

GROUNDS FOR THE REUNION

Grand Army Committee Unertain Where to Locate at Lincoln.

GOOD SITES HAVE THEIR DRAWBACKS

Great Riverty Between Lincoln Park and the Fair Grounds and the Committee Unertain as to Either.

LINCOLN, June 23.—(Special.)—The reunion committee of the Grand Army of the Republic held a meeting at 2 p. m. today at the office of Assistant Adjutant General Gage, in the state capital.

There were present of the committee J. H. Culver of Milford, John A. Erhardt of Norfolk, James D. Gage of Lincoln, J. B. Ferguson of Lincoln, C. W. Pierce of Waverly, J. R. Meagher of Columbus, A. V. Cole of Juniata and F. E. Brown of Syracuse. Judge M. L. Hayward of Nebraska City, A. Traylor of Omaha and H. M. Wells of Crete were absent. Mr. Traylor sent a telegram stating that he was very much disappointed in not being able to attend. The local Lincoln committee met with the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was seen at once when the committee began the business of the session that the question of location of the reunion was still far from a settlement, and that there was a wide diversity of opinion. The local committee had reported recommending the fair grounds as the most eligible location. But there at once developed some opposition. Colonel Pace appeared as a champion of the fair grounds. He has stated that the park would not be available because there would be an admission price charged by the management, and it was thought this would deter many people. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic, from attending. It was stated today, however, that this charge of ten cents a head could be avoided. The committee was in session until 3:30 and then adjourned to visit both sites, the park and fair grounds.

On the return of the committee from visits to both Lincoln park, the local Lincoln grounds an adjourned meeting was held at 8 o'clock. The result was that the report of the local committee, naming the fair grounds, was adopted with certain conditions. These the local committee say tonight will be accepted and the reunion will be held there. It is also reported that Lincoln park has been selected as the ground for the entertainment this year of the Nebraska National Guard, and arrangements are being made for surveying the same and laying out the camp.

RATIFICATION MEETING POSTPONED.

After having decided last night to hold a republican ratification meeting at M Street park tomorrow evening, the members of the clubs in Lincoln interested this morning decided to postpone the affair until Tuesday evening, June 25, the night before the republican state convention. It was the sentiment of the majority that the enthusiasm would be of much larger proportions if put off until a later date. The following gentlemen were named as an executive committee to take charge of the affair: Captain J. E. Hill, chairman, W. Morton Smith, secretary, J. J. McCallan, first ward; J. C. Stevens, second; H. K. Kerman, third; Walter Dawson, fourth; E. R. Slizer, fifth; W. C. Phillips, sixth. The location will be decided later.

A free silver meeting in the main room of the court house this evening was addressed by Hon. E. E. Brown, Hon. G. L. Laws and others.

By the terms of special order No. 24, issued today by the adjutant general, the resignation of Captain Oseian H. Reinard, company C, First regiment Nebraska National Guard, is accepted to take effect July 6, 1896. The commanding officer of the company is ordering the resignation to take effect at 8:30 p. m. July 5 and proceed to elect a captain. All vacancies which may result from this election are to be filled immediately. Leave of absence for one year is granted with permission to leave the state is granted Captain John S. Crue, company F, First regiment. On application of First Sergeant James C. Donahue, captain of the company, he is discharged from the service, to take effect on this date.

Shertiff Huberle of Osceola county was at the governor's office and secured an order to take George Harris, a convict now in the penitentiary, back to Osceola county for the purpose of acting as a witness in the case of Quiller Beck, being tried. Harris, Quiller Beck and another man were arrested for stealing hogs, but all but Harris subsequently escaped. Harris was issued and Sheriff Huberle left this evening for Osceola county with Harris.

William Range was bound over to appear in the district court in the sum of \$1,000 this morning by Justice McCandless on a charge of bastardy. The complainant is Ekna Burdunge, Young Range, who is but 19 years old, is a brother of the defendant who was assaulted eleven years ago by a Mexican restaurant keeper of this city. For this crime the Mexican was taken from his officers near Denton and banged to a tree by infuriated farmers.

Omaha people in Lincoln: At the Lindell Charles E. Dutton, the Captain of the Ballet, At the Lincoln—John A. Krug.

Jail Bird Makes His Escape.

