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WILLIAMS FAILS TO PRESS CHARGE AGAINST FENTON

Large Crowd at Penitentiary To Hear Threatened Disclosures—Hearing Postponed to Next Week.

Lincoln, Jan. 20.—The hearing at the state penitentiary scheduled for Tuesday afternoon completely fizzled out when, after a crowd had gathered to hear the charges made by M. L. Williams, a former guard, neither Williams nor anybody else showed up to press the charges. Williams' attorney finally announced that he would like a postponement for a week.

Warden Fenton objected, saying that Williams had made charges against the conduct of the institution and he was ready to meet any criticism which might be made. It was, however, finally agreed to adjourn until Wednesday of next week, when it is expected that Williams will be present.

A short time ago Williams sent a letter to a local paper making charges against Warden Fenton and his methods of conducting the institution, including charges of lack of proper food for the guards and denying that the warden was responsible for the cutting out of the use of "dope" in the institution.

Warden Fenton said that the charges by Williams were absolutely without foundation and that he would demand the very fullest investigation by the board of control, which will have charge of the hearing. He said that Williams was one of the left-overs from the old regime, and that as soon as he found he was not the kind of man needed for the work of building up a new condition he let him go.

More than 100 persons have volunteered to appear at the hearing and give testimony as to the efficient manner in which the institution has been conducted under Warden Fenton.

Lincoln Club Will Build Cattle Barn For State Board

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 20.—The State Board of Control will accept a proposal made through the Lincoln Commercial club to underwrite a new \$150,000 cattle barn on the fair grounds, to be constructed before the big exposition this year, it was learned here Tuesday. Members of the board are said to be in unanimous agreement on the plan.

The board lacks funds to rebuild the structure that burned down in December and private interests, through the Lincoln club, volunteered to advance the money until the next legislature could pass an appropriation to cover it.

A contractor has made a figure of \$130,000 for a large concrete masonry building on a strictly cost plus 8 per cent basis, and additional equipment is estimated to cost \$20,000.

Under tentative plans the first floor will be for beef and the second for dairy cattle.

An electrically-heated toothed wheel has been invented to perforate several paper patterns at once by burning holes in them as it is moved along pencilled lines on a master pattern.

TRIAL BY JURY OF LESS THAN 12 RECOMMENDED

Convention Also Favors Civil Case Verdict by Five-Sixths of Jury.

Lincoln, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Several brands of oratory were on tap in the constitutional convention Tuesday when that body went into committee of the whole for the consideration of proposals. Delegate E. M. Pollard was in the chair and took up proposal 221 by Anderson of Lancaster, which relates to trial by jury and provides that the legislature may authorize trial by jury of a less number than 12 in courts inferior to the district court, and may authorize a verdict in a civil case in any court by not less than five-sixths of the jury.

"Bigelow of Douglas sent up an amendment, which was the cause for all the oratory, which read: 'This right shall extend to all trials for constructive contempt, or for violation of city ordinances, when the act or thing charged be of such a character as to constitute also a criminal offense under any state or federal statute.'

McDonald of Buffalo opposed the amendment in a vigorous speech lasting several minutes, while Bigelow eloquently stood up for his amendment for nearly half an hour. Finally the amendment was divided into two parts and was put to a roll call, losing by a vote of 66 to 28.

The proposal was then recommended for adoption after a substitute by Sears of Douglas for indefinite postponement had been voted down.

On invitation of the convention Governor Lowden of Illinois, who will be in the city Wednesday and Thursday, will be asked to speak to the convention at such time as he may designate.

Atty. Gen. Davis Comes Out for Renomination

Lincoln, Jan. 20.—Attorney General Clarence A. Davis has joined the ranks of the state officers who have signified their intention to be candidates for renomination by filing a receipt stating that he has paid the filing fee in his home county of Phelps.

This makes five state officers, who to date have made filings. They are Land Commissioner Dan Swanson, State Auditor George W. Marsh, Secretary of State D. M. Amsbery, Lieutenant Governor P. A. Barrows and Mr. Davis.

