, donned the blue uniform and sallied forth. He is a big fellow and his first rought and tumble, it is thought, will open the eyes of any of the "rough necks" of the city, with whom he mixes.

National Guard Inspection. The annual inspection of the Nebraska national guard will begin on January 11. If the plans now being made in the office of the adjutant general are carried out. The officer who will make this inspection has not been decided upon. Thirty-one companies, will, in all, be inspected, three of these being separate infantry companies. The inspection by a regular army officer will be made a couple of months later. The officer who will make the inspection has also not been decided upon.

In the recent case wherein Cole-McKenna's cigar store was the scene of one of the clerks caught in the act of selling a box of fifty cigarettes to a minor, Deputy County Attorney Watson this morning stated that no further prosecution would be instituted against the company and in a letter to Chief Cooper, of the police, directed him to return the immense quantity of cigarettes taken up, to the Cole-McKenna company.

End of the Cigaret Case.

The Railway commission has concluded the hearing of the application of the Union Pacific, Burlington and Northwestern railroads for leave to increase rates on flour and mill feed to an amount equal to the rates on wheat and grain. If the Omaha millers ask leave to be heard on the side of the railroads the commission will notify the millers in the interior of the state to be present. The case was continued by the commission in order to await a decision from the Department of Agriculture in regard to a discontinuance of the use of bleaching processes in the manufacture of flour.

Rate Hearing Continued.

The millers allege that they will be almost put out of business if they are compelled to stop the bleaching of flour and at the same time pay higher freight rates on their product to get it to market. Under the national pure food law a ruling has been given against the use of bleaching processes. The Nebraska millers say they are compelled to use bleachers, because the flour must be white in order to grade well and it is impossible to make white flour from Nebraska wheat. There are 230 mills in this state, with an average output of sixty barrels a day each. The owners of mills say the price of wheat will be affected by the throwing out of bleachers in the making of flour. It is difficult now to get the Nebraska flour up to the high standard of surrounding states. One miller says Nebraska flour is excelled by that of Kansas, Dakota and Minnesota in the order named. The bleaching is done by electricity or by chemical processes.

TRAVELING MAN FATALLY HURT

Falls from Bridge and Strikes His Head on the Ice.

WILCOX, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—H. E. Bishop, a traveling man for the Page Woven Wire Fence company, who lives at Beatrice, was fatally hurt here late today. He is in company with several other traveling men came on a freight train in the way car of which was stopped a short distance from the depot. The men started to walk to the depot and Bishop fell off a small bridge, striking his head on the ice. He died a half hour afterward.

Hughes Sues for Damages.

CORFAX, Ia., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—In the district court at Newton, this county, yesterday was begun the trial of the big damage case of Michael J. Hughes of West Point, Neb., against the Rock Island railroad. The suit is for \$2,000 and is for injuries Hughes sustained some two years ago while alighting from the defendant company's train here. Hughes was coming here from Omaha on a night train and the train stopped for water or for some other reason before it reached the depot. Hughes avers that the porter told him they were at the depot and let him get off, and while getting off the train started and he was thrown under in such a manner as to have one leg crushed. He claims it was the company's fault that the accident occurred. He was taken to a local hospital and his leg was amputated at once.

More Park Litigation.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Eunice H. Wilber was granted a temporary restraining order by Judge Raper this morning restraining Mayor Reed and the city council from appropriating and taking possession of lot 4, block 26, for park purposes. The case was set for hearing January 4. This is the second injunction case brought by the plaintiff, the first one being decided last week in favor of the city. The petition attacks the appointment of A. L. Green, H. Fishbach and C. C. Farlow as appraisers.

Nebraska News Notes.

AINSWORTH—Winter has arrived here with six inches of snow. The thermometer is near zero.

AINSWORTH—The school here will close Thursday night and stay closed until after the holidays.

PERU—The evangelistic of Knowles and Blenauer at the Christian church has

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ended. During the two weeks which they have been working here they have secured eighty-two converts.

SCOTT'S BLUFF—A heavy snowstorm began yesterday and by this morning from eight to ten inches had fallen.

TECUMSEH—J. W. Cannon of Sterling and Miss Lulu Collins of Tecumseh were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. H. Phillips, in Lincoln, Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

BEATRICE—The plant of the Lang Canning and Dressing company has closed down for the season. During the season the company canned nearly 200,000 cans of corn, tomatoes, pumpkin, cider, etc.

SEWARD—Two young men are in jail here for pilfering around the stores of "Uncle" who were fined \$5 and costs and are "laying out" there sentences. They had been employed as corn huskers near "Uncle."

LOUISVILLE—While working in the National Stone company's stone quarry yesterday Charles Taylor had the misfortune to have both bones in his left leg broken just above the ankle by a stone rolling against it.

SCOTT'S BLUFF—The first meet of the Western Nebraska High School Basketball League will take place this afternoon when Alliance will play Scott's Bluff. Sidney, Alliance, Bridgeport and Scott's Bluff comprise the league.

PERU—The Young Women's Christian association will give a reception to all its members next Friday afternoon. Mrs. Crutcher will deliver a lecture and special music will be given as features of the program preceding the social.

McCook—Foreman J. D. Young of the McCook machine shop of the Burlington will be succeeded in that position some time between today and the first of the year by Gary Dale of Denver, who now holds the position of roundhouse foreman in Denver.

