

Nebraska

BAN ON WOMEN TEACHERS

Governor Aldrich Rules They Must Not Go to Penitentiary.

NEW ORDER PUT INTO EFFECT

Discovery Made Federal Census and State Assessment of Land Values at Variance—Work of Food Commissioner's Office.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 8.—(Special.)—Governor Aldrich has finally decided to do away with women instructors in the Sunday school at the penitentiary. For a long time there has been considerable agitation about the matter and this was increased since the fatal assault of convict Prince on Deputy Warden Davis. Of course the presence of the women teachers had nothing to do with this affair, but simply served to focus public attention on prison affairs. Those who have only casually studied the question are as a rule of the opinion that women teachers are a good thing and that they operate as a refining influence upon the convicts. Those who have looked deeper into it, and these include ministers of the gospel, as a rule are of the opinion that the reverse is true, so far as the convicts are concerned, and if the custom has any effect at all upon the women engaged in the work it is for the worse.

Another result of recent developments at the penitentiary will be a change in hospital arrangements. For a long time the hospital steward has been a trusty convict, the last one being Dinmore. The passage of "dope" into the prison brought out that Dinmore had utilized his liberty and the peculiar opportunities which his position afforded to traffic in the drug and that he was the go-between through whom the convicts transferred the drug. He has already been transferred from his position as hospital steward and it now has been decided to place a student at the medical college at the penitentiary in the position of steward and intern. This plan is expected to be a benefit to the student and at the same time put a better equipped person in charge in the absence of the prison physician than under the old method of detailing a convict.

Muddle in Clay County. The last federal census and the new assessors law have between them involved the town of Clay Center in a fine muddle, which the attorney general's office has been asked to clear up. The town is located in four different townships under the law each township has an assessor. Before the late census this worked all right for each township assessor assessed the portion of the town which was in his township. The census showed Clay Center to have more than 1,000 population and under the law it should have a town assessor, but none has been elected. The authorities want to know whether one should be appointed and they have been informed that such was the case. This did not settle all the difficulties for one of the township assessors lives in the town and the authorities want to know whether he is eligible to make the assessment of the portion of the township outside of the town when he cannot assess the portion of the township inside. The local officials have been informed that the assessor should make the assessment outside, decisions of the supreme court being cited to show that the change in boundary lines of a district did not legislate out any official during the term for which he had been chosen.

Consult Over Colony. Louis Klein of Chicago has been in Lincoln consulting L. V. Guye, labor commissioner, regarding the settlement of a colony of Chicago Jews who are anxious to locate on Nebraska farms. These people were farmers in the old country and are desirous of getting back to the soil. They have only a limited amount of means, however, and it will be necessary for them to purchase on time and some of them will need other assistance, but this will be furnished by their own people. They are particularly anxious to get located this year and Mr. Guye is hopeful of accomplishing this. He has in mind a tract of land sufficiently large and which is especially adapted to dairying, with which these people are familiar and it is thought the deal can be consummated and the people move onto the land by the time grass starts.

Difficult to Get Coal. Some time ago the contractor who supplies the state institutions asked to be permitted to put in thirty days' supply of coal in advance as a protection against a possible coal strike April 1. Some progress has been made, but the large consumers of coal among the institutions have more than two weeks' supply accumulated, in spite of the permission to stock up and an effort of the contractor to do so. The snow blockage of the railroads and extra consumption due to severe weather, have made it impossible to get ahead as much as desired. With the advent of settled weather it is expected the supply of coal will be increased.

Census Figures High. A compilation has been made to show the relation between the assessed valuation of Nebraska lands and the valuation placed upon farm lands in the federal census and it shows some startling results. In some counties the assessed valuation is only 12 per cent of the value fixed by the census and in others it is 49 per cent, while the average for the entire state is 36.15 per cent. In no county is the assessed valuation as high as the census figures. The greatest discrepancy is in the counties where land is devoted almost exclusively to cattle range and it is evident in most such cases that the census figures are high and possibly above the actual value of the lands. One thing is apparent from the comparison and that is that either the assessors or the census enumerators have been decidedly reckless in placing valuations upon lands.

Keeps Hour for Himself. Governor Aldrich has found it necessary to make a rule that between the hours of 9 and 10 a. m. he will devote himself to his official correspondence and will not be accessible to visitors. Under present conditions interruptions make it almost impossible for him at times to attend to his correspondence.

