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CONGRESS has voted \$300,000 to the sufferers by the Ohio floods.

THE Senate Committee on Agriculture have unanimously ordered a favorable report on the bill to prevent the spread of pleuro-pneumonia prepared by representatives of the cattle interest, and introduced by Senator Miller.

THE Republican State Central Committee will meet at the Millard hotel, Omaha, February 27th, at 7 P. M., for the purpose of calling a State Convention to choose delegates to the National Convention.

THE Democrats in this district are endorsing Hon. James Laird's action in voting for the restoration of Fitz-John Porter. What effect this will have on Mr. Laird's future political career is doubtful.—Gazette-Journal.

THE Texas Legislature has appropriated \$50,000 for the detection of fence-cutters. It has also enacted a law requiring the owners of fenced ranges to have gates at intervals of three miles, and thus enable an approach to be made to water.

THE column of "Topics of the Times" we missed a few days ago in the Lincoln Journal, and divined that something unusual must have occurred to Mr. Calhoun, its genial and able writer. The sympathy of the press of Nebraska will be evoked by the announcement that the cause of the editor's absence was the death of a beloved child.—Republican.

"CHINESE" GORDON, concerning whose safety there was so much fear, has reached Berber, in the Soudan. So far he has maintained his reputation for reckless bravery and has met with his usual good fortune. General Gordon passed through the desert accompanied only by his secretary, Col. Stewart, and the son of the Governor of Berber. Previous to starting on his journey General Gordon sent a message to the troublesome Sheikhs, saying: "Meet me at Khartoum. If you want peace, I am for peace. If you want war, I am ready."

STANDARD time is fixed by adopting the local time of four Meridians which traverse the United States fifteen degrees apart, hence there is a difference of one hour's time between each Meridian used. The first passes near Philadelphia and gives us eastern time. The second passes near St. Louis and gives us central time. The third passes near Denver and gives us mountain time, and the fourth is near Virginia City, and called Pacific time. Each time is one hour slower than that of the Meridian east of it. Each locality will use the time of the Meridian to which it is nearest. Thus all of Nebraska as far as McCook, uses the central time, and west of that point, uses mountain time.

THE Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette speaks strong words in behalf of Gen. Porter: "Pope and Porter were both educated soldiers and good fighting men. Both are men of a distinguished order of ability. The extravagancies of public opinion holding one to be a fool and the other a traitor are monstrously unjust. There is no inconsistency in being friendly with both. The man who fought the battle of Gaines' Mills and Malvern Hill should be judged with great consideration, and on the 30th day of August Porter's little corps, rested, resolute, well-handled, could not save the day, but prevented the disaster from being beyond remedy. Politicians spout about Fitz John Porter as if he never fought a battle, when he was the right hand of the government in Pennsylvania in the critical days at the beginning of the war; when he won the battle of Hanover Court-house; when he fought a wonderful battle at Gaines' Mills; when he saved the army at Malvern Hill; when he was the wall of fire standing against the confederate hosts on the day after his alleged misconduct, which was foreseen by a staff officer with the mystic gift of clairvoyance.

Commissioners Proceedings.

CLERK'S OFFICE, INDIANOLA, NEB., February 2nd, 1884.

Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Henry Crabtree, S. L. Green, E. J. Allington, Commissioners, and C. D. Cramer, Clerk.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

APPOINTMENTS.

On motion, Charles Colling was appointed Assessor Danbury precinct; George A. Hunter was appointed Assessor Indianola precinct; Chester Dow was appointed Overseer Road District No. 14.

On motion, official bonds as follows were approved: ASSESSORS. Page T. Francis, Willow Grove precinct. John T. Hess, Red Willow precinct. Charles Colling, Danbury precinct.

CONSTABLES.

Emory H. Lee, East Valley precinct. E. H. McCormick, Willow Grove precinct.

ROAD OVERSEERS.

Andrew Barber, District No. 4. Roger Barnes, District No. 9. Chester Dow, District No. 14.

