

Nebraska

WARM TIME IN STATE BOARD

Names on Cornerstone in New Asylum Building Cause of Row.

OBJECTION FILED BY COWLES

Resolution Ordering Contracts to Remove Cornerstone Goes Over After Hot and Extended Discussion.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Whether or not the retiring members of the state board of lands and buildings shall be commemorated, together with sundry Shallenberger appointees, contractors and architects, in a lasting memorial on the new hospital building at the Hastings asylum was the theme at a meeting of the state board today.

So warm was the session that it finally adjourned to wait the coming of Attorney General Mullen, who holds the deciding vote and whose name is not on the list inserted into the walls of the building.

When the contractor on the \$50,000 building at Hastings got up above the foundation walls he slipped in two large stone plates into one corner of the building and with the consent of the superintendent and steward of the institution and with the active aid of the architect engraved thereon the history of the structure insofar as those directly connected with its construction were concerned, the legislature alone being left out. Land Commissioner Cowles objected to what he called defacement of the building. He moved in the board meeting that the contractor be compelled to remove the stones and fill in with brick.

Here the row began. The two retiring members of the board wanted the record left in. Their names were in the list. Secretary of State Junkin thought to mollify the land commissioner, who characterized the inscription as a "fool stunt," by moving that the name of "E. B. Cowles, commissioner of public lands and buildings," be effaced and the rest left as now.

The commissioner served notice that the building would not be accepted without the stones being removed, that he would not sign the voucher for the final payment until it was done, and that it will cost the contractor more to force a settlement through the courts than it will to chisel out the stones and replace them with brick. He asked to have his reasons for voting against the acceptance of the building incorporated into the record. In this reason he says:

"Because a person happens to be a member of a board, or an employee of the state at the time a public building is going up is no reason why his name should be carved upon that building, because his rate of taxation and his ownership in the building is no greater or different than that of every other person in the state. Let us have a million names on the building."

The question will be settled upon the return of the attorney general, who is the fourth member of the board.

Will Make Strong Showing.

Warden T. W. Smith of the penitentiary is working on his biennial report and promises that it will show a strong financial condition. He says that he will present a deficit of only \$7,000, the largest deficit more than twice that amount two years ago brought to the legislature for the last biennium. He says that with the addition of a shirt factory the penitentiary has turned over to the state more than \$200,000 greater revenues from the labor of prisoners than was ever turned into the state general fund from that institution.

Ludd in a Fast Pace.

N. J. Ludd, the Wabash editor, who wants to be the next secretary of the state senate, was looking the ground over today. He declares with an appearance of sincerity that he will be the next secretary. He believes he has it evoted. Only three days ago his strongest competitor, W. H. Smith of Seward, who was secretary two years ago, declared just as emphatically that he would be re-elected.

Genius Wins Eighty Acres.

Game Warden Dan Gellius, who had invested in some Texas land to the tune of \$20 for a parcel, thus giving him a chance of drawing for larger stakes, has received a telegram from the seat of war that he has won an eighty-acre tract. As per the scheme, five eighty-acre tracts and one quarter section were to be given away to the holders of contracts on all the five-acre tracts. Dan was one of these numerous holders. So elated does he feel over his success that he threatens to leave the employ of the state soon and settle down to live on the proceeds of his lands.

Bank Officers in Trouble.

Albert D. Walton, cashier, and Laurence D. Duff, assistant cashier of the First National bank of Greenwood, were arraigned this noon before the United States jury commissioner on the charge of violating the United States banking laws. They are charged with embezzling and misapplying funds of the bank to the amount of \$25,000.

They waived the right to a preliminary examination before Commissioner Marley and were bound over to await the investigation of the federal grand jury. They furnished bonds as required by the commissioner, Mr. Walton's bond being \$10,000 and that of Mr. Duff being \$5,000.

Are Getting Anxious.

By telegrams sent this morning to the Interstate Commerce commission the Lincoln Commercial club is endeavoring to bring the commission to the consideration of the express rate case in which Lincoln shippers are involved. It is desired that the commission proceed at once to a review of the case in question.

FLIEGE ASKS FOR A NEW TRIAL

Court Will Hear Argument on the Motion Next Thursday.

PONCA, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—William Fliege has asked for a new trial and the court has appointed Thursday for the argument. Fliege had his liberty all through the trial until the verdict was rendered by the jury. He spent Sunday in jail, though his brothers, Fred and Henry, tried to get him out on bail.

