

Nebraska

LEE PUTS HEARING OVER

Broom Man Objects to Action in Governor's Absence.

ALSO OBJECTS TO PUBLICITY

Belief is Objection to Employing Many Convicts Will Be Unsatisfactory Working Conditions at Penitentiary.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 3.—(Special.)—Clinton R. Lee of the Lee Broom and Duster company, met the members of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings this morning to discuss matters connected with the employment of prison labor under the contract his firm has with the state. Ever since the trouble at the prison he has been employing from 125 to 175 whereas his contract calls for 225 daily and the state has proffered him that number, with the exception of a few days following the trouble. Mr. Lee has refused to take them, but declines the reason is his company is overstocked with manufactured goods. It was to settle the question of employment that the meeting was called. At the outset Mr. Lee, observing the presence of newspaper men, asked if the hearing was to be an open one. Being informed by Land Commissioner Cowley, and backed up by the other members present, that it was, Mr. Lee offered decided objections. The board members asserted they had nothing to conceal, but Lee insisted that the newspaper men misrepresented him and his concern and wanted an executive session, which the board declined to grant. Then Mr. Lee took another tack and asked that the meeting be postponed until tomorrow afternoon, owing to the absence from the city of Governor Aldrich, who is a member of the board, and this was granted. Incidentally Mr. Lee fortified himself for the hearing by paying on account of his contract \$4,027.35, which squares up for January and February, leaving March and April still due. It is for these latter months that the controversy arises over the charge for time of convicts contracted for, but not used by the firm.

Conditions Unsatisfactory. The hearing did not proceed far enough today to develop definitely what defense the contractor will offer for not working the men, but from remarks dropped at the meeting and elsewhere it is thought his contention will be that conditions at the prison render it impracticable to work the full force and it is also understood that he will claim the present officials and guards, by reason of their inexperience render it unsafe and that he cannot get foremen to supervise the work and that working conditions are therefore unsatisfactory. The board, however, insists there has never been a time in the history of the prison when discipline was better or as good and there has never been so capable a set of officials, taken as a whole, as now, and that this is particularly true of the guards, upon whom principally lies the responsibility for handling the convicts while at work. Board members say they will insist on compliance with the terms of the contract, not only to safeguard the financial interests of the state, but for the good of the prisoners. Another matter, which is taking the attention of the board at present is the proposed action of the state against the bondsmen of the contractor for the building erected at the Norfolk hospital for the insane. The state was compelled to take over and finish the work and the cost of this, added to what was paid the contractor, was approximately \$20,000 more than the contract price of the building. Former Treasurer Brian and former Secretary of State Junkin, who were on the board at the time, have been at the capital this week assisting the present board to figure out the amount the state is out in order that the suit may be brought. The Board of Public Lands and Buildings is advertising for bids for the erection of a large barn on the state experimental farm at Curtis.

MAN RUN DOWN BY AUTO BRINGS SUIT FOR DAMAGES

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., May 3.—(Special.)—Claiming that he was ruthlessly and carelessly run over by an automobile driven at an unlawful rate of speed, William Tibbitts of this city has commenced suit in the district court against Lee Williams of Clark, the driver and owner of the automobile which he says ran him down. He alleges that his knee was so badly twisted that it will cripple him permanently and that two ribs were fractured. He asks judgment for \$5,190.

GAGE COUNTY NEWS NOTES

Driving Club Organized at Pickrell—Tim Fenton Killed at Falls City.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 3.—(Special.)—The Pickrell Driving and Sporting club was organized last evening by the election of these officers: President, B. E. Ridgely; vice president, John E. Beemer; secretary, G. A. Roby; treasurer, C. P. Horn; board of trustees, G. L. Mumford, Frank Williams, Bud Waiser, Charles Ulrich, Elmer Lawrence, superintendent of speed, F. W. Mumford; base ball manager, Dr. A. Lee; superintendent of grounds, M. F. Day. The old ball park will be changed so that it can be used for either base ball or horse racing. Among the improvements will be a large grandstand. Tim Fenton, a former resident of Beatrice, was killed at Falls City Tuesday by being run over by a train. Fenton was at one time employed as a brakeman on the Union Pacific route between Beatrice and Valley, Neb. He left Beatrice about a year ago and engaged in farming near Salem, Neb. Later he entered the employ of the City, where he met his death. His foot caught in a frog and he was unable to save himself. Fenton was 21 years of age and leaves a widow and one child. The funeral of John K. Remmers, who was killed by a horse at Wynora Wednesday, was held yesterday from the German Lutheran church south of Wynora. C. O. Hammett, for nine years a resident of Beatrice, died suddenly yesterday morning of heart trouble. He was born to Marshall county, Illinois, May 7, 1833, and before coming to Beatrice resided for twenty-two years in Pawnee City. He is survived by his widow and five children. The body will be taken to Pawnee City Saturday morning for interment.

