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BE JUST AND FEAR NOT."

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\$1.00 IF PAID IN ABVANCE.

## A JURY IS SECURED.

Actually Commenced.

COUNTY BRIDGING CONTRACT.

J. R. Sheely, Who Has Had the Work For the Past Year, Again Secures the Contract at a Much Lower Figure.

The Lindsay case, on trial in district court before Judge Chapman, took a somewhat unexpected turn yesterday and a jury was secured early after the opening of court. Forty-nine jurors had been called to the box and besides those excused for cause, the defense had ten remaining challenges and the state four. These were waived by both sides, and the jury was thereby accepted. The men chosen, together with their occupations, are as follows.

J. M. Gardner, farmer. Milton Wolfe, farmer. J. W. Magney, farmer.

Geo. Meisinger, farmer.

Harry Todd, farmer. Jno. Vick, merchant. Jno. Brown, farmer.

Jno. Adams, banker. R. E. Countryman, farmer. Wm. Sikes, school teacher.

W. A. Brown, farmer. W. F. Hall, farmer.

The examination of witnesses was commenced at the afternoon session in silent acknowledgement to a religand at four o'clock the state had called six witnesses to the stand. At this rate the case can hardly go to the jury for final determination before Friday. The court room has been well-filled and interest seems to be quite general

#### The County Bridging.

The county commissioners opened next year at the court house yesterday and let the work to Mr. J. R. Sheely of Lincoln, the gentleman who has had the contract for the past year. Another firm filed a bid equally as low as Mr. Sheely's, but as the commissioners have found the latter gentleman'a work to be perfeatly antisfactory. they had no hesitancy in awarding him the contract. The various bids were filed, the accompanying figures being on the basis of so much per

lineal foot:	
J R Sheely	14
TJ Crummell 3	78
Switzer & Hinshaw 3	14
E S Beaty 3	49
A B Todd 3	.50
King Bridge Co 4	
H T Ward & Co 3	43
Massillon Bridge Co 3	95
Wrought Iron Bridge Co 3	85

The contract price for the year just ended was \$3.80 per lineal foot, the total expense to the county for bridging during that period amounting to \$4,-

### Rawles-Cochran.

The marital nuptials of Carlos A. parents in the precinct at noon yesterday in the presence of a goodly company of relatives and friends, Rev. A. dinner was served after the congratulations had been extended.

extending its best wishes for their happiness

### Said to Have Had Many Wives.

J. A. Walters, the veteran soldier and B. & M detective who suicided in this city several days ago, seems to have been a man with many wives. It was reported that he had one in Denver; that he attempted to kill one here when he suicided, and now there is information that he had two in another at Harrisburg. He was in the latter city a few days before he came to this city, and at that time a constable from York was looking for him with a warrant sworn out by his York | save his life." wife, charging him with bigamy. The Harrisburg Mrs. Walters informed the constable that Walters had declared in her presence that he would never be taken alive, and displayed a knife and revolver to back up his assertion .-Omaha Bee.

D. Marshall Da Friar Fitzger-

A Thought From the Scaffold Those who witnessed the execution of Harry Hill Friday could not but

admire his deportment throughout the Trial of Pugilist Lindsay's Case Is trying ordeal. From the moment that Testimony in Lindsay's Case Ended Some time before the commission of that those within the enclosure where the execution took place first saw him appear through the jail window, to the last, be never weakened. His was BOTH SIDES ARE RATHER WEAK surance that she was in line for the not an air of stolid indifference-of stoical resignation to an unavoidable fate; neither was it a marvelous exhibition of disciplined nerve power, for the features of the condemned man lacked the hard, drawn, tense expression that accompanies a great mental and pervous strain. He was calm and resigned. Fear had not benumbed his sensibilities nor dead-ned his feelings, for he felt emotion. If you doubt it ask those who felt the fervent clasp of his hand or the reverend fathers he embraced and kissed as he bade them a last farewell. It was not wonderful nerve that buoyed him up through those awful moments of fleeting life and impending death, but a firm and abiding faith that, through the medtum of the faith he espoused, he had obtained from God forgiveness for his sin which was denied him on earth, and sustained and comforted by an unfaltering trust in his eternal salvation, he faced death in a manner that awakened a slumbering faith in the conscience of many a man who witnessed the scene. To the priest who, by the steady influence of his religion, could so soften the calloused beart of a hardened criminal as to bring about such a thorough repentance and establish such an exalted faith, all respect is due. One must bow ion whose efficacy is so manifest. Would not one rather take his stand with a church that stretches out its comforting hand to the condemned felon, and through its priestly ministration so prepare him for deaththan with a secret society which attacks that church-but will althe bids for county bridging for the low one of its members to lie on a lingering bed of sickness tossing in the deltrium of fever, without its members offering to relieve the aged father and mother through their long vigils of anxious watching by the bedside of

