

volunteered 100 men to prevent the arrest of the two Indian police and that they could easily flank a deep ravine and make it interesting for any sheriff's posse on earth.

TREE PLANTERS WERE BUSY

Arbor Day Observation in Nebraska Adds to Possibility of Future Forests.

GOVERNOR PLANTS A TALL SYCAMORE

Other Heads of State Department Join in Beautifying the Capital Grounds—How It Was Observed Elsewhere.

LINCOLN, April 22.—(Special.)—Arbor day found its most enthusiastic celebration in the vicinity of the capital grounds, where Governor Holcomb, Land Commissioner Russell, Secretary of State Puffer and other heads of executive departments set out trees on the western side of the block.

Excavation has begun on the new \$20,000 grist mill, and work on the new elevator is progressing rapidly.

The Methodist Episcopal church has an orchestra of five pieces for its Sunday evening services, and the Congregational Sunday school has one of nine pieces. The latter will be able to lead Sunday school music in about two weeks.

A fine rain Saturday night revived vegetation greatly.

The Review track, probably the finest mile track in the state, which was opened here three years ago, is now a thing of the past.

The double-decked amphitheater has been removed and the track will be plowed up.

The Oros County Fair association will use its old one-half mile track, which is as good as any in the state.

Worried by a Widow.

ST. PAUL, Neb., April 22.—(Special.)—Soren Jacobsen, a farmer in the north part of this county, lost his wife some time ago, and at once advertised in the Danish Pioneer of Omaha for a life partner.

The advertisement was answered by a charming widow from Oregon of about 48 summers, who about a week ago arrived at the Jacobson residence.

At the residence of his son this morning William P. Stockham died at the advanced age of 80 years.

Many Valuable Dogs Killed.

ASHLAND, Neb., April 22.—(Special.)—Many valuable dogs have been poisoned in this locality. A case is reported where a 3-year-old child was playing in the yard, and by the merest chance was prevented from eating poisoned bread.

Inspecting State Institutions.

Several Wyoming Officials Making a Tour of Nebraska.

LINCOLN, April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Hon. W. O. Owens, state auditor, and Miss E. Ross, state superintendent of public instruction, arrived in the city today.

Extiter Notes and Personal.

EXETER, Neb., April 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. S. G. Pettit has gone to Sioux City to see the chief object of her mission.

Miss Olive Cook of Lyons, Ia., who has been visiting for some time in Wyoming, stopped over here to see her cousin, Mrs. George H. Lewis.

C. H. Beckwith moved his family and household effects to Lincoln Monday. He expects to engage in business here.

Samuel Pentz, who was sent from his place to the Methodist hospital at Omaha some two weeks ago, died there Saturday.

The Daughters of Veterans of Geneva presented the drama "Above the Clouds" to the Exeter people Friday night.

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HAD FAR FROM THE SPAN.

Mr. Agnes Bledsoe Dies at the Age of One Hundred and Eight Years.

On Sunday night at 9:30 o'clock probably the first centenarian who has ever been an inhabitant of this city passed away—a colored woman whose days upon earth numbered 108 years, 5 months and 24 days.

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BOUND TO HAVE A NEW DEPOT.

South Side Improvement Club Petitions for New Station on This Line.

Ernest Stunt of the union depot committee to get any action on the question. Some time ago the city council granted the request of the committee from the club that it be allowed to co-operate with the council committee on the subject of a new station.

There was a long discussion on the subject, which resulted in a resolution that the committee be instructed to introduce a resolution at the council meeting tonight calling for a report from the committee on railroads and railroads on the subject of a new station.

The committee on street railway extensions reported that their work was hanging fire pending a meeting of the directors of the street railway company.

It was suggested that this committee should take up the matter of obtaining a direct street car service from South Omaha to the union depot without the transfer by way of Dodge street.

It was stated that the direct line could be established by the construction of a double track of track, and that the South Omaha street railway would cooperate in bringing about this improvement.

The agitation of this project was added to the duties of the committee.

THEY ARE FIREMEN NO MORE.

Two Men Who Were Absent Without Leave Dismissed from the Fire Department.