District Court at Blair.

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The fall term of the district court was in session here all of last week, with Judge Day presiding. Several minor cases were disposed of and the really damage case occupied the attention of the court for the most of the week. About a year ago, E. S. Beatty, bridge contractor, in running to a fire at a neighbor's residence, picked up the end of a live wire and was badly shocked and burned, being unconscious for several hours and one hand is crippled for life. The fire was caused by a telephone wire which had been strung with an electric light wire, both wires having been run a short distance on the same pole. Mr. Beatty brought suit for \$5,000 against the Blair Independent Phone company and the Blair Electric Light and Power company. The jury rendered a verdict late Saturday evening for \$1,000 against the two companies.

The Key to the Situation—Does Want Ad.

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Prizes Awarded to Boy Corn Raisers

Guy Hicken of Gretna Wins Fifty Dollars Offered by State Board for Best Acre.

(Special.)—The first prize of \$50 offered by the state board of agriculture for the best acre of corn raised by a boy under 18 years of age has been awarded to Guy Hicken of Gretna, who succeeded in raising ninety-five bushels and fifteen pounds. One hundred and seventy boys entered the contest, but only eleven reported the results of their efforts. Those making returns are:

Premium Name and Address. Pounds

1st—Guy Hicken, Gretna, 95.15

2nd—Ralph Hickey, Gretna, 83.00

3rd—Audley Fellows, Walthill, 62.25

4th—William A. Wiens, West Point, 51.12

5th—Howard Hickey, Gretna, 49.12

6th—Ben Love, Valparaiso, 43.40

7th—August Burdette, Homer, 32.25

8th—Theodore Miller, Bloomfield, 31.60

9th—Lee Anderson, Gothenburg, 21.50

10th—Philip Urbauer, Clay Center, 21.00

Gage Corn and Cooking Contest.

BEATRICE, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Gage county boys' and girls' corn and cooking contest was held here Saturday, nearly every district in the county being represented. Roland Miner from district No. 1, a boy of 12 years, was awarded the sweepstakes prize in the corn contest. Gladys Nicholas and Bertha Shults won first and second prizes in the cooking exhibits of sewing. Cora Bentley won first prize in the bread making contest for girls of 12 years, and Bessie Thompson, first prize for girls under 12. Bessie Ingram of Blue Springs carried off first prize for cake baking.

Clarence Gully of Manslaughter.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of John Chacker, charged with killing John Thacker, brought in a verdict of manslaughter Sunday afternoon after being out nearly a day. This was the second trial of the case.

Nebraska News Notes.

TECUMSEH—Rev. E. H. Turner of Sterling, Ill., has accepted the pastorate of the Long Branch Free Baptist church of this county.

WEST POINT—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunker and their granddaughter, Miss Camilla Hunker, of Humphrey, have arrived home from a six months' sojourn in Europe, Asia and the Holy Land.

TECUMSEH—A fine automobile, owned by Holmback, Tyler at Sterling, was completely destroyed by fire. The fire originated under the machine and communicated to the gasoline tank.

WEST POINT—County Judge Dewald united in matrimony two couples from Stanton Saturday. The contracting parties were Marion White and Miss Emma E. Becker and Wilbur Brown and Miss Lulu White, all well known young people of Stanton county.

WEST POINT—W. B. Baker, manager of the Interurban Electric railway project between West Point and Lincoln, European representative, were here recently trying to interest the people of West Point in a proposed spur to this city to run from Oakland, Burt county.

WEST POINT—F. J. Wiesner, who was taken to St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha some weeks ago, has returned to West Point. His condition is materially improved. Mr. Wiesner is a veteran of the Civil War and is one of the oldest pioneer settlers of Cumming county, having homesteaded here in the year 1854.

WEST POINT—Roy Pilgrim of Emerson was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Burke of Bancroft at the home of the bride's parents in Cleveland township on Saturday. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burke of this county and the groom a young business man of Emerson, where the couple will reside in future.

WEST POINT—One of the largest real estate transactions has been consummated in Cumming county for many years. It closed Thursday in the sale of the Herman Knapp farm of 65 acres to J. F. Brockman for the sum of \$25,000. The farm is known as the old Conrad Paul farm and was sold by him thirteen years ago for \$35 per acre. Much of the land is rough and covered in places by lakes.