the sick brother of their order? A PROTESTANT.

### Bestructive Fire at Alvo.

The following dispatch from Elmwood in Tuesday's Lincoln Journal, dated Monday, tells of a destructive fire which visited the town of Alvo, a hustling village in the western part of this county, and well-nigh destroyed the entire business portion of the

"The little town of Alvo, located on the Rock Island seven miles northwest of Elmwood, was visited by a destructive fire at 1 o'clock this morning, destroying the State bank, general store of Waugh & Son, drug store of B. A. Root, meat market and restaurant of Frank Scott. Dr. Sturdevant had his office in the drug store and his instruments and all of his accounts were destroyed. The fire was Rawles, Esq. and Mary Cochran were first discovered issuing from the roof celebrated at the home of the bride's of Waugh's store. The alarm was soon spread. A large crowd with buckets did what they could to subdue the flames, but their efforts were of C. Rawles of Larence, Kan. a brother no avail, although by persistent work of the groom, officiating. A wedding they kept the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings. In a few hours the force of the fire was spent and The bride is the complished daughter nothing but smoke and ruins were left of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Holmes, and for of the main business part of the town. years has resided in this county. The The bank safe was opened today and groom is a diligent, faithful and aspir- the contents were found in a good coning young attorney and has resided in dition except that the books were the city for the past four years. They badly scorched. Frank Scott places. will make their home at No. 920, Pearl bis loss on building, ice house, ice street (the Walker property). The and stock at \$1,000, with \$400 insur-Journal unites with many friends in ance. The bank has not estimated its loss. All buildings except Scott's were owned Edwin Jeary of Elmwood and James Rivett of Lincoln, and were a total loss. The insurance had expired bt a few days before. Their loss is estimated at \$5.000. Waugh & Son place their loss on stock at \$5,000, with 83,000 insurance. B A Root's loss on stock is \$1,000, insurance \$600.

"The origin is unknown. There had been no fire in the building since Sat-Pennsylvania, one at York and still arday night. Dr. Sturdevant's loss is about \$200, with no insurance. He entered the drug store to try to recover his books, but was overcome by the smoke and barely got out in time to

### The Income Tax.

ing in rapidly. Collector North has was diverced then Mrs. Walters the not properly filled out and will be sent | the string of wives.

## FATE SOON DECIDED.

and Arguments Taken Up.

Testimony Introduced By Both Prosecution and Defense Hardly Up to Expretations Some Other Mis. cellancous Jottings

The Lindsay murder trial, commenced vesterday morning in district court, after a day had been spent in securing a jury, is now all but finished and the prisoner's fate, barring an extra long session by the jury, will have been made known by toworrow.

The state introduced its last witness shortly before the noon hour, and the defence opened its side of the controversy by putting Lindsay on the stand. The prisoner's testimony was in effect a complete denial of intentionally jabbing the deceased Robbins in the abdomen with his elbow, and the bulk of the testimony introduced by the defense was on the line that the intent was lacking by reason of the position being taken that Robbins really rushed onto Lindsay's elbow and shoulder.

