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NEBRASKA NEWS

State Supreme Court Decides Case From Cherry County.

MISS JORDAN WILL GET JOB.

High Tribunal Holds She May Be Woman in Present Case.

Lincoln, Neb., March 29 .- The supreme court has decided that a woman may hold the office of county treasurer. Judge Rose wrote this opinion, but he did not do it without opdissenting.

The decision arose in the mandamus suit of Gertrude Jordan of Cherry fire was almost under control. The county, to compel E. B. Quibble, former county treasurer, to turn the office still traveling rapidly, despite all efover to her. She was elected at the forts to fight it, but on account of the last election by a large majority, after having been deputy in the office for means of communication, it is imposseven years. Judge Rose says there sible to learn the extent of the damwoman holding a ministerial office of this nature.

Judge Letton agrees, but for a different reason. He states that Nebraska has seen the transformation of a wilderness into a prosperous country in the last fifty years, and that women in the development of the state have, by custom, been given usual duties. He says that it would be to "turn could not hold such a position.

Judge Fawcett opines that there are many women who might make better governors than some that Nebraska has had, but he insists that if a woman may be elected county treasurer and obtain the office that she can also be elected governor. He very gallantly says that he would do anything he could for the aid of the office-holding proclivities of the sex, but that he thinks the law is plainly against the woman in the present case.

MANY COMPLAINTS FILED

road Commission.

Lincoln, March 29 .- The Wellshas filed an application with the state coming convention. rallway commissioners for a rehearing on the transfer switch case against the Union Pacific and Burlingof the company for a switch some time ago.

Protests have been received by the Hastings.

The York County Telephone com- and at some places very rapidly pany has applied to the railway commission for redress because the Burroad alleges that the telephone comrelating to the securing of right of way across railroad tracks.

Gould Owns Pacific Express Co. Omaha, March 29 .- Stories that the Union Pacific had sold out its express interests to Gould were substantiated when at the postponed annual election of the Pacific Express company held at the company's headquarters here, the two Union Pacific directors, J. Krutt- Central Granaries Elevator, Coa. schnitt and Erastus Young, were dropped from the board. In their places were chosen Jay Gould and Kingdon Gould, sons of George Gould.

Wheat Not Badly Damaged.

pleased with the prospects.

Boy Drowned at Bostwick. Superior, Neb., March 29.-While at play in the yard of a neighbor family, Clarence Filley, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Filley, station agent for the Burlington at Bostbern, Neb., for burial.

Woman Back to Prison.

Lincoln, March 29.-Jennie Geiger, county on a like charge. who was sentenced to the penitentiary for thirty-nine years for murder and who was recently transferred to the Lincoln insane asylum, has been returned to the prison. Dr. Woodard pronounced the woman cured. Recently she escaped from the asylum, but was captured within twenty-four

Injunction Hearing Postponed. Lincoln, March 29 .- The hearing on the application of the Commercial club of Alliance to restrain the state normal board from locating the new normal school at Chadron has been postponed until tomorrow.

Mercer Dies From Wound. Lincoln, Neb., March 29.-Frank L. Mercer, who killed his divorced wife, and Mrs. Cody became estranged three died from the self-inflicted bullet or four years ago and since that time wound in his head.

PRAINE FIRE IN BROWN COUNTY

Blaze Sweeps Everything in Its Path and is Still Unchecked.

Ainsworth, Neb., March 29 .- The worst prairie fire to have visited Brown county in several years has swept half across the county, a disance of about sixteen to twenty miles, sweeping everything in its path, claim shanties, ranch houses, varns, cattle sheds, innumerable hay Hacks and range.

The fire started in the southeast part of the county, about sixteen miles from Ainsworth, and just before it County Treasurer-Judge Fawcett reached the Keech ranch it divided, Files Dissenting Opinion, in Which one fire heading southward toward He Says Law is Plainly Against Hofelt lake and the other going almost straight east. The wind the greater part of the day was of a velocity of forty miles an hour and the fire spread rapidly.

The flames reached the Northwestern tracks, two miles south and east of Alnsworth. The Northwestern ran position on the bench, Judge Fawcett special trains from Bassett and Long Pine, carrying men to fight the flames, and about 8 o'clock it appeared this fire which went south, however, is great distance from here, with no

PLANS TO DIVIDE CUSTER

Callaway Citizens Back of Project to Create Five Countles.

Callaway, Neb., March 28 .- At a meeting held here R. E. Brega, John Moran, W. T. Keyes, H. H. Andrews, G. H. Laffeur, E. W. Rusk, Charles Humphrey, M. E. Schneringer and Will M. Dunn were elected as delegates to attend the county division lines convention to be held at Grand Island, March 30. It is thought that a five-county cut has been practically decided upon, and if these lines are adopted they will throw a portion of Broken Bow in the county with Ansley and the other portion in the county with Callaway. Sargent, Ansley, Merna, Coconto and Callaway will be the prospective new county seats. In the compaign last year lines were drawn favoring Broken Bow and glving Cat city a territory which would always give it a county seat, but the citizens of Broken Bow, it was learned, will fight division on any lines, and now no mercy will be shown it and it will be thrown in two counties if the Abbott-Niemann company of Schuyler present plans are carried out in the

FARM HOUSES SWEPT AWAY

Hundreds of Acres of Land Lost in Missouri River.

commission against the new train ser- banks south of this city. Many acres late. vice of the Burlington between Hast- of fine farm lands have been lost, ings and Red Cloud and Oxford. Citi- dropped into the mighty flood, since court of the United States from the OFFICE IN FLETCHER BLOCK zens of Riverton and Cowles ask that the river began rising three weeks federal court in Kansas. He, was the a train be started in the morning from ago. The river is failing now, but second oldest member of the court, still continues to cut away the banks, Justice Harlan being his only senior.