WEST POINT—The West Point city council has passed an ordinance regulating pool halls in the city, establishing a license fee and limiting the hours of opening and closing. The annual license fee is fixed at \$20 and the license is allowed to be open from 7 a. m. to 11 p. m. on week days and on Sundays from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. This is the first ordinance passed by the city regulating this business.

TABLE ROCK—At the annual meeting of the board of directors of the First National bank of Pawnee county, the following directors were named: Fred M. Colwell, to succeed himself for the unexpired term of E. D. Howe, and W. C. Fellows, to succeed himself for the five-year term. Subsequently the board of directors met and selected the following officers: Fred M. Colwell, president; W. C. Fellows, secretary; O. D. Howe, commissioner; A. R. Kern, Falls City, attorney.

WEST POINT—The Cumming county corn show is announced to take place at West Point on January 12, 13 and 14, and that date the poultry show and the farmers' institute will be held, the first two in the city hall and the latter in the court house. The officers of the corn show are: President, J. R. Koupal; secretary, W. A. Kern; of the poultry show, President, J. R. Koupal, secretary, Rudolph Brazda; and of the farmers' institute, Rev. Dean Ruesing, secretary, Dr. H. L. Wells.

TECUMSEH—Lorin Caley, the 12-year-old son of J. E. Caley of Sterling, who was struck in the head with a brick while attempting to stop a street fight among some boys Saturday, is said to be getting along as well as could be expected. He has been conscious most of today. His skull was badly cracked and Dr. J. W. Turner, the attending physician, removed several particles of bone. However, the doctor thinks his chances are even at getting well. The assailant of Caley, J. L. Feaster, is held under bond of \$1,000 to answer an assault charge.

PURSE SNATCHER IS HELD, BUT OWNER IS MISSING

Woman Fails to Show Up to Claim Purse and Money Stolen from Her.

Captain Evans declares he is encountering an odd problem in the fact that one of his men arrested a negro purse snatcher and he cannot locate the woman who suffered the loss of her purse. Shortly after a negro had rushed up to his victim and snatched the satchel she was carrying from her hand in front of the Holy Name church, Policeman Dymock saw a negro with the purse and fired two shots at him and arrested him.

The woman who lost the purse made a report at the police station and has not been seen since. The negro, who gave his name as George Dalley, is held at the station for identification and the satchel with an inclosed pocketbook awaits the call of its owner.

Helen Boyle's Sentence Affirmed.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—The state superior court today affirmed the conviction of Helen Boyle, who is serving twenty-five years in the Western Pennsylvania penitentiary for the part she played in the sensational kidnaping of Billy Whittaker at Sharon, Pa.

Aged Women Burned to Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Mrs. F. A. Hilliard, 74 years old, a wealthy widow of Milwaukee, Wis., was burned to death early today in her room at the Hotel Bristol. She set fire to her clothing in attempting to light a candle.

Lehmman Nomination Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Frederick W. Lehman of Missouri was confirmed today by the senate to be solicitor general of the United States. He succeeded the late Lloyd W. Bowers, who died in office.

NATIONAL BANKS PROSPEROUS

Comptroller's Report Shows that Deposits Double in Decade.

FOUR FAILURES DURING YEAR

All Clearing Houses Except Seven Show Increase During Year—Speculative Bankers to Be Eliminated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Another year of prosperity and solid growth for the banks of the United States is recorded in the annual report of the comptroller of the currency, presented to congress today. Not only the national banks which come directly under the control and supervision of the currency bureau are included in the comprehensive review of banking conditions, but state banks, savings banks, trust companies and other financial institutions—some 15,300 others—are represented.

During the fiscal year of 1910 the combined resources of the 7,900 national banks of the United States grew to approximately \$1,000,000,000. On September last their loans and discounts had reached the immense sum of \$4,600,000,000, an amount never reached in the history of the national bank system since its creation in 1864. At the same time they were counting nearly \$50,000,000 of overdrafts in their assets, a practice which there is no law to stop.

Combining all other banks in the United States and its island possessions, with those of the national system and allowing an estimate for those not represented, it is evident from the comptroller report that the banking power of the nation has grown in the last ten years from 13,977 of all sorts of banks, with capital of \$1,150,000,000 and individual deposits of \$7,680,000,000 to more than 27,000 banks with combined capitals close to \$2,000,000,000 and individual deposits of nearly \$16,000,000,000. The deposits have more than doubled in little more than a decade and in the same time the combined loans and discounts have grown to more than \$12,000,000,000.