On motion petitions were granted as follows, to-wit:

To establish a public road commencing at the southwest corner of section 35, town 4 north, range 27 west, and running thence west on the township line one mile, terminating at the southeast corner of section 33, town 4 north, range 27 west, and the northeast corner of section 4, town 3 north, range 27 west.

To divide road district No. 4, and that the dividing line shall be the range line between range 29 and 30, and that town 4, range 30, be annexed to town 3 in range 30; and that towns 3 and 4, range 30, shall form one road district, and shall be numbered nineteen, and that an equitable division shall be made of the money which belongs to the present road district No. 8.

To vacate a public road, viz: The 1/4 of a mile of road running north and south on range line between ranges 26 and 27, in town 1, Red Willow county. The north terminus of said road being the east and west road dividing sections 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, and from this point south 1/4 of a mile.

To establish a public road on half section line, beginning 1/4 of a mile south of center of section 12, town 1, range 27 west, running thence 1/4 of a mile south.

On motion, consideration of petitions as follows was postponed till next meeting:

Petition of J. B. Meserve, John Hatfield and others to establish public roads. Petition of John R. Coleman, W. W. Fisher and others to take from Red Willow voting precinct and annex to Willow Grove precinct township No. 4, range No. 30.

On motion consideration of bill filed by J. L. Townley against the county for \$9 for bridge material, was postponed till next meeting.

On motion consideration of the report of appraiser to assess damages on petition for road running south from McCook was postponed till next meeting.

On motion, accounts as follows were allowed, and clerk ordered to draw warrants for same:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes J. H. Goodrich, Frees & Hocknell, S. W. Johnson, J. S. Phillips, J. L. Hanger, William Binkley, George W. Burt, Charles Colling, John H. Cowles, J. S. Shaw, C. D. Cramer.

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On motion, the Board approved a contract made with J. S. Phillips to finish the work in the court room in 38 days from January 23d, 1884, consisting of casing windows and doors, putting in new doors, wainscoting hall and jury room, partitions for jury room, and such other work as described in contract and plans and specifications, and to furnish all the material, lumber, nails, locks, etc., at his own cost, and do the work in a good and workmanlike manner; all the material to be furnished and work done for \$118.00.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to notify the publishers of the Indianola Courier and the McCook Tribune, that sealed bids for publishing the commissioners proceedings and legal notices, for the remainder of the year 1884, can be filed in the clerk's office any time previous to 12 M., Saturday, February 9th, 1884, and that all bids so filed will be opened and considered by the Board.

On motion, it was voted that the county clerk is hereby ordered to deliver all warrants to the parties they are payable to, whenever called for by said parties, unless otherwise ordered by this Board.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet Saturday, February 9th, 1884.

C. D. CRAMER, County Clerk.

IN response to the query of an eastern paper as to what had become of our manly men, the Republican announces that some know it is leap-year, and have gone on vacations. Others have married womanly women, and are more manly for it.

THE fourth page of the Blue Hill Times presents the appearance of having been "piled," or composed out of the "hell box," at all events it is a most execrable looking page.

THE path of duty is near, yet men seek it afar off. Go home and seek it and you will not lack teachers.—Mencius, Chinese.

CARRICO COGNIES.

Snow-birds. Misses Braugh, Haller and Melton, called upon their convalescent friends at and near Carrico, the first of the week. Young ladies in the east would hardly think of a 30 mile gallop in mid-winter.

Petition for county organization is being circulated. The petition has the following suggestions: For County Commissioners, John Daniels, Wm. McKillip and E. N. Keeler; for County Clerk, J. W. Dyer.

Geo. Swigert, living on the Willow, about 25 miles northwest of McCook, came to this country in the spring of '78. He had but one horse and not furniture enough to keep house. Now he has a good house, a farm well fenced and over 100 head of as fine cattle as the creek holds. He has made this from farming. I saw two well filled cribs of corn there, of last years raising. "Pony Bill" in his "Horse and Cow News" says "corn has not averaged 6 bushels to the acre for the last 5 years." Pony must not get his farm news from cowboys.