YORK, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Samuel Smith, who has been confined in the county jail here for some time awaiting his trial in the district court on the charge of cattle stealing, broke jail this morning and is still at liberty. James A. Walsh had just served Smith with breakfast and had gone out of the cell and on his return Smith was gone. It was afterwards learned that he stole a horse from a barn near the court house and started for more congenial climes. He was pursued by N. M. George and was compelled to abandoning the horse. He had stolen and hid in the thick brush. A posse surrounded the place where he disappeared, but he has not been caught.

Feature of the Wet Weather.

SHELBY, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The moisture this spring was conducive to the development of toads and millions of these little enemies to insects have been hopping about in the streets and fields for several days. They form in bands with members of about same size, and travel in the northward. These bands will be hours in passing a given place. It has been thirteen years since they were as numerous as now.

ARE COUNTING ON BIG CROPS.

General Rain Gave the Farmers More Assurance.

LONG PINE, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Another heavy rain fell here Sunday and Monday, said to be the heaviest of the season and very general. All grain is looking remarkably well and a good crop is counted upon.

JUNIATA, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Half an inch of rain fell Sunday morning, followed by two and a half inches more yesterday afternoon, which fills the ground again and guarantees the largest small grain and potato crops this county ever had, and the immense corn crop is almost equally sure. Oats and wheat stand three to four feet high. The rye almost five feet well headed and filled out. One piece of rye near town is cut and stands nearly five feet high in the shock. It is a fine sight to see the immense fields of heavy grain stretching away on every hand for miles. Corn is being laid by much of it being too large to cultivate now.

YORK, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Saturday morning's storm struck York and was in the nature of a tropical squall which lasted for only a few minutes. Many people took refuge in cellars and many could not get there before the worst was over. On a great many houses the shingles were ripped off in spots, but no dwellings were wrecked or seriously hurt. The main of the storm was some ten miles wide and the small grain was laid flat, but farmers report no damage to amount to anything except to oats, which are badly lodged in some places. Hotel Ford was damaged to the extent of \$500; school house \$300 and McDonough's livery \$250. Other losses are numerous, but small.

AINSWORTH, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The recent rains have put crops in an excellent condition and everything is growing rapidly. Farmers here are certain of having a bountiful yield this season.

LOUP CITY, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Another good rain fell here last night, accompanied by quite an electric display. The residence of George Benchote, editor of the Northwestern, was struck by lightning. No damage was done except that a chimney was knocked down and some of the shingles torn off.

HEBIBON, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—At noon yesterday heavy black clouds, accompanied by wind, gathered over the town, and for a few moments people were terror stricken, all expecting a St. Louis cyclone. The wind was done in forty minutes, 1.66 inches of rain fell. The ground is in excellent condition and all grain is doing well. Corn is making great strides. Harvesting has commenced in earnest, many fields of wheat and rye are cut. Oats will be ready next week.

IMPERIAL, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—This county never had a better prospect for a crop than now. The acreage is the largest planted in the county for years and with reasonable growing weather from now on a large yield is assured. There is not a little apprehension felt among the farmers, however, from another visitation of grasshoppers. The prairie and some fields are literally alive with young hoppers and in some localities quite a little damage has already been done by them. The greatest complaint about them comes from their ravages upon garden vegetables. The farmers are considerably discouraged, especially those who put out large small grain crops. The late rain has brightened them up some.

ARAPAHOE, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy rain fell here last night. Over two inches fell. Another rain occurred tonight of one inch. Crops of all kinds are looking fine.

BENKELMAN, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—One of the heaviest and hardest rains this season began falling at 6 p. m. and came down in torrents for two hours and thirty minutes.

DECATUR, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The electrical storm at this place last night killed three horses and three mules and demolished one barn. The rain was quite heavy and considerable corn was washed out.

Jefferson County's Prosperity.

FAIRBURY, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The returns made by the assessors of Jefferson county show a very prosperous condition of the county, not including railroad property, of \$1,568,501.49; a decrease from last year's assessment of \$2,075.21. The reduction is all in personal property, farm implements valued at \$1,539,432, showing an increase of \$2,784.

Fairbury really is assessed at \$297,887, an increase of \$3,889. Number of horses in the county, 12,121; mules, 1,212; calves, 12,829; sheep, 8,165; hogs, 17,163. There has been considerable falling off in the number of live stock in the county from last year, caused by selling of stock on account of the short feed. Sheep alone have increased. The acreage of the principal crops is as follows: Corn, 151,485; wheat, 121,212; oats, 12,829; rye, 672; meadow, 19,200; millet, 699; sugar beets, 117. The corn acreage is 4,889 and oats 4,190 more than in 1895. A considerable area has been planted to potatoes, alfalfa and kafir corn.

