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FITZHUGH LEE DEAD

WAS SUDDENLY STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

Career of a Famous Soldier, Diplomat and Statesman—Had Three Horses Shot Under Him in One Battle—His Service in Spanish War

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, United States army, retired, and one of Virginia's foremost sons, died at the Providence hospital at Washington, D. C., Friday night of an attack of apoplexy which he suffered early in the morning on a train while en route from Boston to Washington.

After Gen. Lee had been removed to the hospital Friday morning it was evident to the physicians that his case was a very serious one, but they hoped that his vitality and will power would assist materially in a partial recovery at least from the attack. His condition remained fair, considering the severity of the attack, during the day, but shortly after 9 o'clock he began to grow weaker, his breathing became more rapid and his pulse slower, terminating in less than two hours in death. The end was peaceful and without pain, the general remaining conscious until within five minutes of the end.

The end of Gen. Lee's illness was a shock to his numerous friends in Washington. This was evidenced by the numerous inquiries made during the day and evening. His heart and soul have been in the work of the Jamestown exposition, and he has labored zealously to make it a success. Gen. Lee has been a prominent figure in Washington, and he always was given a hearty reception wherever he went.

Prior to the civil war, at the beginning of which he resigned his position in the United States army, Gen. Lee saw considerable frontier service in the movements against the Indians. He was an expert cavalry officer, and on one occasion, June 16, 1880, he was engaged in a hand to hand encounter with Comanche Indians near Camp Colorado, Tex.

His services in the confederate army as major general are well known, and during the interval between this war and his active work in the Spanish-American war Gen. Lee filled a number of important positions, including the governorship of Virginia, the presidency of the Pittsburgh and Virginia Railway, the collector of internal revenue and the consular generalship at Havana. Following his honorable discharge from the volunteer army on March 2, 1901, Gen. Lee was appointed to the regular army with the rank of brigadier general, and with this rank he was retired in March following.

HITS THE STRIKERS.

Federal Court Grants Restraining Injunction.

Federal Judge Kohlsaat at Chicago Friday granted an injunction to the Employers' Association restraining all persons from interfering with the movements of the association's wagons upon the streets or in any way obstructing the business of members of the association. The injunction is returnable May 10. It is specifically directed against the teamsters' joint council in Chicago.

The injunction was issued on the grounds that the Employers' Teaming Company is a corporation organized in West Virginia, and being a corporation of a foreign state has sought protection under the federal government.

SIXTEEN MINERS KILLED.

Fatal Explosion Occurs in a Shaft Near Dubois, Pa.

Sixteen men were killed and one will be as the result of an explosion at the Eleanor shaft, near Big Run, twelve miles south of Dubois, Pa. The explosion occurred Thursday night and was not known at Dubois until Friday.

The mine is owned and operated by the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal and Iron Company. The mine was thought to be free from dangerous gases. Three bodies have been recovered.

Kansas Oil Refinery Bonds.

The state bonds for the Kansas oil refinery, says a Topeka dispatch, will not be sold direct to the people or to the highest bidder. Gov. Hoch announced he was in favor of turning them into the permanent school fund of the state. This fund at present has more than the \$210,000 required to take up the bonds.

Fourteen Passengers Hurt.

The Littlestown express on the Northern Central Railway ran into an open switch on the outskirts of York, Pa. Fourteen passengers were more or less hurt by flying glass.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$4.00@5.80. Hogs, \$4.90@5.12½.

Kills Woman and Himself.

At Saratoga, Tex., Mrs. Stella Hamby, a young widow, was Friday night murdered by Sam Watson, who immediately blew out his brains. Watson sought to compel Mrs. Hamby to receive his attentions and to dismiss an escort to a ball.

Paderewski is Ill.

A Niagara Falls special announces that Paderewski, the pianist, is suffering from neuritis and has cancelled all engagements.

BIGELOW'S STEALINGS.

Sums Wrongfully Diverted Run Up to \$3,000,000.

A Milwaukee, Wis., special says: Frank G. Bigelow, the defaulting bank president, has confessed an indebtedness to banks, commercial institutions, and estates of which he had charge which will aggregate between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, and, based on his confession, a voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the United States district court, which contains the names of as many of Bigelow's creditors as he can remember, together with a list of assets, on which Bigelow's valuation is \$1,419,000. By his own admission his creditors extend all over the United States.

