

Nebraska

BUSBY DIED FROM ACCIDENT

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict on Death of Watchman.

CANDIDATES FOR LINCOLN OFFICE

Whom New Men Listed on Primary Ballot for City Council—Doyle Will Run Against Plansburg.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The coroner's jury last night returned a verdict that Philip Busby, the state house watchman, came to his death accidentally and no blame is attached to anyone.

Candidates for City Election.

Three new men are now listed on the primary ballot for the city council. They are E. G. Magz, fourth ward; J. C. Pentzer, seventh ward, and E. H. Schroeder, fifth ward. Dr. Leinhardt, present councilman from the fourth ward, has not yet stated whether he will run again or not, but says that Magz will not be without opposition. Thomas J. Doyle has been listed as a candidate for city attorney by petition to run against C. G. Plansburg.

Genoa Boy Wins.

Another spirited class election was held Tuesday at the state university in memorial hall, Henry B. Pearce of Genoa defeating Dale Boyles by a vote of 187 to 164.

Pearce had the solid support of the engineering school and a majority of the academics, while Boyles was supported by the law students and the remaining academic voters. Pearce had nearly enough votes on the first ballot to elect him over the other two candidates. Pearce received 157, Boyles 109 and Rogers 2. D. M. Rogers of Randolph, the third candidate, withdrew on the first ballot.

FAST MAIL KILLS FARMER

James Stingley Struck by Union Pacific Train Near Silver Creek.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—James Stingley, a veteran of the civil war, about 80 years of age, was instantly killed by Union Pacific eastbound fast mail train three miles west of Silver Creek about 3:30 p. m. today. He was coming to town in a buggy, driving a single horse. At the crossing near the Wooster farm, the train struck the buggy near the front wheels, killed the horse and demolished the buggy. Mr. Stingley was thrown about seventy feet and his head struck the rail of the opposite track, killing him instantly.

HULBERT HEADS ESPERANTISTS

Taylor Was Elected Nebraska Secretary of United States Association.

KIRKVILLE Mo., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—R. G. Hulbert, who came here a short time ago from Taylor, Neb., has received notice of his election as Nebraska state secretary of the United States Esperanto association.

The only international language which has been put to practical use by physicians, educators, scientists and others is Esperanto, whose adherents held their sixth international convention in Washington, D. C. last August.

Considerably less than three years ago Mr. Hulbert began giving a little of his spare time to the study of this language and in a short time began correspondence with its users in other lands. At this time he had a collection of post cards sent him by Esperantists in Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America and Australia. He very few of whom know his name. He also has an extensive collection of periodicals devoted to different lines of everyday work.

Mr. Hulbert has contributed numerous articles to the press and made a number of converts among his acquaintances. He is a member of the Esperanto Association of North America and was one of the first members of the Nebraska state association.

Dr. Jenkins at Crete.

CRETE, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Yesterday Lincoln's birthday was appropriately celebrated under the auspices of Deans college and the Crete public schools. Exercises were held in the Congregational church. Dr. James Alexander Jenkins of Omaha delivered an address on "Abraham Lincoln, American." There was fitting music.

Nebraska News Notes.

BEATRICE—Elmer Nofsinger left yesterday for Turner Mo. with a pair of the Fulton bloodhounds to assist the officers in a robbery case.

BEATRICE—Nina Johnson died Monday at the home of her uncle, O. L. Savage. The body was taken to Blue Springs today for interment.

NEBRASKA CITY—J. W. Armstrong, one of the pioneers of this section, is lying dangerously ill at his home in this city. He is 82 years of age and came to this state in 1858 and has since made it his home.

BEATRICE—Susie E. Simmons was granted a divorce yesterday from her husband, William C. Simmons, and also the custody of the children. The plaintiff alleged cruelty and non-support in her petition.

BEATRICE—Charles L. Brewster, captain of Company of the city, has tendered his resignation to Adjutant General Phelps. He gives as his reason for resigning that there is too much gratuitous work connected with the guard in an official capacity.