Half Minute Store Talk—

Here's something perhaps you've often thought of—but it's doubtful if any one, even your shoeman, has ever been able to explain to you. "What is meant by the size of a shoe?" A size is 1/3 of an inch. The smallest size is 6, infant's size—which according to an adopted standard is 3 1/2 inches long. They run up to 12—which is approximately 8 1/4 inches long. Men's sizes start from there and each size represents 1/8-inch in length. There is 1/4-inch difference between widths. It is not known why or where this size standard was adopted. Our shoe stock contains every size and width a man or boy wears.

OMAHA'S ONLY MODERN CLOTHING STORE

King-Swanson Co. 16th & HOWARD STS. THE HOME OF QUALITY CLOTHES

To find better suits than ours is impossible To find suits as good is a task---

Our suits are as good as the best and better far than the average. They're the most reasonably priced suits in town. They're sold in the largest, finest, most delightful clothing store in the West, and under the most liberal guarantees that any one can devise. They're shown in assortment fully double that of ordinary clothing stores. With these easily proven statements in mind why flounder around in uncertainty instead of coming direct to the clothing store that has the most right to sell you that Spring Suit?

Have you seen our \$15, \$20, \$25 suits

Until you have you cannot know how good and how stylish Spring Suits, popularly priced, can be. Any color you want, any fabric and any model.

Our \$10 to \$35 True Blue Serge Suits Guaranteed

When you buy one you are assured against faulty dyes and careless weaving and poor making. If it doesn't make good, we will. Anything fatter than that proposition?

Be Your Price \$10, \$40 or Any Price in Between

This store has more claims to your patronage than any store in town, because, we give you values that no other store can give. In the showing no good style has been overlooked, yet, our buyer has purposely overlooked every bad style.



Great line of automobile head wear.

Always the best at each price.

Give Your Old Hat a Lay Off

Come in and buy one of our creasable, dentable, tilt-able, pinchable, any-way-you-want-to-wear-it spring hats. Great line—every hat a quality product.

\$1.50 to \$10.00

Stetson's \$3.50 up.

The best \$3 hat on earth.

How do you like these boys' suit styles?

They, and scores of others are here to choose from.

\$2 to \$10

Greatest Two-Pants Suit Values on Earth—

No store in town is able even to offer single pants suits as good at the price. There is an ample range of sizes, styles and colors and it will profit you much to see them

\$5



Some Mighty Swell Furnishings Here—

Men wanting to wear the newest style should form the habit of dropping in to this store every week or so to look at the furnishings that arrive every now and then. Moderate prices always prevailing.

- SOFT SHIRTS—French Cuffs, collars to match. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2 Up
COAT SHIRTS—Plain or pleated, cuffs attached—guaranteed fast colors. \$1.00, \$1.50 and Up
RICH NECKWEAR—Silk 4-in-hands, narrow or flowing ends, 50c, 75c, \$1
WASHABLE NECKWEAR—The most beautiful you ever saw. 50c
SILK HOSIERY—All colors, fine and gauzy. 25c and 50c
LISLE HOSE—Gauze weight, in all colors. 2 for 25c
MEN'S BELTS—Black, tan, gray and white. 50c to \$1.50
PAJAMAS—Great line of plain and fancy stripe effects. \$1.00, \$1.50 and up to \$10.00
UNION SUITS—Lisle and Silk Lisle, short sleeves, ankle and three-quarter lengths. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50
B. V. D. UNION SUITS—Nainsook and linen, great stuff for warm weather. \$1.00 to \$2.00
B. V. D. SHIRTS AND DRAWERS 50c GARMENT—Fine Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers 25c and 50c a garment.

Men, Here's a Style Hint—

No matter what clothes you wear, how good or how stylish they may be, if you are not well shod you are not "dressed up." Our Spring line is just bubbling over with classy styles and every pair is full of quality, made for comfort and sure to prove the best shoes you ever bought.

