

POWER FROM LOUP RIVER

Omaha Engineer Plans Canal Similar to the Fremont Proposition.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS WITHHELD

Prisoner for Perjury Gets Commutation of Sentence and a Wealthy Heir—Lancaster County's Tax Levy.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, July 9.—(Special.)—A plan for utilizing water of the Loup river at Fullerton for general power purposes, in a manner similar to that contemplated by the promoters of the Fremont power plant, has been conceived by William J. McEathron, a civil engineer of Omaha, and an application for permission to appropriate the necessary water was filed today in the office of Adna Dobson, secretary of the State Board of Irrigation.

It is proposed to build a canal from a point near Mayfield to Fullerton, where it will supply a lake covering thirty-five acres of land and all water after being used in the power plant will be returned to the river. The plans also contemplate using the lake as a place of amusement.

According to the specifications filed by Engineer McEathron the canal and lake would give a fall of twelve feet, supplying 270-horse-power. This, it is claimed, would furnish sufficient electrical power for a lighting plant and numerous factories at an exceedingly small cost.

Fullerton is in Nance county, on the Union Pacific railroad. It is a good agricultural country and with cheap power would undoubtedly enjoy continued and increased development.

Delegate to Mining Conference.

Governor Savage has appointed Clay Fox of Newfort as delegate to the national mining congress which will be held in Cripple Creek the latter part of this month. Mr. Fox will take the place of E. L. Meyers, resigned.

New Cattle Company.

Articles of incorporation of the F. M. Cattle company of Burwell were recorded in the secretary of state's office today. The company is capitalized for \$25,000 and its incorporators are: L. B. Fenner, J. M. Easterling, Blake Maher and W. D. Oldham.

Falls to Hand Down Decisions.

After remaining all day in conference the supreme court and commission at 5:30 adjourned until tomorrow morning without handing down any decisions. Upward of 100 opinions have been prepared, but all of them will be withheld until the close of the sitting.

Prisoner Marries Rich Widow.

Benjamin J. Valek, sentenced to imprisonment for seven years for perjury under extenuating circumstances, this morning married to Marie Hlavaty, a Bohemian widow living at Dawson, Neb. Immediately after the marriage Governor Savage commuted the sentence of the prisoner to one year and five months, allowing him his liberty this afternoon. The commutation was granted on the express condition that the prisoner, who has been out on parole, would reform and marry the widow, who possesses about \$40,000 in real estate.

Tax Levy for Lancaster.

The county commissioners met this morning and fixed the tax levy for the coming year at 1.65 mills. The levy last year was 1.4. Last year the property of Lancaster county was valued at \$2,270,558.47. This year the valuation was \$2,816,375.41.

Primaries Under Old Method.

Chairman Dobbin of the republican county central committee today announced that unless a majority of the committee ordered otherwise the primaries would be conducted under the old method, in view of the fact that a clause had been discovered in the Van Dusen law making its application optional. So the chairman will instruct that the primaries will be held as usual in the city precincts and will not attempt to introduce the cumbersome Australian ballot system in the rural districts. The candidates will also provide their own tickets in the city.

Dispute Fairness of Contract.

Local members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen threaten to cause considerable trouble because the contract for printing the Nebraska Workman, the official organ of the order, was let to W. N. Huse of Norfolk at the rate of \$9 per thousand copies instead of \$4 per thousand, the lowest bid. After considerable trouble over the matter, the printing board was ordered to let the job to the lowest bidder. This local members claim, was not done. Now the dissatisfied element is having 30,000 circulars printed and will endeavor to mail one to every member in the state in order to bring about an investigation of the matter.

FISHER TAKES HIS PLACE

Inspector Turns Hastings Postoffice Over to New Appointee—Hahn Remains for Present.

HASTINGS, Neb., July 9.—(Special Telegram.)—When the Hastings postoffice opened this morning, Postoffice Inspector J. D. Sinclair took possession and immediately turned the office over to Jacob Fisher, who resigned for everything invoiced and turned over to him.

Mr. Fisher had been in office all day with the inspector, getting acquainted with his new duties. About 10 o'clock this morning, Leopold Hahn called up the deputy postmaster by telephone from South Omaha to find out what had been done, and when informed of the inspector's doings, he said he would return to Hastings at once.