Banks Go to Point. The Board of Public Lands and Funds has decided that the courts having held the guaranty law renders it unnecessary for state banks to give a bond for public deposits to permit the cancellation of such bonds already given, thereby enabling the banks to get a rebate for the premiums for the present year. This will amount to a considerable sum to many banks and in the aggregate to a large amount. The board also renewed the county bond given by John May, superintendent of the Lincoln prison, who died

French's Lincoln

STATUE OF LINCOLN DANIEL CHESTER FRENCH, SCULPTOR

TO BE ERECTED IN LINCOLN, NEBR.



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shortly after assuming office. This will enable his estate to obtain the rebate on his bond premium.

Work of Food Commission. The following is a report of work done by the food commission: Inspections, 64; as follows: 122 groceries, seventy-three meat markets, fifty drug stores, fifty-eight confectionaries, bakeries, restaurants and hotels, twelve feed and flour stores, five paint stores, four jobbing establishments, ten saloons and one bottling works. Dairy inspections, eighty-seven; chemical analysis made, thirty-two; sixty-five sanitary orders issued to business houses to clean up, three prosecutions, seventeen complaints filed. Fees collected and remitted to state treasurer, \$62.22.

Mrs. Hewson Will Recover. Mrs. Della H. Hewson of Morrill, has undergone another operation to relieve her from the effects of two bullets fired at her when her husband sought to kill her last May. Present indications are that she will soon be entirely recovered. One bullet struck her on top of the head, but did not enter the brain. The other, after passing through her hand entered the head and lodged in the ear passage. She was brought to Lincoln and the bullet removed and it was thought she was all right, but recently symptoms of paralysis developed and she was brought here for a second operation which, it is thought, will relieve her of all future trouble on account of the wounds. At the time she was wounded Hewson killed his wife's mother and tried to kill her brother, but only succeeded in wounding him.

Memorial for Smith. At the conclusion of the call in the district court this morning memorial exercises were held for the late Judge Jerome H. Smith, the principal address being delivered by E. J. Hainer, former law partner of Mr. Smith. After remarks by several members of the bar appropriate resolutions were adopted and spread on the records of the court.

BROKEN BOW INDEPENDENTS ENDORSE JOHN W. BRUCE

BROKEN BOW, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Following on the heels of the republican caucus which nominated John W. Bruce as a candidate for postmaster of Broken Bow came the people's caucus, which was supposed to represent the independent element of the city. As upon the previous occasion the meeting was well attended and the names presented were numerous. Resolutions, much along the same lines as those of the republican caucus, were introduced and adopted. The balloting proceeded without a hitch and in a short time all the low men were dropped from the ballot. Finally John W. Bruce, the nominee of the republicans, received a majority of the votes and was declared to be the choice of the caucus. As Mr. Bruce is now endorsed by both factions his will probably be the only official name to go against that of Postmaster Jules Haumont should an election be called by Congressman Kinkaid.

BROKEN BOW CITIZENS NAME TICKET MONDAY

BROKEN BOW, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—A citizens' mass convention has been called for Monday, March 11, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for mayor, councilmen, clerk, treasurer and city engineer. As there is a division of opinion and a good deal of feeling shown over the proposition of awarding the electric light company the contract for pumping the city water, thereby securing a day service for the people, the meeting promises to be a lively one. Two tickets will probably be in the field, and perhaps three, as the socialists have announced a call for a separate caucus.

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MAGGIE DAVIS IS ACQUITTED

Slayer of Ira Churchill Found Not Guilty of Murder Charge.

JURY TAKES TWELVE BALLOTS

Panel Finds that Woman Was Insane at Time Deed Was Committed After Eighteen Hours' Deliberation.

HARTINGTON, Neb., March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—A verdict of "not guilty on account of insanity" was returned in the Maggie Davis murder trial at 9 o'clock this morning. Few people were in the court room at the time the verdict was brought in. The defendant, accompanied by Miss Copenhagen, an unmarried sister, and her attorney, occupied seats near the door. The prisoner showed no signs of emotion as the verdict was read. The case went to the jury at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and twelve ballots were taken before an agreement could be reached. The four possible verdicts were "guilty of murder in the first degree," "guilty of murder in the second degree," "not guilty," and "not guilty on account of insanity."

