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MAKING TWO NEW JUDGES.

Certificates of election were filled out in the office of Governor Holcomb yesterday in the name of J. S. Kirkpatrick and William Neville, the two popocratic candidates for contingent judges of the supreme court. This information will doubtless be a surprise to many, but to those who have kept watch of events since the election it will simply confirm reports or the plans to seat two additional state officers regardless of that provision of the constitution which requires a majority of all the votes cast at an election to adopt a constitutional amendment. The fact that certificates of election have been made out for two men whose election has not been legally ascertained bears out the assertion made by one of the candidates. Judge William Neville said at his office in North Platte in the presence of two persons, after he had been asked if the two popocratic candidates were going to be seated: "You can bet your life we are going to be seated. We are going to get certificates of election and be seated, and then let them get us out if they can."

This statement made by one who aspires to the office of judge of the supreme court, a position where the officer is called upon to pass upon the right of others, is considered as coming from one who knew whereof he spoke. At any rate the certificates were filled out yesterday. According to plans and specifications the seating program will be commenced before the legislature, and then let them get us out if they can." That Judge Neville is thoroughly in earnest is further shown by his recent trip to Hastings, where sought the counsel of Commissioner Ragan the populist member of the supreme court commission. His failure to get a favorable hearing before the commissioner is now well known. The finding of the state board of canvassers that there was no election of judges for the reason that there was no such office to fill had not been signed yesterday. None of the members seem to take interest in the matter. The failure of this board to complete its finding and declare the result is supposed by some to be a plan to give all parties a chance to commence a mandamus suit. If the board fails to declare the result of the election on judges or constitutional amendments, persons interested on either side are at liberty to begin a suit to compel the board to declare the result and issue certificates of election.

BRADY BUDGET

J. H. Griffin has erected a large corn-crib which he proposes to fill with the product of his farm south of town.

R. C. Bourke has had a part of Wissler's store building moved out to his ranch west of town.

Miss Blanche Widmeyer of North Platte spent Sunday in town visiting her friend Miss Grace.

Clifford Mathewson took a trip to Maxwell on his wheel Sunday.

E. A. Johnson transacted business in North Platte on Saturday. Pat Shield and family spent Sunday visiting friends in Vroman.

Miss Lucy Sullivan, who has been teaching school near Hershey, came home Sunday morning for a two weeks vacation.

Mr. Morrell made his regular weekly visit to North Platte Saturday. These visits take up considerable time, but it is said he will be a day ahead in the end.

Geese have made their appearance in plentiful numbers during the past few days.

Mrs. Marcot visited Gothenburg on Tuesday. FRIZZLES.

NEBRASKA NEWS.

The town of Genoa aspires to the dignity of electric lights, which are offered to the citizens at the rate of 50 cents per month per incandescent light.

The Blair horse collar factory, which was not rebuilt after being burned down some months ago, is being resuscitated. A new company has been organized and it will begin to manufacture collars again and will tan its own leather.

William Barnes of Blair sued William Quinlan for \$10,000 damages, accruing for the loss of an arm. The case has been on trial this week, with Fremont attorneys as prosecutors. A verdict of \$412 was the award of the jury. This will not pay the doctor and the lawyers.

The lion and the lamb have shown a disposition to lie down together at Omaha. The election of officers for the Trans-Mississippi exposition has just been held and Editor Rosewater has been chosen chief of the Bureau of Publicity and Editor Hitchcock chief of the Bureau of Promotion. It augurs well.

A lady of Kimball county, eighty-four years of age, became confused while on the prairie after the cows, and her brother, with whom she lived, aroused the neighbors and began a search that lasted all night before she was found. She had paced off about eighteen miles and was little the worse for wear and cold weather.

The bills providing for public buildings at Hastings, Plattsmouth York and Norfolk are in the hands of Congressman Mercer at Washington, but of course they stand no show of getting through at this session. These sprightly towns will not get such recognition, at least until a revenue law is passed by congress that will produce revenue not a deficit.

