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LINCOLN, NEB., JULY 27, 1895.

MORE LIGHT A deposition in the case ON of the West Side Im-CROANISM provement association vs. F. W. Brown filed in the district court this week, is interesting as throwing some light on the methods employed by the late W. M. Croan in "promoting" the Western Normal college, a subject that has already been discussed in these columns. Neil Griffin, a farmer living in Barneston, says under oath (quoting from the News) that "he was brought to Lincoln by Croan and Kinsley in the fall of 1891 to help them work their scheme through of getting a college established here. He says he had known Croan and Kinsley at Shenandoah, and supposed them to be gentlemen until March, 1892. He tells of their work here, how Croan had him give it out that Des Moines had made Croan and Kinsley a better offer than Lincoln, but because of this city's location and railroad facilities they would prefer staying here if the money was guaranteed them. He says that Croan and Kinsley put down as subscriptions large sums of money--Croan's being \$5000 or \$10,000--the idea being to convey to the gudgeons they were fishing for that these men were putting into the enterprise all the money they had on earth, when as a matter of fact they did not intend to pay a dollar of this subscription and never have done so. He says that Croan also gave it out that Prof. Roose, Sizer and McClay were going to abandon their scheme at Lincoln Normal and come in with him, but that it was never accomplished, although he intimates a number of subscriptions to stock were secured on this representation. He says that another way the scheme was worked was for the stock agent to represent that under no circumstances would subscribers ever be called upon to pay more than 15 per cent. of their assessments, and to claim that a number of men, naming gilt-edged, prominent people in Lincoln, had agreed to take stock. It was represented that the capital stock should not be over \$100,000, and that the land was worth two and a half times that amount. Griffin says that he himself headed one list with a \$5000 subscription, the arrangement being

that he should never be called upon to pay it, although the agent told him he was foolish not to hang onto it. A stranger putting down such a sum would, of course, have its effect on stirring local capitalists to follow his example." It would be in order now for the esteemed managing editor of the Journal to publish another Croan testimonial. Word has reached this city, by the way, that Mr. Croan's new college at Anderson will not be finished in time for the opening this fall. It may be finished by September 1896, it is said.

EIGHTMINUTES There is a man out OR in the penitentiary in TEN YEARS this city answering to the name of William Hile. Like three fourths of the convicts he hails from Omaha. He was sentenced to ten years imprisonment for chicken stealing. He is an applicant for executive clemency, and he tells Governor Holcomb that his offense consisted of the theft of two dozen scrubby chickens. We know nothing of the facts of this case and it may be that Hile stole three or four dozen chickens; but we cannot help comparing this man's alleged offense with the crime committed by one C. W. Mosher and noting the inequality of the punishment meted out to those two men, one guilty of the theft of a few chickens and the other guilty of the theft of \$1,000,000. The latter gets about three and a half years and the former ten. If Mosher and Hile had been punished in the same proportion, the latter, valuing the chickens at \$4.80, would have been confined in prison just 8 minutes. Instead of this he got ten years. Such a comparison does not add lustre to the white robe of justice; but it is a reasonable comparison, and it shows the inadequacy of the punishment visited upon the wrecker of the Capital National bank and the terrible injustice of the sentence imposed upon the chicken stealer. Ten years for chicken stealing; three and a half years for stealing \$1,000,000! It is such inequalities that give excuse for the unbridled utterances of the Herrons, and make the people disgusted with the judicial system.

BY WAY Next week announ- OF cement will be made ANNOUNCEMENT of some changes in THE COURIER that have been in contemplation for several months, changes that will materially affect this paper, and be for its immediate betterment. THE COURIER has made a field for itself, and the measure of success it has attained during the serious business depression, encourages us, now that the outlook is brightening, to put forth new effort in the endeavor to make this paper completely fill its chosen field. We believe, and experience sustains us in the belief, that there is a place and an important place, for the weekly paper that will carefully and honestly review those subjects of real interest to the people, to which the daily papers, in their haste, cannot give more than passing notice. Our aim is to make THE COURIER a trustworthy and interesting weekly review containing such information and discussion as cannot be obtained elsewhere, and it is in furtherance of this idea that the plans spoken of have been adopted. We reserve the details

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Given under my hand this 29th day of June A. D. 1895.

July 27. Fred A. Miller Sheriff.

Notice of probate of will.

In the county court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, to Harriet A. Guild, Geddie Guild and to any others interested in said matter: You are hereby notified that an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry A. Guild deceased, is on file in said court, and also a petition praying for the probate of said instrument, and for the appointment of John S. Hewitt as administrator C. T. A. That on the 1st day of August 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., said petition and the proof of the execution of said instrument will be heard, and that if you do not then appear and contest, said court may then probate and record the same, and grant administration of the estate to John S. Hewitt.

This notice shall be published for three weeks successively in THE COURIER prior to said hearing.

Witness my hand and official seal this 11th day of July 1895.

July 27 Joseph Wurzburg, Ac't County Judge.

SHERIFF SALE

(First Publication June 29)

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county in an action wherein Charles W. Oakes is plaintiff, and Joseph W. Winger et al are defendants.

I will at two o'clock P. M. on the 30th day of July, A. D. 1895, at the East door of the court house in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate to-wit:

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