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LOUISVILLE had two fires in one week.

The house of Asa Godding of Syracuse was struck by lightning.

The loan and building association at North Platte is in a very prosperous condition.

The flouring mill at Norfolk has been idle for some time on account of high water.

LINCOLN county assessors talk of raising the value of irrigated lands from \$15 to \$20 an acre.

Along the Platte river this year sportsmen are bagging more ducks than in any former year.

By the premature explosion of a gun a young man named Bardsley, near Fairmont, lost three fingers.

Not a farmer in Buffalo county, says the Kearney Sun, has donated a bushel of corn to help the starving people of India.

FRANK WINNIS of Lyons has mysteriously disappeared and his wife and friends are wondering what has become of him.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the holding of the Table Rock Chautauque on the grounds near that place from June 10 to 19 inclusive.

MRS. MARY V. MOSS wants \$25,000 damages from the Lincoln Journal for something that paper said regarding her excommunication from church.

ONE hundred and fifty cars of gravel will be shipped from Wyoming daily next season to ballast the Union Pacific track between Cheyenne and Columbus.

GENEVA merchants have suffered for the past couple of years from petty burglaries. Every once in a while some store is entered and articles of small value taken.

THE women's club of York held its first open meeting last week. An address was made by Mrs. A. J. Sawyer of Lincoln on "The advantages and disadvantages of being a club woman."

MRS. L. MORAN and her daughter, Frances of Crete had a narrow escape from asphyxiation in St. Joseph. They went to bed in a hotel and blew out instead of turning on the gas.

THE junior endeavor society of Beaver City has raised a car of corn for the sufferers of India. The corn will be shipped free of charge by the B. & M. to Denver and thence via San Francisco.

EMERSON is now the headquarters of the C, St. P., M. & O. railway bridge and carpenter crew, and the Enterprise of that place says the change will add about twenty families to Emerson's population.

NEIGH is jubilant. The North Nebraska G. A. R. reunion has been located there for another year. This will be the fourth year Neigh has had the reunion and the city feels justly proud over the fact.

A FEW days ago a fine set of harness was stolen from the barn of J. C. Swartz, a farmer living two miles west of Hastings. The police were notified and Wm. Hardy was arrested. He confessed and is now in jail.

REV. FATHER MURPHY of Tecumseh has returned from Washington, D. C., where he went to present his case before the apostolic delegate, Martinelli. The points at issue will probably not be decided for a month yet.

MRS. HUBER, wife of Col. John Huber of Columbus, died very suddenly of heart disease. She was 64 years old and had lived in Platte county for nearly thirty years. About a year ago she was stricken with paralysis and had been in poor health since.

A LARGE number of cattle are being fed in Gage county this spring and summer than has been fed there for years. The large surplus of corn, together with other advantages which have been made available by farmers to shippers, is accountable for it.

THE jewelry store of A. R. Weaver at Harvard was robbed of \$150 to \$200 worth of watches and jewelry, and the money drawer of Brown & Sault, who occupy one side of the room with stationery, was opened, and about \$3 in small change taken and some cigars.

WOMAN has been received of the death of Walter S. Prickett, a prominent attorney of Alva, Cal. Mr. Prickett was one of the first attorneys in Lincoln. He was for some time in partnership with Attorney Seymour G. Wilcox, now of Omaha. He was a member of the first town council of Fairfield, and was considered one of the leading attorneys of the state, and took a very prominent part in republican politics.

SOUTH OMAHA is to have a beet sugar factory. There is no longer any doubt on this question. Notices have been prepared and will be served on the residents of blocks 258 and 261 within a few days. Altogether about fifty families are living in little shanties on this land, which has been leased from the South Omaha land company. In the lease the company reserves the right to claim the land after giving the occupants ten days' notice.

Two masked men entered the home of D. Jones, an old bachelor who lives a mile south of Wynore, knocked him down and covered his head with a sack, and then demanded that he tell them where he kept his money. He refused, whereupon they heated irons and applied them to his body, burning him in a horrible manner. This treatment lasted two hours. Then the robbers, leaving the victim in his helpless condition, locked the house and took the key with them. His recovery is doubtful.

REV. S. H. AYRES, who has been for the past three and a half years engaged in Sunday school missionary work in Garfield, and surrounding counties under the direction of the American Sunday School union, will hereafter labor in Dodge and Saunders counties with headquarters at Fremont.