Particularly noticeable on examination of the schedule of secured creditors is that nearly every bank from which Bigelow borrowed money exacted ample security before the loans were negotiated. The filing of the schedule revealed the fact that Bigelow, who has been looked upon as a model of business sagacity, pursued startlingly loose methods in the transaction of his private business. He was not positive of the names of several of his creditors, and had no memoranda with which to refresh his memory. Evidently he had no system of keeping a record of his financial transactions.

Late Thursday Judge Landis appointed the Wisconsin Trust and Security Company receiver for the bankrupt estate of Frank G. Bigelow.

This action was taken Thursday because one of the life insurance policy premiums upon the life of F. G. Bigelow became due on that day and had to be paid in order to prevent it from lapsing.

CHICAGO STRIKE SPREADS.

Trouble Now Appears to Be More Serious Than Ever.

Instead of being settled, as was predicted Tuesday night, the strike of the teamsters at the establishment of Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago, has spread to other firms, and the indications are that before the controversy is finally adjusted a general strike of the union teamsters employed throughout the city will be called.

The demand of the Chicago Employers' Association that all teamsters deliver goods to Montgomery Ward & Co., under penalty of instant discharge, resulted in the spread of the strike to four other establishments. These are Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., Marshall Field & Co., J. V. Farwell & Co., and the Forbes Cartage Co.

DECIDEDLY SERIOUS.

The Teamsters' Strike in Chicago Grows Worse.

With 3,000 teamsters on strike at Chicago, with constant accessions being made to their number and with the expressed determination of the employers to take a firm stand for the open shop and fight the teamsters' union to a finish, Chicago to all appearances stands on the eve of one of the greatest industrial upheavals in her history.

There was rioting in various parts of the city Thursday, despite the strong guards of police and the numbers of private detectives hired by the Employers' Association to protect their wagons. During the troubles three persons were seriously injured, two of whom probably will die.

Robber Tries to Escape.

Wm. Holden, sentenced to fourteen years for shooting the cashier of the Platte County (Neb.) bank in an attempt to loot the vault, hid in a pile of brooms Tuesday night in the prison yard at Lincoln and remained concealed until discovered Thursday afternoon. The authorities of the prison had almost concluded he had escaped when he was found.

For Embezzling \$25,000.

Adolph Fricken, a former employee of the Kensington Woolen Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., who is charged with the embezzlement of \$25,000 from his employers several months ago, has been arrested at Chicago and will be taken back to Philadelphia.

Explosion Wrecks Building.

At Huntington, W. Va., three persons were probably fatally injured, three others badly hurt, and at least two are buried under the ruins of the Mossman building, which was wrecked Thursday by a gas explosion which caused \$100,000 damage.

Woman Charged with Swindle.

Charged with conducting a fraudulent concern Belle Wilson, head of the Wilson Sign Company, No. 5063 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., was arraigned before United States Commissioner Bell Thursday and held for a further hearing.

For Lincoln Monument.

The house at Springfield, Ill., Thursday concurred in the senate joint resolution to petition the national congress to appropriate \$3,000,000 for the erection of a Lincoln monument at Washington.

New Building Collapses.

The east wing of the new building for the insane at Clarinda, Ia., collapsed Thursday morning, slightly injuring seven. None of the men were seriously hurt. The pecuniary loss is \$20,000.

150 Chinese May Have Perished. Shanghai advices state that the British steamer Yuen was totally destroyed by fire at Tung Shou. It is feared 150 Chinese lost their lives.

Wheat Closes Lower.

Under renewed liquidation May wheat broke ¼ cents a bushel Thursday at Chicago. It closed Wednesday night at 91¼ cents, opened Thursday at 88½@90 cents, sold down to 86½ cents and closed at 88 cents.

A Triple Hanging.

Three negroes, Walter Obey, Charles Jackson and Charles Miles, were hanged at Pittsburg, Pa., Thursday for the murder of Ian Kluzor, at Leetsdale, Pa., in May last while attempting to rob him.

A LOUISIANA LYNCHING.

Mob Fatally Shoots Dick Craighead at Homer.

A Shreveport, La., dispatch says: After working three hours with sledge hammers and pickaxes, a mob of twenty-five men broke into the parish jail at Homer, La., seventy-five miles northeast of Shreveport, Wednesday and shot Dick Craighead, inflicting wounds which will probably prove fatal.

Craighead was charged with the murder of Mrs. Ike McKee, the wife of his half brother, and her little son.