The Davis murder case was called Tuesday afternoon and considerable time was consumed in getting a jury, about ninety takersmen were examined before a satisfactory selection could be made. The trial of the case followed the same general lines as the first trial a year ago. The state sought to convict for murder in the first degree and the defense aimed at acquittal on account of insanity. The contention of the defense was that the woman had suffered so much at the hands of the man she killed that she was insane at the time the crime was committed. Considerable medical testimony was introduced in support of this contention. The widowed wife of Ira Churchill, now Mrs. Moore, was a conspicuous figure at the trial. She returned home before the verdict was brought in.

History of the Case.

Ira M. Churchill was a prosperous young farmer and cattleman living in the vicinity of Cedarvale. His wife was an invalid and Maggie Davis was employed in the home as housekeeper. While his wife was still living there is said to have been quite a strong friendship between the man and his housekeeper, and after Mrs. Churchill's death this friendship, according to Mrs. Davis' story, developed into intimacy and there was an understanding between them that they were to be married and that their plans were all made for the event. Churchill made frequent trips to the Omaha market with cattle and on one of these trips he met and made the acquaintance of Mr. Rose, another cattle buyer, who was staying with his daughter at the same hotel.

Bridegroom Shot Dead.

Shortly after Ira Churchill and Clara Rose were married and the cattle buyer brought his bride home to Cedar county. On November 5, 1909, while Ira Churchill was milking in his barn, Maggie Davis walked in and with these words: "You know what I said I would do to you if you lied to me," shot him dead. Mrs. Davis was arrested, bound over to district court, tried, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in March, 1911. In November the case was reversed and remanded for trial and on Saturday March 8 the defendant was acquitted on the ground of insanity.

It is expected that Mrs. Davis will be released after she serves a short term in an insane hospital.

NUCKOLLS COUNTY WOODMEN REPRESENTED AT HASTINGS

NELSON, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—At a county meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America, held Thursday afternoon, delegates being present from seven out of ten towns in the county, the following report of the resolutions committee was unanimously adopted: We recommend that delegates be elected to the Hastings meeting, March 20, for the purpose of conferring about matters of general interest to the Modern Wood-

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"Forage" Disease Killing Horses

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 8.—(Special.)—A. Deostrom, state veterinarian says that the disease which has killed so many horses in Nebraska the last winter is commonly called the "forage" disease, because it is called, like the famous corn-rod disease in cattle, from something which is contained on the fodder which horses eat. He has an accurate list of the number of horses which have died, but estimates that from 750 to 1,500 have been victims. One peculiarity is that it seldom attacks the tough range ponies or horses of that class, but the better grade of animals are the usual victims. It generally appears about December 1, and cases of it are seldom observed after March 1. This year it has effected principally the southwestern section of the state, there not being many cases west of Phelps county and not many north of the Platte river.

Mr. Deostrom says there are more or less cases of it every winter, but it has been worse this year than at any time since 1888. It generally follows seasons in which forage has stopped growing during the summer and starts growth again from late rains, being caught by frost before entirely matured. Some have associated it with cerebral spinal meningitis because one of its symptoms is paralysis, but he says it is of an entirely different nature and is not contagious. It causes softening of the brain, which induces the paralysis, which is very rapid in its progress, the afflicted animal generally dying within ten or twelve hours from the time the attack is noticeable. As it comes from forage, the only preventative he knows is to change the forage on living animals when a horse in the feed becomes sick and if the new feed is free from the disease germs other animals will be saved. It comes, he says, not only from corn stalks, but from all kinds of rough feed.

DEATH RECORD.

John A. Fasick. TECUMSEH, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—John A. Fasick was born at Dayton, O., April 4, 1856, and died at Chicago, Ill., March 5, 1912. Mr. Fasick was a traveling salesman and has lived in Tecumseh since 1904. Besides the widow, three sons and two daughters the deceased is survived by two brothers and a sister. The children are Mrs. Maude E. Bell of Omaha, Mrs. Beulah Mabel Walker of Eddyville, Ia., Claude M. Fasick of Chicago, Harry E. Fasick and Arthur L. Fasick of Omaha. One brother resides at Dayton, O., the other at Lebanon, Kan., and the sister at Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Fasick had been in failing health for several months. His son, Claude M. Fasick, who came from Chicago to see him home some two weeks or more ago, that he might be given the advantage of the best medical and surgical skill in that city. He was taken to the Augustana hospital and given every attention possible, but despite these efforts he died at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr.

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