FALLS CITY—On Sabbath morning at the new Christian church in this city services were given over to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief corps in the dedication and unveiling of the memorial windows that the two societies had given to the new church.

STANTON—The concert recital given by Mrs. F. M. Hawkins at the Raabe opera house Friday evening for the benefit of the Stanton library was a decided success. Both financially and as an entertainment. The proceeds amounted to about \$100, which will be used to purchase new books for the library.

NEBRASKA CITY—Mrs. Joseph Pritchard, who was one of the best known women of southwest Nebraska, died at her home near Star school house Monday aged 83 years. She was one of the pioneer residents of that part of the country. She leaves a husband and several grown children.

HARVARD—Joseph Megraw died at his home in this city after several months of illness. Mr. Megraw spent the summer of his ranch in Harlan county, Nebraska, but owing to poor health, came to Harvard the last of October and soon after was taken ill. He deceased leaves three sons and a brother and four daughters.

NEBRASKA CITY—N. A. Harding, the pioneer insurance man of this state, who recently suffered a stroke of paralysis, is slowly recovering and is expected to celebrate his eightieth birthday anniversary, at which time he said a number of his friends here were entertained at a dinner at the home of his son, W. S. Harding.

NEBRASKA CITY—Jess Cooney of this city was united in marriage last evening at Falls City to Miss Minnie A. Cooney, the daughter of the bride's parents. Mr. Cooney is an express messenger running between this city and Falls City, and the bride is one of the leading young ladies of that city.

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They will make their future home at Falls City.

NEBRASKA CITY—Mrs. Rhoda Kern has filed a suit in the district court praying for a divorce from her husband, Fred J. Kern. They were married at St. Joseph, Mo., April 25, 1894. She charges non-support. She alleges that the defendant is worth some \$20,000, and wants him restrained from disposing of his property and asks that she be restored to her maiden name, Rhoda Kern.

SOUTH AUBURN—Will S. Russell, near Bracken, has a cow which is considered a good milker, but which recently began to give milk of a peculiar quality. It is an account of this cow which is being investigated, and going to the pasture one day, he discovered the thickest pig in the lot sucking the cow like a calf. He took the pig away and shut it in another lot. The cow's milk was the best in the lot since she did for her own offspring.

SOUTH AUBURN—Three important actions were taken by the school board last week. The first one was the re-election of Superintendent J. A. Doremus for another year and the appointment to his work for the last two years, the board granted him leave of absence to attend the national superintendents' annual association. The board also took action to purchase a new high school building to cost about \$40,000. The matter of the bonds for such building will be brought before the voters soon.

FAIRBURY—Jefferson county farmers are all rejoicing over the splendid rain which fell this morning. This is the first rain since last October. Little rain has fallen since this winter. There is quite a diversity of opinion among the farmers as to the amount of damage done by the winter. Some of the farmers estimate that about 20 per cent of the wheat has been ruined by the long drought. The wheat went into winter in bad shape last October by reason of the dry weather.

FALLS CITY—Rev. P. Cooper Bailey of the First Presbyterian church has inaugurated a series of meetings to be held at the First Presbyterian church for the purpose of getting ideas of "how to make the city better." He desires to get the people of different vocations of life to give an expression of what they think. The first meeting was held two weeks ago, when the mayor was called for his views. The second meeting was addressed by Prof. Wood, superintendent of the city schools, and is to be followed by a banker, lawyer, physician, merchant and a member of the state senate.

NEBRASKA CITY—The old Thomas Thomas barn, a monster cottonwood affair erected here in the early days and built entirely of home-sawed lumber, being taken down because it has become dangerous. This was among the first feed and heavy barns erected in this city years ago and for years its proprietor and owner, Thomas Thomas, was town marshal and the chief tax collector of the city. In back in one of the recesses were found cards and newspaper advertisements dated way back in the 20s and the offering rewards for horse and cattle thieves and giving a description of some of them.

Pleanty of Water at Creton.

