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SPLIT ON MEDICAL SCHOOLS

Standing of Two Colleges Must Be Settled by Board of Secretaries. POPULISTS GIVE UP THE GHOST Democrats Who Got Nomination on Other Party Disposed to Allow Same to Go by Default—Pure Food Law Effective.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—The board of secretaries of the Board of Health did nothing with the matter of passing on the standing of the medical colleges of the state and after the meetings this week the whole question remains just where it was with the recommendations of Drs. Fall and Dodson, filed some days ago with the board, though these have never been voted on by the board of secretaries.

The other two members have made no report on the question, standing by the theory that before such a report is legal it must be brought up and voted on by the entire board of secretaries. Tuesday and Wednesday the secretaries met, but on neither occasion were all four members present and any attempt to bring the question to an issue without all being present would have been futile, as the faction which found itself in the minority would have broken a quorum. There is a lingering suspicion that nothing will be done in the matter until after the new member takes his seat in July, and even then there is the outlook that it will be a divided report which the Board of Health, which is composed of the governor, attorney general and superintendent of schools, will have to act upon. In the meantime the students of the university school of medicine and of Cotner find themselves in an embarrassing position, though in the case of the university school it is not so bad, as the board is agreed upon the question of permitting them to take their examinations and the objections to that school raised in the Fall and Dodson report probably will be removed before the commencement of another school year.

Hansen Helped by Jobbers. Pure Food Commissioner Hansen feels much encouraged over the manner in which the jobbers of the state are co-operating with his department in the enforcement of the law. They are adopting the plan of immediately reporting to Mr. Hansen the receipt of goods which in any way, according to their opinion, fail to come up to the requirements of the Nebraska law. A case in point was the receipt by one of a consignment of chili-coriander which did not carry the stamp of net weight. They have written the manufacturers to remedy the defect before the goods can be placed on the market and the request has been complied with. Mr. Hansen is confident that with the co-operation of jobbers it will be much easier to enforce the law than if it were necessary to pick up the goods in the hands of retailers and consumers. The maker of the chili-coriander before the commissioner this week on account of selling goods to jobbers outside the state who sold the Nebraska dealers. The goods were not branded as required by the Nebraska law, but the company has promised to brand all its goods so they will meet the requirements, no matter where purchased. Mr. Hansen also reports good results from the move to inspect goods of mail order houses located outside the state.

Two New Bridges. Engineer Don Price of the board of irrigation, has returned from Kewa Paha county, where he let the contract for two state aid bridges over the Niobrara river. The bridges are to be of reinforced concrete and the Lincoln Construction Company obtained the contract. The cost of the two bridges will be \$14,000, and the one at McCully for \$12,000. Second Lieutenant James Lovell, Company D, Second regiment, at Hastings has resigned from the national guard, the reason assigned being that business engagements prevented him from attending drill.

Brigadier General Joseph A. Storch of Fallerton was at the state house today paying his respects to the department. The wives and daughters of the doctors attending the State Medical association meeting were guests at a reception at the governor's mansion this morning. A large number attended and the affair was a decidedly pleasant one.

Ditch Hearing Soon. Tomorrow and Saturday irrigation matters will have right of way at the capitol. Friday the supreme court will devote the entire day to hearing arguments in the case of the Enterprise Ditch company against the Interstate Ditch company, which involves the construction of vital points in the irrigation law of the state. All the irrigation enterprises in the state are indirectly interested in the outcome of the litigation and practically all of those in the North Platte valley are directly interested in the case. Saturday the State Board of Irrigation will take up the petition of the Kearney Canal and Power company, which asks to have its rights adjudicated. They set up a claim to priority of filing and also to practically the entire flow of the Platte river. As practically all the irrigation projects in the state depend on the water of the Platte are upstream from Kearney, if this claim is held good in its entirety, it will mean the end of irrigation upstream except so far as the ditches can be supplied from the government storage reservoir.

