

LINCOLN'S LADDIES.

The Oration Rendered the Fitzgerald Hose on Their Return Home.

Their Namesake Gives Them a "Cud Milla Fealtha."

And Will Give the Fire Boys a Banquet To-Night.

The Running Team Especially the Heroes of the Hour.

Intense Feeling Relative to the Cart Claimed as Won.

A Feeling That the Thurstons, of Omaha, Will Yield Up the Trophy.

THE STATE CAPITAL, WATER AND WATERWORKS.

Special correspondence of THE BEE. LINCOLN, July 27.—The past week has been one of listless leisure in the news line. The common council have been talking waterworks almost every night and Jupiter Pluvius has been operating them, for the flood gates of heaven have been opened more frequently and copiously during the last ten days than was ever before known in the history of the city.

It is thought that the contract for laying the pipes through the city has been satisfactorily let to McKitchie & Co., notwithstanding the squirming of the Holley company and the legal technicalities they tried to take advantage of. If this is a fact Lincoln has done a wise thing, for McKitchie & Co. are among the leading contractors in the west, and whatever they do is done well. It will be remembered that this firm renovated the Omaha reservoirs. That work alone is enough to stamp them as masters of their business. One thing is certain, if McKitchie & Co. undertake this work, it will be done perfectly, strictly in accordance to contract and satisfactory to the entire community. They have too high a reputation to sacrifice it for the sake of any temporary gain that might come from doing inferior work.

THE FITZGERALD HOSE.

To-day the Fitzgerald hose company returned from Omaha and the boys were met at the depot by nearly all the male portion of the city, and there was also a generous sprinkling of the fair sex who had more than a general interest in the return of the champions. The members of the Lincoln fire department headed by Chief Engineer Quick and the North-western band marched to the depot and when the Omaha train pulled in the cheers were long, loud and most enthusiastic. Conscious among those present was John Fitzgerald, after whom the company was named, and who takes the greatest pride in the company and its welfare. He was among the very first to greet the incoming firemen, and he received them as heartily as if they had just returned from a victorious campaign in the dawn of the republic.

The line of march was soon formed and moved up Q street to Ninth, thence to Eleventh, along Eleventh to C, and thence by Tenth to the Fitzgerald club rooms. Crowds greeted the boys along the route, men cheered and ladies waved their handkerchiefs. When headquarters were reached words of welcome more hearty were tendered on the occasion by several prominent speakers, among whom may be mentioned Messrs. Stearns, Courtney, ex-Mayor Wright, McGoon, Fitzgerald, Monche, Quick, Bagley, Templeton, Lyman, Roberts and others, while THE BEE correspondent as the Omaha had to take the stand in behalf of the metropolis.

COMPLAINING OF OMAHA HOSPITALITY. Inasmuch as the impression brought back here indicates that the Thurston hose company of your city, and the firm generally, did not give the Lincoln boys the same fair and hospital treatment that was accorded the Omaha visitors here a year ago, the BEE man could say very little in favor of his adopted city. The mention of Chief John H. Butler's name brought forth most enthusiastic cheers. Also the expression that undoubtedly the general public feeling in Omaha was in favor of fair play. There is a deep feeling here against the retention of the cart which the Fitzgerald's rightfully won. Citizens who never took much interest in fire matters before have become enthusiastic in the matter and the whole city will champion the boys' cause. Attorney Courtney in a ringing speech of welcome said the cart would be brought to Lincoln if it took all summer and he volunteered his professional services free of charge if the matter had to be carried to the courts. John Fitzgerald, in his quiet unassuming way, that means business every time, said that if the cart belonged to the boys by right, which he had every reason to believe it did, that they might rest assured they would get it. He paid the boys a compliment on their gentlemanly and amiable way in which they had conducted themselves and to-morrow night he gives the entire department a banquet at the Commercial. It is thought that John M. Thurston has the manhood about him to settle the matter amicably and that he will see to it that the Fitzgeralds get their honestly and fairly earned prize without further delay or trouble. If not other means will be resorted to, for the city is thoroughly aroused. These young men of Lincoln deserve the reward of their hard work and skill. They are all industrious intelligent and upright citizens and legitimate members of the fire department. Let us enjoy the highest esteem of our fellow citizens here, who would send no inferior young men to represent the capital at the metropolis. In fact they are the pride of Lincoln and I regret that they have not been properly treated by their brother firemen in Omaha. One thing is certain the whole state is with them, and if your city and its firemen can afford to sacrifice its honor and former reputation for fair play for the sake of four or five professional runners, so be it. Such a course will rebound like a boomerang as sure as the sun shines. In conversation with several of the Lincoln firemen your correspondent learns that there was an objection whatever made to the Thurstons as a company, but simply to its ill-fated professional conduct.