Commissioner Strickler's anti-vice resolution, the report of Chief Seavey on prostitution, and "Citizen" Scott's personal letter, matters which have been pending before the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners for some time, were again postponed last night on account of the absence of Commissioner Hanson.

The case of M. J. Hanson, accused at the previous meeting of having left his company without leave, was taken up, and Hanson was dismissed from the department.

A similar charge was made against J. J. Traynor, who had been absent, and his head also went into the basket.

On the recommendation of Chief Redell, the new men who have served sixty days in the fire department were placed on the regular list. Their names are: Robert MacLeod, George Runge, Frederick Vaverka, Charles Chapman, George Bendson, Leonard Van Dyke, John Frank Stipek, Joseph D. Sullivan, William Barnes and Frank Minton.

Comptroller of absence were granted as follows: Captain G. C. Miller, hose 4, ten days; Pat Coogan, hose and ladder, ten days; Officer John Stiles five days, and Officer E. M. Arnold five days.

P. B. Goodwin is registered at the Barker Hotel.

J. P. Lansing of Lincoln is at the Paxton.

E. Eley, Hot Springs, S. D., is at the Merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. John Landon of Chadron are guests at the Delta.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of Stanberry, Mo., are Arcade guests.

Mr. Blackstone, Central City, S. D., is registered at the Paxton.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Dreht of West Point are guests at the Arcade.

James W. Orr, Missouri Pacific attorney at Atchison, is at the Millard.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Kingman of Casper, Wyo., are at the Paxton.

Mr. L. F. Andrews and H. Harrison of York took dinner at the Delta yesterday.

Hon. John M. Thurston, general solicitor of the Union Pacific, has returned from Chicago.

President E. A. Barnes of the State Board of Agriculture registered at the Millard last evening.

Colonel Franklin Sweet and Chris Hostler, ex-registers of the land office at Grand Island, are in the city.

A. K. Gouy, ex-superintendent of public instruction, and wife of Lincoln were at the Merchants yesterday for dinner.

Colonel and Mrs. M. V. Sheridan of St. Paul, Minn., are visiting here.

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WILL GET THE PLANT BACK

Omaha Water Works to Be Restored to the Original Company.

DECREE ENTERED AT LINCOLN YESTERDAY

Judge Riner Decides that the American Water Works Company of New Jersey Has No Right to the Illinois Company's Property.

By reason of a decree of the United States court, sitting at Lincoln, and entered yesterday under the order of Judge Riner, the water works plant in this city, together with all of the property and franchises, reverts back to the American Water Works company of Illinois, the original purchaser from the Omaha Water Works company.

In 1891 C. H. Verner and W. A. Underwood, at the head of a corporation organized in the east and known as the American Water Works company of New Jersey, conceived the idea of creating a great trust by buying out the local water works companies in a number of western cities.

With this idea in view the company purchased the water works plant in this city, which at that time was the property of the American Water Works company of Illinois, and which was capitalized for \$6,000,000 and bonded for \$600,000.

The negotiations were continued and overtures made to the owners of the plants in Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Paul. These all fell through, with the exception of the deal to purchase the Denver plant.

In time this purchase was made, and the two plants, the one in this city and the one in Denver, consolidated under the name of the American Water Works company of New Jersey and capitalized for \$13,000,000 and bonds issued. They were without any legal complications concerning the issue arose.

Two years ago the bondholders of the original company commenced foreclosure proceedings and the bonds were placed on the regular list.

At this time the stockholders of the Illinois company made their claim, demanding the return of the property, alleging that the New Jersey company had failed to live up to the terms of the contract.

At this time the Omaha plant is under the direct control of the court, and is represented by its receivers, Messrs. Hunt and St. Paul. In speaking of the decision of the court Mr. Hunt said that in his opinion it was a good thing for both the water works company and the city of Omaha.

He said that the Illinois company was a very wealthy concern and had always taken great pride in the plant in this city. If the company succeeded in securing undisputed possession of the property Mr. Hunt was of the opinion that many improvements would be made and the plant would be improved in many respects.

Viavi Lectures in Patterson Hall.

To accommodate the large number of ladies who desire to attend the second Viavi lecture, the Viavi lecture will be held in the Patterson building, corner Seventeenth and Farnam, at 2:30 p. m. today (Tuesday).

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