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WHO WILL SUCCEED ROACH?

Governor Aldrich Has Several Men from Whom to Choose.

LINCOLN MAN TO RESIGN SOON

Normal Board Goes on Record Against Lobbying Around Legislature Except Through Designated Committee.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Who will be the successor to Rev. Isaac Frank Roach on the State Normal board was not decided by the governor before the board adjourned last night. Dr. Roach did not hand in his resignation, though it is expected to be in the hands of the governor before the end of the week.

There are half a dozen candidates for the place. Rev. J. S. Gettys of Grand Island, who was pastor of the Methodist church at David City at the time Governor Aldrich became a member of the board, is one of the leading candidates and is supposed to stand well with the governor on account of old associations. Rev. F. S. Stein of Lincoln, a retired pastor of the Methodist church, is supposed to have the backing of Rev. Mr. Roach, the retiring member, and that will be supposed to cut some figure in the appointment. G. H. Thomas of Harvard, brother of Harry Thomas, secretary of the printing board and press agent of Governor Aldrich during the campaign, is a candidate, and it is supposed to stand well with the governor on account of the closeness of the secretary of the printing board to the governor. M. Brugger of Columbus, a banker of that city and who has been a member of the school board of that city for a number of years, is another candidate for the position. Mr. Brugger is recommended for the position by Superintendent Conn of the Wayne normal, who says that he is "the salt of the earth."

There have been times in the past when the State Normal board might have used a little salt, and for that reason a little "salt of the earth" in the person of Mr. Brugger, who is a successful business man, might come in handy in the future.

Oppose Lobbying.

The normal board at its meeting went on record as opposed to lobbying around the legislature, except when invited to be present by committees of the legislature. The resolution was introduced by Superintendent Caviness and met with general approval. However, it was thought best that a legislative committee should be appointed, and on motion of Superintendent McDonald a committee consisting of Mr. Tooley of Anselmo, State Treasurer George and Superintendent Caviness of Fairbury was appointed to select a legislative committee. It being suggested that if the governor appointed a Lincoln man to the vacancy on the board, on account of his place of residence, he would be a good man to consult at least a part of the committee.

DEPOSED COUNTY ASSESSOR WILL CONTEST ELECTION

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—T. N. Hartzell, county assessor-elect, and whose office was voted out of existence at the same election, has announced his intention of contesting the election.

In Nuckolls and Keith counties, where the same question was submitted, the question of having or not having a county assessorship office was embodied among the other officials and propositions on the regular election ballot. In Buffalo county a small ballot was provided with just the assessorship proposition on it, thus making it a special election, according to the constitution of Hartzell.

FOUR DIVORCES GRANTED BY GAGE DISTRICT COURT

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Judge L. M. Pemberton yesterday in the district court granted four divorces and disposed of a number of other cases. Minnie A. Balderson was granted a divorce from Winfield S. Balderson and the custody of their minor children. A divorce was given Eva Stevens from her husband, Ed Stevens, on the grounds of cruelty and drunkenness. Lena Schenbeck was granted a divorce from Emanuel Schenbeck, and Alice Larabee a divorce from E. L. Larabee. Mrs. Larabee was given \$500 alimony and the custody of their daughter. All the parties to the suits reside in Beatrice. Spencer Horn of Beatrice and H. Ashmore pleaded guilty to the charge of petit larceny and were given thirty days in the county jail.

Notes from Fairbury. FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—J. J. Breheny, a Rock Island official of this city, has been promoted to train-

Nebraska

WIND GUSHER AT YUTAN

Farmer There Strikes Vein While Sinking Well.

FIRST THOUGHT TO BE GAS

Independent Phone Patrons in South Platte Not in Merger Are Cut Off from Connection with Omaha.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Whether some of the bull moose party which burst down in the late hours of the evening near Yutan, in Saunders county, is unknown, but indications point to something like that in a letter which has been received at the office of the state game warden. The letter says that in putting down a well on his farm near Yutan, Peter Hemminger struck a vein of wind so strong that the force of it coming out of the well forced heavy weights off of the hoist.

At first it was thought that the new discovery was gas, but by applying a match to the well it would not ignite. The writer of the letter wants to matter brought before the state officers to see what can be done. A bonus is offered by the state for the discovery of coal, gas and other things, but none of the state officials remembers any reward being offered for the discovery of wind. The session of the legislature is almost here and it is the opinion of some of the officers that there will be no need of the Yutan well.