CRETON, Ia., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—A heavy rain, coming last night and falling nearly all night, combined with the snow of the past few days, has relieved the threatened water famine here. Up to yesterday morning Engineer Jackson of the water works plant calculated that the city had but water enough to last until the first of March. This morning he reports nearly 20 inches more water at the lake than there was yesterday morning. The railroad company has been hauling water for five weeks from Corning and Villisca, being shut off from the water works here entirely, but with the present outlook it is expected they will be connected again with the city water works today, thus ending the running of water trains for a time, which has been a big expense and a source of much annoyance to the company.

New Theater for Fort Dodge.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The Princess Theater company, organized today with \$40,000 capital, promises to relieve the unusual situation which has made Fort Dodge theaters for two years since the burning of the Midland. The company will build a \$40,000 playhouse, seating 600, the house being designed for a vaudeville house. It will undoubtedly serve as a regular until a larger one can be built. George Gillman is president, Joseph Wald-burger, vice president, and P. F. Nugent, secretary of the new company, and they have purchased sixty feet frontage a half block from the main business street. The consideration of \$12,750. Work will begin at once on the new structure, which is to be a small place, with ornate white front.

New Park for Fertile.

FERTILE, Ia., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—William Rhodes, a civil war veteran and one of the most esteemed citizens, who has made his home here nearly half a century, has decided to the town one of the most beautiful parks extant. Mr. Rhodes is getting along well in years and one of his great ambitions has been to build up the town of his adoption and it is quite probable that he will live to see an electric line running through it.

Alleged Robber in Escaped Convict.

MASON CITY, Ia., Feb. 14.—Edward Smith, who has numerous aliases, was arrested here last night by Iowa Central railroad detectives, who say he escaped from the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet a short time ago. He has had for a partner in crime at Humboldt, Clarion and Dakota City, Iowa.

The Weather.

Nebraska—cloudy, colder. For Iowa—Rain in the East. Shippers' Bulletin—Prepare forty-eight hour shipments, north, for temperatures of 2 to 30 above, west for 15 to 30 above. Temperature at Omaha yesterday: High, 38; low, 23; normal, 32; wind, S. by E. 4; humidity, 75; barometer, 30.1; precipitation, .00. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with the last two years: Normal temperature, 32; actual, 32; excess for the day, .00; total excess since March 1, .00; Normal precipitation, .30; actual, .30; excess for the day, .00; total excess since March 1, .00. Deficiency since March 1, .00; Deficiency for the day, .00; total deficiency since March 1, .00. Deficiency for the day, .00; total deficiency since March 1, .00. Deficiency for the day, .00; total deficiency since March 1, .00.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU OMAHA, Feb. 14.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding period 1911, 1910, 1909. Highest today, 32; low, 23; normal, 32; wind, S. by E. 4; humidity, 75; barometer, 30.1; precipitation, .00. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with the last two years: Normal temperature, 32; actual, 32; excess for the day, .00; total excess since March 1, .00; Normal precipitation, .30; actual, .30; excess for the day, .00; total excess since March 1, .00. Deficiency since March 1, .00; Deficiency for the day, .00; total deficiency since March 1, .00. Deficiency for the day, .00; total deficiency since March 1, .00. Deficiency for the day, .00; total deficiency since March 1, .00.

STANDING TIMBER MONOPOLY

Larger Part of Available Supply Controlled by Few Interests.

HOLDINGS LARGELY SPECULATIVE

Owners of Biggest Tracts Getting Enormously Rich Without Cutting a Tree—Herbert K. Smith's Report on the Situation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Concentration of the standing timber in a few hands, vast speculative holdings "far in advance of any use thereof," and an enormous increase in the value "of this diminishing natural resource, with great profits to its owners" and incidentally an "equally enormous land monopoly" and a "closely connected railroad domination—these are the findings reported to the president by Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations. In the first installment of his long awaited report on the lumber industry of the United States. The report was made public today by the president sending it to Congress. The report is effectively summarized in the commissioner's letter of transmittal. His conclusions, in a forecast of the future, partakes of the sensational.