Ainworth Preparing for the Fourth.

AINSWORTH, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Ainworth will celebrate the Fourth of July in a very elaborate manner, considerable money having been raised for the occasion and all preparations and plans having been perfected to make it a grand success. The program will consist of base ball, ladies' ball, races, speeches and a grand fireworks display, and many other pleasures, ending with fine display of fireworks in the evening. All winning contestants will be liberally rewarded.

Long Pine Alumni Meets.

LONG PINE, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The high school alumni of Long Pine held its annual meeting last evening and initiated the class of '96, composed of Misses Mabel Gray, Jessie Whittemore, Louise Smith, Maud Love and Mr. Roy Kyner. A literary and musical program was carried out and a sumptuous banquet indulged in. The first graduating class of the Long Pine high school was that of '88. The alumni now number twenty-two members.

Municipal Murder Unsettled.

NEBRASKA CITY, June 23.—(Special.)—The city council held a meeting last night. The usual sparring tactics between the mayor and the members of the council were kept up and nothing of importance was accomplished. An unsuccessful attempt was made to settle the city attorneyship controversy.

Two Rock Bluffs Citizens Hurt.

PLATTSBORO, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—John Wyatt and Phelan Hall of Rock Bluffs were seriously injured today in a runaway accident.

SAW MANY LIVE SPARKS

Testimony in the Dodge Fire Damage Case at Fremont.

MAP LINES CONFUSE A WITNESS

All Substantially Agree that the Blaze Was Started by Hot Cinders from an Elkhorn Locomotive.

FREMONT, June 23.—(Special.)—The case of Caroline Steocks against the Elkhorn road to recover the sum of \$21,000 damages caused by the destruction of her property by the fire at Dodge on September 17 last is progressing slowly. The theory of the plaintiff is that the fire started from sparks thrown out by a locomotive on the westbound train and that the locomotive was not properly managed. It is rumored that the plaintiff has important new evidence.

Henry Stormer was the first witness. After pointing out the location of plaintiff's property and other locations in Dodge on a large map, which he testified to being correct, he said the fire started about ten feet south of the mill side, under at the southeast corner of Roubinek's mill near the coal house he saw an engine of the westbound train doing some switching in the yards. The switching was done rapidly and there was considerable steam coming from the smokestack of the engine, accompanied by cinders. The wind blew hard from the south and the cinders were driven along the street a minute after he heard the fire bell and going to the door of the engine room saw the fire, which was then burning ten feet from the locomotive. About a minute after he heard the fire bell and going to the door of the engine room saw the fire, which was then burning ten feet from the locomotive. About a minute after he heard the fire bell and going to the door of the engine room saw the fire, which was then burning ten feet from the locomotive.

On cross-examination it appeared that the map which was used in this case differed slightly in giving the location of the various buildings in Dodge from that used on the other trial and which he had testified was correct. His cross-examination was quite lengthy much of it in reference to his testimony given on the other trial.

L. R. Walker swore that he was going south across the tracks when his attention was attracted by the loud puffing of a locomotive. He turned around and saw the engine of the westbound train throwing out cinders from the smokestack as large as grains of wheat. Shortly after, while at Roubinek's house a little west of south of the mill, he heard the alarm. He located the fire substantially the same as Stormer.

Engaged Grand Island Musicians.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The Lederkrantz society has engaged the Pacific Hose company band of this city, as well as Hartman's orchestra, to furnish music for the coming state convocation, which is to take place August 14, 15 and 16, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in this city. Excellent provisions have been made for the entertainment of all visitors.

Young Woman Drowned in the Loup.

ST. PAUL, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Sadie Bennett, the 16-year-old daughter of T. N. Bennett, was drowned in the North Loup river this afternoon while on a picnic party of people left here to search for the body.

HOLY FAMILY CLOSING EXERCISES.

Entertainment at Boyd's Theater in Which All the Pupils Take Part. The Holy Family parochial school celebrated the closing of the school year by giving an entertainment at Boyd's theater last evening, which was largely attended by the fathers, mothers and friends of the young folks. Nearly every member of the school participated in the program, which consisted of two parts. The first part consisted of songs, recitations and musical exercises. First on the program came a chorus by the entire school. Then followed the military drill and dumbbell exercises by the boys, and the recitation of their devotionals by the girls. The recitation of their devotionals by the girls. The recitation of their devotionals by the girls.

Illness of a Judge Delays Court.