Gavin Gets License. Auditor Barton has decided a controversy over the right of Patrick Gavin of Omaha to a right to solicit insurance. The insurance department of his office divided on the question and the auditor held that he should be given a license. Gavin received an advance from the Commonwealth Life Insurance Company and started to solicit insurance for the company, the amount advanced to be deducted from any commissions he might earn. He did not write enough insurance to repay and the company insisted he should pay the balance in money. Gavin insisted he put in his time against the company's money and that as he lost all of his time it was no more than right the company under the conditions should lose a portion of its money. The auditor sustained this position, but in doing so has taken position in the controversy, as well as others, that the custom of advancing money to agents is a bad one and must be stopped.

W. R. Howard, republican candidate for auditor, was calling on friends around the capitol today. He says he feels much encouraged, not only in his own case, but as to general republican success from reports he receives from over the state. Thurston county officials have asked

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FLEGE TRIAL NEARS END

State Introduces Evidence in Rebuttal of Defendant's Witnesses. DOCTORS DIFFER AS EXPERTS Dixon's Coroner Refutes Statements Made by Physicians Who Examined Contents of the Dead Woman's Stomach.

PENDER, Neb., May 9.—(Special Telegram.)—In its rebuttal testimony Wednesday afternoon and this morning the state in the case of William Flege introduced witnesses to disprove several points sought to be established by the defense. First was attacked the deposition of Mail Carrier George Bannon, who said he saw Albert Echtenkamp in the private road with a team near the Flege home as he passed there that day. Some witnesses testified that Bannon was there that day sooner than he said in his deposition to have seen Echtenkamp. Others denied that Flege had any such horses as Bannon said Echtenkamp was driving. Others said that one cannot see the Flege private road from the public road where Bannon passed.

Next the state attacked the tramp theory of murder. Witnesses said they saw the tramp at other places at or near the time the murder is supposed to have been committed by the tramp. Three witnesses thus testified on that point. Dr. Graham, the Dixon county coroner, was again put on the stand to offer the medical expert testimony introduced by the defense. He said the stomach of Louise Flege revealed a cut or laceration at the time of the inquest and therefore could not have been said to be in good condition, as the specialists claimed their specimen was.

This testimony on the part of Dr. Graham brought forth a grilling cross-examination from the defense, as it was a point never before testified, not even in the former trial. In conclusion the defense introduced a number of witnesses who testified that they had made a number of observations last Sunday as to the physical conformation of the country around the Flege home, and explained just what part of the country was visible from certain points on the public road traveled by the mail carrier. Dr. Meiss was again put on the stand and said he had not noticed the cut he has no use for the nomination, which might have been handy as a sideline to the big show, he will send in his declining at the proper time. J. W. or "Flat-form" Kelley, as he is commonly known, has a similar experience to Metcalfe. He won the populist nomination over A. T. Gatewood, the successful democratic nominee for secretary of state. There are several other vacancies on the populist ticket other than these which will be caused by resignations and it is understood that no effort will be made to fill them. In fact those who have been active in keeping the party alive up to the present are understood to have decided to let it die and make no attempt to get on the ticket next year in view of the failure to obtain enough votes at the primary to entitle it to a place. As it is only a question of a year at most they are disposed to let the obsequies proceed this year.

Bert Willoughby Held at Broken Bow. BROKEN BOW, Neb., May 9.—(Special Telegram.)—On information received from the Omaha police, Sheriff Wilson this afternoon arrested Bert Willoughby, who is charged with forging checks on the Nebraska Telephone company at Omaha to the amount of \$13. Willoughby was arrested in a barber shop, and tried to make a getaway through the back door, throwing away at the same time a fine automatic gun. He was placed in jail pending the arrival of an Omaha officer. Willoughby was arrested here several months ago for passing worthless checks, but his father made good and the case against him was dismissed.

