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Has anyone any idea what has happened to the Good Roads association?

Oliver Hedge and Ed Amack have been mentioned as possible candidates for sheriff next fall.

The Japs again narrowly missed annihilating the Russian army in Manchuria. They will eventually succeed.

The Republican city convention did not waste much time in nominating candidates for city clerk and treasurer. "Doc" Fort and J. O. Butler have administered the affairs of their offices in a manner satisfactory to all and there is no doubt of their re-election by good majorities.

We may be accused of indulging in "pipe dreams," but the editor of this paper hopes to live to see the day when refuse of the streets and the typhoid breeding cess-pools of Red Cloud will be carried away in sewers. Nothing—not even an electric lighting plant—would be of such lasting benefit to the city as a sewerage system.

The Superior Journal has taken a backward step since passing from the hands of C. E. Stine, who published one of the very best country newspapers in Nebraska. The new management has fallen into the clutches of the "ready print" house and last week the paper was issued with a "patent inside" We regret to see so good a paper going wrong.

Already the disgruntled ones are beginning to show their teeth. Someone, who apparently was not over-proud of the act and did not care to have his name made public, posted a placard in the postoffice calling a mass convention, to be held at the court house tomorrow evening, for the alleged purpose of "nominating good men for office" There will always be dissatisfied ones, no matter who is nominated.

In spite of the fact that the caucuses were advertised for more than ten days prior to the time of their being held, barely enough voters attended the meetings in each ward to fill the delegations to the city convention. Is it any wonder that there is dissatisfaction over the nominees when less than ten per cent of the voters of a party are permitted to name the candidates year after year? The direct primary would be a great improvement over the present method of making nominations.

The resolution adopted at the Republican convention Monday evening calling for a mass meeting of citizens to discuss the electric light problem, the meeting to be held some time within the next two months, meets with hearty approval. We can no longer shut our eyes to the fact that Red Cloud, the best trading point in the Republican valley, is far behind her sister towns in the matter of an electric light and power plant. If the city's bonded indebtedness is in such shape that bonds can be issued for the construction of a municipal electric plant, that is the only logical and economical thing to do. We are opposed to granting an electric lighting franchise to a private individual or company only as a last resort.

Unless the bill providing for four-year terms for county officers should become a law, the offices of sheriff,

treasurer and county clerk will be vacant this fall. THE CHIEF has already expressed its preference for treasurer in the person of Mr. Skelton of Blue Hill. For the office of county clerk, we do not believe the Republicans could do better than to nominate and elect John J. Garber, the present deputy clerk. The work in the office devolves largely upon the deputy, and Mr. Garber has demonstrated, during the past two years, that he is entirely capable of managing the affairs of the office. All who have had business to transact at the office of the county clerk have always found John Garber on duty and ready to wait upon the patrons of the office. His experience and ability well qualify him for the position, and we believe he will receive the nomination.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Von Haller Is Convicted.
Omaha, March 14.—The jury before whom George Von Haller was tried on the charge of murdering Maurice D. Rees brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree, after over fifty hours of deliberation.

Lucas Guilty of Murder.
Holdrege, Neb., March 10.—The jury in the Lucas murder case brought in a verdict of guilty in the first degree with imprisonment for life as punishment. The jury did not have any difficulty in arriving at a verdict, as it was unanimous on the first ballot in regard to his guilt.

Boy Killed While Hunting.
Fairbury, Neb., March 14.—Russell Leidy, a thirteen-year-old son of L. J. Leidy, a farmer living near Bower, in this county, is dead from the effects of a gunshot wound, inflicted Saturday. He and a brother were out hunting, when young Leidy's weapon was accidentally discharged, the lead entering his head.

Record by Woman Bowler.
Omaha, March 9.—Mrs. S. Hunter, using the full weight, sixteen and one-half pound ball, has broken the woman's western record by bowling the remarkable game of 256. The score was made in the last of four successive games in the competition. She bowls a strong ball and has more speed than most women bowlers. Her strong point is accuracy. The score is believed to be one of the best ever made by a woman.

Bazar Asks New Trial.
Omaha, March 14.—Anton Bazar, the South Omaha saloon keeper who was held by a jury in Judge Kennedy's court liable to Mrs. Rosa Rezek in the sum of \$5,000 for the loss of her husband, who was killed while drunk, has entered a motion for a new trial. Whichever way this motion results, it is understood that the case is to be carried up on an appeal. The jury awarded the exact amount used for.

Negro Takes Indian Bride.
Chadron, Neb., March 13.—County Judge Sayers married Lewis Jones, a full-blooded negro, to Mary Lamotte, a full-blooded Indian of the Sioux tribe. The bride is a relative of Black Horse, White Cow and Red Cloud, hence belongs to the nobility. The braves are all disgusted, and one of them claims Mary is already his squaw, so there may be a "war of races" in this vicinity. The lately married couple have moved into a shanty just out of the city limits.

Norfolk Asylum is All Ready.
Norfolk, Neb., March 14.—After long waiting to return to their home in the Nebraska insane hospital at this place, patients who were burned out by the big fire of several years since are going to be allowed to return tomorrow. On that day the commissions of the officers in charge of the institution, recently appointed by Governor Mickey, will take effect and tomorrow the first consignment of patients who have been quartered in the Lincoln asylum will be brought back to northern Nebraska.

