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Attorney General Begins Fight to Enforce Anti-Trust Law. FAILS TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

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(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Attorney General Thompson filed suit in the county court of Lancaster county this afternoon against the American Surety company for failure to comply with the Junkin anti-trust law, enacted by the legislature of 1905.

The specific complaint is that the company has failed to file an annual report with the attorney general as provided in the law, and it has also failed to file an undertaking with the attorney general, saying that it will comply with the provisions of the Junkin act and all other laws governing such companies.

The penalty for failure to comply with the law is a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for one year or both.

The law applies to all foreign corporations except common carriers. Not one corporation has ever filed the reports and all are subject to the same prosecution as that which has just been started.

Attorney General Thompson has contemplated this action for some time, but the matter was precipitated by the action of the American Surety company in seeking an injunction against the state bonding board and the rates it proposes surety companies may charge.

Fight on State Freight Law. The railroads of Nebraska in their fight on the Aldrich freight rate law and the 2-cent fare law will stand on the valuation of their property as fixed by the State Board of Assessment. This stand is made by W. D. Mulholl, one of the railroad lawyers, at a conference between the attorneys for the corporations and the railway commission yesterday.

The lawyers asked for a delay in the hearing on the proposed classification of freight rates, as the hearing on the 2-cent rate bill and the Aldrich bill comes up shortly in the federal court.

The railroads will insist that the rates in effect prior to 1907, when the reductions were made, were then noncompensatory, and evidence will be introduced to prove this statement, said the railroad attorneys. The evidence introduced will be the valuation of railroad property by the state board.

The railway commission has not yet decided whether it will grant the delay to the railroads.

New Normal Board Busy. The new normal board, though it is unable to get warrants from the state auditor, is nevertheless getting busy and showing signs of being alive to the duties devolving upon such a body.

The board is now advertising for bids for the construction of the \$40,000 administration building at the Peru normal school, and it is also running an advertisement for bids for coal for the schools. The plans and specifications for the administration building have been prepared by the superintendent, but so far no one has gone in to examine them. Inasmuch as the constitutionality of the act which created the new democratic "nonpartisan" normal board is being tried in the supreme court, Auditor Barton will not issue warrants upon vouchers filed by the new board, which may account for the lack of contractors investigating the plans of the proposed building.

Fishers Plead Guilty. Deputy Game Warden Gullis and Special Deputy J. W. Gilbert of Friend enriched the school fund yesterday by the arrest of Gus Wildie, James Wildie and Charles Wildie and three others for illegally taking fish from a stream with a net. The men all pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$15 each.

Wayne Normal Abstract. Senator George W. Wittke of Cedar county was here today with an abstract of the Wayne Normal school property to be examined by the legal attachment of the state, as a preliminary to the purchase of the school by the state under the terms of the appropriation made by the late legislature. Senator Wittke said the people in the northeast part of the state are very anxious for the state to take over the school to come to a speedy end so they will be able to get busy and turn the school over to the proper board.

C. S. Allen, attorney for Thomas Majors in the suit brought by the attorney general to oust Colonel Majors from the new State Normal board because he was appointed when a member of the legislature which enacted the law, has made a proposition to the attorney general. Mr. Allen has asked that a stipulation be made to try the con-

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FALLS CITY—The large dredge is raising old logs and stumps out of the bed of the Nemaha river. The evidence is plain that the channel is not as clear nor as deep when this country was first settled. Instead of scouring deeper it has been filling up. Getting some of the drift out is slow work, but it is expected that this section of the river will be cleaned out this week.

NORTH PLATTE—Civil service examinations will be held at North Platte on the 21st and 22nd of this month to secure eligible applicants for appointment in the United States patent office and in the United States electric light plants. These will be the first civil service examinations held in North Platte, a recent order having placed North Platte in the list of places for holding of civil service examinations.

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