PLATTSBORO, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—District court was to have convened yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, but owing to the illness of Judge Ramsey an adjournment was had till today. But the judge is still in the hands of his physician, suffering from nervous prostration, and court was held over for the expected arrival of Judge Sedgwick of York. It is the jury term of court, and all the jurors a crowd of witnesses and a host of lawyers are on hand awaiting the opening of the session. There are some very important criminal cases to be called up, and the sheriff has a dozen malefactors resting in the county jail awaiting trial.

Calhoun Woman Killed by Lightning.

PORT CALHOUN, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. Henry Beck of this place was struck by lightning about 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and died at 12:30 this morning. Mrs. Beck was in the yard looking after some young ducks when the lightning struck the end of the house shivering it to pieces and passing through the window screen, which it melted and then struck her, burning all of one side of her body. She was unconscious up to her death. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Beck was the daughter of Louis Larsh, a prominent farmer of this place.

Uncle Sam Makes Trouble.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Henry Rankin, a wealthy farmer living near Talmage, was arrested today charged with violating the revenue laws by manufacturing beer without a license. He was taken before United States Commissioner Seymour and placed under \$2,500 bonds. Rankin admits that he has occasionally brewed beer for the past twenty-five years, but denies that he ever sold any.

Missing Grand Island Man Located.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—Henry Stahl, an account of whose sudden disappearance appeared in The Bee columns yesterday, has written a letter to his wife from Lexington, this state, in which he promises to seek for the United States Commissioner and she can rent his local market to some responsible person.

Robbed by a Sneak Thief.

NEBRASKA CITY, June 23.—(Special.)—Sneak thieves entered the back door of the grocery store of C. B. Bickel & Co. this morning while Bickel was out on the sidewalk and robbed the store of \$25. Caleb Thomas, a young colored boy, who was seen in the rear of the store soon after, was placed under arrest.

HORTICULTURISTS MEET AT YORK.

Summer Meeting of the State Society Now Being Arranged.

YORK, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The summer meeting of the State Horticultural Society will be held at York, July 22 and 23. On July 21 harvest excursion tickets will be on sale at eastern points for this occasion. Horticulturists and others are urgently requested to bring in exhibits of fruits, flowers, trees, weeds and vegetables; also horticultural appliances, traps, pickers, pruners, sprays, etc., more especially such as can and are made at home. Nebraska peaches won highest praise for quality at the World's fair in 1893. L. D. Sullivan of York is in charge of local arrangements. Fruit sent in advance to Stillson will be held safely in cold storage. An interesting program has been arranged.

FREIGHT TRAIN BREAKS IN TWO.

Fatal Accident on the Missouri Pacific at Auburn.

AUBURN, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—There was a wreck in the Missouri Pacific yards here this morning, whereby T. P. Gaffney, fireman, lost his life and three freight cars were reduced to kindling wood. The fast freight engine was broken into three sections about four miles east of Auburn and the head section ran into the yard and the engine was taking water when the rear sections came up. The crash killed the fireman from the tender down between the cars, which ran over him, cutting him in two.

Will Warmly Welcome the Bieters.

PORT CALHOUN, June 23.—(Special.)—For the first time in the history of Port Calhoun a jail is being built. Calhoun is one of the oldest towns in the state and long ago had a jail, but it has since been never until today has anything of the kind been heard of here. The citizens of this place raised nearly \$100 by subscription, the rest being paid for by the town. The jail is being built in anticipation of the large crowd on the Fourth of July. It is situated in the southeast corner of the city park.

Corpse Found in the Elkhorn.

CITY, Neb., June 23.—(Special.)—The body of Frank Frivot, who was drowned in the Elkhorn river west of town Sunday afternoon, was discovered this morning on a sandbar about 100 yards below where he was last seen. The remains were taken in charge by the county auditor and buried at the county cemetery at Springfield this afternoon. No inquest was held.

Confused on Fixed Lines.

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Commercial College Commencement.

The second annual commencement of the Omaha Commercial college was held last evening at the hall in the Boston Store block. In spite of the oppressively hot weather an audience which taxed the capacity of the supreme lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen was devoted to the report of the beneficiary committee. The majority report recommended the adoption of the proposed system now in vogue. The convention adjourned until tomorrow without reaching a vote.

International League of Press Clubs.

ST. PAUL, N. Y., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The International League of Press Clubs opened at the Iroquois hotel in this city this morning. Over 100 delegates are present.