The audience was large and the opinion prevails generally that, while the defence has been weak, the testierally believed will follow.

structions to the jury.

the state in the closing

#### Many Claimants For a Pension.

Today's Omaha Bee says: "Dr. Stone of the Grand Army of the Reweman who claims to be the first and legal wife of J. A. Wal ers, the soldier who suicided in this city a few days ago. She lives in Harrisburg, l'a , and in the letter she makes inquiries regarding the discharge papers which Walters had upon his person. a claim for a pension. To do this she will have to prove that she was the legal wife and that she had never been divorced from Walters. This may be a big job as it is well known that Wal-

ters had married several other women. Mrs. Walters the first, however. thicks that she stands a pretty good show for a pension. In her letter she says that she was married to Walters on lanuary 12, 1866. Twelve years ago he left her and started west. She did not see him till last November. At that time she says that he told her that he had married several other give her any trouble as he had never been divorced from her. An extract from the letter reads as follows: "He told me when here how he had married other women, but, he said, it don't matter how many other ones I have married, you are the only one that can get my pension." She relies on this statement as a basis for her belief that she is a lawful wife. Yet she will have a great deal of difficulty in proving her claim as she will have to trace up her bushand's career during the many years he was absent and give indisputable proofs that he was never livorced from her.

Walters had given his discharge papers to the woman to whem he was married in this city. She immediately after her husband's death hueted up ber marriage certificate and the four discharges and started to apply for a pension Her marriage with Walters occurred in January, 1894, and this date of age. itis appearance answers to dier after June, 1890, is not entitled to receive a pension after his death. Cleveland police in order to discover The Omaha Mrs. Walters, however, if he is Jackson. held on to the papers and took them with her to St. Paul.

If Mrs. Walters the first is divorced are of exactly the same kind as those Toesday's World Herald says: "Re- from Walters, then Mrs. Walters the turns for income tax, which were all second, whoever she is, can come in fer due yesterday until an extension to the pension, provided she was married bers of the same gang who worked the April 15 was made last week, are com- to Walters before June, 1890. If she east last fall. about 500 already. Some of these are third stands a show, and so on through

The day before Walters killed him- another hotel.

self he wrote to Mrs. Walters the first and told her of his intention of committing snielde, and gave her the assurance that she would get a pension. the deed the Omaha Mrs. Walters claims that Walters gave ber the discharge papers, together with the aspension. It is suspected that Walters managed to gather his many wives by promising each one that she should get the pension after his death. All that have been heard from up to date have not expressed any great sorrow at Walter's death, and each of them has been making very pointed inquiries They are aged 19 and 17 years respecabout the pension.

Although Walters swerved somewhat from the conventional in the number of his wives, he had an excel-August 4, 1862, and remained in the dent of this city. company until February 16, 1863. On June 27, 1863, he enlisted in the Twentieth Pennsylvania and was discharged on January 6, 1864. He then enlisted with the Twelfth Penusylvaniacalalry on February 23, 1864, and was discharged on July 26, 1865.

#### Bank Robber Has a Bad Record,

Griswold bank robbers arrested in mony introduced by the state has not Council Bluffs a short time ago is been as strong as first anticipated, and guilty of a greater crime than safe timony Monday in the suit of Loren which was done by acclamation. The a verdict for manslaughter is gen- blowing. The one in question is Raney vs. Van Horn, the barber, new secretary is a young business man The introduction of the state's testi- the battle between the officers and the that Van Horn was to teach him the in fulfilling the office, and the society mony in rebutta! was concluded at crooks, and who gave his name as L. barber's trade for the sum of \$10, and about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and B. Smith. The crime that it is in turn was to receive his board free Judge Chapman then devoted about thought he may have committed is for six months. Raney to receive dent, secretary and Mr. Spurlock was thirty minutes to addressing his in- murder. It is a well established fact nothing for his labor. After working selected to fix the dates for the '95 fair County Attorney Polk was making took part in the robbery are eastern with sending the apprentice away and list. the opening argument as we go to press. | criminals and of the most experienced | would give the latter no further in-Messrs Besson, Root and Gorley will and dangerous kind. Their manner structions in the trade. Raney fixes follow for the defense in the order shows that they are skilled workers, his damages at \$25. Justice Archer county writes to his paper, the l'apil named and Mr. Wooley will represent and the police officials are confident h s the matter under advisement. that all of them are guilty of many

The murder in which Smith is suspected of being implicated was comunited in Cleveland, O., on the night public has received a letter from the for September 15 of last year. At that time there were operating in that city a very skill fel lot of safe blowers and the police were keeping a pretty sharp lookout for them. One of the officers who was trying to get on the trail was Sergeant N. II. Shrehan. On the night in question be stumbled across With these she intends to try to prove three men in the act of blowing a safe in a jeweiry store. He endeavored to cepture them, but the time nature of the encounter between the officer and the burglars can never be told, as nothing was known of it until the next morning, when the sergeant was found lying dead beside a kit of tools and a half opened sate.

