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NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Register for Land Office.
Washington, Feb. 8.—W. W. Wood of Rushville was recommended by Senators Millard and Burkett and Representative Kinkaid for register of the Alliance land office.

Insane Man Shoots City Marshal.
Central City, Neb., Feb. 12.—Armed with a shotgun, George Rodgers, an insane man, resisted arrest, twice shooting and wounding City Marshal Ernest Clark severely and Dennis Bartholomew slightly.

Count Creighton Is Dead.
Omaha, Feb. 8.—Surrounded by numerous relatives, friends and clergy of the Catholic church, Count John A. Creighton, after a gallant struggle against the inevitable, died at his home, 404 North Twentieth street.

Kills Bill to Abolish Hanging.
Lincoln, Feb. 8.—The house concurred in the action of the senate by indefinitely postponing the bill to abolish capital punishment. A bill requiring the governor's sanction before an execution can take place (patterned after the Kansas law) is still pending.

Clark Looks Into Grain Switching.
Omaha, Feb. 12.—Before commissioner Clark of the interstate commerce commission, in the federal court room, a hearing opened in the case known as the Omaha Grain exchange against the Union Pacific. The investigation is relative to the increased freight rate on grain between Council Bluffs and Omaha and South Omaha.

Bill to Publish Pass Holders Killed.
Lincoln, Feb. 12.—The state senate, following the recommendation of the judiciary committee, indefinitely postponed Senator Phillip's bill requiring the listing with the county clerk of all railroad passes held in any county. Mr. Phillip's bill providing for a 25-cent railroad fare was also killed. Bills providing that all railroad tickets be unlimited and that no passenger cars shall be run on trains ahead of baggage and express cars were advanced.

MOURNED ALL OVER THE WORLD
Society of Jesus Offers Prayer for Late John A. Creighton.

Omaha, Feb. 11.—In his eulogy of the late Count John A. Creighton, who was laid at rest Saturday beside his wife in Holy Sepulcher cemetery, Rev. M. P. Dowling said that over 15,000 members of the Society of Jesus all over the world would hold mass and offer prayers for Count Creighton. Wherever the Catholic faith is established the name of Count John A. Creighton is to be memorialized through the offices of the church. This is an honor seldom conferred on a communicant of the Roman Catholic church.

SUGAR PLANT MAY BE MOVED
Manager Scilley Suggests Better Prospects Nearer Beet Fields.

North Platte, Neb., Feb. 11.—Hugh Scilley, resident manager of the Standard beet sugar factory at Leavitt, has been visiting his brother, James Scilley, who is field agent at this point for the company. Mr. Scilley says it is doubtful whether or not the Standard factory will be operated next season. Mr. Ferguson's lease expires March 1, and as the beet growers are demanding a flat rate of \$5 per ton he does not think it advisable to re-lease the factory. Mr. Scilley also says in his opinion the factory will be sold under foreclosure soon after March 1 and the bondholders will probably buy it and remove it to a point nearer the beet growing district.

RAILWAY COMMISSION CASE
Constitutionality of Act Argued to Nebraska Supreme Court.

Lincoln, Feb. 8.—Exhaustive arguments were made in the supreme court on the constitutionality of the elective state railroad commission. The action was brought by Attorney General Thompson under authority of a legislative resolution passed early at the present session. At the election last November three commissioners were elected, the power to exercise their functions being contingent on the supreme court sustaining the legality of the act creating the commission. On its constitutionality also hinges much of the railroad legislation now pending. The action is simply a test case, the attorney general, as the relator, appearing in opposition to the enactment. Leading lawyers of the state argued for the commission. The railroad companies made no appearance at the hearing.

GIRL IS BOUND AND GAGGED.
Town of Hildreth All Worked Up Over a Mysterious Crime.

Hildreth, Neb., Feb. 12.—The citizens of Hildreth have been greatly worked up over the fact that A. L. Beck, a prominent resident of the city, upon going to his room, found his fifteen-year-old daughter, Freda, bound and gagged and in a semi-conscious condition. Upon releasing her she told a story about as follows:

While she was arranging her father's room, a stranger entered the room and, with revolver in hand, told the little girl if she made any noise whatever he would shoot her. He then proceeded to blind her, hand and foot, and then ransacked the room, it appearing as if he was looking for letters or documents of some kind, but nothing has been missed. Just before leaving the room he cut off some of the girl's hair, but did not harm her otherwise. So far there is no clew as to who it was.

Nebraska Supreme Court Hands Down Decision in Paypay Case.

Lincoln, Feb. 9.—The supreme court rendered an opinion declaring that marriage is valid under the customs of an Indian tribe and, when performed among members while the tribal relation existed, will be considered valid in the courts of this state and the children will be regarded as legitimate. This case came up from Knox county and was instituted for the purpose of quieting title to an undivided half interest in a tract of land. Daniel Paypay years ago married a squaw named Quadam, and a daughter, now Mrs. Ortle, was the result of the union. Paypay later repudiated the Indian marriage. Mrs. Ortle, as the heir of Paypay, brought suit for title to the land, and the court sustained her.

RIVERS ARE STILL SWELLING

Platte and Loup Are Rising as Result of Gorges.

Lincoln, Feb. 12.—The warm weather of the past five days has caused the breaking up of the ice in the Loup river, and the forming of gorges has caused floods along that stream. A report from Pleasanton says a gorge has formed below there and the greater part of the town is under four feet of water. Men are at work trying to clear the channel, but are making little progress.