"There are many great combinations in other industries," says the commissioner, "whose formation is complete. In the lumber industry, on the other hand, the bureau now finds in the making a combination caused, fundamentally, by a long standing public policy. The concentration already existing is sufficiently impressive. In the last twenty years concentration has progressed so that 100 holders, many interrelated, have practically one half of the privately owned timber in the investigated area (which contains 80 per cent of the whole). This formidable process certainly involves grave future possibilities of irreparable monopolistic conditions, whose far-reaching consequences it is difficult to anticipate fully or overestimate."

The commissioner reserves for later report the subject of combinations in the manufacture of sale of lumber (as distinguished from ownership of standing timber).

Following is substantially the full text of the letter summarizing the report:

Text of the Report:

The foremost facts shown are:

(1)—The concentration of a dominating control of our standing timber in a comparatively few enormous holdings, steadily tending toward a central control of the lumber industry.

(2)—Vast speculative purchases and holding of timber land far in advance of any use thereof.

(3)—An enormous increase in the value of this diminishing natural resource, with great profits to its owners. This value, by the nature of standing timber, the holder neither created nor substantially enhanced.

These are the underlying facts of tremendous significance to the public welfare. They are primarily the results of our public land policy, long continued. The laws that represent that policy are still largely operative. The past history and present status of our standing timber drove home upon us the imperative necessity of revising our public policy for the future management of all our remaining natural resources.

"Only forty years ago at least three-fourths of the timber of our country (as it is estimated) public-owned. Now about four-fifths of it is privately owned. The great bulk of it passed from government to private hands through (a) enormous railroad, canal and wagon road grants by the federal government; (b) direct government sales in unlimited quantities at \$1.25 an acre; (c) certain public land laws, great tracts being assembled in spite of the legal restriction for small holdings.

"The 1,000 largest holders of timber now forest regions; but, though vigorously condemned by several public representatives, they are still largely in force. In theory they were intended to distribute the land in small tracts for freeholders; in fact, they actually furthered timber concentration in vast holdings.

"The 1,000 largest holders of timber now own 83,730,000 acres of land as compared with a vastly wider distribution of public lands in non-forested, agricultural sections.

"During this interval, and chiefly the latter half thereof, the value of standing timber has increased tenfold, twentyfold and even fiftyfold, according to local conditions. The present annual growth is only about 1 per cent of the annual cut. Replacement by new growth is slow.

"What did the government get for the timber? Of the southern timber, sold for \$1.25 an acre, much is now worth \$30 an acre. Large amounts of douglas fir in western Washington and Oregon, which the government gave away or sold at \$2.50 an acre, now range from \$100 to \$200 per acre.

"The great Redwood bed in California was alienated on similar terms and it is now worth hundreds of dollars an acre. Practically none of the great forests in the public land states was sold by the government for more than \$2.50 an acre. The great increase of value gives grave importance to the concentration of ownership.

"Whatever power over prices may arise from combinations in manufacture and distribution (as distinguished from timber owning) such power is insignificant and of the standing timber itself or a dominating part thereof.

Fifty-Five Years' Supply.

"There is now left in continental United States about 2,000,000,000 board feet of privately owned standing timber, of which 1,750,000,000 is in the investigation covered in great detail by the bureau. This district includes the northwest, the southern pine region, the Lake states and contains 90 per cent of all the private timber in the country.

"In addition there are about 300,000,000 feet in the national forests and about 90,000,000 feet on other non-private lands. Thus, the total amount of standing timber in continental United States is about 2,900,000,000 board feet. The present annual drain upon the supply of saw timber is about 50,000,000 feet. At this rate the timber now standing, without allowance for growth, would last only about fifty-five years.

"The present commercial value of the privately owned standing timber, not including the value of the land, is estimated (though such an estimate must be rough) as at least \$2,000,000,000. Ultimately the consuming public will have to pay such prices for lumber as will give this timber a far greater value."

Interests that Control.

Proceeding next to consider the concentration of timber ownership, Mr. Smith says:

"Three vast holdings alone, the greatest in the country, those of the Southern Pacific company, the Weyerhaeuser Timber company and the Northern Pacific Railway company (including their subsidiary companies) together own 90 per cent of all our privately owned timber. They have 14 per cent of that in the investigation area."