Decrease at Few Points.

The volume of business is reflected in reports which have been assembled from 137 clearing house exchanges showing combined clearings of \$102,000,000,000 for the year ended September 30, as against \$128,800,000,000 for 1909. With the exceptions of Cincinnati, O., Houston, Tex., Greenburg, Pa., Fremont, Neb., Franklin, Pa., Colorado Springs, Colo., and Victoria, B. C., the year showed an increased volume of business transacted. The New York Clearing House association represented 40 per cent of the clearings of all associations of the country and during the current year has reached \$32,000,000,000, some \$3,000,000,000 greater than in 1909. For those enormous transactions balances of only a little more than \$4,000,000,000 were used.

Four actual national bank failures marked the year. Final settlement of the affairs of eighteen insolvent banks was made, in which depositors received nearly 56 per cent. These administrations were made at an average cost of about 5 per cent on the collection. From the date of the first failure, in 1905, 51 national banks have been placed in the hands of receivers and twenty-five of them have been restored to solvency. More than \$2,500,000 in dividends was paid to depositors of insolvent banks during the year.

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"The true secret of keeping the hair fine, soft and silky is the use of a dry shampoo powder. It is better than washing the head with soap and water and applying hair tonics. Too much moisture ruins the hair—makes it dull, faded and brittle.

Mix together four ounces of theriac and four ounces of crystal root and you will have a perfect tonic shampoo powder. Whenever the hair is dusty, or when you want to dress the hair for a special occasion, sprinkle a little of this mixture on the head and brush it thoroughly through the hair.

This will bring out all dirt, oil and dandruff, cool and refresh the scalp and leaves the hair clean, fluffy and lustrous. Theriac keeps the hair from thinning and encourages its growth."—Adv.

Second Trial of Oscar Jacobs Begins Today

Young Man Charged with Murder of Elba Roberts at Sturgis, S. D., Again Faces Jury.

STURGIS, S. D., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The second trial of Oscar Jacobs, charged with having killed Elba Roberts in the millinery store of Mrs. J. E. White here in January, 1908, will commence at opening of court tomorrow morning. Judge Rise will preside. Court did not convene here today as expected. Attorney Atwater for the defendant, having waived his right to examine the regular venire, the jurymen came in today from the northeast part of the county in answer to the special venire issued by the court last week. Most of them are people who moved into the county since the date of the crime charged.

A. H. Hamilton, the famous expert of Auburn, N. Y., arrived today and will be a star witness for the prosecution. State's Attorney Milak will conduct the prosecution unassisted.

Levy Jacobs of Wausau, S. D., father of the defendant, has arrived, accompanied by Frank Sears and H. H. Potter, who, with Harry P. Atwater of Sturgis, will conduct the defense. The prosecution claims it will have considerable evidence in addition to that submitted at the first trial. The defendant's attorneys announce that they will conduct the defense alone the same line as the first trial and expect to produce substantially the same witnesses.

DEATH RECORD

Mrs. Louise Brockman.

WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Louise Brockman died Friday at the age of 80 years. Mrs. Brockman, together with her husband, homesteaded land in St. Charles township in the year 1853. She is survived by eight children, four grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Sunday under the auspices of the German Lutheran church, Rev. M. Lemmer, pastor, officiating.

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The Time For Glasses

Is when the trouble first begins. A preventative is better than a cure. Our glasses, our lenses, our prices are three-fold lower than those of our patrons to us with a confidence that cannot be shaken. They have had our service—know it is best and stay with us. We should like to have you as one of our satisfied ones; you will then know the full measure of optical efficiency.

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C. A. WELCHER DRUG CO. S. E. Cor. 17th and Farnam Sts.

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Advertisement for The Time For Glasses. Promotes 20% off and features Good News for Santa.

Advertisement for COASTING. Promotes winter sports and safety with COASTING brand.

Advertisement for Leather Couch. Features Orchard & Wilhelm The Holiday Store and lists various furniture items.

Advertisement for Omaha's New Cafeteria. Formerly Robertson's Cafe, 308-310 South 15th street. Will open Wednesday, 10:30 A. M.

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