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JOHNSON GIVES UP WEAPONS

Condemned Man Hands Over Knife and Iron Pipe Had Secreted.

GRUDGE AGAINST EX-WARDEN

Declares He Had Been Dealt Privileges in Prison Accorded to Others—No Malice Now to Officers.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., May 16.—(Special.)—Thomas Johnson, the Omaha negro murderer, created a stir at the state penitentiary when he voluntarily turned over to Warden Delahanty a two-foot piece of gas pipe and a sharp knife which he had secreted in his cell some time ago. With the knife, Johnson told the warden as he handed them over, he could have taken his own life or with the iron pipe he informed him he could have slain the unarmed guard who stood watch over his cell.

Major Moore, janitor of the state house, was one of the party of men and women who called on Johnson Sunday at the penitentiary. Warden Delahanty was present. "Here is a knife," said Johnson, "with which I could have taken my own life any time, and here is a gas pipe that I could have used to kill the unarmed guard that has been coming to my cell." Johnson pulled the knife blade out of a crevice near the door sill of his cell and reached under his coat to get the gas pipe. The pipe was filled with wood, apparently to make it more solid. Johnson turned the implements over to the warden and remarked that he no longer had any malice toward any one. He turned his discharge from the Spanish-American war over to Major Moore and gave directions in regard to writing to his sister in Chicago, who his seven-year-old son is living. The condemned man does not want his old father to learn of his fate, he said. He did not care what his old father thought of the spirit he has left it, but if he had money he would have the body shipped back to his birthplace in Georgia for burial. Johnson expresses no desire to consult a spiritual adviser. Several years ago, after he had served a term in the Nebraska state penitentiary for burglary committed in a saloon in Omaha, he appeared at the home of Major Moore in Lincoln and represented that he had arrived from Chicago. He boarded there four weeks and joined the colored Baptist church. During his stay there he appeared to be a quiet and even pious man.

Johnson's Complaint. Johnson complains bitterly of the treatment he received under the administration of Warden Tom Smith and Deputy Weston. From remarks made by him in the presence of several colored men and women in his cell, he has become desperate and may have had in mind the murder of some of his attendants or officers of the penitentiary. He is well pleased with the treatment he has received under the administration of Warden Delahanty. His principal complaint against the former administration is that attendants would take other prisoners out for exercise in the open air and refused, on account of lack of time to take him out of his cell. For three months Johnson says he sat in a hot cell without treatment due to a human being.

Governor Aldrich is convinced that Johnson is guilty. J. L. Kasey, attorney for Johnson called again on the governor this forenoon and asked him to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment or to issue a reprieve and allow the application for pardon to be considered by the advisory board of pardons when that body comes into session on July 7. The governor refused to interfere with the death sentence. As the advisory board cannot relieve the governor of the responsibility, he does not care to postpone the decision which he would have to make after the advisory board hears the case.

Dental Society Meets. The Nebraska State Dental society, which is composed of almost 400 of the 600 dentists in the state, convened in this city today, with about one-third of the membership in attendance. Grand Island, which made a fight last year for the state meeting, intends to repeat the clash this year and is said to be prepared to win the 1911 convention. Hastings, which has launched a campaign to secure all the conventions possible, is said to be in the race and intends to be as successful as it has during the past two weeks. Omaha, which has alternated for convention with this city for several years, has also entered the fight, and its representative feel confident of winning out in the three-cornered fight.

Ready for Guaranty Tax. Secretary Royse of the state banking board, is sending out blank forms and instructions to the banks of the state in regard to the filing of a statement of the average daily deposits for the first six months of the present year. On these statements the amount levied against the different banks for the guaranty fund will be denoted, and the sum will be set aside accordingly by the banks under the provisions of the guaranty law. The transaction will be nothing more than a book affair, and will mean only the transferring of the amount or five assessment from the net earnings to the "depositors' guaranty fund." As it will be known to the banking board on demand, Secretary Royse further says in his letter that where a bank does not have a sufficient amount of

PRESIDENT OF THE NEBRASKA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.



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net earnings to meet its assessment the shareholders must stand an assessment in proportion to their stock holdings and the bank should not stand a reduction in capital or surplus therefor. "Certificates will be withheld," says Secretary Royse, "in all cases where the condition of the bank is such as to imperil the integrity of the bank guaranty act. Banks must be solvent before question before they will be given a certificate."

Next Governors' Meeting. Governor Aldrich has received notice that the next annual meeting of governors will be held September 12 at Spring Lake, N. J. The scope of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed have not yet been announced.

Jobbing Rates to Columbus. The Union Pacific Railroad company has asked for and obtained permission from the State Railway commission to grant jobbing rates to Columbus. It is said the Burlington road will be asked for permission to grant the same rates. Heretofore goods have been shipped out of Columbus on distance tariff rates which are much higher than jobbing rates. The new rates were asked for by H. M. Abis company, a wholesale grocery firm, which filed an informal complaint. The matter was taken up by the railway commission and the Union Pacific road has asked for and received leave to grant the rates asked for by wholesalers.