The matter will be brought before the state university department of natural curiosities and an effort will be made to capture some of the escaping wind and bring it to the university for a chemical analysis. The matter also will be brought before the city council of Lincoln to see if there has been a leak from the council chamber.

Engines Used in State.

A Douglas county farmer has written Secretary McJor of the state fair board for information regarding the number of engines in use in the state of Nebraska. Mr. McJor has looked up the proposition and has notified the gentleman that the number stands as follows: Traction engines, 2,382; stationary engines, 2,173; gas engines, 11,947; and automobiles, 24,628.

Phone Patrons Left Out.

The State Railway commission listened to a vigorous kick late yesterday afternoon by the Hastings Independent Telephone company and certain citizens of the town of Crete, alleging that patrons of that line which did not get in on the recent consolidation have been left out and are unable to get connection over the independent line with Omaha.

The company is not a member of the merger and claims that it cannot get a designation point in Omaha. Formerly they had service to Omaha through Lincoln, and were thus able to get into communication with Omaha people, but since the independent company entering Omaha has been sold subscribers at Hastings

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AUTOMOBILE UPSETS NEAR CITY OF VIRGINIA

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—J. C. Hubbs, John Miller and James Hartak, three residents of Virginia, came near being killed yesterday afternoon in an automobile accident south of Virginia. They were returning from the country and Mrs. Hubbs was driving about twenty-five miles an hour when one of the tires burst, causing the machine to leave the road. It turned over twice and landed in a ditch badly smashed. The occupants were thrown clear of the machine and escaped with slight injuries.

FORTY-THOUSAND DOLLAR ALLIANCE SCHOOL BURNS

ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Central school building was totally destroyed by fire, which was discovered about 4 o'clock this morning and fanned by a stiff wind beyond control when the fire department arrived a few minutes later. The building, the first school in Alliance, was erected in 1900 at a cost of about \$40,000. The origin of the fire is unknown, but probably an overheated furnace was the cause. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Snow Blockade in Northern Wisconsin

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 17.—Phenomenally heavy snow has been falling in the Lake Superior region for fifteen hours. At Ashland the fire whistles blew warning to the school children to not go to school, and the blockaded streets to close the public schools for two or three days. The weather is very mild, but the snow is the heaviest in years. Marquette and Escanaba report two feet of snow.

Kenyon Speaks for Liquor Shipment Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A circular issued by a mail order liquor firm bearing the words "Uncle Sam is our partner," was displayed in the senate chamber today by Senator Kenyon as an illustration of the extent to which, he said, the United States was impliedly taking part in the violation of liquor prohibition laws in "dry states." Senator Kenyon made the chief speech in support of the Sheppard-Kenyon bill to prohibit shipments of liquor by any channel of interstate commerce across the border of a "dry" state.

BUTLER PUT IN JAIL, ACCUSED OF PERJURY IN HIS OWN BEHALF

(Continued from Page One.) remained in Canada since coming here," asked Judge Anderson. "Yes, your honor, right here in this court room." "I will increase his bond to \$5,000 and the marshal will take him in custody." As he was unable to procure bond, Butler was taken to jail. Three other defendants, including Herbert E. Hoekin, who resigned as secretary of the union, also are in jail. Two witnesses for the defense are under bonds and held to the federal grand jury on charges of perjury.

Dowd More Obedient.

In discharging Dowd, Judge Anderson said: "His action on the witness stand was so much better than some others and so much more to his credit that I think I may believe him. He was asked questions and he answered them frankly. It was not necessary to use force, pincers and hammer to compel him to obey the orders of the court."

The letters Dowd wrote, which it has been charged, brought him into the conspiracy, are all susceptible of an innocent interpretation. Dowd formerly lived at Mansfield, O., but as an organizer for the machinists' union he went to Detroit and the government charged, joined with other union officials in plotting the destruction of property of nonunion firms.

Concerning motions for the dismissal of other defendants, Judge Anderson said that before the defense began its case he felt inclined to discharge certain defendants, "but since that time the attitude of the defense's witnesses on the stand" had made him change his mind.

Arguments to Begin.

Four days on each side was fixed for arguments before the jury, which will begin tomorrow. As soon as Senator J. W. Kern announced that the defense rested, the government said it had nothing to offer in rebuttal.

The defendants who did not testify in their own behalf are: Hoekin, Olaf V. Tveitmo, H. N. Clancy, San Francisco; J. E. Munsey, Salt Lake City; P. A. Cooley, New Orleans; Frank C. Webb, New York; William J. McCain, Kansas City, Mo.; and James E. Ray and Edward Smythe, Peoria, Ill.

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