Near Loup City the Middle Loup river is badly swollen and bottom lands are flooded. The big bridge south of the town went out and another bridge west of the town is weakened and in danger. The river is rising rapidly. The Loup is a tributary of the Platte, and towns along the latter river are preparing for a flood.

KRAUSES SERVE SENTENCE
First Land Men Convicted Spend Day With United States Marshal.

Omaha, Feb. 7.—Pursuant to the decree of the United States circuit court of appeals, in denying their motion for a new trial, John and Herman Krause, cattlemen and ranchmen of Sheridan county, appeared in the federal building and surrendered themselves to the custody of the United States marshal to undergo the sentence of "twenty-four hours' imprisonment in the custody of the United States marshal," as decreed against them at the hearing of their case nearly eighteen months ago.

The Krauses were indicted for illegally fencing some 10,000 acres of public lands and for the intimidation of settlers who sought to make homestead entries within these illegal enclosures of the Krauses in Sheridan county. The trial was the first land case before a jury and lasted several days.

The trial resulted in the conviction of the Krauses. They took the matter up on appeal to the United States circuit of appeals, with the recent result affirming the judgment of the lower court. The sentence involved a fine of \$800 against John, and \$500 against Herman Krause and that they be each required to pay one-half of the costs and to be imprisoned in the custody of the United States marshal for twenty-four hours. The total costs of the case in the lower court amounted to about \$1,200. The Krauses paid the fine and costs into the United States district clerk.

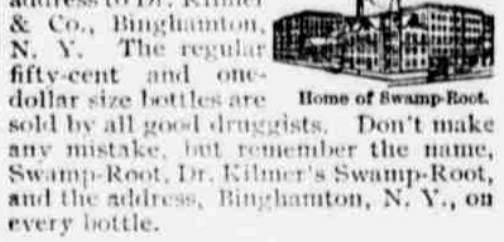
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DECISION EXPECTED AT WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE TODAY.

MAY AGREE ON COMPROMISE

San Francisco Men Refuse to Readmit Orientals to the Schools Unless President Gives Assurances That Congress Will Pass Exclusion Law.

Washington, Feb. 13.—That the San Francisco school question will be settled today is the general opinion in official circles. Mayor Schmitz and his associates received a message from the president saying that he desired to confer with them at the white house again this afternoon.

It was stated that President Roosevelt, through Secretary Root, has proposed to Speaker Cannon and to the chairmen of the senate and house committees on immigration and other Republican leaders in congress that a clause be inserted in the immigration bill now pending in congress which will bar Japanese coolie labor from the United States. Mayor Schmitz's delegation favors such a provision.

Mayor Schmitz has notified the president of the San Francisco Japanese and Korean Exclusion league that under no consideration will he and his associates yield one point on the question of excluding Japanese laborers from this country. In response to telegrams the mayor has telegraphed his friends that the reports that he has "surrendered to the president on the school question are false."

Mayor Schmitz and his associates stand ready to rescind the school board's order establishing the Oriental schools and again to admit Japanese to the white schools, providing the president can give assurances that in the near future he can secure congressional legislation or effect a treaty with the Tokio government that will exclude Japanese laborers. If an agreement be reached at the conference it will be on this basis.

DISCUSS CHURCH MERGER

Iowa Ministers Differ as to Plan of Organization.

Des Moines, Feb. 13.—Members of the Congregational, Methodist Protestant and United Brethren denominations met in this city for the purpose of discussing the course of action to follow at the meeting in Chicago next week, when a basis of the organization of the three denominations into one will be decided upon. The consolidation of the three denominations has been decided upon by the national bodies of the three denominations. The plan has yet to be devised. At the meeting of the Iowa ministers of the

three denominations it became apparent that some real perplexing problems are in the road. One of these is the question of the organization of the new denomination. The Methodist Protestant and United Brethren have the bishop and presiding elder system, the Congregationalists the pure congregational form. Neither seems ready to abandon its form of organization. The discussions here further brought out the fact that the question of the management and support of the educational institutions and the missionary activity of the various denominations is a grave problem and one that it will be difficult to dispose of.

APPEAL IN CRIMINAL CASES

Rayner Contends This Privilege Should Not Be Given the Government.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The senate considered the bill allowing the government the right to appeal to the supreme court of the United States on points of law in criminal cases. Rayner took the floor in opposition to the measure. He said it would change the whole system of criminal procedure. The house went into committee of the whole for consideration of the naval appropriation bill by sections, under the five-minute rule.

Two Miners Killed.

Des Moines, Feb. 13.—Andy F. McCormick was killed by a fall of slate in the Enterprise Coal company's mine and Teddy Reese was killed in the Des Moines Coal company's mine. McCormick was taken from the mine alive, but died soon after reaching Mercy hospital. Reese was killed instantly by being run over by a wagon load of coal.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD

By a vote of 76 to 5 the West Virginia house passed the senate 2-cent fare bill.

President Alfred Walker of the Seaboard Air Line died at his home in New York city.

Vice President Fairbanks and Secretary Shaw were the principal speakers at the Union League club's Lincoln birthday banquet at Baltimore.

The union telegraph operators employed by the Western Union in Chicago will take a vote next Sunday on the question of going on a strike to enforce certain demands that have been made on the company.

Miss Lillian Ogden Tootle and George H. Larke, one of the managing owners of the St. Joseph Gazette, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCord Tootle, at St. Joseph, Mo.

John Woolley and wife, Anna Woolley, are in jail at St. Joseph, Mo., charged with the murder of Annie Pearl Smith, the twenty-months-old daughter of Mrs. Woolley, and an extra guard was placed at the jail because of the threatened lynching of the dead child's mother and stepfather.