SUPREME JUDGES DISAGREE

Case Against Millard and Omaha National Not Settled—Possibly Another Sighting.

LINCOLN, July 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Judges Hastings, Kirkpatrick and Day have been closeted since today yesterday considering an opinion in the case of the state against J. H. Millard and the Omaha National bank, instituted to recover \$24,000 of state money lost through the default of Joseph Barst. The opinion, as prepared by one of the commissioners, has met with decided objections from his colleagues and it may be withheld until a future sitting of the court.

Reception for Their Pastor.

WYMORE, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—The Ladies guild and St. Agnes' guild of the Episcopal church held a joint reception for Rev. E. A. Osborn and bride Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tim McKivitt. There were fifty members of the church present. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening passed with the pastor and his bride.

Women Visit the Mountains.

WYMORE, July 9.—(Special.)—Quite a party of women from Wymore and surrounding country left Monday to spend

Valuation of Nebraska Farm Land

Deputy Lessor Commissioner Watson has just completed a compilation of the value of farm lands in Nebraska, based on the figures returned by the county assessors. This is the first time any such compilation has been undertaken. The figures are as follows:

Table with columns: COUNTY, Best tillable, Fair tillable, Poor tillable, Pasture land. Lists counties from Adams to York with corresponding values.

BOY STEALS FREMONT HORSE

Nine-Year-Old Borrows a Big Drive to Valley and Cools Greets Sheriff.

FREMONT, July 9.—(Special.)—Guy McCarty, a 9-year-old boy, yesterday stole a horse and buggy belonging to S. D. Lydick of this city and drove to Valley, where he was arrested last evening by Sheriff Kreader and brought back to Fremont. The team was left hitched on Fifth street near Main. About 11 o'clock several persons saw the boy hitch the horse and drive off very rapidly. He drove to Valley, a distance of fourteen miles, in a little over an hour. He hitched the rig to a post and was walking around town unconcernedly when the sheriff took him into custody. This is the second time within three months that the boy has stolen a horse. The first time he sold the wagon and harness and bought a horse and saddle with the proceeds. The Lydick horse was brought back to Fremont last evening, pretty well used up from the hard drive. The boy spent the night in jail.

CELEBRATE FOURTH TOO LONG

Two Seward Boys Injured by Explosion and One of Them Dies.

SEWARD, Neb., July 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The 12-year-old son of Henry Fairman, a farmer living near Seward, died and his brother fatally injured as the result of a second Fourth of July celebration. The boys were playing with a couple of toy pistols upstairs. The younger one got near an open can of powder, causing it to explode. The younger boy was hurled to the ceiling by the force of the explosion. He was so badly mangled and burned that he died soon after. His brother is in a critical condition.

Grand Island Council's Levy.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the city council last evening a levy was made on a basis of 23 mills for the city and 23 mills for the school district. There was quite a fight over the electric attempt to levy 5 mills for a \$4,000 electric light plant, or the raising of the amount of the fund from which the sum was taken for defraying the expenses of the smallpox contagion. At the recent election of mayor the question of a reduction of the taxation in the city was an issue and Candidate Cleary, who was elected, ran on that kind of a platform. The reduction this year over last is 1-mill. There is at the same time a reduction of some \$90,000 in the assessor's returns, which is credited up to Assessor Ackerman.

Falls from Pony and Breaks Arm.

PLATTSBROUGH, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—The son of Hon. R. B. Windham was returning from the pasture last evening with the cows a dog came running out of a yard and frightened the pony. He stumbled and threw the lad to the ground, breaking the bone in his right arm. Dr. E. W. Cook reduced the fracture.

Stone Wrecks a Car.

ELK CREEK, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—While switching in the Burlington yards this afternoon, train No. 117 was backing a car of lumber in on a sidetrack when a rock on the track was struck, breaking the trucks and derailing the car. The track was torn up for several yards and the car mashed.

Big Crop of Peaches.

WYMORE, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—The work of harvesting peaches on the orchard of J. M. Russell & Son, south of town, will be begun in a few days. There are forty acres in this orchard and the yield is estimated at 25,000 bushels. The fruit is of a superior quality.

Man's Face Badly Scorched.

GENEVA, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—John Schuster was burned yesterday while firing a straw burner traction engine. He opened the door to add more fuel and a gust of wind drove the fire into the straw about him, scorching his face and body.

Son Agrees to Father's Wishes.