DEATH IN THE WIND. Photographic views of the ruins of the great ST. LOUIS CYCLONE. This graphic and authentic resume of the cyclone's deadly and destructive work, by means of the pen and camera can only be obtained at the business office of The Bee for the low price of 25c and the coupon below. Call at the office and examine the work, which is not offered for sale at any other place in the city. 43 FULL PAGE VIEWS. The Bee has secured the exclusive right for Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs. Out-of-town subscribers can secure this work by cutting out the coupon below and mailing it to the Cyclone View Dept., Omaha Bee, and enclosing 25 cents in coin, with the name and address. Can be secured at The Bee Office, Bee Building, Omaha, or The Bee Office, 16 North Main Street, Council Bluffs. COUPON... To secure this interesting set of views, cut this out and bring it with 25 cents to the business office of The Bee in Omaha or Council Bluffs, mail it with 25 cents in coin to Cyclone View Dept., Omaha, Neb.

CAUGHT WITH STOLEN WHEELS.

Chicago Man Came Here for the Purpose of Disposing of Them.

A man giving the name of W. C. Rochi, who is undoubtedly a smooth bicycle thief, was captured by the police yesterday at a bicycle store, 717 North Sixteenth street. Rochi claims to have come from Chicago, yesterday morning he called at the above number and offered for sale a nearly new bicycle. The small price asked, which was only \$20, aroused the suspicion of the proprietors, and after closing the deal with the man told him to call at a certain time in the afternoon for his money. The bicycle dealer then informed the police, and two detectives were detailed to interview the stranger. He arrived at the time stipulated, and in answer to questions propounded by the officers got considerably mixed. He was taken to the station and when searched a bill of lading made out to W. C. Riener was found upon him. The bill called for a box of picture frames. Upon bringing the box to the station it was found to contain another wheel, which had been taken apart and neatly packed into small space. Rochi, alias Riener, when confronted with the proofs of his crooked work at length admitted that the wheel found in the box had been stolen in Chicago, but that he was not the party who had done the work. He, however, admitted that he had agreed to dispose of it and had beaten his way from Chicago to this city in a box car for that purpose. He also stated that he had agreed to dispose of it and had beaten his way from Chicago to this city in a box car for that purpose. He also stated that he had agreed to dispose of it and had beaten his way from Chicago to this city in a box car for that purpose.

HOPFUL CONCERNING OUTCOME.

Christian Hartman, Poor Farm Claimant, Talks of the Cases.

Christian Hartman, one of the Douglas county poor farm claimants, speaking of the action of the supreme court in allowing a rehearing of the cases, said that while it was a surprise and disappointment to the parties interested, the attorney for the claimants was still as confident of success and of the ultimate result as he had ever been. Mr. Hartman said that Mr. Beckett's predictions through the public press gave them no uneasiness and that their attorney had advised them that there was no cause for alarm; that rehearsals are often allowed without the results in any way being changed, the rule being that if any one of the judges who concurred in the decision desired the matter to be reheard it would be so ordered, and inasmuch as in this case the decision of the court was unanimous he believed that if any of the three judges or the three commissioners desired a further presentation of the matter it would be so ordered. So that the allowing of a rehearing does not in any way foreshadow a change of heart on the part of the court.

"It would seem strange," continued Mr. Hartman, "in a case which has been so long before our supreme court and so exhaustively and thoroughly presented and considered and twice unanimously affirmed if our highest court should so suddenly change its mind. As I understand the rule, on a motion for a rehearing only the attorney presenting the motion is heard. The court certainly has not yet given the motion for a rehearing a very careful or thorough consideration. As I am informed the motion was filed on Monday; the court convened Tuesday morning and passed on the motion Wednesday. In the meantime, hearing numerous other matters, passing upon cases and other similar motions. In fact I think the court was in a hurry to get away for its summer vacation and concluded that it could do no harm to allow the motion and permit the matter to be further heard at the fall term."

Fractured His Spinal Column.

John Linden Injured While Working on the Sucking Works.

At 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning John Linden, 1514 Half Howard street, sustained a severe fracture of the spinal column while working in the yards of the smelting company. He was removed to the Presbyterian hospital. Linden was in the employ of the F. J. Lewis Roofing company and was engaged with another employe in roofing one of the smelter buildings. The two were hauling up bucket loads of slack to put on the roof. Linden being on the ground and his companion on the roof. One bucketful had just been taken off the hook when it slipped and fell to the ground. The weight of 125 pounds struck Linden on the back of the neck, fracturing his backbone.

Checkered Method of Assessment.

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