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MANUEL ATTACKS COWLES

Head of Boys' Industrial School Says He Retards Its Growth.

DOES NOT CARE FOR THE BOYS

Superintendent Says Arbitrary Acts Have Been Incurable That Have Caused Management of School Much Grief.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The unfriendly feelings, which have existed for some time between C. B. Manuel, of the boys' industrial school at Kearney, and Land Commissioner E. B. Cowles, of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, have culminated in direct charges by Mr. Manuel in his report to the governor, that Mr. Cowles' attitude toward the institution has been a hindrance to its success.

In that report, Superintendent Manuel says regarding the land commissioner: "It is to be regretted that we have had some man on the board during the last four years, who has been a constant hindrance to the progress of the school. This man is E. B. Cowles. He is so wrapped up in his ideas of saving money that he loses sight of efficiency and progress. He cares more for the horses, cattle, hogs and chickens and products of the farm than for the welfare of the boys. When he visits the school he never fails to look after the stock, but seldom ever makes an inquiry concerning the boys."

Dynamo Sent Away. "A number of things have been done which should be charged direct to this man. For instance, we had an electric plant, which had been installed by my predecessor costing the institution \$1,000. Over our protest this man ordered the engine and dynamo sent to Nebraska. We received \$187 for this equipment.

"We are now compelled to depend upon the electric power plant at Kearney for power and light. Three times during the past year have we been without light, and the last time for a period of more than four hours. This causes more or less confusion and is always a dangerous condition. We always have a few boys who are very bad characters, and in case the lights are all out it gives these fellows a chance to make serious trouble.

"In June, 1911, the board purchased one new boiler and three sets of stokers for our boiler house plant. This material was received at the institution in August and nothing was done in the installation of this material until December. At that late season, when the cold was upon us, and against our protests, Mr. Cowles instructed the workmen to install the stokers and boilers. This action disabled one of the best boilers we had at the plant and it was not used since."

"Three hundred dollars was simply thrown away to satisfy the stubbornness of this one man. The work was then abandoned because of the severe cold and was not continued till the next June."

Coal Consumption. Superintendent Manuel also blames the land commissioner for the large consumption of coal during the biennium. He charges that Cowles has shown "hostility" to the management of the school in various ways.

Mr. Manuel also charges that the board of public lands and buildings has been fit to draw warrants on the maintenance fund of the institution to pay for stokers and other repairs which he did not think wise, and thus depleted the maintenance fund over \$5,000, which should have been charged to permanent improvements.

There were at the institution December 1, 1910, 129 boys. There are on the rolls now 211, of which thirty-eight are under parole.

State Treasurer George is given credit for the success of the farm part of the institution, inasmuch as it was through his efforts that 273 acres of irrigable land was rented for the use of the institution in which \$6,000 worth of potatoes, \$2,761.55 worth of sugar beets, \$2,100 worth of corn and \$1,500 worth of other crops were raised in 1911, making a total of \$11,900.50 for the year. Last year this tract raised \$2,250 worth of crops, divided as follows: Potatoes, \$1,500; corn, \$1,500; oats, \$400; sugar beets, \$1,500; sugar corn, \$400; tomatoes, \$600; alfalfa and millet, \$400; wheat, \$500, and other vegetables, \$600.

Buildings Repaired. Under direction of State Architect Burd F. Miller, the administration building and the five cottages have been overhauled, the plumbing removed and the buildings placed in splendid sanitary condition. It will take \$2,000 or \$2,500 more to complete the repairs on the outside of these buildings.

Superintendent Manuel recommends that the land which has been leased from year to year by the state for the use of the school be purchased. He asks for a new hospital building costing \$4,000. The total amount of appropriations, including officers' salaries and all expenses of the institution, including an amount sufficient to purchase the land, amounts to \$22,000. When the report was called to the attention of Land Commissioner Cowles this morning he said he did not know "it was necessary to say very much about the matter, anyhow." "We have the records here," said he, "and as the lawyers would say, they are the best evidence."

"The institution has had more cattle than it needed all the while. We had 200 head there to do the work, but the records show that Manuel paid out \$25.00 for hired help on the farm. He also had for teams. Over at Grand Island, a much larger institution, they do the work with seven men and teams."

Cowles Asks Explanation. "There have been a few things done out at Kearney that we have not yet got settled up," continued Mr. Cowles. "We are still at work on that typewriter proposition and as I think it is a month the most to pay for a typewriter, I naturally think that Mr. Manuel ought to pay the state back the overcharge on the one he rented to his stenographer. Then there is that saddle horse, which was known at the institution as 'Bossy's saddle horse.' This horse was purchased with state funds and Manuel gave \$300 out of his maintenance fund for it, notwithstanding there was no money in the fund to buy molasses and butter for the boys. Of course I have no objection to Mr. Manuel's daughter having a saddle horse to ride, but I do not think that the money should be taken from the institution's molasses and butter fund. Mr. Manuel also purchased a horse from

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the tuberculosis hospital for \$125.00. At least the books of the hospital show that, but the books of the boys' school only show \$100. This, of course, may be a clerical error, but I propose to have Mr. Manuel make his books correspond to those of the hospital and account for the difference."