G. A. R. Rejoices at the Passage of Fuller Bill

Lincoln, Jan. 20.—Grand Army men and all veterans of the civil war in Nebraska and elsewhere are rejoicing over the passage in the house of representatives of the Fuller pension bill. The vote on the bill was: Yeas, 231; nays, 55. The Nebraska delegation voted solidly for it, as it is yet to pass the senate.

Both of the Nebraska senators have promised their support. The bill provides a pension of \$50 a month for soldiers who served 90 days and \$30 a month for widows.

Laurel Farmers Still in The Fields Picking Corn

Laurel, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Mild weather of the past two weeks has made it possible for farmers to get into their cornfields again and finish picking corn which was stopped by the blizzards of November.

NEBRASKA CORN MADE AT LOSS, SAY FARMERS

Labor Biggest Item in Cost—No Method Yet Found To Keep Up Fertility Of the Soil.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 20.—The corn crop in Nebraska last year was produced at a loss, according to speakers at the opening session of the Nebraska Corn Improvers' association at the university farm Tuesday morning. The meeting is part of the organized agriculture sessions being held this week.

P. K. Whelpton of the college of agriculture department of rural economics presented figures to show that the crop cost at least \$1.05 a bushel, or more than market price, and other speakers declared that his cost figures were too low.

The value of land was placed at \$150 an acre and allowed but 40 cents an hour for labor, under Mr. Whelpton's figures. This drew criticism from speakers, who declared that "goat" land could not be purchased in southeastern Nebraska for \$150 an acre, let alone land that would grow corn.

The cost of labor that grows corn is much more than 40 cents an hour, speakers said. Mr. Adey of Sherman county said he paid \$55 a month plus board. Just what the price of board should be, speakers could not agree. It was agreed that it should be more than \$1 a day. One man said a hired man will eat \$1 worth of meat a day.

Labor Biggest Item.

Labor is the biggest item in growing corn, Mr. Whelpton said. Another big item is land. Mr. Adey declared it was a mistake not to figure the loss of soil fertility in the cost of crop production. He declared that no method has yet been found to keep up the fertility of the soil and that this is rapidly becoming a very serious proposition.

Ernest Verdholm of Palmyra and A. W. Sprick of Fontenelle spoke on corn costs and the labor problem.

Farmers must solve the labor problem by using larger machinery, was the theory expounded by Charles J. Warner of Waverly.

Sheep Are Profitable.

Speakers at the opening session of the Nebraska Sheep Breeders' association declared that sheep raising is rapidly becoming one of the most profitable stock growing operations. "No animal pays better," President W. E. Hewitt of the association said.

Care and management of farm flocks was discussed by Judge John Reese of Broken Bow.

Getting Ready for G. A. R.

Lincoln, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—A conference was held at the office of Department Commander J. B. Strode to put the machinery in operation for the next G. A. R. encampment at Broken Bow in May. As the place of meeting is somewhat aside from the center of the state, it is not expected that there will be as large an attendance as at York last year, but it is estimated that the W. R. C. and the Sons and Daughters, will combine to make an attendance of 700.

The Commercial club at Broken Bow is assuming the responsibility of making it a success.

Nebraska Social Workers Honor Dr. Jennie Callias

York, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The 20th annual meeting of the Nebraska Social Workers has closed its three-days' session. The following officers were elected: President, Mayor Arthur G. Wray; first vice president, Jennie Callias, Omaha; second vice president, Mrs. Fred Teal, Lincoln. The 1921 meeting will be held in Omaha.

Periodical Candidate Is Out Again for President

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Periodical candidate for president of the United States, Robert G. Ross of this city, is again seeking the nomination. He has petitions out to place his name on the ballot. Several parties have signed, and Mr. Ross expects to have the required number in time for the primary.

Omaha Hatter Talks to Noon-Day Club at Fremont

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Charles S. Black, Omaha hat merchant, told members of the Noon-day club at the weekly luncheon today that this country faces a five-year period of prosperity unequalled in its history. He urged the retailers and other business men to be prepared to make the most of it.

Marsh Appointed County Superintendent for Dodge

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—J. E. Marsh, superintendent of the Hooper schools, was appointed county superintendent of Dodge county to succeed J. M. Matzen, who was designated to accept the appointment of state superintendent. Mr. Marsh's election was unanimous.

