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ANOTHER CONTEST IS ON.

Herdman Will be Retired as Supreme Court Clerk.

CANDIDATES FOR THE PLACE.

Judge N. D. Jackson of Neligh appears to be in the lead---Situation as Viewed by the Lincoln Correspondent of the Omaha Bee.

The election of Judge Barnes to the supreme bench, changing the complexion of the court from demopop to republican, will lose Lee Herdman his place as clerk of the court, and already the fight that has been going on quietly for some time for the place has assumed such proportions that speculation is now rife says the Lincoln correspondent in the Bee.

Victor Seymour came out this morning with a petition securing signers to recommend him for the place. Seymour has, for some time, been prominent in Lancaster politics. Representative McClay is another Lancaster county man after the office and he is backed by Frank Tyrrell. Tyrrell brought out Judge Barnes for the supreme bench nomination. W. B. Rose, assistant attorney general, is another candidate who has considerable backing. The man who at this time, however, has the appearance of a winner, is N. D. Jackson of Neligh. Jackson is well known over the state and is particularly strong in his district. In the convention which nominated Judge Sedgwick he was the leader of the Barnes forces and threw them to Sedgwick at the right time to make him. He was the leader of the Barnes delegation this year and assisted greatly in the campaign that elected Barnes. While of course neither Judge Barnes nor any of the other judges are saying a word, there is no question that Jackson stands high with the two republican members.

Shrinkage of Corn in the Crib.

At the Iowa Station, in 1898, says the Nebraska Farmer, 7,000 pounds of corn were husked and stored in a crib on October 19. The crib was built upon the platform of a pair of scales, so that weighings could be made at any time without moving the corn or destroying the normal conditions of storing. The weights taken weekly during an entire year show some variations due to the weather. The shrinkage during the year was 9 per cent of the original weight for the first three months, 4.7 per cent for the second, 3.17 per cent for the third, and 2.57 per cent for the last three months. The loss for the entire period amounted to 1,430 pounds, or a little more than 20 per cent. In this case a bushel of corn weighing 80 pounds when stored, weighed 64 pounds at the end of the year; or if calculated to weigh 75 pounds when put into the crib, weighed 60 pounds after storing one year. In a similar experiment the following year the total loss in weight for the entire period was 635 pounds, or a shrinkage of 9.27 per cent. At the close of this second experiment the kernels contained 12.14 per cent of water, and the cob 25.82 per cent. The corn used in this test was in a much drier condition than the corn used the preceding year, and the season had a much larger rainfall. These conditions largely account for the smaller shrinkage.

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A New Book Descriptive of Omaha issued by the North-Western Line.

One of the most attractive railroad publications that has been seen in quite a while is the booklet descriptive of Omaha, Council Bluffs and South Omaha, now being distributed by the passenger department of the Chicago and North-Western Ry. It is a very interesting publication, giving a mass of information as to the his-

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FIRE THAT DESTROYED CRESTON

Editor Wagner of the Statesman Compelled to Jump Through Window to Escape Flames.

The village of Creston, this county, was the victim of a very disastrous fire early Sunday morning. The origin of the fire is not known. Editor C. E. Wagner of the Statesman, who sleeps in his office, was awakened about 2 o'clock by flames in his room and was compelled to jump out through a window to escape being burned. The alarm was then given but the fire had gained such headway that nothing could be done with the meager fire-fighting apparatus at hand and several buildings were consumed by the flames. The loss consists of the Creston bank, Independent Telephone switch-board, a furniture store, Henning's blacksmith shop, the Creston Statesman office and equipment and an implement store. Nothing was saved from any of the buildings with the exception of what was in the vault of the bank. The entire loss is not known but that experienced by the telephone company is estimated at about \$150. The buildings were all frame and we understand belonged to Theodore Wolfe. New buildings will be built in their places as soon as possible. The telephone company has men at work putting in a new switchboard and it is hoped that not more than four days service will be lost. C. E. Wagner left Monday for Omaha to make arrangements with a publishing house to do his printing. The other establishments will undoubtedly be replaced soon---Columbus Journal.

Dr. F. G. Walters succeeds to the practice of Dr. Kiesau. Phone, office and residence 18.

Ring up 306, W. W. Roberts, for insurance.

A Striking Presentiment.

It is curious how future events are occasionally prefigured by some anticipatory token which, unlike presentiments and premonitory dreams, makes perhaps no impression at the time on those whom they concern.

Here is a striking example: One of Charles Dickens' sons, from some childish oddity of expression in his large, wondering eyes, was given by his father the very unique sobriquet of the "Ocean Specter," by which he was always called. The great novelist never knew of the weird significance his playfully bestowed appellation was to bear, for he himself had been nearly two years in his grave at the time his little "Ocean Specter," then a lieutenant in the royal navy, died and was buried at sea.

Minerals and Life.

The base of nutrition in all living beings is oxygen, water, salts, carbon and nitrogen. Forster tried to feed dogs on organic substances deprived of nearly all their mineral matter. Death from starvation occurred sooner than if the dogs had been completely without food. M. Herrera says in Revue Scientifique, Paris, "Living beings are but aggregations of mineral substances and biology is but a chapter in mineralogy."

Promoters of Courage.

Spartacus--Women are a great incentive to manly courage.
Spartacus--That's right. Since I've been married and had a few tilts with my wife the prospect of a scrap with the meanest man on earth seems like mere child's play to me.--Baltimore American.

PLAINVIEW.

Will Smith, formerly of Stark Valley but now of Norfolk, has sold his place here to Oscar Dutcher.

Mrs. J. U. Mixer and daughter Florence accompanied Miss Eva Mixer to Fremont this morning where they will spend a week or more.

D. E. Nellor, formerly a resident of Plainview, and G. G. Inman of Bloomfield have bought the Bloomfield Journal. Success to them.

Chas. Tindale is making a good record as a corn husker. Yesterday he husked 101 1-3 bushels by weight. The corn was dry and he counted 75 pounds a bushel. It was raised on his father's farm near town.

Lyons is excited over the discovery of a madstone, which, it is claimed, will cure dog bites, snake bites, flea bites, etc. As there is a standing reward offered in that burg for "booze peddlers the stone is a sort of God send for that community, the ordinary antidote being forbidden fruit.

Monday evening a number of citizens met in Bruce Sires' office and perfected the organization of a fire company. Jerome Pfauum was elected chairman and Ed McHenry secretary. J. V. Stout read several extracts from the constitution and by-laws of different firemen associations and on motion those of the Tekamah firemen were adopted. I. B. Lint was chosen as foreman of company No. 1 and Dyer Harper as foreman of company No. 2. The foremen were authorized to choose the members of their teams and report at the next meeting, Thursday evening. It was decided to choose fifteen men for each company providing the village board agreed which they probably will. There was considerable enthusiasm manifested and Plainview can feel assured of two good fire companies. There is no doubt but that we have plenty of good material for fire fighters.

Wanted--Girl for general housework. Must be good cook and competent. None other need apply. Wages \$4 per week. Mrs. C. C. Gow, 201 North Thirteenth street.

Lost--A Gordon setter pup, four months old. Fair sized animal, black; has large ears and red muzzle and legs; also a little red over each eye. Wears stray collar with ring. Suitable reward for its return. Dr. P. H. Salter.

\$17.45 to Chicago and Return.

On account of the International Live Stock Exhibition at Chicago on November 28 to December 5, 1903, the C. St. P. M. & O. will sell tickets on November 28, 29 and 30; return limit December 7, 1903. See that your tickets read over the Northwestern line. J. B. Elseffer, Agent.

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