The Burlington road has been authorized to reduce its rates on sand and gravel from \$1.00 to 75 cents per ton, a reduction of 25 cents. The reduction was brought about by an informal complaint filed with the railway commission by A. M. Freeman and others of Geneva. The Farmers Telephone company of Maynard has been allowed to issue 4700 stock for the purposes of building new lines. The Missouri Pacific Railroad company has met the rate of the Burlington on vinegar from Falls City to Lincoln by reducing its rate from 11 to 15 cents. The Burlington has reduced its rates on corn and oats from Omaha to Henry from 23 cents to 20 cents.

Two Days' Good Roads Picnic in Merrick

Hundreds of Volunteers Will Surface Cross-Country Highway Next Monday and Tuesday.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., May 16.—(Special.)—There is no longer any doubt about the success of Merrick county's "across the county in two days" good roads movement. Farmers along the line who have been called upon for the donation of work have responded nobly, and already enough pledges have been made to insure the success of the project. The townships through which the roads are to be thrown up the grades, so that all the work that will be left for the two days' labor of the volunteers will be the surfacing and finishing of the road. It is proposed to haul sand onto the muddy, sticky portions of the road, and to load clay onto the sandy portions. The good road movement on the two days, Monday and Tuesday, May 22 and 23, will be like a big picnic, for it is arranged that the wives and sweethearts of the workers shall prepare meals and come to the picnic with them at meal time. Down at Silver Creek, the working men will supply the meals to those working on that end of the road. In Central City, \$500 has already been donated toward the good road, but not to be out done, a proclamation has been issued by the members of the Good Roads association here ordering every business man in the town, and all the others who will join, to close their places of business on those two days and turn in any help on the road. The proposed route of the good road is right through the main thoroughfare of Central City, and those who have not teams to go into the country to work, will be supplied with spades and set to work on the road through the city.

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Want Reservation Opened to Settlement

Commercial Club of Valentine Would Have Military Tract Given to Homesteaders.

VALENTINE, Neb., May 16.—(Special.)—The Commercial club of Valentine is circulating petitions asking the Nebraska legislature in congress to secure legislation that will open the 90,000 acres of Fort Niobrara military reservation to homestead settlement. They are asking that all that part lying north of the Niobrara river be opened up to settlement under the original homestead act of 1862 acres, there being some land along the north side of the Niobrara river of as fine an agricultural character as can be found anywhere; that on the south side, being more sandy; they are asking that the legislature open that under the 640-acre Kinkaid act.

The military vacated this land in 1905, reserving the reservation, however, for maneuver purposes and possibly for what is known as a remount station; that is, colts were to be brought here, grown out and broken for cavalry and artillery service. However, after five years, during which time the land has been absolutely vacant and devoid of any kind of use, nothing has been done and the people of this county think that the land is too valuable to be absolutely idle.

Seward Banker Found Dead in Corn Crib

C. W. Barkley, Thirty Years Cashier of State Bank, Dies from Effect of Bullet Wound.

SEWARD, Neb., May 16.—C. W. Barkley, for thirty years cashier of the State Bank of Seward, was today found dead in a corn crib near here with a bullet hole through his brain. He disappeared from his home about 5 o'clock a. m. and a search was immediately instituted. His accounts are said to be in good condition.

Frederick Wet Spots in Merrick.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., May 16.—(Special.)—After a period of two years of complete dryness over the county, except for an occasional light "oasis," which was generally quickly squelched by the officers, Merrick county is again in saloons, as they are a practical certainty in one town, Silver Creek, and a bare possibility in another, Chapman. Three applicants have had their petitions filed with the requisite number of freeholders, and filed their petitions with the clerk of the village board of trustees of Silver Creek. The applicants are Charles Kerkel, Edward Brown and Nicholas A. Shue. Their applications will be acted upon by the village board next week. In Chapman two candidates for saloon licenses have appeared, but as a petition requires thirty signers, they have not yet been able to copy and paste from Omaha to Henry from 23 cents to 20 cents.

Saline Sunday School Convention.

FRIEND, Neb., May 16.—(Special.)—The Saline Sunday school convention met here today and will continue tomorrow in the Methodist church. State workers are present including, Rev. Charles Lewis, state secretary of Lincoln; Miss Margaret E. Brown, state elementary superintendent of Lincoln; and Mr. K. L. Kimberley, state adult superintendent of Lincoln. The speakers on the program are Miss Margaret Brown, W. H. Kimberley, President J. S. Dick, Rev. W. W. Hull, Vice President, Rev. B. F. Farnam, Secretary and Treasurer, Russel Priestall, Rev. J. H. Schultz and Charles Lewis.