Dr. Edward Hayward Dead.
Nebraska City, March 15.—Dr. Edward P. Hayward, the oldest son of the late Senator M. L. Hayward, died at the home of his mother of stomach trouble. He was born in this city in 1871. Dr. Hayward was a graduate of medical colleges in both this country and Germany. He served as a United States army surgeon in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war. After the Spanish war he practiced medicine in New York city until about six months ago, when he moved to this city. He leaves a widow.

Kirkman Attempts Suicide.
Valentine, Neb., March 11.—Captain G. W. Kirkman, who is under arrest here, being tried on charges that may result in his dismissal from the army, tried to commit suicide after he was

informed of the suicide of Mrs. Bessie Chandler of Omaha. He took morphine and also opened the arteries in his wrist, but was thwarted in his intentions. Captain Kirkman says that no matter what the outcome of his trial he is determined to take his own life as soon as he has the opportunity. He professes the warmest of love for the dead woman and vows he will join her in death. He also makes very sensational charges concerning Lieutenant Chandler.

TITTINGINGTON FOUND GUILTY.

Alleged Cattle "Rustler" Convicted of Larceny as Bailee at North Platte.
North Platte, Neb., March 10.—The jury in the case of the state against Tittingington, returned a verdict of guilty as charged. The jury had been out for about twenty-four hours when the verdict was returned. Delmar Tittingington, the defendant, was charged with unlawfully converting to his own use cattle given into his possession by George Bently. The evidence was very conflicting, the strongest being the testimony of Lee Case, who had been jointly charged with Tittingington in another offense. Case pleaded guilty after having been in jail for some weeks. Tittingington and Case had been partners in the butcher business in the town of Sutherland, and Tittingington had a trial last week, in which the jury disagreed and were discharged.

The second trial of the state against Del Tittingington for cattle stealing is now being tried.

CODY CASE IS NEARING END.

Sister of Buffalo Bill Says His Wife Intended to Give Him Drug.

Denver, March 14.—The allegation that Mrs. Cody threatened to give her husband, Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), a drug to bring him under her control has been repeated in a deposition made in this city by Mrs. Helen Gody-Wetmore, a sister of the colonel, to be filed in his divorce suit in the Wyoming court.

"Mrs. Cody told me," said Mrs. Wetmore, "that she had obtained a drug of some character from a clairvoyant and that she intended to give it to Colonel Cody in order to get control over him; that she thought herself a better manager for the property than the colonel, and that she wished to get control of all property at all hazards."

This is the statement upon which Colonel Cody bases his charge that Mrs. Cody attempted to poison him.

The trial is practically finished, with the exception of taking one or two depositions in Nebraska, before the matter is laid before the court at Sheridan on March 20. Several witnesses will be put on the stand at that time and the arguments in the case will consume several days.

BRYAN LOSES \$50,000 BEQUEST

Connecticut Supreme Court Gives Decision in Bennett Will Case.

Hartford, Conn., March 10.—The supreme court of Connecticut handed down a decision in the Philo S. Bennett will case, in which W. J. Bryan has figured as beneficiary to the extent of \$50,000, as provided in a "sealed letter" left by Mr. Bennett, and finds no error. The decision upholds the superior court, which rendered judgment to the effect that the clause in Mr. Bennett's will containing the paragraph in regard to the \$50,000 to be left to Mr. Bryan is inoperative and that the said fund is the part of a residuary estate. Mr. Bryan appealed from this decision, and the result is as previously stated. The superior court having held that the "sealed letter" was no part of the will, the only question to decide on was its contents as testamentary document. Clause 12 of the will leaves \$50,000 to Mrs. Bennett in trust, with no purpose, while the sealed letter says that the money is left to William J. Bryan. The supreme court holds that the superior court is right in deciding that the clause is inoperative.

Counsel for Mr. Bryan when asked if the case would be taken any higher said that it would not be.

The decision doubtless ends one of the most interesting cases ever fought out in the courts of the state. Mr. Bryan was a close friend of Mr. Bennett and was made the executor of his will. When it became known that a "sealed letter" was deposited in New York, bequeathing Mr. Bryan \$50,000, the struggle began to have it excluded, several allegations, which caused considerable surprise at the time, being made by counsel for Mrs. Bennett. It was even alleged that Mr. Bennett intended to have the letter destroyed when he was killed by a fall on a western mountain side.

Warrant in Fraud Case.

Pierre, S. D., March 15.—Deputy Marshal Laughlin has gone to Fort Pierre with a warrant for the arrest of R. B. Stearns on complaint of the United States authorities at St. Paul, charging him with being connected with land frauds in connection with W. T. Horswell of St. Paul. Sensational developments promise to grow out of the case.

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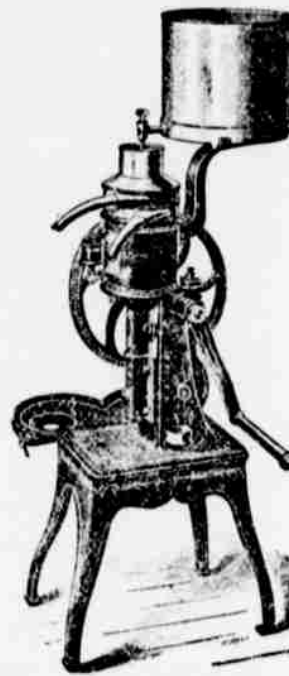
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