Stores at Leigh Owned By Omaha Man Burned

Leigh, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Two of Leigh's business houses were burned to the ground. One was occupied by J. P. Miller and another by the other by J. J. Hinchik as a meat market. The buildings were the property of A. L. Scutt of Omaha.

Laurel to Have a Park

Laurel, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Plans are being made to have a park, Burlington railroad leaves a part of its right of way which has been an unsightly place and which, when made into a park, will be a big advertisement for the town.

FAMILY LIVES IN CAVE IN HILL FOR ALMOST 35 YEARS

Fear Father, Mother and Three Children Have Lost Their Mentality.

O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Emery Herrick of this city, said to be a close relative of former Governor Dixon, Herrick of Ohio, is under surveillance because of insanity as to his sanity. His wife, Ella, and three children, two sons and one daughter, have been committed to the State Hospital for the Insane at Norfolk.

Three small children, two boys and a girl, have been taken from their family and placed with friends and relatives that they may have a chance, and may not, through their environment, eventually lose their mentality. Of the original 13 children of the Herricks three are dead and four broke away from home to do for themselves as soon as they were big enough to do so.

Herrick, who is 57 years of age, came to this county from Cleveland, O., where two brothers resided, 35 years ago, and purchased a relinquishment on a homestead which is a stock and hay ranch of 240 acres.

Several years after his arrival he married a talented young woman, daughter of a neighbor, and took her to live in a cave or dugout constructed in the side of a hill on the ranch. The couple continued to live until 13 children were born and in the silence and solitude of the then sparsely settled and cheerless country the mentality of both Herrick and his wife deteriorated rapidly and they became possessed of religious hallucinations.

They lived without furniture or other conveniences, sleeping upon sacks laid on piles of prairie hay and ate their food from the vessels in which it was cooked. Their raiment was any old thing they could pick up.

Table Rock Man Dies in Ohio; Buried in Lincoln

Table Rock, Neb., Jan. 17.—John P. Ewing, who resided many years in Table Rock, is reported dead at the residence of his son, Prof. Harry W. Ewing, at Delaware, O., January 13. He was a veteran of the civil war and nearly four-score years old. Mr. Ewing's body was taken to Lincoln for burial by the side of his wife. Surviving him are three children, Mrs. Harry C. Moore, Dr. Guy Ewing and Prof. Harry W. Ewing.

First Boy in Humboldt, Neb., Dies at Son's Home, Ill

Stella, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Edward P. Tinker, son of Oliver J. Tinker on whose homestead was built the city of Humboldt, south-west of Stella, in Richardson county, died at the home of his son, Paul, at Kinross, Ill., 82 years old. Edward P. Tinker came to Nebraska in 1857 with his father and entered government land, most of which now comprises the townsite of Humboldt.

Omaha Company Wins Point in Suit on Bridge Case

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Judge Paine of Grand Island, who heard the case of Robert Z. Drake of Omaha, president of the Standard Bridge company, against Dodge county, has granted a motion for a

new trial on the ground that the court was "cutely wrong" in granting a motion of the defendant instructing the jury for a verdict for the defendant. The bridge company sued for \$18,000, the amount it claimed was due for work it did on the North Bend state-aid bridge after the original contractors, Stupp Bros., of St. Louis, had thrown up the job.

Body of Blair Woman Killed On Coast Arrives Home

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The body of Mrs. James Dixon, well-known Blair woman who was killed in Los Angeles while alighting from a street car, passed through Fremont on its way to Blair, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Asa Dixon. Mrs. Dixon had gone to California to spend the winter, and was on her way to church when the accident happened.

Sues Globe Ins. Co. On Death of Fremont Surgeon

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mollie Rathburn has brought suit in district court against the Globe Indemnity insurance company to collect \$8,242 on a policy held by her husband, the late Dr. G. H. Rathburn, well-known Fremont surgeon, who died last fall in Omaha.

