

Nebraska

CONVICTS TO BE TAILORS

W. L. Cunningham of St. Louis Seeks Contract for Their Labor.

PLANS TO INSTALL MACHINERY

State Board Thinks Seriously of Proposition that Will Net Sixty Cents a Day a Man.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, April 17.—(Special.)—W. L. Cunningham of St. Louis is anxious to employ the prisoners in the state penitentiary in a tailor shop. Mr. Cunningham called on the members of the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings this morning and proposed to employ every prisoner who is able to work in the manufacture of clothing for laborers.

Should the board agree to his proposition Mr. Cunningham said he would install about \$15,000 worth of machinery and get busy in a month. He said that the broom factory costs the state less than the broom factory costs in the matter of heat and power.

Under the contract with the Lee Broom company the board cannot let all the prisoners to the proposed contractor, but it is the opinion of the board Mr. Cunningham will be willing to use a portion of the men, about 125, for the present. The Lee contract calls for not more than 250 men.

When it first began to dicker with the St. Louis man the board was under the impression it could terminate the Lee contract on six months' notice, but upon examination it discovered that the contract could be terminated after six months' notice provided the state used the convicts. This was put in the contract with the expectation that the legislature might take some steps to put in a twin factory or other manufacturing plant to be run by the state.

It is expected, if a contract is made with the St. Louis man that it will net the state about 60 cents a convict a day. Mr. Cunningham is anxious for a long-time contract and will meet with the board again Monday.

Under the law the governor makes the contract and it is approved by the board and action today was delayed because the governor could not meet with the board.

Should a contract be made with Mr. Cunningham the use of the convicts in raising sugar beets would not materialize, which would be very pleasing to the warden and to members of the state board.

Mr. Cunningham told the board if he were permitted to use the six female convicts he could furnish the state institutions with socks and stockings at 45 cents a dozen pair.

Mrs. Shallenberger Recognized.

Mrs. Shallenberger is coming in for some of the praise the governor received for signing the 8 o'clock closing law. Today she received a gold pin with the inscription, "8 p. m." engraved in a monogram. Written on a card was the following: "This little souvenir reminds me of the sentiment of four-fifths of northwest Nebraska. No higher honor can come to the governor of the state." The note was signed "T. M. Walcott."

Balance Case Put Over.

The hearing of the Raistrick case before the State Railway commission has been set for hearing before the Railway commission on April 23, and the complaint of the Updike Grain company has been set for May 5.

Hearings Before Commission.

The complaint of Edward Pyle, secretary of the Owners' and Drivers' association, has been set for hearing before the Railway commission on April 23, and the complaint of the Updike Grain company has been set for May 5.

Heads of Schools Take Sides.

The question now is, what will become of Superintendent J. W. Crabtree of the Peru normal school and of Superintendent Thomas of the Kearney school. It is very evident that Prof. Crabtree threw his cards into the hands of the newly appointed board, because he met with the board when it held its first session, and it is also very evident that Prof. Thomas has pinned his faith to the old board, because he failed to meet with the new board. There being a whole lot of human nature in the makeup of both boards there is some uncertainty about what will happen to one of the superintendents at least when the courts have finally settled which board is the real board.

Car Repairer Asks Damages.

Henry Ernest seeks to recover \$1,999 for the loss of the end of one finger through an accident while he was working in the car repair department of the Burlington shops here. He began action in the district court Saturday morning for that amount and alleges the loss of the end of the middle finger of his left hand as the ground of his action. Ernest was a car repairer and was working for the Burlington in that capacity.

Bankers Life Undecided.

The uncertainty of the Bankers Life insurance company uniting to build the ten-story structure that was anticipated at Tenth and O streets has caused considerable discussion among the stockholders of the First National bank who are interested in the erection of a building here. The property is owned by the First National bank and it is possible that a stock company composed of the bank and the insurance company directors may build a ten-story structure that will be the property of the two concerns and will be occupied by both. It is not yet known whether the Bankers Life will join in the project. It is possible that the Commercial club, the First National bank and the Bankers Life insurance company may all erect separate buildings.

Dog Attacks Child.

Fearing that his 2-year-old child had been bitten by a dog, H. C. Luckey of Fortieth and Holdrege streets had the child's wounds cauterized. The dog was gnawing a bone in the yard and when the child stepped near the dog turned about and seized his hand. The dog was acting strangely when it was taken to the police station and killed, and it appears possible that the animal was affected with hydrophobia.

Auditor Grants Hearing.

Auditor Barton listened to fifty or sixty insurance men this afternoon in the senate chamber talk for and against special contracts in policies. Besides making arguments for and against this proposition, some of the insurance men took occasion to boost their own companies and show up the weak points in others, all of which will be used by the state auditor later on.

Reading Circle Board.

The Nebraska State Teachers' Reading Circle board met in Lincoln Saturday, April 17, and adopted books for the teachers' reading circles for 1909-10. A set of three books was adopted to be furnished in a pasteboard case direct to the teacher.

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Land Crooks Do Big Business

Forged Deeds and Inquiries Arriving Every Day at Kearney Register's Office.

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LINCOLN, April 17.—(Special.)—A letter received by Register of Deeds Wheelock of Buffalo county, Friday, indicates a syndicate of land crooks is operating around Columbus, O. This letter contained another spurious deed and abstract for a section of land that is not even in the territory of DeSoto, O.

V. P. Churches, also of Columbus, O., is the purchaser in this instance and the documents are even coarser than those received here a few days ago from B. Serra of the same city. The same fictitious notaries' names appear on this one as appeared on the previous one and the deed describes the land as being in Buffalo county and as a matter of fact it would be near Hershey, Neb., in Lincoln county.

A volume of inquiries have been pouring into Mr. Wheelock's office asking about the nature of different pieces of land in this county. All are from the vicinity of Columbus, Charles Ferrell of DeSoto, O., states that he has traded for the same section of land that was deeded to B. Serra and wants to know if it is mountainous or table land and whether coal beds or oil wells exist thereon. John W. Moore of Cynthia, Ky., has bought a bogus deed for the same section of land in this county, but as per section number, it would be near Maxwell, Lincoln county.

Mr. Wheelock has returned the documents to the senders, advising them that Buffalo county land is not for sale through any "sight unseen" syndicate.

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