Russell Will Held Valid.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., May 16.—(Special.)—The suit of Ira Russell of Berwyn to set aside the will of his father, the late Elias Russell of Berwyn, was decided against him by Judge Holcomb in county court yesterday. Elias Russell willed his son, James, the eighty acres of land and Ira was not mentioned. He contended that his father was of unsound mind at the time the will was made. The defense offered testimony showing that Ira had already been given an eighth. The case will probably will not be appealed. The land is worth \$5,000.

Nebraska News Notes.

ALMA—Mrs. Josiah Craig died at her home in this city Monday morning after a long illness. BEATRICE—E. E. Abbot went to Grand Island yesterday and will make an effort to land the state convention of commercial travelers in this city next year. GREELEY—A very heavy rain fell here Saturday afternoon and evening and farmers are rejoicing that the threatened drought has been broken. Over an inch of water fell. BEATRICE—The little son of Frank Heaton of Holmesville, died yesterday at a local hospital. Death was caused from a peanut lodged in his throat and then passing into one of his lungs. BEATRICE—L. C. Mullenhoff of Stanton, Ia., and Miss Purdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Purdy, were married at the bride's home in this city yesterday. They will make their home at Stanton. BEATRICE—The local lodge of Masons held a largely attended meeting here last evening and put in the third degree work, after which a banquet was held. Members from Wymore and Pilley were in attendance. STELLA—The infant child of I. B. Jarrett died after twelve hours' illness with spinal meningitis and was buried yesterday afternoon. Another child of the same family died less than a year ago with the same disease. OSCEOLA—Osceola High school commencement exercises will be held in the

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FAIRBURY—The annual election of officers of Fairbury Lodge No. 4, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was held last evening, resulting: E. H. Burnham, worshipful master; Thomas Fowler, senior warden; F. W. Hill, junior warden and W. E. Underkofler, secretary. FAIRBURY—The graduation exercises will take place at the opera house Friday evening May 19. The class numbers seven, all girls, as follows: Myrtle C. Curry, Anna A. Dewhurst, Marie E. Shiley, Alice M. McBeth, Leone A. McDermott, Zella M. Scribner and Claire F. Sullivan. HOLDREGE—E. D. Gustavson and Miss Laura May Stevens were married yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stevens, surprising their friends who expected the event later in the year. Rev. E. C. Newland, pastor of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony.

OSCEOLA—W. D. Shelmadine of Osceola died on Sunday evening after an illness of several weeks. The deceased was 77 years of age. He had resided in Polk county for thirty-two years and leaves many friends here to mourn his end. He was an active worker in the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order Odd Fellows orders for fifty years. Funeral services were held from the Osceola Methodist church on Tuesday at 1 p. m. LOFTON—Funeral services over the body of Miss Hannah, the second daughter of Mayor and Mrs. H. C. H. Damm, were conducted by Rev. C. Eiler, pastor of the German Evangelical church, Monday afternoon. Miss Hannah attended school Monday and was in her usual good health and was greeted by her friends on the street Tuesday, but passed away Saturday morning with spinal meningitis. The public schools and all business houses were closed Monday.

HOLDREGE—Forty-one young people will graduate from the Holdrege High school this year, constituting the largest class that has ever graduated here. Commencement will occur the evening of Friday, May 26, and Honorable Richard L. Metcalf of Lincoln will be the speaker. Thursday evening, May 25, the ninth grade graduation exercises will be held and next Sunday morning the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Gaylord G. Bennett of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal church.

BEATRICE—Edward Bede, 30 years of age, narrowly escaped being killed outright at the Dempsey factory yesterday. In putting a belt on a pulley his clothing caught on a set screw and he was wound around the shafting. He quickly realized his predicament and placed his feet against a cross beam over head with the result that he checked the machinery, brought it to a stop and saved himself. His clothes were torn from his body and he will

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Niagara, May 27. La Lorraine, June 1. La Savoie, May 25. La Provence, June 8. Chicago, May 27. La Gasconne, June 10. Additional sailings at 2nd cabin prices, alternate Saturdays by popular one-class cabin steamers \$45 to \$82.50. W. B. Rock, 1284 Farnam St.; L. Neese, First Natl. Bank; J. B. Reynolds, 1505 Farnam; E. C. Shields, 16th & Farnam.

Advertisement for Berg Clothing Co. featuring a man in a suit and the text 'Beyond Argument'.

Advertisement for Storz Triumph Beer featuring a bottle of beer and the text 'A Triumph in the Art of Brewing'.

Advertisement for Brandeis Stores featuring a woman in a suit and the text 'Any Woman's Suit in Our Entire Stock \$17.50'.

Advertisement for Home Furniture Co. featuring a rocking chair and the text 'Spring Opening of Porch Goods'.

Detailed Census of Nebraska Counties table with columns for county names and population figures for 1910, 1900, and 1890.

Advertisement for 'IMPROVES COMPLEXIONS BETTER THAN POWDER' featuring a woman's face and text describing skin care benefits.