Had the latter been barred out everything would have run along smoothly. One good thing about the success of the Fitzgeralds in Omaha is that it has brought harmony to the fire department in this city and no doubt, but the afore said company and the Merchants' Hose, between whom a little difficulty has heretofore existed, will now be down together as snug as a bug on a rug. The running team is the hero of the hour at present, and new brooms are the banners that hang from the city walls. They did well and deserve the honors bestowed upon them. John Sheedy, a well known citizen here, is willing to back this team against any amateur organization in the state for any amount desired. If Jerome Pentzel will only condescend to take golf instead of golf, let him weed the Thurstons of their professionalism and meet the Fitzgeralds in a fair field with no favor. The Lincolnites will accommodate him any time he desires. So far the capital "Johns" are ahead of the metropolitan "Johns," and the only way to reverse the position is to do it honorably and fairly. QUED NUNC.

STATE JOTTINGS.

Valentine claims a population of 3,000. A new depot is being built by the B. & M. at South Bend.

Cortland has been re-incorporated to make the record straight. The Madison creamery turns out 2,500 pounds of butter a week.

A cheese factory is to be started by an Elgin capitalist near Red Cloud.

James Kilburn sold his Saunders county farm for \$200,000 the other day for \$9,000.

Seven hundred and fifty dollars worth of glass was broken by the hail at Central City.

Hastings has a "Pietty Hill" on which a "boy preacher" could get in some solid work.

It is reported that the hail destroyed the crops on a number of farms near Central City.

Mos & Jones, of Fremont, lost 175 sows and pigs last week by a disease similar to the cholera.

Ed. Blewett of Fremont is going to blossom out in a \$200,000 residence, of brick with sandstone trimmings.

The Democrat says Hon. James has a ton and a half of public documents stored in the Hastings postoffice.

Hastings' democrats are entitled to the cheers. They have organized a Cleveland and Hendricks club.

The Pierce county fair association has purchased four acres of ground, and will put it in shape for holding the annual fair.

The three year old son of Chas. A. Hill, of Crest, died suddenly last week from the effects of poison of some kind, it is believed.

Willie, the ten year old son of C. G. Taber, a farmer near Weeping Water, was run over and badly injured by a harvest, last week.

North Auburn farmers are in the midst of a bountiful wheat harvest. A fair estimate places the yield at eighteen bushels to the acre.

Company A, of the state militia proposes holding reunion during county fair week in York. All companies in the state will be invited.

Jesse Welstead, a Fremont boy of 14, is dying from lockjaw caused a fly pistol on the chin. Another young life sacrificed to liberty and noise.

Chas. D. Willmore was found guilty of manslaughter in killing Chas. F. McCallum in Madison county last April. He got six years in the pen.

The West Point Progress says if the would-be democrat organs succeed in driving John Kelly out of the party, "it is good-by Grover for a fact."

The North Platte Telegraph is authority for the statement that Patrick Egan, ex-treasurer of the Irish land league, favors the election of Blaine and Logan.

The Journal claims that no other city of Lincoln is fighting weight worth put up with two kinds of time. It would take a good deal of time to bring Lincoln to the scratch.

The horrible pictures of the presidential candidates published by the plagiarized press are a libel on "the human form divine," and should send the authors to state prison for life.

The Platt river has a large channel out through the Orospalis bottom that is running full of water, and many predict that it is only a question of time until the whole river changes its course at that point.

A beef of 2,000 will be roasted at the great barbecue at South Platte, August 14. Two excursion trains will run to the site—one from Omaha and one from Lincoln. It will be a good holiday for Nemaha's new metropolis.

The opera-house in course of erection at Ainsworth, the property of Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Osborne was blown down in the storm of the 18th inst. The building, which was three story, 29 foot ceiling, had just been enclosed.

An organization was formed at Bloomington to be known as the Republican Valley Range and Trotting Association. The purpose of the association is to promote a fair association for the Republican Valley. The association will be incorporated, buy suitable grounds and erect a track.

The Sioux City and Pacific has sent out a party of engineers to a party eight or nine miles west of their adopted city. The first eighty miles of line was completed last year and is now crossing section 14 to 19 miles west from Valentine to the mouth of the river where it is supposed that a branch from the main line of construction will be built north toward the Black Hills.

J. C. Hawkins tells the reporter of the Sioux City Herald that the big bear found near Wakefield is the lower end of the tibia of a primitive elephant. The bone is broken and nearly all part above the back joint. The bone is about nine inches across and from that you can form some idea of the size of the animal. The fragment is very little smaller than a tibia of a modern elephant.

Wednesday night's storm was severe in Buffalo county. Some fields of wheat and oats are beaten down so that it cannot be harvested even with a mowing machine. Barns and windmills scattered over the prairie and several houses were partially roofed. The wind plaved and drove with trees, chimneys and outbuildings in Kearney.

A new building struck a lightning bolt in the heart of the city and his apartment inmates were not injured. Corn was beaten down and in some places torn from the ground.

