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The account for the expenses is payable by this state because the defendant has been returned to this county by John Trompen, agent of this state. Sheriff Trompen should specify each item of expense and accompany the same with vouchers when possible, with receipts of payments made to the officers of the other state, all appended and accounted for.

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Head Consul W. A. Northcott of the Modern Woodmen of America has promulgated his list of appointments for the coming biennium. Lincoln has fared well among the Nebraska plums. Ralph E. Johnson received the appointment of state lecturer for Nebraska. Mr. Johnson is well known through his position as attorney for Lincoln, who has at various times been identified with the newspaper field. He has lived in Lincoln for fifteen years, graduating from the Lincoln high school in 1899, from the University of Nebraska, bachelor of art degree, in 1903, and from the University of Nebraska, College of Law in 1905. Dr. A. O. Faulkner was reappointed as state deputy head consul for Nebraska. He is well known in Woodmen circles, having previously held the position of head, physician of the order. He is president of the Woodmen Accident association, which has headquarters in Lincoln.

Frank I. Ringer, captain of Lincoln Forester Division No. 1, received the appointment of chairman of the committee to revise and adopt an official drill manual for the use of all Modern Woodmen of America Forester teams. This committee resulted from a resolution that was introduced at the head camp meeting by Mr. Johnson.

FREEMONT POWER COMPANY WINS.

Granted Right to Tap Platte River and Construct Big Dam. LINCOLN, July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The application of the Fremont Canal and Power company for right to tap the Platte river for a large amount of water to construct a reservoir, whose capacity will be 1,234,528,000 cubic feet of water, has been granted by State Engineer Wilson. According to the engineer's ruling the work of excavation or constructing the canal must be commenced not later than January 25, 1930, and completed January 1, 1931, with the time for completing the application of water for beneficial uses extended three years later. The water used for irrigating purposes is limited to 200 cubic feet and for power 2,300 cubic feet per second. The reservoir will be of immense proportions, having a depth of 200 feet, with an average depth of forty feet. The dam that holds this water will be 125 feet high and will be eight feet broad at the top.

PAWNEE COUNTY POLITICAL NEWS.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—The fusion people of this county are first in the race for a county convention to be held September 23 next. Following are the delegates already elected to attend the state convention, to be held in Omaha, and the judicial convention of the First district, to be held in Tecumseh: Democrat—State—A. E. Cameron, Fred S. Hassler, A. S. Story, G. W. Johnston, H. H. Hawkins, George W. Potts, John F. Ostout, D. T. Meeker, Frank Pepper, J. J. Rowland and John McNeill.

Delegates to democratic judicial convention—R. W. Story, W. H. Hassler, A. E. Lane, R. B. Green, Clarence Richardson, W. M. Hiller, R. Lipp, H. C. Van Horn, J. C. Irving, Amos Hubka, C. F. Metzger.

Following are the delegates to the independent state convention: T. J. Plummer, W. H. Talcott, D. W. Stone, J. P. Swallow, P. M. Fowler, Adam Hiskett, J. M. Cameron, G. W. Emrick, John M. Osborn, E. D. Howe W. C. Emrick.

GAGE COUNTY REPUBLICAN DELEGATES.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—The following are the delegates from Gage county to the state republican convention: P. N. Prout, R. W. Laflin, J. B. Weston, J. P. Zediker, A. L. Cooke, A. D. Spencer, W. Kauffman, R. W. Seibert, D. N. Winder, M. E. Shultz, W. E. Robbins, C. B. Rodgers, Henry Dankroger, M. J. Powers, M. A. Metzger, J. M. Lincoln, A. H. Swiler, G. E. Emery, James McNeill, Harry Sackett, John Yoho, Cornelius Hansen, Alexander Graham, George E. Jones, William H. Potts, W. W. Carr, W. J. Todd, Fulton Jack, Ed Inman, John Schoew, W. W. Scott—thirty-three in all.

Victory for Fremont Wheelmen.

FREEMONT, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—The city council last night, by a vote of 6 to 2, repealed the bicycle ordinance and passed one requiring wheelmen riding on the sidewalks to dismount when meeting or passing a pedestrian. The ordinance was approved by Mayor Vaughn and will be in force after publication. The wheelmen have been much interested in the success of this ordinance and are elated at its passage.