HARM SHANK IS GIVEN INDETERMINATE TERM. OSCEOLA, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—Harm Shank who was last week convicted on district court of charge of arson was Wednesday sentenced by Judge Good to an indeterminate term in the penitentiary, from one to twenty years. Sheriff Potter left on this morning's train with the prisoner for the penitentiary.

FAIRBURY CLASS LARGEST IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY. FAIRBURY, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—The seniors of the Fairbury High school are taking their final examination and will make preparations for the commencement exercises to be held in the opera house Friday, May 11, at 8 o'clock. The class of 1912 of the Fairbury high school is the largest in point of numbers in the history of the institution, comprising forty-five members. The annual eighth grade commencement exercises of the Fairbury and district schools of this county will be held at the city park auditorium, Saturday, May 18. Chancellor Avery of the university will deliver the leading address. Approximately 150 students will receive diplomas.

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State Press Plans for Its Meeting Soon in Lincoln

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—C. C. Johns of this city, secretary of the Nebraska Press association, announces that the program of the coming session of the association at Lincoln on June 3, 4 and 5, is nearly completed and will be sent out some time this week. The program will include all Nebraska speakers on topics pertaining to the interest of the publishers of the state. Among the speakers will be Clark Perkins of the Aurora Republican, Arthur V. Shaffer of the Alma Record, Mrs. A. H. Armstrong of the Nuts Gazette, S. R. McKelvie of the Nebraska Farmer, A. B. Wood of the Gering Courier, George W. Kelley of the Hartington News, A. R. Ladd of the Albion Argus, E. C. Poits of the Holdrege Citizen, W. M. Maupin, A. L. Hixby of Lincoln; J. W. Tamplin of the Tekamah Journal, C. C. Rosewater of the Omaha Bee, E. W. Huse of the Wayne Reporter, E. M. Marvin of the Beatrice Sun, A. F. Buecher of the Grand Island Independent, Penn. P. Podres of the Omaha Trade Exhibit, and others yet to be assigned. The meeting will be in the nature of a good old newspaper gathering. A large attendance is predicted from reports coming in.

Nebraska Medical Association Elects Officers for Year

LINCOLN, May 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska State Medical association held its annual session at the morning session. The following are the new officers who will serve for the ensuing year: President, L. N. Pickett of Odell; vice-presidents, W. E. Kern of Ingalls and Q. A. Quigley of North Platte; secretary, Joseph M. Aikin of Omaha; treasurer, A. S. Vomansfeld of Ashland; librarian, A. C. Stocker of Omaha. Before adjourning its annual meeting the Nebraska State Medical association today adopted the following: Resolved, That we, the members of the Nebraska State Medical association in annual convention do hereby express most enthusiastically our absolute and unbiased support of the Senator Owens bill, which is now pending before our national congress. We believe that this bill should be enacted into law, and that by such enactment, with a national health bureau, as provided, the greatest conservation resource of the whole nation will be procured, the conservation of the race.

Bill Poster Killed by Fall from a Ladder

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—Henry Hogeboom, a billposter for a circus, fell from a ladder yesterday morning and sustained injuries from which he died at a hospital in this city today. He was assisting other members of the crew in placing a large banner on the side of a store building, when he lost his footing and fell ten feet to the cement sidewalk, knocking him senseless. His condition gradually grew worse and an examination disclosed that a blood vessel had been ruptured by the force of the fall. He died from a concussion of the brain early this morning. The deceased, who was 35 years of age, has no known relatives and the billposters' union, upon receiving notice of the accident, has wired that they will come for the body. He had been in the circus just one day, having joined the crew at Cheyenne.

New Catholic Church at Valentine is Dedicated

VALENTINE, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—The Saint Nicholas Catholic church of this city was dedicated this morning. In the presence of a large attendance of people, many of them having come a great distance to be present, the impressive ceremonies were performed. At 8:30 o'clock the services began. Father Lockyer of Atkinson was in charge of the dedication. Attended by six other priests he blessed the church without and within with holy water. After this solemn high mass was celebrated by Father J. Het-

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