CENTRAL CITY—Manager Gistfelter of the Grand opera house is determined to have electric lights installed in the theatre whether a big plant is put in or not, and has accordingly given orders for the same to be installed in the building and install 150 lights at once.

HASTINGS—The Commercial club will have an annual banquet about the middle of January. A call for a special meeting of the club, to make plans for this event and to consider a lecture and special music will be issued by Mayor Miles shortly after Christmas.

TECUMSEH—Paine Bros. of Cook, this county, have sold their stock of general merchandise in that town to the Jackson Realty company of Kansas City, Mo. The residence are undecided as to plans for the future, but will remain in Cook for the present.

HASTINGS—S. C. Knee has resigned from the position of manager of the local office of the Bell Telephone company and has been succeeded by Mr. Lambert, formerly of Beatrice. Mr. Knee will engage in business in Oklahoma. His health was the cause of his resignation here.

COLUMBUS—Next Wednesday is the day set by the State Railway commission to meet here and decide whether the Union Pacific railroad station building is good enough for Columbus or whether there should be a new one. The Columbus Commercial club will receive them gladly.

PLATTSMOUTH—Homer, a 15-year-old son of John Dougherty, residing south of Plattsmouth, was stricken with paralysis while in school, which affected more than half of his body, and he is in a serious condition. The young man is conscious, but his tongue is paralyzed and he cannot talk.

TECUMSEH—William Forness, the pioneer harness dealer of Tecumseh, has sold his harness stock and residence building to J. J. Raab of Shelbina, Mo. The transfer will be made early in January. Mr. Raab, who has been in the same business in Shelbina, will move his family here in the near future.

SEWARD—Dr. Cummins has sold his residence property to I. H. Peary for \$10,000. Dr. Marsh sold his residence for \$4,000 to Adam Dumbell of Bee, who will take the position of traveling auditor with the Updike Grain company, vice John Muffinger, who has resigned to become cashier at the Jones National bank.

BEATRICE—In county court yesterday Judge Spafford rendered a decision in favor of the heirs of the John Warren estate in the case recently brought against them by the county court and inheritance tax in Missouri, Kansas and Canada. The court held that the county could not recover on lands located outside of the state.

PLATTSMOUTH—Mrs. Alice Mills passed away at her home in this city Thursday, after three days illness. She was born in Lexington, Ky., February 2, 1868, and came to this city from Omaha about two years ago. Her daughter, Mrs. Fred Frenk, and husband, arrived from Omaha today to attend the funeral services.

HASTINGS—Following the discovery of a case of smallpox among the pupils, all the classes in the East ward school were dismissed yesterday to permit a thorough fumigation of the school building. There have been several cases of smallpox in Hastings this fall and active steps are being taken to prevent further contagion.

PLATTSMOUTH—Maple Leaf camp No. 524, Royal Neighbors of America, has elected these officers: Oracle, Miss Garnet Cory; vice oracle, Mrs. Jennie Tulene; recorder, Mrs. E. J. Stranier; chancellor, Miss Florence Cory; receiver, Mrs. Louise Klinger; inside sentinel, Mrs. Julia Smith; outside sentinel, Mrs. Margaret Turley.

HASTINGS—Negotiations are under way for the building of an alfalfa feed mill in this city. Some mention was publicly made of the plans some days ago. The promotion of two other projects of a similar nature has been started by the same sets of men stand ready to build a mill, only one of the projects is likely to be carried through.

HASTINGS—The Salvation army is making its first effort for several years to provide a Christmas dinner for the poor of Hastings. The dependent class is especially small here and it is estimated that \$100 will be ample for the preparation of a dinner that will feed everybody in Hastings who cannot afford to buy his dinner on Christmas.

SEWARD—Robert J. Frass has commenced action in the county court here, in which he asks for \$1,000 from Irma Bowler, the village clerk at Pleasant Dale, this county, and his bondsmen. Frass was granted a subpoena license in 1907 and contends that he sustained damages to the above amount because the clerk failed to issue it promptly.

PERU—Miss Sherman, the aunt of Prof. H. C. House of the music department of the Normal, died recently at her home in Peru at the age of 78. Relatives from away attended the funeral, which was held today. Members of the Normal faculty served as pallbearers. The students and faculty of the school passed appropriate resolutions of sympathy.

HASTINGS—Charles C. Caldwell, aged 65 years, died Wednesday night at his home in Seward and the funeral was conducted this morning from the family home under the auspices of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. Caldwell was an early settler in this county. He leaves a son, J. J. Caldwell, and a sister, Mrs. Van Fleet, both of this city.

STANTON—The Women's Literary club held its annual banquet at the home of Mrs. John Klerly Tuesday evening. The rooms were beautifully decorated with holly and cut flowers. The banquet tables were spread in the dining room and library, where the elaborate decorations were in the Christmas colors, red and green, and the tables were resplendent in holly.



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| Suspenders..... | 50c to \$3.50 | Fur Caps..... | \$3.50 to \$10.00 |
| Handkerchiefs..... | 25c to \$1.00 | Silk Opera Hats..... | \$6.00 |
| Fancy Hose..... | 25c to \$2.50 | Traveling Bags..... | \$4.00 to \$25.00 |
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