\$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00 The Best Boys' Shoes in Town, \$1.50 Up. According to price and kind.

Central City Couple Charges Fraud in Real Estate Deal

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., May 3.—(Special.)—Charging that they were the victims of a real estate swindle, Benjamin Jackson and Ida Jackson, his wife, colored, and ex-slaves, have brought suit in the district court of Merrick county against Axel C. Thompson and Joseph Larson of Wheeler county. The plaintiffs claim that in their old age they went onto a homestead in Wheeler county and finally proved upon a section of land under the provisions of the Kinkaid law. In the summer of 1910, they say, the defendants approached them and represented to them that they owned a fine forty-acre tract in Oklahoma, which they desired to exchange. They represented the Oklahoma land, so the petition alleges, as being a fine little farm of very rich and fertile soil, with ten acres of fine timber, with many fine fruit trees thereon and with a house and barn and outbuildings of a substantial and valuable nature. On these representations the Jacksons say that they exchanged their Wheeler county homestead for this Oklahoma tract, receiving a cash difference of \$175. They claim that their homestead had about \$1,000 worth of improvements on it and that it is worth \$2,000. They allege that the fertile forty-acre tract had no improvements but a rotten little dugout, the land was poor and barren, there was no fine timber and no fruit of any kind. They claim that the place was worth no more than \$50. They ask a judgment against Thompson and Larson for \$2,500, which they claim is the difference in value between the Oklahoma land and their homestead. The Jacksons have been making their home in Central City for the last few months.

Echtencamp Insists That He Feared Flegge

PENDER, Neb., May 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Albert Echtencamp resumed the witness stand this morning in the case of William Flegge. He persistently stuck to his story about the shooting at the Flegge home and although questioned over and over as to why he did not report it sooner, he gave but the one answer "That he was afraid of William Flegge." The state rested its case at the conclusion of Echtencamp's testimony. The first witness put on the stand by the defense was Chris Wischoff, a neighbor of the Flegges. Mr. Wischoff was census enumerator in the precinct where the Flegges live and testified that while taking the census in April, 1910, he took dinner at the Flegge home, and spent some time there. He found the relations existing between William Flegge and his sister, Louise, to be very pleasant in every way. Fred Flegge, a brother of the accused man, was next called. He also stated that his brother and sister got along pleasantly together and testified what took place after his arrival at their home on the day of the murder. The deposition of George Bannon, a mail carrier at Wakefield, who carries mail through the Flegge neighborhood, was admitted. In it he states he passed the Flegge home about 2 o'clock on the day of the murder and saw Albert Echtencamp coming out of the cornfield with a team. Mrs. Henry Frewert, sister of the defendant and the murdered woman, was called to the witness stand and bore testimony to what took place at their home on the evening of the murder after her arrival. She testified to the finding of her sister's pocketbook which was reported stolen.

Despondency Causes Man to End His Life

HARTINGTON, Neb., May 3.—(Special Telegram.)—L. Stingsfield, commonly known as "Doc," hung himself at Coleridge this morning. He came from Laurel, where he ran a pool hall, but was closed out. He attempted unsuccessfully to open one at Coleridge and despondency over his bad fortune, was probably the cause of his committing suicide. He was 45 years old and had two children living in Kansas. His wife is dead. He had \$200 life insurance and he told his landlady at Coleridge today that he would be worth more dead than alive. Coleridge people saw him passing with a rope this morning, but thought nothing of it. The body was found in the Benson elevator with the feet just touching the floor.

BIDS ARE RECEIVED FOR THE MILLER PARK SCHOOL

Bids for the construction of the Miller Park school have been received by the buildings and grounds committee of the Board of Education, opened and read. E. P. Gould & Son of Omaha were lowest of the dozen bidders, proffering to build the school for \$23,000, exclusive of heating and plumbing. For a slate roof Gould & Son stipulated they would need \$50 extra. Bids run as high as \$28,000. More than \$20,000 could not be invested in the building, if the order of the board is carried out.