Carrico, February 8th. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE are the jury that have set upon the merits of the Soda offered for its use. The verdict is that DeLand's brands are the purest, best and most thoroughly reliable of any in the market. Sold by Hayden & Co.

NOTICE.

McCOOK, NEB., February 9th, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the Spring Creek Cattle Company has this day increased its Capital Stock Twenty Thousand Dollars, making the entire Capital Stock of said Company Fifty Thousand Dollars.

McCOOK, NEB., February 9th, 1884. We hereby certify that the indebtedness of The Spring Creek Cattle Company on this day in Five Thousand Dollars, debts for which this Company is liable at this date.

NOTICES OF COMPLAINT.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, McCOOK, NEB., January 14th, 1884. Complaint having been entered at this office by William McIntyre against John Volak for abandoning his homestead entry 1622, dated at North Platte, Neb., October 17, 1879, upon the southeast 1/4 northwest 1/4 and lots 3, 4, and 5 section 6, township 3 north, range 29 west, in Red Willow county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 7th day of March, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, McCOOK, NEB., January 22d, 1884. Complaint having been entered at this office by Minnie Dye against William H. Graves for abandoning his homestead entry 1893, dated at North Platte, Neb., January 5, 1880, upon the northeast quarter section 10, township 3 north, range 30 west, in Red Willow county, Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 11th day of March, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, McCOOK, NEB., January 22d, 1884. Complaint having been entered at this office by Minnie Dye against Stephen S. Roberts for failure to comply with law as to timber-culture entry 717, dated North Platte, Neb., May 27, 1879, upon the south 1/2 southwest 1/4 and south 1/2 southeast 1/4 section 32, township 4 north, range 30 west, in Red Willow county, Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 11th day of March, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, McCOOK, NEB., January 22d, 1884. Complaint having been entered at this office by Mabel Dye against Moses W. McReynolds for failure to comply with law as to timber-culture entry 961, dated North Platte, Neb., September 3d, 1879, upon the north 1/2 northeast 1/4 southeast 1/4 northeast 1/4 and northeast 1/4 southeast 1/4 section 31, township 4 north, range 30 west, in Red Willow county, Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 11th day of March, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

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U. S. Land Office, McCook, Neb., January 28th, 1884.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Louis Probst against Wilson B. McClure for failure to comply with law as to timber-culture entry 706, dated North Platte, Neb., May 27, 1879, upon the southwest quarter section 20, township 4 north, range 30 west 6 P. M., in Red Willow county, Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 15th day of March, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

U. S. Land Office, McCook, Neb., January 28th, 1884. Complaint having been entered at this office by Antoin Probst against Arthur F. Hitchcock for failure to comply with law as to timber-culture entry 710, dated North Platte, Neb., May 27th, 1879, upon the southwest quarter section 20, township 4 north, range 30 west 4 P. M., in Red Willow county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 15th day of March, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

U. S. Land Office, McCook, Neb., January 28th, 1884. Complaint having been entered at this office by John W. Thompson against John Freed for abandoning his homestead entry 2308, dated at North Platte, Neb., May 8, 1880, upon the west 1/2 southwest 1/4 southwest 1/4 northeast 1/4 section 35 and southeast 1/4 northeast 1/4 section 34, township 2 north, range 28 west, in Red Willow county, Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 19th day of March, 1884, at 10 o'clock, P. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

U. S. Land Office, McCook, Neb., February 4th, 1884. Complaint having been entered at this office by C. Howard Moulton against Holmes Henderson for failure to comply with law as to timber-culture entry 1107, dated North Platte, Neb., October 18, 1879, upon the northwest quarter section 28, township 2 north, range 28 west, in Red Willow county, Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 21st day of March, 1884, at 10 o'clock, P. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

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