Miller Denies He Helped Get Pardon For Jesse Tooman

W. H. Miller of Bloomington, who was county attorney for Franklin county when Jesse Tooman was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for life, has written to Governor Aldrich a vigorous note protesting against the governor's action in pardoning Tooman, and denying that he had worked for such pardon. Mr. Miller writes to the governor: "I was somewhat surprised to hear that you had pardoned one of the worst criminals that was ever convicted of a crime in the state, but I was more surprised when I read in The Omaha Bee of the 25th instant that it was through my efforts, together with ex-Judge Beal, that Tooman had been pardoned. I will quote what was said in the article: 'One of the important factors in the governor's action was the statement of the county attorney who convicted Tooman that he was convinced he was not guilty.' Now, governor, I do not know who was to blame for such a statement being published, but I want the party, whoever he may be, who wrote such statement to take it back, and say in words that will not be misunderstood that he lied. If you will take time to look over my correspondence in this case, you will never find a letter or a statement that I have written wherein I have advised at any time a pardon for Jesse Tooman."

FIVE WEDDINGS IN CUMING COUNTY

WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The marriage of Harry L. Thompson to Miss Laverne Eckert, was solemnized at the home of Mr. H. Hubbell Thursday at 10 o'clock. The bride was Miss L. J. Powell, pastor of the Grace Lutheran church at West Point, performing the ring ceremony. The groom is the eldest son of John H. Thompson of this city. Both bride and groom are students at the State university and will finish their course there before commencing housekeeping.

A double wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Lange, at which Miss Augusta Lange became the bride of Albert Mandel, and Miss Louise Lange espoused Carl Schmidt. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Hoffmann, of the German Lutheran church. The newly married couples will spend their honeymoon in Wisconsin. They are all popular young people of Lincoln township.

Two couples have just been married by County Judge Dewald, at his office at the court house, namely William Dress of Stanton, to Miss Lulu Anderson, and Harrison Thorp to Miss Minnie Schuetter, of Wisner.

KEARNEY BUSINESS MAN DIES IN CALIFORNIA

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Telegrams received today by the secretary of the local Elks' lodge announced the death of T. H. Hubbell Thursday at Santa Monica, Cal., where he went this summer in an attempt to seek relief from a breakdown of last winter, when he was stricken with bronchial paralysis. Mr. Hubbell was a highly respected and prominent business man of Kearney for the last twenty years, heading the Hubbell Bros. Hardware company. He was a Canadian by birth, never married and devoted his life exclusively to his business and the education and starting into business of his two younger brothers, who survive him, Edwin R. Hubbell of St. Paul, Minn., and Baldwin C. Hubbell of Marmora, Ontario. He was a prominent Elks, a member of Kearney lodge No. 984, and will be buried in Santa Monica, where the Elks' lodge there will have charge of the funeral.

BODY OF MRS. FOSTER IS BURIED IN TECUMSEH

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lavina J. Foster, who died in Kansas City and who was buried here yesterday, was one of the few workers in the United States in the Woman's Christian Temperance union to have her name engraved in the memorial tablet in Willard Hall, Chicago, the temple erected to the memory of Frances Willard. Mrs. Foster was an untiring worker in the interests of the order. Mrs. Foster was a native of New York state and was aged 76 years. Her husband died in Tecumseh in 1886 and three children died and are buried here. She is survived by two sons, A. W. Foster of Kansas City and J. P. Foster of Tallula, Ill., and one daughter, Mrs. Rose F. Terrell of Spokane, Wash. Mrs. Foster had lived here for years up to 1910, when she went to Kansas City to make her home with her son.

TECUMSEH WOMAN DIES AT ADAMS, MASS.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—A telegram came to Tecumseh today from P. S. Jones at Adams, Mass., stating that Mrs. Jones had died there and that the funeral and burial would be held at Adams today. Mrs. Jones had been in failing health for some time and last summer her husband took her east, where they formerly resided, for expert treatment. She was a native of England and was aged 65 years. Her husband is the only relative in this country to survive her. For a great many years Mrs. Jones was in the hotel business in this city and she owns the Jones hotel property here now.

Two Weddings at Table Rock

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Arnold Petrask and Miss Mary Kovanda were united in marriage by Judge McNair at the court house in Pawnee city Thursday morning. The groom is a son of William Petrask, living three miles east of here, and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kovanda of Table Rock. Guy Talbot, who lives three miles north of Table Rock, a son of Mrs. and Mr. Tom Talbot, was married yesterday to Miss May Stitzel, who lives two miles southwest of here. Rev. C. P. W. Wimberly officiating.