BERWYN MAN CHARGED WITH WIFE ABANDONMENT

BROKEN BOW, Neb., May 3.—(Special.)—William B. Meeker of Berwyn has been arrested on the charge of abandoning his young wife. According to his wife's statement to the county attorney the two are first cousins and owing to the fact they could not be married in this state, but went to Colorado three years ago, where the ceremony was performed. They returned to Berwyn and in last January, it is alleged, her husband disappeared, leaving her entirely without support. County Attorney Beal finally located Meeker at Comstock, this county, and Sheriff Wilson went over there the first part of the week and arrested him. When taken before County Judge Holcomb, the defendant refused to entertain any proposition regarding reconciliation or contributing toward the support of his wife. He was accordingly placed under \$200 bonds to appear for preliminary hearing May 12. Bonds were furnished by the defendant's father.

GRAND LODGE MASONS WILL LAY CORNERSTONE

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., May 3.—(Special.)—It has now been definitely decided that the cornerstone of Merrick county's new \$20,000 court house will be laid on May 21, and that the ceremonies attending this event will be in charge of the members of the Masonic order. The county board has extended an invitation to this order to take charge and they have accepted. The members of the grand lodge will be here under the direc-

LOVELORN LAD TURNS BANDIT

Without Funds to Take Wife, He Attempts to Hold Up Street Car.

CREW PUTS UP A HARD BATTLE

Roy Emerson Was to Have Been Married to Miss Marguerite Smith, Daughter of Contractor, Next Week.

Love drove Roy Parsons to a cell in the city jail. He was to have been married on May 11 to Miss Marguerite Smith, 229 Parker street, the daughter of Con-

tractor John Smith, and being out of a job and without funds he chose highway robbery as a quick way to secure the needed amount and to avoid disappointing his sweetheart.

"I guess I'm crazy," young Parsons told the reporter. "You see, I've known Maggie for a long time, and we're awfully fond of each other. We were to have been married on May 11, and I didn't want to borrow or ask any favors from her father, so I just made the attempt. Had I been successful the first time I suppose I would have gone ahead and stuck up cars all night, and perhaps every night until I had gotten enough money."

Persistent Advertising in the Road to Big Returns.

UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING STUDENTS VISIT HERE

A party of thirty senior and junior students of the engineering classes at the University of Nebraska arrived in Omaha Thursday to make a two days' inspection of various engineering and electrical plants. They are in charge of Prof. V. L. Hollister.

The party camped in from Lincoln over the Burlington and left the train at South Omaha. At 9:30 o'clock they were shown through Armour's packing plant by Superintendent John E. O'Brien. At 11 o'clock they inspected the electrical substation of the street railway at Twenty-fourth and O streets. At noon they were

the guests of the Young Men's Christian association. During their stay here the party will inspect the water plant, the Union Pacific shops and other large plants and factories.

ROGER BRESNAHAN IS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL

ST. LOUIS, May 3.—It was learned this morning that Roger Bresnahan, manager of the local team of the National Base Ball league, was taken to a hospital last night suffering with incipient pneumonia. Bresnahan contracted a severe cold before the team went to Pittsburgh and aggravated matters by directing his men on wet fields in Pittsburgh and Chicago.



Saturday Saturday A Sale of Dresses the Magnitude of Which Has Never Before Been Equalled By Any Firm in Omaha or the Entire West. Evening Gowns and Beautiful Afternoon Dresses

A week ago most of these Dresses sold at double the price we're asking for them Saturday and not a dress in the lot but would cost you two to three times as much to have made by your dressmaker; they're truly matchless. Over enthusiasm on the part of one of New York's foremost dress-making establishments led them to make in excess of demand—hence an over production and the immediate necessity for their disposal. A Deal was Closed by Which we will Offer One Thousand Beautiful New Gowns and Dresses At less than Cost to Manufacture Over 50 models to select from—34 to 44 sizes for women. 14 to 18 yrs. for Misses. Taffetas, Foulards, Eoliennes, Serges, Messalines.

- \$10.75 For Gowns and Dresses worth \$16.50 to \$22.50
\$18.50 For Gowns and Dresses worth \$25.00 to \$35.00
\$25.00 For Gowns and Dresses worth \$35.00 to \$50.00

They could not be prettier or made better by the most expensive dressmaker in Omaha at two to three times the prices we ask. There are Dresses and Gowns for every occasion—every one of them absolutely new; the most bewitching styles in a wealth of beautiful colorings and materials—elegance is shown in every garment. Come early Saturday and secure first choice of this marvelous lot of gown and dress bargains.

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