The authorities were unaware of the design upon the prisoner until it was too late to protect him. Railway, telephone and telegraph wires out of Homer were cut, and the rifles of the Claiborne guards, the local militia company, were seized before the move was made on the jail.

When Sheriff Kirkpatrick and citizens of the town reached the jail they found Craighead still alive. It is stated that he has told the sheriff the names of three of the lynchers, and that another prisoner in the jail told him the name of another man whom he recognized. The names have not been divulged.

DASHED TO DEATH.

Ten Pennsylvania Miners Drop Over 700 Feet Into Mine.

While ten miners were being lowered into the Conyngham mine at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Wednesday, the rope broke and the carriage fell to the bottom, a distance of 750 feet. All the men were instantly killed.

The bodies are buried under a mass of wreckage, and it will be several hours before they can be recovered.

This is the third accident of a similar nature that has occurred in the Wyoming region within six months. In each case the rope attached to the carriage broke and the men on the vehicle were dashed to the bottom of the shaft and instantly killed.

TRUMP CARD FAILS.

Prosecution Loses Important Point in Patterson Case.

A New York special says: Pawnbroker Stern was called in the Nan Patterson case Wednesday and failed to identify J. Morgan Smith as the man who had bought the revolver with which Young was killed.

When the trial of Nan Patterson, charged with the murder of Caesar Young, began Wednesday it was the general expectation the prosecution would play its trump card.

Ever since Miss Patterson was arrested the prosecution has claimed the presence in court of J. Morgan Smith, the prisoner's brother-in-law, would convict the girl of murder.

GEBHARDT'S DEATH STRUGGLE.

Witnesses Describe It in the Trial of Dr. Koch.

The death struggle of Dr. Louis A. Gebhardt, for whose murder Dr. Geo. R. Koch is on trial at Mankato, Minn., for a second time, was dramatically described Wednesday by Joseph Polta and two girls with whom he passed the office while the tragedy was being enacted within. They told of the noise of the scuffle and the loud groaning of the victim, which continued for several minutes, but none gave any clue to the murderer.

William Behnke, a grocery man, who broke in the door and found the body in the disordered room, also told his story.

CONGRESSMAN KILLED.

John M. Pinckney, of Texas, and Two Others Slain at Hempstead.

At a mass meeting at Hempstead, Tex., Monday night, called for the purpose of petitioning the governor to send rangers there to enforce the local option law, J. N. Brown, a leading lawyer and a staunch anti-prohibitionist, began shooting, which became general in an instant. Three men were killed, one man was fatally and two others seriously injured.

The dead are J. N. Brown, Congressman John M. Pinckney and Tom Pinckney, brother of the congressman.

Search for Bank Cashier.

Excitement in banking circles at Milwaukee, Wis., caused by the \$1,500,000 defalcation of Frank G. Bigelow, late president of the First National Bank, has entirely subsided. Interest now centers in the capture of former Assistant Cashier Henry G. Goll, who is believed to have left the city.

Posse Expects a Battle.

Officers from Caliente, Kernville and Bakersfield, Cal., with possses, are in pursuit of Newt Walker, who killed Dave Burton, a wealthy mine owner, and his companion, a man named Bagnby, at Havilah, forty miles from Bakersfield. The officers expect a battle.

New York Firemen Killed.

In a five alarm fire on the east side at New York Wednesday, Acting Battalion Chief Wieland was killed and one of the block on Grand, Orchard and Allen Streets was gutted, causing a loss estimated at about \$200,000.

Collier Makes Fast Trip.

The United States naval officer Brutus, Capt. Hendricks, has arrived at the Norfolk, Va., navy yard, only fifty-seven days out from Singapore, having made the quickest trip on record for an American collier.

Great Y. M. C. A. Conference.

A world's conference of the Y. M. C. A., which is celebrating the semi-centennial of the establishment of the International Alliance of Associations, was opened at Paris, France, Wednesday afternoon in the Charity Bazaar building. Over 1,000 delegates, representing twenty nations, are present.

Earthquake in Ecuador.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, advices state that a long and heavy earthquake shock was experienced there Saturday night.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Scott Haddix Placed on Trial—Witnesses for Defense Break Down. One Girl Becoming Hysterical—Hearing of Case Postponed.

The preliminary hearing of Scott Haddix, charged with killing Melvin Butler on the evening of April 16, was commenced at Broken Bow before County Judge Armour. Owing to the inadequate space in the county court room, Judge Hostetter, of the district court, who is just closing up the term, offered the use of his sanctuary, which was soon filled to overflowing with people of all classes and denominations, eager to hear the testimony.