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FENTON TAKES IT ALL BACK

Richardson Sheriff Will Be Penitentiary Warden.

JOHNSON GETS OLD PLACE Present Chaplain Harmon Will Be Made Deputy Warden and Official Who Resigned Will Have Old Position.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding the published statement that Sheriff W. T. Fenton had turned down an offer for the appointment as warden of the state penitentiary, this morning information from a source which cannot be disputed as being reliable has it that he will accept.

From the same source comes the information that Chaplain Nathan Harmon, now doing double duty as usher and spiritual adviser at the pen, will be the new deputy.

It is known that Sheriff Fenton had asked for the appointment of fire commissioner, the job now held by Charles Randall, and did not want the wardenship because of his desire for some position which would not confine him inside so much. It is also said that Mrs. Fenton objected very strenuously to taking up her abode at the penitentiary. What pressure may have been brought upon Mr. Fenton to cause him to accept is not known, but it is said that at the present time the deal to make Fenton warden and Harmon his deputy will go through.

It is understood that Governor Morehead is greatly pleased with the way in which the prisoners have been handled under the administration of Warden Melick, and as Harmon has been in close touch with Mr. Melick and understands perfectly the men and the methods of handling them, he has been tendered the deputyship and has accepted.

Just how soon the change will be made after the new governor steps into command of the ship of state is not known. Another appointment which has been made by Governor Morehead but which is not given out for publication is that of private secretary. Some time ago this department made the guess as to who the man would be, and indications point that the guess was a good one. It was the general idea that Leo Matthews would be the governor's private adviser, but it seems that such is not the case, and instead a well-known attorney will be given the position.

Johnson Gets Place Back. Still another appointment which will be made is that of chaplain. Rev. P. C. Johnson, who was chaplain under the present administration and while during his term had a controversy with Governor Aldrich which became somewhat heated, resulting in the reverend gentleman handing in his resignation, has been notified that he will again have a chance to act as chaplain at the penitentiary.

Captain Phil Hall, son of Dr. Hall, national committee man, will be the new adjutant general. Captain Hall is now captain of Company F of the Second Nebraska regiment. He first joined the braska regiment as a member of the hospital corps guard at Lincoln in 1896 and served as corporal at Lincoln in 1896 and served as corporal and later as sergeant. January 16, 1910, he was transferred to Company F and was made second lieutenant. At an election held by the company October 17, 1910, he was elected captain and has held that office to the present time. He will be 33 years old on the 25th day of next March and will probably be the youngest adjutant general the state has ever had. He is very popular with the officers and the guard and with the members of his company and stands high in business and social circles in the city of Lincoln.

At a late hour this afternoon the announcement was made that the appoint-

Nebraska Boy in New York

Jerome F. Langer who has just been appointed chief of the Fire Prevention bureau of New York City, is a native of West Point, Neb., where he was born thirty-two years ago. He is a graduate of the '96 class of the West Point High school and of the '00 class of electrical engineering at the University of Nebraska. While attending the university Mr. Langer took a great and active interest in drill work, being captain of cadets, Company D. He was credited with winning the Pershing gold medal in three successive competitive drills. On leaving the university he was presented by the cadets with a gold-mounted sword. In 1908 he enlisted as a member of Company K, Second Nebraska Volunteers at Schuyler and was encamped at Chickamauga, Ga., until mustered out of the service on his return to Omaha. Following graduation he left directly for New York City, where he entered the employ of Foote, Pierson and company, manufacturers of electrical supplies. After two years spent with this firm, he took a three-days' civil service examination for an inspectorship of the Electrical department of the United States Navy yards at Brooklyn, N. Y., and passed with the highest grade among 300 applicants. During the ten years spent in the navy yards at Brooklyn, Mr. Langer was promoted to the second highest position in the Electrical department, occupying the post of electrical aide.



JEROME F. LANGER.

On his arrival in New York, he became a member of Company I of the Twenty-third New York National Guard, rising to the rank of first lieutenant. In the competition for sharpshooters of the state

ment of Sheriff W. T. Fenton as warden of the penitentiary and Chaplain Nathan Harmon as deputy had been made by Governor Morehead. It is also announced that other appointments will be given out shortly.

County Sues for Cash. An echo of the Capital National bank failure of many years ago was heard in the Lancaster county district court yesterday when arguments on the demurrer of the state to the petition of the county of Lancaster to recover from the state money belonging to the state which failed at the time of the failure. The amount sued for is \$6,321.72 and interest from January 21, 1882. At the time the bank failed it had on deposit to the credit of the county nearly \$6,000, of which the amount sued for in this action had been collected for the state and not yet turned over. On January 3, 1884, the Lancaster county treasurer through mistake turned this amount over to the state treasurer and it has never been returned.