Two of the sate blowers were afterwards captured and from them it was discovered that there were three doing the job. They admitted that they were doing the work when the officer en tered but denied that either had fired the fatal shot. Both claimed that women, but that they would never it was fired by the third man, who has never been captured. They gave his name as Henry Jackson. Jackson is a

> a description were sent over the tended the condemned man; country and a reward of \$1,500 offered for his arrest. The description shows tha he is a man of 35 years of age, plexion. His eyes are very peculiar, description almost mentically corresponds to that of the wounded Griswold bank robber, Smith, who has admitted that he is 34 years this similarity that it is understood that they will communicate with the

The kits of tools found on the Griswold roobers when they were captured found beside the murdered sergeant in Cleveland. This is taken as an indiextion that the robbers may be mem-

While he was in Council Bloffs Smith gave two other names, register- bad been taken. ing at the Ogden house as W. W. Barnes and under another name at

AROUND PIDE COURSE ROUMS

DISTRICT COURT. The arguments in the case of Welton vs Atkinson, tried Tuesday in district court, were submitted this morning, and after a four hours' session, the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$150 28. This taxes the costs up to Welton and is virtually a victory for the defense,

#### CCUNTY COURT.

License to wed was issued in county court today to Mr. Chas. Oliver Me-Donald and Miss Zoe Anna Clifford.

License to wed was issued in county court Saturday to Mr. Edgar M. Stone and Miss Lula Kitzel, also to Mr. I. lent war record. He had four honora- Dean Stone and Miss Leah M. Hart- tion to the next annual meeting of the ble discharges from the army. He in- man. The two prospective grooms are society, to be held in this city next listed in the Sixteenth Pennsylvania sons of Isaac Stone of Greenwood pre- September. infantry on April 28, 1861, and was cinct, an ex-member of the state legisdischarged on July 27, following. He lature from this county. The Miss re-enlisted with the One Hundred and Hartman mentioned is a daughter of Thirtieth Pennsylvania infantry on Jeremiah Hartman, a former resi-

#### JUSTICE COURT.

Robert Hill, an employe in the Cullom stone quarries, took unto himself Todd, Wm. Wettenkamp, Jacob Valan enormous jag and the police very lery, jr., Henry Borck and Samuel kindly allowed him the privilege of Richardson. passing the night in jail. Saturday morning Police Judge Archer assessed | as secretary for the fairs of '98 and '94. There is a possibility that one of the his pleasure as being worth \$5 25 and was unanimously tendered a re-elecon payment of same was released.

the robber who was wounded during Raney, for cause of action, alleges possessing every qualification needed that the memb rs of the gang which for three weeks, Van Horn is charged and to revise and prepare the premium

#### A Question of Jurisdiction.

Milton Remley, attorney general of Iowa; A. S. Churchill, attorney general for Nebraska; C. W. Kellogg, attorney for Harrison county, Iowa, and C. W. Sears, attorney for Burt county, Nebraska; Sheriffs Coulthard of Harrison county and H. H Bowers of Burt county, were in Council Bluffs Tuesday in conference over the question as to whether Burt or Harrison county has jurisdiction over a small piece of land at present joined to the Nebraska side of the Missouri river, but at various times in the past on first the Iowa and then the Nebraska side.

Last month Robert Phillips was murdered in a quarrel over the ownership of some land in this disputed strip. The question as to jurisdiction immediately arose, and neither county is willing to admit that the land be longs within its boundaries, and each is trying to shift the burden of dealing with the murder on the shoulders of the ether.

The conference developed a wide difference of opinion, but no conclusion was arrived at.

### To the Humane Society.

As soon as Jackson was given away | rected to "Reverend Father Cook," | bills. by his accomplices his photograph and who was one of the priests that at-

PLATISMOUTH, Feb 28th, '95. embrace the time and only saving faith weighs to the neighborhood of 160 of that living church, founded and pounds, is live test nine inches in handed down to as through all ages favor of John Fitzgerald and the Maiheight, has dark bair and a dark com- and time, by the living God himself, lory Construction company was for being very deeply sunken. This Grand and sublime work of a God, viz: on two claims, one for \$500 000 as a dis-HARRY HILL

### Is Sincerely Thankful,

a woman who marries a veteran sol. Bluffs police are so much struck with to me during my visits to the late Harry Hill. FATHER CARNEY.