The case has awakened universal interest throughout the county. Judge C. L. Gutterston, J. R. Dean and County Attorney Johnson represented the state, while Judge Sullivan, of Broken Bow, and Judge Wall, of Loup City, appeared for the defendant.

Only three witnesses were examined; they appearing for the state. The first was Arthur Fuller, a boy of 18 years, working for Butler. Fuller was one of the eye-witnesses to the killing. He stated that Haddix fired the first shot, but upon being cross-examined by Judge Sullivan, got considerably mixed in his testimony.

The 14-year-old daughter of Butler was next called, and after substantiating some of the statements made by the preceding witness, fell into a violent state of hysterics and was obliged to be taken from the court room.

Joseph P. Gill, at whose farm the daughter and her friend Lena Krouse, were visiting the day of the tragedy, was also put upon the stand, and testified that he was away from home a big portion of the day and only saw Butler after he was dead that night.

The attorneys for the defendant tried to get Lena Krouse on the stand, but the court ruled otherwise, and Judge Armour adjourned the hearing until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

GRAIN MEN MEET.

Election of Officers Principal Business Before Convention.

The Nebraska Grain Dealers' Association at its annual meeting held Thursday in the Millard Hotel at Omaha, elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: President, N. A. Duff of Nebraska City; vice president, J. T. Evans, of Lincoln; directors, G. J. Railroad of Ashland, W. B. Banning of Union, A. H. Bewsher of Omaha, C. C. Crowell of Blair, and E. L. Mitchell of Lincoln. The secretary and treasurer, held jointly, will be elected by the board of directors at its first meeting.

About 150 members were present. There was no formal business before the meeting excepting the election of officers. Aside from this the members interchanged opinions and information concerning the general conditions of the grain trade. The perennial question of fair weights was talked of, but no new action was taken, as the present organization of the association provides a method of caring for complaints made on this ground.

NEW MILITIA COMPANY.

Rushville Has a Fine Appearing Lot of Guardsmen.

The Rushville company of the Nebraska National Guard, which was organized last week was inspected Tuesday night in the opera house by Gen. A. S. Daggett, U. S. A., retired, and Adj. Gen. Culver. Much interest was taken in the event.

The company made a smart appearance. The average height of the men is five feet nine. Considering the short time it has been organized the company acquitted itself in a most creditable manner. Gen. Daggett at the end of the inspection, made an appropriate and patriotic address, which was well received.

Stolen Horse Returned.

About two weeks ago a valuable horse disappeared from the premises of John Parker, residing southeast of Plattsmouth, and about the same time the young man who had been employed on the place also took his departure. One morning last week Parker found his horse occupying its former stall, eating hay with a relish.

Saloon Robbed.

W. E. Goolsby's saloon at Verdon was broken into and robbed. The burglars effected an entrance to the room from the rear door, through which two holes were cut large enough to permit the bolt being shot. The thieves secured a large quantity of liquor and cigars. This is the third time this saloon has been robbed.

Teamster Seriously Hurt.

A team being driven by Hugh Meaus, a teamster of Dakota City, ran off Monday, throwing the driver into a barb wire fence. His nose was completely severed, as was also a portion of his ear, and his face was cut clear across by the barbed wire. One of the horses broke his leg and had to be killed.

Going to Work in Beet Fields.

Fourteen families, comprising sixty people, left Fremont for Lasalle and Orchard, Colo., where they will work in the beet fields. They were joined by a carload of families, mostly Russians, from Lincoln, bound for the same place.

Dropped Dead.

While sitting in her chair sewing Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. John K. Clarke, of Ashland, fell over and died in a few minutes. She was aged 54 years and leaves a husband, son and daughter. She had resided at Ashland since 1879.

Chicken Thieves at Ashland.

Chicken thieves have been operating at Ashland again. S. S. Weddell and S. H. Martin lost a number of fowls, which were taken to Hoffman Bros. store and sold. One of the supposed thieves immediately left town and the fowls were recovered.

Weed Burner Company Organized.

The Lamb Weed Burner Company, of South Sioux City, has been incorporated. The capital stock is \$40,000 and the incorporators are W. W. Lamb, F. G. Cluett and E. H. Stone.

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

Charge Against Fred M. Hans, on Trial at Ainsworth.