The refreshing rains during the last ten days in the North Platte Telegraph have been of great advantage to the crops in our county. Our farmers are busy harvesting their small grain, of which they have an abundant yield. Corn could not be let; it now stands and seven feet to high, glossy, dark green in color, and tasseling out in good shape. Grass is yet in a high state of growth, and will be an average yield if the cutting is deferred to the middle of next month.

The Hastings Democrat, finding the task of defending Cleveland a weary and useless one, proposes to follow the lead of the pro-slavery and side-whiskered wheat, and the plashing of the meadow brook mingling with the rustling leaves, the fair school teacher rejoices in her heart of hearts—the ace—and his away to the rural retreat, where she has many poor holidays with them. And to-morrow night she takes their children out under the spreading tree and hurds great bunches of fruit by presenting them with unchosen lives and other indispensable articles of boyhood the past year.

The Hamilton County News reports the storm of the 10th unusually severe in that county. The town of Phillip, on the Grand Island extension of the B. & M., was nearly swept away. The hotel was demolished. When the storm struck it the building was moved a sixth some feet, the roof, turned over and heaved to the ground. All persons in the building were seriously injured. A painter, named not named, was killed, and an old lady seriously injured. Several others were blown to the ground.

The Duke's Candidate has received a conditional order to sit in the spring against other candidates.

large new building of Mr. Grass was blown down, and blowing against the hardware store. Dr. Myers' drug store, and several other buildings. A doctor's office was lifted from its foundation and turned around. Baker's grocery building, in which was kept the post office, a large building, was blown in. The front of Fairchild's store was blown in and goods damaged by the rain. Sam Spang's residence, Dr. Myers' drug store, and several other buildings left uninjured in the village.

A severe wind at Cairo, Saturday evening, unroofed several warehouses.

There was a rumor at Rock Island last evening of a tornado at Clinton Iowa. No particulars.

The people of Heidelberg, in Stella land, south Africa, pulled down the British flag and started a small rebellion.

Henry A. Elkins, the well known landscape painter of Chicago, died of malarial fever at Georgetown, Colorado, Friday.

While Spencer Ellsworth, editor of the Lacon, (Ill.) Home Journal, was driving in the country Friday, his horse ran away and he was thrown out and fatally injured.

A schooner landed Friday at Murio, Western Spain, with fifteen of the survivors of the Spanish steamer Gijon, foundered in a collision with the steamer Laxham.

It is reported that an earthquake at Assouan, Egypt, destroyed nearly all houses in the town, and all ships in the harbor. The inhabitants took to the woods.

The board of managers of the New York world's exposition have accepted the site for a special government building 515 feet by 565. The work on it will be proceeded with at once.

A storm in Eau Claire county, Wis., Friday night, damaged crops and buildings to the extent of \$20,000. Hailstones fell which are leged to have measured six and eight inches in diameter.

Rain was reported throughout central and southern Ohio Saturday, along the farm roads as far as the corn and potato crops. Persons were killed in the region where storm prevailed, by lightning.

The negotiations for a peaceful settlement of the differences between France and China are again suspended, the latter government refusing to give more than 20,000 franc indemnity. Prince Minister Ferry has conceded China eight days delay.

The democratic congressional convention of the Fourteenth district of Missouri, had been in session at Poplar Bluff since Friday morning and adjourned on the 24th Saturday night, after taking 447 ballots without nominating a candidate, an event unparalleled in Missouri.

He has written to the secretaries of some of the branches of the National League in other states, declaring the convention to be held Belfast Tuesday, called against his advice. The promoters are acting honestly in the opinion of the committee of the league. He advises branches not to send delegates.

The Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph company have reduced tolls for messages between St. Louis and Washington Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York to 25 cents for 4 days, night messages to 15 cents for 15 words, to take effect Monday, making the rate to St. Louis the same as Chicago.

The officer commanding the United States troops, charged with the duty of expelling squatters from the Cherokee lands, the Indian territory, has requested the Indian department to send representatives to the point out the persons to be ejected. It is probable an attack of the land office will be directed to discharge that duty.

Trevillyn, the chief secretary for Ireland has given the Dublin corporation instructions to prepare for an outbreak of cholera, and empowers the officers to raise a loan to meet the expense incurred by the corporation. They are, if it becomes necessary, empowered to erect temporary hospitals and care for the sick.

The executive committee of the National Plumbers' association closed a three day session at Chicago on Saturday. President Andrew Young was appointed to memorialize congress to establish a bureau of practical sanitation, and Vice President W. S. Cincinnati, was appointed to represent the national association at the Washington choice of conference, August 6th.

The rear part of a boiler of an engine drawing a freight train on the Lehigh Valley road near White Haven, Pa., blew out and killed J. H. Hassell, engineer. First mate Hassell, son of the engineer, was also killed. R. E. Smith, a telegraph operator at Missoupa, and was riding on an engine to his hotel at White Haven when an explosion occurred.

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