Several farm houses have been carried away, because they could not be lington has cut its wires. The rail moved. Hundreds of acres of land have also gone in, and all of the resi- the bench who had proof copies of his pany failed to comply with the laws dents near the river are moving their houses nearer the bluffs.

It is hard to estimate the number of acres that have been carried away this spring, but in a number of instances some farmers have lost a section, others a half and a quarter, and one man lost nearly two sections of land and is ruined.

BIG BLAZE AT HOLDREGE

Chutes and Five Houses Burn.

Holdrege, Neb., March 29 .- Fire, which started in the Central Granaries company's big elevator about midnight, destroyed their 500,000-bushel Lincoln, March 29 .- An agent of the plant and the Burlington coal chutes, Updike Grain company, after a care- besides five houses immediately north ful inspection of the wheat fields in of the tracks. A high wind prevailed, the territory covered by the company, and the local fire department had hard has reported that altogether there has work getting the flames under control. not been damaged more than 10 per The total loss will be about \$300,000, cent of the crop. He was unable to partially covered by insurance, the find any evidence of farmers plowing Central Granaries company of Linup their wheat, but on the other hand colu and the Burlington being the discovered they seemed very well principal losers. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is supposed to have started in the engine room of the elevator,

Prisoner Breaks Jail at Alma.

Alma, Neb., March 29 .- Carl E. Ve line, who was held for trial at the next term of the district court on the wick, a small station a few miles west charge of selling mortgaged property, of Superior, fell into the cistern. He made his escape from the Harlan counwas rescued by Mr. Philips, but be- ty jail and it is evident that he had fore medical aid reached him life was help from the outside. The padlock extinct. The body was taken to Au- on the cage door was filed off and the file, together with a pair of fur mittens, was found in the outside room. Veline is under \$300 bonds in Phelps

Two Bootleggers Fined.

Stockville, Neb., March 28.-Ben F. Shults of Curtis was found guilty of the illegal sale of liquor on two counts. He was fined \$500 on the first count and sentence was suspended on the second, Jess Cronk, who pleaded guilty to seven counts, was fined \$400 on the first count and sentence was suspended on the other six counts until next term of the district court.

Colonel Cody and Wife Reconciled. North Platte, Neb., March 28 .-Through the efforts of their grandson, Cody Reals, a reconciliation has been effected between Colonel W. F. Cody (Buttalo Bill) and Mrs. Cody. Colonel they have lived apart.

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END COMES IN OWN HOME.

Associate Member of Supreme Court Stricken as He Was About to Retire for Night-Was Essentially a Western Man, Being Kansas Judge Before Appointment to Washington.

Washington, March 29 .- David Jossupreme court of the United States, died last night ra the result of a stroke c' apoplexy. His 'cat collowed witha minute or two pafore he could be carried to his bed. Mrs. Brewer was with him when the end came. Justice Brewer was seventy-three years of ag.e

The end came altogether unexpectedly. Although he had not been feeling well for the last few days, the aged jurist was apparently in the best of health and spent the evening in reading. Shortly after 10 o'clock he



JUSTICE DAVID J. BREWER.

retired to his room and within a few moments Mrs. Brewer heard a heavy fall and went to investigate the cause. She found her husband prone on the floor of the bathroom. He did not regain consciousness and died before a physician, hastily summoned, could reach the house

The two daughters of the aged jur- Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat ist, Mrs. James F. Karrish and Mrs. Nebraska City, March 29.-The Mis- H. J. Jetmore, were summoned at sourl river is still cutting away the once, but reached the residence too

Justice Brewer came to the supreme He was regarded as the cratic of all the members of the court, most affable, approachable and accommo ating. He was the one man on opinion prepared for the newspapers and this he did consistently. He was born in As'a Minor seventy-three Office. Offices:—Alliance National Hank Building over the Post Office. years ago.

EXPLOSION ON CHARLESTON

Eight Men Dead as Result of Accident During Target Practice.

Manila, March 29.-The report that a fatal accident had occurred on the United States cruizer Charleston was confirm d. Eight men were killed and several others slightly injured. During practice at sea off Olongapo, the breech block of a three-inch gun blew off and in its flight across the deck cut through a steel stanchion and mowed down the men. Seven of the victims were instantly killed while an eighth died as the Charleston was

harrying to Cavite. The dead: Philip Mackee, masterai arms; Edward Molin, private marine; Walter Anstedt, Henry Heater, Leo Remmele, Harry Graden, Ross Barkman, Maxie Barnerd, seamen.

The cause of the explosion is not known. Rear Admiral John Hubbard, Opera House Block commander-in-chief of the fleet, has ordered an investigation. The bodies will be buried at Cavite.

FIRE HORROR IN HUNGARY

Over Three Hundred People Perish. in Hotel Blaze.

Mate Szalka, Hungary, March 29 .-Between 300 and 400 people werkilled and many others injured in the village of Oekoerite when fire broke out in a hotel where a ball was being held.

A coach house connected with the hotel had been fitted up as a ballroom and was crowded with several hundred guests. The fire started when a woman's dress was ignited and a moment later the gowns of several other women were in flames.

A panic followed and in a mad rush to the exits, many persons fell and were trodden to death. To make matters worse, the roof fell in before the hall could be cleared and many injured ones and those who became crushed at the doors were prevented from making their escape, and were buried in the ruins.

New York Central Refuses Demands. New York, March 29 .- The Nev York Central road refused to grant the wage increase demanded by 5,000 Practical Blacksmithing and Wagon conductors and trainmen and the pres- Work. idents of those unions notified the railroad company that they would order a striue vote.

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