"With the five next largest they have over 95 per cent of that within the investigation area. Finally, nearly one half (48 per cent) of the private timber in the area is held by only 100 great holders. The term 'holder' covers any single inter-

Chairs of Grace and Comfort

Among all master designers, Hepplewhite was the greatest in shaping chair arms and backs. Lightness, grace and daintiness were words which guided him in his work. His chair arm was brought down from the back with a graceful and simple curve, meeting another piece of wood which started on the front leg, turning naturally inward to meet the arm. In creating chairs today, designers study Hepplewhite patterns, trying to get the style of his backs, their graceful oval shield, lyre or heart shapes. With these models the modern cabinet-makers have combined more ease, comfort and strength than were supplied by their predecessors. But these chairs still possess the atmosphere of those gracious Georgian days—days of glorious knighthood, when chivalry and romance were everywhere. The historical connection of these designs, makes them most desirable furniture for the modern home. Chairs that follow the patterns of Hepplewhite are shown in our store at low prices.

Solid Mahogany Rocker—Upholstered with green denim, comfortable round-about chair \$31.00

Solid Mahogany Winged Chair—Upholstered with beautiful blue denim, very comfortable \$62.00

Over-Staffed Arm Chair—Upholstered in brown denim, extremely comfortable, durable \$45.00

Imitation Mahogany Reception Chair—Seat upholstered in green denim, graceful legs \$12.00

Golden Oak Rocker—Spacious seat, high back, excellent quality, attractive pattern \$5.25

Golden Oak Arm Chair—Genuine leather seat and back; fire-resistant chair of charm and comfort \$14.00

Solid Oak Rocker—Genuine leather seat, broad high back, heavy runners, saddle seat \$12.00

Solid Mahogany Wing Chair—Decorated upholstery seat, broad back, comfortable seat, pretty model \$50.00

Mahogany Finish Rocker—Genuine leather seat, broad arm, strong, comfortable \$12.00

Elizabethan Arm Chair—Cathedral oak, deep seat, high back, upholstered with green figured denim \$42.00

Hepplewhite Mahogany Rocker—Graceful, dainty arms, saddle seat, roomy, durable \$30.00

Dull Mahogany Rocker—Shaped back, broad arms, comfortable, strong, heavy runners \$11.75

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Platform Turkish Rocker—Upholstered with blue denim tufted, deep seat \$39.00

Sheraton Reception Chair—Solid mahogany, inlaid with satinwood, upholstered with green denim \$16.00

Chillingworth Chippendale Arm Chair—Upholstered in green denim, deep seat, high back \$30.00

Queen Anne Arm Chair—Solid mahogany, graceful line, artistic carvings, desirable, roomy \$90.00

Morris Chair—Imitation mahogany frame, tapestry or imitation leather cushion \$9.50

Golden Oak Rocker—Durable construction, solid runners, shaped back, deep seat \$2.50

Golden Oak Rocker—Genuine leather seat, high back, massive runners, excellent quality \$7.85

Cane Reception Chair—Solid mahogany frame, strong high legs, comfortable seat \$8.50

Genuine Morocco Arm Chair—Liberal stuffed, one of most comfortable chairs made \$55.00

Solid Mahogany Straightback Chair—Green denim upholstery, built along graceful lines \$17.00

Adam Odd Chair—Solid maple, green denim upholstery, built on dainty and graceful lines \$40.00

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Imitation Mahogany Arm Chair—Shaped back, English pattern, durable construction \$7.00

Mahogany Finish Rocker—Ancient model, roomy, excellent quality, broad runners \$7.50

Imitation Mahogany Rocker—Spoon-shaped back, comfortable, solid, rather massive runners \$5.00

Dull Mahogany Rocker—High back, spacious seat, strong runners, attractive pattern, strong \$10.00

Queen Anne Arm Chair—Winged sides, high back, solid mahogany frame, blue denim upholstery \$42.00

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