Denies Change of Venue in Langley Murder Case

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Judge Pemberton of the district court denied a motion in the Langley murder case for a change of venue from Gage to some other county. He stated, however, that if it were found a fair trial could not be had there, he would reconsider the motion. Langley has been in jail here since last August for the murder of Justice Chris Pfeiffer at Cortland.

Omaha Man to Beatrice.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Bert King, who has been manager of the Dempster branch house at Omaha for years, has been transferred to the head office of the company here and will return to Beatrice February 1. He has been in the employ of the company 28 years and resided in this city before going to Omaha. His successor will be Elmer Tipton of Kansas City.

Beatrice Pioneer Dies.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Celia Witzenburg, for 40 years a resident of the Blue Springs vicinity, died at a hospital here, 61 years old. She is survived by her husband, Ona Witzenburg, and two children, Mrs. Minnie Ault of Alma, Neb., and M. Witzenburg of Sicily township, this county.

Nebraska Acreage at \$200.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The F. L. Pope farm of 80 acres was sold Monday at auction to Henry Fredroy, for \$200 per acre, or \$16,000. A span of mares brought \$442. Mr. and Mrs. Pope will leave soon for Colorado.

Fremont Takes Lincoln Pastor

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Rev. John Albur of Lincoln has been notified of his election to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation six weeks ago of R. C. Harding in the First Christian church.

Mourn for Dead.

Mexico City, Jan. 20.—Advices to the foreign office state that the government of Honduras ordered public mourning January 18 as a token of grief for the Mexicans killed in the earthquake during the first week of this month. The flags on all the official buildings of Honduras were half-masted, the advices add.

Be Want-Ads Produce Results.

CLAIMS FELLOW PRISONER TO BE MURDERER'S WIFE

Mexican Woman Refuses to Talk About North Platte Slaying.

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The Mexican couple arrested yesterday on suspicion that they knew something of the shooting of two policemen in North Platte last week and perhaps of the whereabouts of the fugitive slayer are still being held in jail here.

The man gives his name as Mari-cas Lopez and declares that the woman is Mrs. Jose Martinez. Letters and papers found on the persons of the two Mexicans at the time of their arrest, printed or written in Spanish or Mexican, have not been translated.

Police are seeking someone who can translate them, believing that the contents of the letters and papers will furnish a strong clue toward a solution of the murder mystery. The woman refuses to talk. She

will not tell who she is, what she was doing with the revolver which was found in her muff at the time of her arrest, why she had the revolver, where she got it, what she was going to do with it. She will not say where she came from, nor where she is going.

Lopez, however, talks freely with the officers at the jail. He declares that the woman arrested with him, is not his wife, but Mrs. Martinez, the wife of the man who did the shooting, police say.

ASPIRIN—A Talk

Take Aspirin only as told by "Bayer"

The name "Bayer" identifies the true, world-famous Aspirin prescribed by physicians for over a century. The name "Bayer" means genuine Aspirin proved safe by millions of people. In each unbroken package of "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" you are told how to safely take this genuine Aspirin for Colds, Head-

Brandeis Stores advertisement for women's shoes. Includes large text: 'Sale of 3,875 Pairs of Women's Boots, Pumps and Oxfords At VERY UNUSUAL Price Reductions'. Features images of various shoe styles and prices like \$10 to \$15 shoes and \$9 to \$13.50 Oxfords and Pumps. Ends with 'Specials for Wednesday in Infants' Wear'.

Advertisement for 'Break a Cold in Few Hours'. Promotes 'Pape's Cold Compound' as a relief for colds, mentioning symptoms like stuffiness and distress.

Advertisement for 'Nuga-Tone' medicine. Claims 'RESULTS IN 20 DAYS OR YOUR MONEY BACK'. Lists ailments like nervousness, indigestion, and poor blood circulation.

Advertisement for 'Quaker Lace Curtain Net' and 'Electric Irons'. Promotes 'Why Not Make Your Own LAMP SHADE?' and lists various lamp shades for sale.



Florsheim Shoe Store advertisement. Includes text: 'Buy Your Spring Shoes Now and save three to five dollars per pair. Prices for Spring will be much higher than they were for Fall. We have large quantities of late styles on hand—every pair of which will be included in this sale.'