FALLS CITY, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—Samuel Miles, one of the heirs who tried to break his father's will, has filed a petition in the district court stating that he has no longer desires of having the will set aside.

NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS

Yield of Wheat Good in Quantity and Quality—Corn Grows Well and Rapidly.

United States Department of Agriculture, Nebraska Section, Climate and Crop Service, of the Weather Bureau—Weekly Crop Bulletin.—University of Nebraska, Lincoln, July 9.—General summary: The wheat has been hot, with heavy showers in eastern counties. The daily mean temperature has averaged 5 degrees above normal. The maximum temperatures for the week generally exceeded 100 degrees in southern counties and were but little below 90 degrees in northern.

Another Bridge at St. Louis

Mayor Stevens of the East Side Hints and the Public Draws Conclusions.

ST. LOUIS, July 9.—Mayor M. M. Stevens of East St. Louis today said that negotiations were pending with a railroad company for the building of a third bridge across the Mississippi at this point, under the charter granted by congress. Mayor Stevens was not prepared to make public the name of the road, but it is believed that the Southern Railway is the road referred to.

SICKLES TOO ILL TO RETURN

Sickness that Prostrated Him at Pleasantville Still Keeps Him at There in Bad Condition.

NEW YORK, July 9.—General Daniel E. Sickles is seriously ill in Pleasantville, N. Y., at the home of Village President Daniel P. Hayes. He went there on the Fourth of July to make an address to the residents and has been ill ever since that he has had to remain with his host.

Hot Weather Hints

For Elvers, Babies and Horses. The care of infants in hot weather is a most important problem. It is also difficult, but years of experience under many physicians have taught some excellent rules. Feeding is most important. Feed the baby on clean, fresh, sweet milk. Do not allow it to touch fruits or any food that might be stale. One thin flannel garment and a napkin is enough for the baby to wear any time, day or night, in this hot weather. The full bath in the morning in warm weather and the sponge bath in the evening are necessities. Keep the baby cool. Give it fresh air. Take it to the parks every day. For very young infants, whose circulation is always poor, a hot bottle of water or a hot brick should be kept at the foot of the cradle, covered with flannel. This keeps the lower limbs warm and protects the

CRASHES INTO A FREIGHT

Passenger All Escape, but Two of Train Crew Killed and Several Injured.

CLEVELAND, July 9.—A special to the Leader from Nottingham, O., says: One of the worst wrecks on the Lake Shore road in years occurred at 2:30 o'clock this morning, in the center of this village, ten miles east of Cleveland. The southwestern, limited on the Big Four from St. Louis, Cincinnati and other western cities, which goes over the Lake Shore tracks into this city, was dived by a collision with a portion of a freight train. Just what caused the wreck is not definitely known, but it is thought a portion of a freight train that had broken in two had rolled onto the passenger track. No passenger was killed. The dead: FRANK ANDERSON, engineer of the passenger train, Buffalo. O. G. MCULEN of Cincinnati, mail clerk. William Elliott of Buffalo, fireman of passenger train, will probably die. W. M. Baker of Columbus, mail clerk, injured on head and body, not serious. E. F. Lovless of Cincinnati, mail clerk slight. Two tramps, identity not established, badly hurt.

CONDITION OF IOWA CROPS

Small Grain Damaged by Heat, but Corn is Laid by in Good Condition.

United States Department of Agriculture, Iowa Section, Climate and Crop Service, Weather Bureau, For Week Ending July 8, 1901. Des Moines, Ia.—The weather was exceedingly hot from the 1st to the 5th, the heated period culminating in a maximum temperature from 100 to 104 degrees at numerous stations on the 4th inst. The intensity of the heat was relieved to some extent by local thunderstorms and wind squalls from the 1st to the 4th, and numerous stations in the southwestern and northern districts report more than the normal amount of rainfall. Probably three-fourths of the state received a fair amount of moisture, but the intense heat and high winds caused rapid evaporation, and the effects of dry weather are noted in the pastures, gardens and grain fields. In some sections the oats crop has been prematurely ripened, and it is probable that the quality of spring wheat and barley has been somewhat impaired by excessive heat. Good progress has been made in haying and the conditions have been favorable for securing an excellent quality of hay. Oats and barley are being cut, and spring wheat is about ready for the harvest. The corn crop is generally in good con-

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