

### REED GIVES RULE BUYING SUPPLIES

#### Attorney General Says County Board May Go on Open Market.

#### WHAT IS COMBINATION?

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Has the county board of a county any authority to go into the open market and buy county printing supplies where estimates have been submitted and no bids received, or has the board in case it is convinced there has been a combination for the purpose of keeping up prices, the same right to enter the open market and secure the supplies needed by the county?

The first case comes in from Holt county. Attorney General Reed from H. J. Boyle, county attorney. Mr. Boyle writes that last year the county board advertised for bids on supplies twice and received no response and concluded that there is no company that will furnish them and desires to know if under those circumstances the board can enter the open market and purchase them, as the officers must have the supplies to do the county business.

Dixon County Case. Dixon county, C. A. Kingsbury, county attorney of that county, inquires as follows:

"Calling your attention to contracts let by a county board where all the newspapers of a county organize under the name of a Press association and file a combined bid with the county board for the county printing, including the tax list, supervisors' proceedings, etc., at the highest price fixed by the statutes, can a county board entertain such bid and make contract, or would such contract be illegal for reasons given and found in chapter 45, entitled 'Monopolies and Unlawful Combinations in Restraint of Trade,' and does such a combination and bid have the effect of destroying competition and monopolizing trade as contemplated by said statute? Where such bid has been filed, what is the duty of the county attorney in such case?"

In answering the communication, the attorney general says that "While our supreme court has not passed squarely upon a similar question, one of our district courts in the state has held that such a combination of bids or arrangements of bids as you contemplated was in violation of the law and required the board to readvertise and relet the contract. It may be doubted though, whether there is such a violation of the statute that a prosecution under the section of the statute referred to would be successful. It would seem as a business proposition, if the bid is the lowest possible price, which the county may reasonably expect to secure, the board might be warranted in accepting the bid."

#### Ranch Near McCook Sold.

McCook, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—This week witnessed the closing of the largest farm or ranch sale perhaps in the history of Red Willow county, when C. W. Poore of Bee, Neb., purchased the big ranch of James S. Doyle on Red Willow creek, northeast of McCook. This is one of the pioneer ranch properties of the Willow creek, consists of 2,240 acres and the purchase price was \$41,000. Mr. Poore is also the owner of several other valuable farm properties in Red Willow county in the vicinity of McCook and expects to move onto one of them in the spring.

#### HYMENEAL.

Nelson-Buck. Fremont, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Harry F. Nelson, clerk to Trainmaster E. O. Mount of the Northwestern, and Miss Viola May Buck, both of Fremont, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson will make their home in Fremont.

#### Heinke-Grunstad.

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Miss Luanna Grunstad of Ainsworth and Charles F. Heinke of Missouri Valley, Ia., were married at the parsonage of the First Methodist church here yesterday. Dr. E. M. Sisson, pastor, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Heinke will make their home at Missouri Valley, where Mr. Heinke is employed by the Northwestern.

#### Dr. Flippin Bound Over.

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—After a preliminary hearing in which the defense made every effort more clearly to make the state show its hand, Dr. Charles Flippin was bound over to the district court today on the charge of having performed an illegal operation on Miss Emma Stank, whose death took place about ten days ago from peritonitis. County Judge Mullin, after a hearing lasting four hours, bound the defendant over to the next term of district court in the sum of \$2,000.

#### Will Audit County Books.

Sidney, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—At the meeting today of the Farmers' union of Cheyenne county, which was largely attended, a resolution was unanimously carried to instruct the county commissioners to make a complete audit of the county officers' books, going back a period of fifteen years. A great deal of other important business was transacted.

#### Run Over by Loaded Wagon.

Tecumseh, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—H. D. Epley, who lives south of Tecumseh, met with a painful accident yesterday. He fell from a loaded wagon and before the team could be stopped the wheels passed over his body. Several ribs were broken and he was quite badly bruised.

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### Governor Neville Issues First Proclamation Declaring Holidays

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Governor Neville is in accord with the plan of the Grand Army of the Republic to combine the celebration of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, on February 12, with that of George Washington, the one as the father of his country and the other as the savior of his country, and with that idea in mind calls the attention of the people of the state to the matter in the following proclamation: "It is with pleasure that I call the attention of the people of Nebraska to a circular letter of the commander of the Department of Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic, to a proposed celebration of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. This celebration originated with the member of the Grand Army of the Republic and is for the purpose of reviving an especial interest in the life, character and deeds of America's representative patriot, statesman and citizen, regarded as such, not only by his fellow countrymen, but by the whole civilized world. I trust a deep interest will be taken in the meetings to be held for the purpose indicated, and that the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic will receive the assistance of the people, old and young, throughout the state. "The celebration contemplates the blending of the birthday of George Washington with that of Abraham Lincoln, the one denominated the father, the other the savior of this country. These two world-renowned men, embodying in their lives and doing the highest virtues and most splendid achievements, will furnish material for the best efforts of poets, orators and statesmen. "The Thirty-fourth session of the legislature of Nebraska, in 1915, made February 12, Lincoln's birthday, a legal holiday. "Witness my hand this 25th day of January, 1917. "KEITH NEVILLE, Governor."