W. A. LAWRENCE and Dick Ball felled a tree north of Elk Creek on the Nemaha that contained a nest of young porcupines. This little animal are quite a curiosity in this part of the country so the boys allowed them their freedom.

ONE of Long Pine's hotels has closed for lack of remunerative business.

MEN FOR THE COUNT.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED IN BOTH HOUSES.

Recs. Vass of the Amendment Vote Will Not Interruptedly Go Forward.

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STARVED BY THE CAPTAIN.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES BY SAILORS.

ACCUSED BY OAKES CREW.

Kept on Half Rations Most of the 259 Days Out From Hong Kong, While Captain Reed Was Living on Chickens and Other Good Things—He is to Be Prosecuted.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The survivors of the crew of the clipper ship T. F. Oakes, which was towed here 259 days out from Hong Kong, allege that Captain Reed is directly responsible for the illness of all but two of the crew; that they were kept on half rations during the greater part of the trip and that the vessel could have made New York much sooner if the captain had taken advantage of favorable conditions which prevailed much of the nine months they were on the water.

"We have not decided just what charges we shall prefer against Captain Reed," said James H. Williams, secretary of the Seaman's union, "but we shall make the most serious charge against him that we can sustain by the evidence."

Joseph Robinson made the statement which will be used by the Seaman's union and the eleven other survivors who are with him in the Marine hospital will subscribe to it. Several were able to sign their names with difficulty and one is still so weak that it is a question whether he will recover.

"We were forced to complain about our food before we had been a week out from Hong Kong," said Robinson, "and the entire crew went to Captain Reed July 7 only to be refused better provisions. Our condition became such that by the end of July we determined to make another demand and again the entire crew complained. From July 31 to September 27 there was an improvement, but on the latter date we were all placed on half rations and so continued to the end. The captain did not supply the ship with enough provisions before leaving Hong Kong."

"While the men in the crew were growing weak from a lack of proper food, the captain was living on chickens and other good things. He had two crates well filled with chickens when we left port, and when the Oakes got into New York several chickens were still left. If the captain had killed them and made soup for the crew, even giving it to us but once a week, the men would have been able to retain their strength instead of coming in ill and helpless. We were so weak from hunger that often members of the crew had to grab hold of the railings to keep from falling."

CIVIL SERVICE DEFENDED.

President Proctor Welcomes the Fullest Kind of an Investigation.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Mr. Proctor, president of the civil service commission, speaking to-day of the proposed investigation of its methods, said: "We will welcome the investigation, for it is not facts but misstatements regarding the methods of the commission that tend to hold it up to ridicule before the public. When the facts are known, it will be found that the commission's methods have been such as are calculated to promote the good of the service. Take the criticisms of the commission that were made in the Senate the other day, when the Allen resolution was under consideration. One thing is fortunate, and that is every act of the commission is a matter of record. Senator Allen wanted an investigation of the alleged political removals from the government service at South Omaha. Here is our minute book and it shows that seven days before the introduction of that resolution the commission ordered an investigation of those charges. One after another of the charges made about the management of the commission can be readily answered by a reference to the records, and an investigation will tend, I think, to do the commission much good. It will be found that our system of examinations is practical, and calculated to discover the fitness of the applicant for the place sought, and not inclined to call for the mere literary ability."

LOWNDES AGAINST GORMAN.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 29.—Governor Lloyd W. Lowndes, Republican, has formally declared his intention to become a candidate for the United States Senatorship to succeed Arthur Pue Gorman, whose term will expire March 4, 1899. The legislature which will fill this important position will be elected next November and will meet in January, 1898.

FORT SCOTT ORDER REVOKED.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 29.—Governor Leedy has changed his mind regarding the police affairs at Fort Scott. Last night he announced the appointment of a board of metropolitan police commissioners for that city. They are J. P. Robey, a silver Republican, for chairman; J. W. Rowles, a Populist, for secretary, and W. D. Lowery, a Democrat, for the third member.

BITTINGER NOT AFTER THE POSTOFFICE.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 29.—When Major Bittinger was told yesterday afternoon of a report that he would be tendered the postmastership, he said: "Under no circumstances would I accept the St. Joseph postoffice." He left last night for Washington.

TO WALK DOWN THE OHIO.

BOSTON, March 29.—Captain Robert Cooke of Americus, Ga., who is at present in this city