Congressman Meiklejohn has just returned from a business trip to Tennessee, where he has been exploring the mountain regions of that state and Alabama, securing leases of land in the oil region and is one of a company just organized at Omaha to develop the business. The company has secured leases on 100,000 acres of land and will bore for all kinds of oil, including hair oil, fusel oil, gurgling oil and goose grease. Mr. Meiklejohn will leave just after Christmas for the east for a visit with friends, before the assembling of congress after the holiday recess.

An awful accident befell the little 18-months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Blecha, who live three or four miles southeast of Sterling. The parents had gone out to do the evening chores, leaving the little one in the house. They were gone only about twenty minutes, and when they returned they were horrified to see their baby suspended by its clothing on a nail in one of the windows. They hastened to its relief, but too late, for life was gone. It is supposed that the baby had climbed up in the window to look out and fell, its clothing catching on a nail and held the baby in such a manner as to throw its head down, and that it strangled to death.

THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

It is a recognized fact among Nebraskans that no matter what other daily paper they read at other times, during the legislative sessions they must get the Lincoln State Journal if they want all the news. The Journal is right on the ground, can get the latest doings of the law makers and frequently gives the news one day earlier than the Omaha papers. The Journal's Washington correspondent, Mr. Annin, keeps Journal readers thoroughly posted on matters of interest to Nebraskans that are happening at the national capital. The Journal is mailed at 50 cents per month without Sunday or 65 cents per month with Sunday. It is a great paper.

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Description of the Famous Building of the Great Tartar Ruler.

You must know that for three months of the year—to wit, December, January and February—the great khan resides in the capital city of Cathay, which is called Cambaluc, and which is at the northeastern extremity of the country. In that city stands his great palace, and now I will tell you what it is like.

It is inclosed all around by a great wall forming a square, each side of which is a mile in length—that is to say, the whole compass thereof is four miles. It is also very thick and a good ten paces in height, white-washed and loopholed all round.

At each angle of the wall there is a very fine and rich palace, in which the war harness of the emperor is kept, such as bows and quivers, saddles and bridles and bowstrings and everything needful for an army; also midway between every two of these corner palaces there is another of the like, so that, taking the whole compass of the inclosure, you find eight vast palaces stored with the great king's harness of war. And you must understand that each palace is assigned to only one kind of article. Thus one is stored with bows, a second with saddles, a third with bridles, and so on in succession right round.

The great wall has five gates on its southern face, the middle one being the great gate, which is never opened on any occasion except when the great khan himself goes forth or enters. Close on either side of this great gate is a smaller one, by which all other people pass, and then toward each angle, is another great gate, also open to people in general, so that on that side there are five gates in all.

Inside of this wall there is a second, inclosing a space that is somewhat greater in length than in breadth. This inclosure also has eight palaces, corresponding to those of the outer wall, and stored, like them, with the king's harness of war. This wall also has five gates on the southern face, corresponding to those in the outer wall, and has one gate on each of the other faces, as the outer wall has also. In the middle of the second inclosure is the king's great palace, and I will tell you what it is like.

You must know that it is the greatest palace that ever was. Toward the north it is in contact with the outer wall, while toward the south there is a vacant space which the barons and the soldiers are constantly traversing. The palace itself has no upper story, but is all on the ground floor, only the basement is raised, some ten palms above the surrounding soil, and this elevation is retained by a wall of marble raised to the level of the pavement, two paces in width and projecting beyond the base of the palace so as to form a kind of terrace walk, by which people can pass round the building, and which is exposed to view, while on the outer edge of the wall there is a very fine pillared balustrade, and up to this the people are allowed to come. The roof is very lofty, and the walls of the palace are all covered with gold and silver. They are also adorned with representations of dragons, sculptured and gilt, beasts and birds, knights and idols and sundry other subjects. And on the ceiling, too, you see nothing but gold and silver and painting. On each of the four sides there is a great marble staircase leading to the top of the marble wall and forming the approach to the palace.

The hall of the palace is so large that it could easily dine 6,000 people, and it is quite a marvel to see how many rooms there are besides. The building is altogether so vast, so rich, and so beautiful that no man on earth could design anything superior to it. The outside of the roof also is all colored with vermilion and yellow and green and blue and other hues, which are fixed with a varnish so fine and exquisite that they shine like crystal and lend a resplendent luster to the palace as seen for a great way round. The roof is made, too, with such strength and solidity that it is fit to last forever.