The Fred Hans murder case, which was to be heard at this term of district court at Ainsworth, took a new phase when, Monday afternoon, the state filed a complaint, charging Hans with murder in the first degree. The evidence is being taken before W. H. Westover, district judge, who sits as reviewing magistrate. The state got through late Monday afternoon with the introduction of testimony, after which the court adjourned to 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Attorneys Hamer and Scatterwood, for the defendant, say no definite plans for the defense of their client will be mapped out until the arrival of Gurley and Goning, the principal counsel in the case.

Eight hours before he was scheduled to appear in court on a charge of murdering D. O. Luse at Ainsworth, former Detective Fred M. Hans, who had been missing from the state all winter on a \$5,000 bond, arrived at Ainsworth and was on hand Monday morning for the second trial for his life.

THE WILL STANDS.

Court Sustains Will of Man Who Committed Suicide.

A locally celebrated case was terminated in the district court at Schuyler Thursday by the jury decision that Charles A. Sherman was sane and of sound testamentary capacity when he willed the bulk of his property to his brother-in-law, J. M. Simmons, a short time before he committed suicide, early last fall.

Sherman was night policeman and was trapped one morning after having feloniously entered the store of the Wells Grocery Company, together with Night Watchman Crosshaw, who was tried, convicted and served a term in the penitentiary. The certainty of his conviction evidently unnerved Sherman, who, after he heard the trial through and spent the summer watching and working with his sick wife, committed suicide by drowning in the Platte River a few weeks before the death of Mrs. Sherman.

BOY FIREBUGS.

One Arrested at Norfolk Confesses, Implicating Two Others.

Earl Fairbanks, 18 years old, was arrested Monday charged with setting fire to a South Norfolk barn. He admitted he was in a gang of three, one of whom started the fire. The latter has left town. The youth alleged to have set the fire is said to have declared he wanted a "hot time" and that he would kill the other two if they told. This crowd is suspected of setting other fires recently, and possibly the Stanton fire, which cost \$40,000. Sunday morning. A search is being made for the other boys.

Another saloon was set afire Sunday night, but the flames died out and no great damage was done. The fire was of incendiary origin. Fred Harder was the victim again, having been burned out a month ago. He is now rebuilding his saloon.

WAR ON WILD ANIMALS.

To be Made When Nebraska Bounty Law Goes Into Effect.

After July 1 a wholesale slaughter of coyotes, wildcats and wolves is likely to be carried on in Nebraska as a result of the new wild animal bounty law which was passed by the last session of the legislature. An appropriation of \$10,000 was made by the legislature to pay the state bounties on wolves, coyotes and wildcats.

Western stockmen claim that wild animals have greatly increased on the prairies since the repeal of the old law in 1902, and that the appropriation will probably be exhausted on gray wolves alone. They estimate that at least \$30,000 worth of bounty claims will be made in the next two years.

Seriously Injured by Cars.

James Harris, the 16-year-old son of J. H. Harris, of the F. H. Gilcrest Lumber Company at Kearney, met with a serious and probably fatal accident at the Union Pacific tracks Thursday afternoon. Harris attempted to catch one of the cars of the train. His feet were thrown under the wheels of the rapidly moving cars and both were crushed. He was otherwise badly injured.

To Aid Mrs. Lillie.

A Lincoln special says: Friends of Mrs. Lena Margaret Lillie will appeal to the club women of the United States to secure her release from prison. She has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of her husband, Harvey Lillie, at David City, in 1902. Her friends allege she was convicted on circumstantial evidence, and prejudice was bitter against her.

Horses Killed by Train.

In a race against a fast passenger train, a driverless team of runaway horses was run down by the early morning Ronstedt-Norfolk train on the Northwestern line, between Foster and Pierce. One of the horses was killed, the other was dragged twenty feet and the buggy was wrecked. The owner of the buggy could not be found.

Holds State Record for Saloons.

Andrew Sorenson & Co. have made application to the city council for the establishment of another saloon in West Point. This makes the ninth liquor establishment in West Point for the coming year. In proportion to the population of the town the number of saloons in that community is in excess of those of any town in the state.

May Bar Insurance Company.

State Auditor Searle has refused a license to the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, of New York, unless the company submits to a thorough examination of its affairs. The company refused to do this in Iowa, and it is said that the refusal of the auditor will debar the company from Nebraska.

Hessian Fly in Nebraska.