### Pursuing Roaches And Bedbugs at the Hospital With Torch

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regular or special election. It was pointed out that the cost of a special election would be from \$6,000 to \$8,000. Judge Estelle, who with the other judges visited the hospital last Tuesday, started the indignation fireworks. The judge told of seeing an old man pursuing cockroaches and bedbugs with a blow torch, while on the other hand, he said, the inmates apparently were fed like kings, as he noticed lamb chops on the breakfast table, which, he said, was more meat than his family had that morning.

#### Crowded Like Hogs.

"The present county hospital is no fit place to house humanity," Judge Estelle told the commissioners. "The people out there are crowded together like hogs, and in describing certain other things, unsanitary would be putting it mildly. There is great danger from fire and practically no protection in case a blaze broke out." Judge Estelle said that when a new hospital was erected, it would be a great mistake to have a basement, as some day it might be used for human beings as is the case at present.

Representative Goodall interrupted the judge and asked him the charging of the cockroaches was a coincidence or a daily sport with the inmates. The judge replied that it was a matter of self protection.

The present county hospital would have been condemned in the fifteenth century, Dr. J. W. Bannister, a member of the medical board of the institution, declared. "Abominable, a disgrace to the county, a hotel for all infectious diseases," were a few of the "pet" phrases applied to the county hospital by one of the doctors, whose duties take him there often.

#### Vermis Ridder.

Dr. R. W. Bliss, chairman of the medical board of the hospital, characterized the hospital as the most terrible vermin-ridden place that he had ever been in. He said that he lifted up the bedclothes on a cold man's cot one day and thousands of cockroaches scurried for shelter. It is extremely hard to get nurses and internes to work in the hospital, because of the unsanitary conditions, Dr. Bliss said. The facilities of the county hospital, he asserted, should at least be such that a person who is going to die could do so in privacy and not with scores of other patients about him. Dr. Bliss also mentioned the great danger from fire.

#### Absolute Discredit.

Judge Troup told the commissioners that the present hospital would be an absolute discredit to any county in any state. Omahans, he said, take great pride in showing visitors their skyscrapers, parks and other show places, but added that they wouldn't dare show them their county hospital. Commissioner McDonald brought

out the fact that the hospital was built to accommodate 100 inmates, whereas there are 350 there now, including both the hospital patients and the poor. Other speakers insisted that in the plan for a new hospital, the hospital itself and the poor farm should be apart from each other. Still others impressed on the commissioners and the committee named to prepare the proposed bill for the legislature that ample accommodations for women and children should be paramount. The state senators and representatives assured the commissioners and judges that they would do their best to get through the legislation needed to make a new county hospital possible.

#### Amends Fraternal Law For Insuring Children

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—A bill introduced by J. H. Bennett of Douglas in the senate, known as S. F. 65 amends the present law prohibiting the insurance in beneficiary organizations of children and provides that parents may insure their children between the ages of 1 and 18 years.

When the child has reached the age permitting a personal application for a beneficiary certificate, he becomes automatically a member by exchanging the former certificate for one of the regular kind. The bill also requires that any association permitting insurance under the act shall not come in under its provisions until after it has simultaneously put in force at least 500 such certificates on each of which at least one assessment shall have been made. The bill bears the emergency clause.

#### Locomotive Demolishes Automobile Near McCook

McCook, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The regular freight west struck an automobile at a crossing three miles west of the city Friday morning, absolutely demolishing the car, but fortunately hurting no one. Fred Rossen of Stockham was driving the car, which he owned, and Oscar Fossberg and Homer McGeorge, both of Ragan, Neb., were riding with him, bound for Colorado. The men had just time to get out of the car when the engine died on the crossing, and the engine struck the car, reducing it to scrap.

#### Lyons Pioneer Back for Visit.

Lyons, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—T. E. Hall, one of the oldest pioneer settlers of this part of the state, is here on a visit from Pasadena, Cal. Mr. Hall, in company with R. S. and J. D. Hart, Peter McMullen and M. H. Wiltse, were the first settlers to arrive here in the spring of 1866, all of whom are still living, except the latter.

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