> \$500 with the county commissioners DeWeese, Halt and Woolworth. for "reading death warrant and conducting execution of Harry Hill." The law fixes a fee for conducting executions at any sum which the commis- lows: Farm property-filed, \$19,445 sioners may deem just and fair. The | 55; satisfied, \$26,494 55 Town propboard had the bill under advisement erty-filed, \$32.9.950; satisfied, \$5,346.today, but at four o'clock no action | 25. Chattel mortgages-filed. \$5.250.85;

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## OFFICERS SELECTED.

Business Affairs Of the Agricultural Society In Good Hands.

NEW SECRETARY IS CHOSEN.

Geo. M. Spartock Resigns the Scoretaryship And Mr. T. H. Pollock Is Named To Attend for the Daties of That Offic -Notes

#### The Agricultural Society

Some two dozen members of the Cars County Agricultural society met at the court bouse Saturday afternoon and discussed various subjects in rela-

In the selection of officers the following was the result:

President-F. M. Richey. Vice-president-R. B. Windham. Secretary-T. H. Pollock. Treasurer-Jnc. H. Becker.

Gen'l sup't-Henry Eikenbary.

Directors - Levi Churchill. Ami

Mr. Geo. M. Spurlock, who has served tion, but be declined, and urged the Justice Archer was hearing the tes. society to choose Mr. T. H. Pellock,

A committee composed of the presi-

#### Foreinst the Orton Bill

Representative Ed Heward of Sarpy lion Times, as follows:

"We had a merry time on Wednesday of last week before the roads and bridges committee. County Attorney Lefler, Clerk Wilson, Commissioners Begley and Grell, Editor Raker, Arthur-Spearman and P. J. Langdon were here to help me defeat the obnoxions Orton hill, which proposed in effect to permit the Cass county board to transact business for Sarpy county. Our two commissioners and county clerk testified as officials that Surpy county had no earthly use for Platte river bridges, and that not ten voters in the county would ask the commissioners to accept the Clarke bridge as a gift. Attorney Lefler made a splendid argument against the Orten monstrosity, proving conclusively that the measure is a piece of vicious class legislation, intended to vote money into the pockets of H. T. Clarke, the owner of the bridge, and Si Patterson, the South Bend merchant prince. Mr. Chace, chairman of the bridge committee, now informs me that his committee will report in favor of killing the bill, all of which will be good news to the taxpayers, who will be under renewed obligations to our commissioners, clerk and attorney for their suc-The following letter, in the hand- cessful fight against the enemy. While crook known to the eastern police and | writing of Harry Hill, was handed us | the Orton bill now lies dead, there are has served long terms in New York for publication as a final message of others to take its place, two in the and New Jersey pentientiaries for the condemned man to the Omaha senate and one in the house, both of burgiaries and safe blowing. He is Humane society, which had shown a which have the same aim. However, not only a skillful criminal in these kind disposition toward him. The let- I feel confident in predicting at this lines, but also a very dangerous man. ter was placed in an envelope and di- time that the house will kill all such

#### Sought a Reheaving The supreme court at Lincoln lis-

tened all day yesterday to reargument The object of this life is simply a of two points in the famous suit of Fitzgerald against the Missouri Pacific railroad. The original judgment in It is not the work of a man, but the \$768,000. A rehearing was granted count of Missouri Pacific bonds, and the other for \$150,000, being a discount of \$1,000 per mile on a road constructed. The undersigned hereby returns his The claim for \$500,000 was allowed by most sincere thanks to Sheriff Eiken- the court in the original judgment, but barred her from receiving the pension! that of the escaped marderer, wenthe bary; also to Jailor Denson and the the \$150,000 claim was disallowed at A recent act of Congress provides that peculiarny of the eyes. The Council guards for their gentlemanly courtesies that time. The Misseuri Pacific company was represented by Mes's. Waggoner and John L. Webster, while the Sheriff Eikenbary has filed a bill for plaintiffs were represented by Messas.

> The Martgage Record The February mortgage record, as compiled at the court house, is as folsatisfied, \$0,427 48.

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