The Hessian fly is busy in the central section of the state, according to reports of a number of grain men. Prof. Bruner, of Lincoln, is giving the matter much attention. It is thought that the heavy rain will destroy the pests. Several counties in central Nebraska report a loss of 20 per cent of the wheat crop.

First Nebraska Convention.

The Republican convention of the First congressional district has been called to meet at Falls City June 1 at 7:30. There will be 203 delegates.



Francis E. Leupp, commissioner of Indian affairs, left Washington Saturday night for Chicago, where he will be engaged for several weeks supervising the annual opening of bids for miscellaneous supplies for his department. After this duty is concluded Commissioner Leupp intends to make a tour of inspection of the Indian agencies and schools throughout the west and southwest. One case in particular in which Mr. Leupp is much interested, is to learn from personal observation the precise conditions which prevail upon the Winnebago reservation in Nebraska. There have been so many charges that affairs upon this reservation are deplorable, not only growing out of the sale of whisky, but that the Indians are totally in the hands of designing sharpers, that the commissioner proposes to give the subject close investigation. Commissioner Leupp, during his visit to the various Indian agencies and schools, will visit Omaha to look into affairs relative to the Indian depot located at that point. Ever since the Indian depot at Omaha was established, business men have found it difficult to secure what they considered proper treatment in the opening of bids. Omaha was simply made a buffer and primarily was created to give political workers a job, but as manufacturers and sales agents have seen the possibilities of the Omaha Indian warehouse grow, they have insisted that it was an outrage to compel them to ship their goods to Chicago or St. Louis when the government was maintaining a depot for Indian supplies at Omaha, and when bids could be opened as easily at Omaha as Chicago.

The supreme court has decided that when a county sends out of the state for a witness in a case the county must pay the witness fees. The decision was handed down in the case of Hordet against the state ex rel. Union Stock Yards National Bank, the decision of the lower court being affirmed because no brief had been filed by the county. In a cattle stealing case some time ago a witness was summoned from Wyoming. After testifying the Stock Yards Bank advanced him the witness fees, or bought his warrant, after which the county refused to make good with the bank. Suit was brought and the lower court decided against the county.

Perry Meyers of Falls City, will not have to come back to Nebraska and stand trial on a charge of statutory assault upon Henrietta Kuttler, upon complaint of whom he is now under arrest in Los Angeles, Cal. Acting Governor McGilton listened to arguments on both sides of the case, and inasmuch as the mother of the girl admitted that she had agreed to compromise the case and not prosecute if Meyers would pay her \$2,000, the requisition was refused.

Soon there will be no excuse for Lincoln policemen not to look spick and span. At a meeting of the council it was decided that the city should buy the uniforms to be worn by the police officers. This was done upon the recommendation of Mayor Brown, who said the pay allowed policemen was not sufficient and that the best thing Lincoln could do would be to buy their uniforms, as the officers were required to wear uniforms.

It is Acting Governor McGilton now instead of Lient. Gov. McGilton, and he is playing the part with dignity and grace, filling every nook and corner of the chair made vacant by the absence of Gov. Mickey, who is in Texas for an eight-day trip. Acting Governor McGilton has appointed two special deputy game wardens, listened to an appeal for a pardon and made an engagement to listen to an application for a requisition.

D. B. Griffith is the county assessor of Jefferson County, having won out in his contest to oust W. F. Donawitz, the present incumbent. The decision of the district court was affirmed by the supreme court Wednesday, the opinion being by Commissioner Ames, and following the same lines of law laid out in the Bingham-Broadwell contest. He holds that the entire election cannot be thrown out because of a few technical errors.

The supreme court has handed down in opinion refusing to appoint a receiver for the Paxton Hotel at Lincoln. Rome Miller, of Omaha, started the suit against James B. Kitchen, Miller complaining of alleged mismanagement of the Kitchen Hotel Company. The court declares that no receiver can be appointed when a concern is conducting an apparently profitable business.

The Lancaster County commissioners got an economical streak Friday and refused to pay fees in two inquiries which were held at the same time over the remains of Allen Ephraim and wife. The man killed his wife and then himself. Sheriff Kess and Detective Bentley filed fees for two inquiries and each was turned down.

Arbor day (Saturday) was observed by the employees of the state house taking a vacation, though no trees were set out in the yard. Last year Addison Wait organized the state officers into an Arbor day league and eight trees were set out, one for each officer, but this year there is nothing doing.

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