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Last Claims Against the General Fund Was Paid Thursday.

FRENCH FOR LINCOLN MONUMENT

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(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, June 24.—(Special.)—Nebraska has no state debt. Deputy State Treasurer Frank Ribick today paid off the last cent of the debt running against the general fund, when he took up warrants to the amount of \$76,911.88.

This is the first time the books of the treasurer have been in the clear since any one around the state house can remember, though on several occasions bonds have been issued and paid. But there has been a state debt practically ever since the state was organized.

When Mr. Brian took charge of the office of treasurer, the state debt against the general fund amounted to practically \$2,000,000. In March, 1907, when he began to keep a daily balance sheet, the state debt had been cut down to \$1,500,000.

While the state general fund is clear of obligations today it will be only a few weeks until the state will again be behind. The appropriations made by the last legislature have to be paid with this biennium and until December of January there will be little money paid into the treasury. Thus in the interim general fund warrants will have to be registered. The legislative appropriations totaled over \$4,000,000, of which the larger amount runs against the general fund.

It is to be of granite and with the accessories is to cost not more than \$25,000, while the figure is to be of heroic size and of bronze, to cost not more than \$25,000. The legislature appropriated \$25,000 and the remainder is to be raised by popular subscription.

Mr. French was chosen at a meeting of the members of the Abraham Lincoln Monument association, at which the following were present: General Manderson, of Omaha, Governor Shallenberger, F. M. Hall, Addison W. Secretary of State, and State Superintendent Bishop.

General Manderson and Governor Shallenberger both favored the selection of Gouvenor Borglum, but they were informed by Mr. Wait that both Gouvenor Borglum and his brother had withdrawn their names because they did not want to compete with each other. However, he expressed the opinion that if either was selected he would undertake the work.

Mr. French is to present a model to the committee and if the model is not in every way satisfactory to the committee he will make no charge.

The committee was anxious to have Mr. Hall, during his coming trip to Europe, take the matter over with the sculptors of the east and of Europe and select the man, but Mr. Hall declined to take the responsibility.

Ten Millions in Wages. Labor Commissioner Maupin has compiled the reports of the manufacturers of the state and the compilation shows that the value of all the products of all the manufacturing plants in Nebraska for the last year was \$1,200,000,000.

Only One Drunk. According to the local papers only one "solitary" drunk faced the police judge this morning. He fell off of a street car while under the influence of liquor Wednesday night. He was fined \$5 and costs.

To Stop Delivery of Beer. The excise board is trying to figure out a way to stop the delivery of liquor in Lincoln. Beer wagons have been coming in from Havelock to the thirty people in the city and are being taken to the depot and there are the vigilant police and those who want the city to be dry, in fact, as well as in theory. So when a big wagon heavily loaded with beer landed in the city limits a policeman was on hand to see where it was headed. He went around with the driver and took the name and address of every family to which beer was delivered. Just what is going to happen to the families is not yet of record, but the police have the evidence that the beer was delivered.

Colored Women in Council. The fourth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Federation of Colored Women's clubs opened here tonight with a speech by the Rev. John A. Williams of Omaha. Governor Shallenberger was billed to talk, but a misunderstanding as to the time caused this speech to be omitted. During the morning, headed by the president of the club, Mrs. Adah J. Lewis and L. B. McShee, a number of the delegates called at the governor's office and paid their respects.

One of the features of the meeting was an address by Mrs. Edwards of Omaha, on "The Value of Concentrated Efforts of Colored Women." Miss Helen Ricketts of Omaha also created very favorable comment by her readings last night.

The federation decided to build a home at Benson for the aged colored women of the state. The association has two and one-half acres of ground in Benson and it is on this ground the home will be erected.

Panko Contest is On. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 24.—(Special.)—The contest over the appointment of a guardian for Mrs. M. Panko has been on in the county court for the last two days. She is 75 years of age, and part of the heirs, her children, claim she is unable to properly handle the estate of \$20,000, which her husband left her, and they want a guardian to look after the property. This case is being bitterly contested and will be carried into the higher courts. This case has been in the lower courts for nearly a year.

Ice Houses Burned. MADISON, Neb., June 24.—(Special.)—The two large ice houses belonging to Stephen Jones, the only ice houses in the city, were consumed by fire early this afternoon. One of the buildings was struck by lightning and set on fire and the other took fire from the burning building. Both burned rapidly and were wholly destroyed before any effort could be made by the fire department and being without the fire limits no water was available. There was no insurance. Both buildings were nearly full of ice. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

Arlington Girl Dies Suddenly. ARLINGTON, Neb., June 24.—(Special.)—Miss Ella Zeigler, the 2-year-old daughter of George Zeigler, a prominent farmer living four miles northeast of this city, died Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. of heart failure. Apparently in the best of health she retired to her room and was found dying by her father. The funeral services were held at the residence at 2 p. m. Thursday and interment was in the Arlington cemetery.

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