On the interior side of the palace are large buildings, with halls and chambers, where the emperor's private property is placed, such as his treasures of gold, silver, gems, pearls and gold plate, and in which reside the ladies of the court.—Noah Brooks in St. Nicholas.

Three Inscriptions.

Over the triple doorway of the cathedral of Milan there are three inscriptions spanning the splendid arches. Over one is carved a beautiful wreath of roses, and underneath is the legend, "All that pleases is but for a moment." Over another is sculptured a cross, and these are the words underneath, "All that troubles is but for a moment." But underneath the great central entrance in the main aisle is the inscription, "That only is important which is eternal."

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U. P. TIME TABLE.

GOING EAST—CENTRAL TIME.
No. 2—Fast Mail 8:45 a. m.
No. 4—Atlantic Express 11:40 p. m.
No. 25—Freight 7:40 a. m.
GOING WEST—MOUNTAIN TIME.
No. 1—Limited 7:55 p. m.
No. 3—Fast Mail 11:20 p. m.
No. 23—Freight 7:35 a. m.
No. 19—Freight 1:40 p. m.
N. B. OLDS, Agent.

Legal Notices.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at North Platte, Neb., December 21st, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that Michael C. Harrington has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at his office in North Platte, Neb., on the 23rd day of December, 1896, on timber culture application No. 11,294, for the southwest quarter of section No. 4 in township No. 14 north, range No. 30 west. He names as witnesses Isaac Lamphugh, Harry Lamphugh, Allen T. 117 Lester Walker, all of North Platte, Nebraska.
JOHN F. HINMAN, Register.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at North Platte, Neb., on January 20th, 1897, viz:
JOHN HANSEN, who made Homestead Entry No. 11,778, for the southwest quarter section 34, township 10 north, range 28 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Estess Hansen, Peter Horn, George Schmidt and Henry W. Miller, all of Curtis, Neb.
JOHN F. HINMAN, Register.

NOTICE—TIMBER CULTURE.

U. S. Land Office, North Platte, Neb., December 21st, 1896.
Complaint having been entered at this office by James C. Crow against Octavus Robertson for failure to comply with law as to Timber Culture Entry No. 12672, dated December 10th, 1891, upon the northeast quarter of section Robertson, township 15 N., range 30 W., in Lincoln county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, constant sighting of the claim has been wholly abandoned for the last five years and that there has been no trees, tree seeds or cuttings planted on the claim, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 9th day of February, 1897, at 9 o'clock a. m. to present evidence in support of his claim, and that said party's testimony concerning said alleged failure.
JOHN F. HINMAN, Register.

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JOHN W. JOHNSON, who made Homestead Entry No. 12,386 for the southwest quarter section 28, township 10 north, range 27 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James Roberts, of Brady Island, Neb., and I. Newton Dempsy, Jacob Lillian and Albert E. Chapman, all of Moorhead, Neb.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, Nebraska.
CALEB T. BUFFUM, Plaintiff, vs. FRANK KATZNER, et al., Defendants. NOTICE.

The Lombard Investment Company, a corporation, will take notice that on the 1st day of December, 1896, Caleb T. Buffum, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the district court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the defendant, Frank Katzner, to the Lombard Investment Company upon the following described real estate owned by him, situated in the county of Lincoln and state of Nebraska, to-wit:

The west half of the northeast quarter and the east three-fourths (3/4) acres of the east half of the northeast quarter of section number twenty-eight (28) in township number ten (10) north, range thirty (30) west of the sixth principal meridian, containing in all 142 acres according to government survey, together with the payment of a certain promissory note, with coupons attached, dated July 22nd, 1894, for the sum of \$600.00, due and payable on the 1st day of July, 1894; that there is now due upon said note the sum of \$600.00, with interest thereon at ten per cent from July 1st, 1896; also the further sum of \$10.00, with interest at ten per cent from the 25th day of September, 1896, for which sum, with interest from this date, plaintiff prays for a decree that defendants be required to pay the same, or that said promissory note be sold to satisfy the amount found due. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 1st day of February, 1897.
CALEB T. BUFFUM, Plaintiff.
BY A. B. COFFMAN, his attorney.

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