Darning Man Inquires. The pure food department has received a letter from a man at Dunning, who wishes to know if "there is any law for selling whiskey, beer and all other strong drinks and run wide open gambling places all day Sunday and most every night till morning." The letter has been turned over to the attorney general for instructions.

Phone Company Bonds. The Platte Valley Telephone company has made application to the railway commission for permission to issue and sell \$20,000 refunding bonds and the same has been granted by the commission. The company is located at Scotts Bluff, and desires to pay off its present indebtedness and extend its lines.

Ballots in Contest Case. Secretary of State Wait received by express this morning a box containing the ballots cast at the election held in the Fifth Senatorial district, composed of Dodge and Washington counties, and which are now in controversy in the

PIONEERS DEDICATE ROOMS

Many Old-Timers Meet at New Rooms in Court House.

SWAP TALES OF LONG AGO Draw Many Comparisons Between Today and the Time When They First Saw This Locality in Its Wilder State.

To properly dedicate their new rooms in the new Douglas county court house, the Douglas County Association of Nebraska Pioneers held a reception there yesterday from 2 to 4 o'clock. The function was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the association and was attended by fully 700 people. At the door the guests were received by W. I. Kierstead, James Walsh, Joseph Redman, A. N. Yost, Jonathan Edwards, Mrs. Anna K. Bowman and Mrs. Robert Langer.

The reception committee had little to do, for most of those who visited the rooms were acquainted with the pioneers, the men and women who blazed the way for those who came later. The punch bowl was presided over by Mrs. Sam Rees and Mrs. Al Sorenson, and the punch was a dream. There was ten gallons of it, enough for everybody. It was the special preparation of Rome Miller, the ingredients being donated by W. I. Kierstead and served from an immense cut glass bowl loaned by Mr. Miller. Besides the punch there were light refreshments, consisting of cakes and wafers. Then there were great bouquets of roses and carnations for the buttonholes.

There was nothing formal about the reception, for it was an occasion when the pioneers and their friends met for a good time. There were dozens of easy chairs, couches and benches, all gathered in by Uncle Joe Redman, who spent several days getting the furniture together. The walls were prettily decorated with American flags.

Old-Time Nasby. Among the pioneers there were many men and women who have their names engraved upon the pages of Nebraska's history. One of the men was William Larkin, one of Omaha's first postmasters. Mr. Larkin served during 1820 and '30, and although he did not use his hat for a postoffice, during his term the latter case was no larger than a cracker box and the receipts of the office for two years were less than the receipts dur-

ing a single day at the present time. Ralph Hall, another of the pioneers, came to Nebraska in 1857 and settled on near Ralston. There he entered a pre-emption, upon which he has ever since lived, and the remarkable thing about it is that not an acre of it has ever been in crop. It is a hay meadow and is more valuable as hay land than if broken up and planted to corn and wheat. Though Mr. Hall got this land for practically nothing, now it is worth in the neighborhood of 8000 per acre and there are 167 acres of it. One remarkable thing about the land is that during the many years that it has been owned by Mr. Hall it has never been plastered with a mortgage or other incumbrance.

Old War Veterans. Johnathan Edwards, although he did not boast about it was pointed out as one of the youngest and at the same time, one of the oldest war veterans, not only of the pioneers, but in the country. When he came to Nebraska in 1858, Mr. Edwards was a small boy, but he grew rapidly and in 1859 when still in his teens, he enlisted in the First Nebraska, a territorial regiment and spent four years, during which time he got a taste of real war. He fought Indians on the frontier. Mrs. A. L. Toot, a daughter of Uncle Joe Redman, though not so old, is a daughter of Omaha, as well as a pioneer. She also has children and grandchildren and all of them are pioneers, a number of whom were at the reception. Mrs. Root was at the reception and entertained by telling tales of pioneer days when chased by wolves in the neighborhood of the present Saratoga school house at Twenty-fourth Street and Ames avenue.

Port Redman and W. A. Bell, both of whom came to Douglas county in 1856 exchanged fish stories and both told of catching four to six-pound plike in a creek that in those days crosses North Sixteenth street in the vicinity of Nicholas. There were some big ponds in the creek at this point and they were five to eight feet deep.

Even as late as 1867 when he came to Douglas county, Car Axford remembered of catching an eight-pound pickerel and many smaller ones in the North Omaha creek at about Twenty-fifth and Lake streets.

The court engaged in the trial at Seoul, Korea, of the Koreans accused of conspiracy against the life of Governor-General Count Terauchi decided to adjourn until January 9. It has held continuous sessions throughout the holiday season, including Christmas day.

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