Prof. Kharna is Bonded Over.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Prof. Kharna, the alleged magnetic healer, who was placed under arrest a few days ago upon the charge of practicing medicine without first filing his certificate according to law, was given a hearing today and was bound over to the district court. Bond was fixed at \$200, but up to this evening had not been furnished.

Joseph Matson is Promoted.

PLATTSBORO, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—Joseph Matson, an nephew of ex-Judge S. M. Chapman of this city, has been appointed first lieutenant of the 32nd district, having first sergeant in his regiment. He is one of the soldiers who were confined so long in the hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., last summer on account of scurvy.

Suffers from Facial Paralysis.

MC-COOL JUNCTION, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—The report from Fairmont that Peter Turgeon had suffered sunstroke is incorrect. He is suffering from facial paralysis and is being treated by Dr. Morris of this place.

School Building Nearly Completed.

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Falls Onto a Hard Barn Floor.

WATERLOO, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—John Miller, after picnic yesterday, got tired on the way home and went to sleep in the loft of a barn. During the night he rolled down on the hard barn floor. He was badly hurt.

Johnson County Republicans.

TECUMSEH, Neb., July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—At a meeting of the central committee held here today it was decided to hold the republican county convention for Johnson county at Tecumseh, Saturday, August 12.

Bruised in a Runaway Accident.

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HYMENEAL.

Volker-Fredrickson. FREEMONT, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—A. Volker, aged 42, and Mrs. Henrietta Fredrickson, aged 54, were married this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents. The groom, who does not look a day over 30, arrived in the United States July 4 and met Mrs. Fredrickson, who is a widow with a considerable property, residing near Yutan, a few days later. It was evidently a case of love at first sight. They will reside on a farm near Yutan.

Park-Ryan.

WATERLOO, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—Rev. E. Aston, of the Presbyterian church, this morning secured a bride for Miss Mable Ryan, both of this place. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and the seating capacity was taxed to its utmost.

Negroes to Take Miners' Places.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., July 26.—About 5,000 negroes here today with two coaches of negroes from Alabama for Weir City, to take the place of the striking miners. An effort was made to keep the negroes from entering Kansas, which caused considerable delay and put the train behind time. The negroes are locked in the cars and guarded by armed men, as trouble is expected at Weir City. The feeling there is very strong against the imported negroes, who have already caused trouble.

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CHEYENNE, July 26.—(Special.)—The weekly report of the climate and crop service of the weather bureau for Wyoming for the week ending today is as follows: The last week has been warm and generally dry, although local showers have occurred in some sections. The week has been an excellent one for rye and for all irrigated crops, but too dry for ranges and hay crops. Haying in progress in many parts of the state. In some sections the first crop of alfalfa is secured and the second crop making good progress. Irrigated grain has made good growth, but unirrigated has burned some and needs rain. In Crook county the rye crop is being harvested with a good yield. Range grass is curing rapidly, with a good stand over most of the state.

State Mine Inspector Noah Young has returned from a visit of inspection to the coal mines of the state. He says more men are working at the present time than at any time since coal mining was commenced in Wyoming. Miners are wanted at Glenrock, the present force being insufficient to supply the demand for the coal.

FALLS FROM A SMOKESTACK

Painter at Yankton Drops Fifty Feet—Bones Splintered, Nearly to His Knees.

YANKTON, S. D., July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Israel Perrault, a professional bridge jumper and worker on smokestacks and other high objects, began work this morning on the tower of the new electric light plant and almost immediately after getting up fell to the ground, a distance of over fifty feet. The fall was caused through a defective apparatus. He struck on his feet and splintered the bones nearly to his knees. The surgeons say he will live. The fall occurred while he was working on a tower that was being raised by a run-away team and had his head crushed under the wheels. Death was instantaneous.

Aberdeen Will Celebrate.

ABERDEEN, D., July 26.—(Special.)—Lieutenant Hiram A. Pratt, who was seriously wounded in the battle at Malolos, writes his father from Nagasaki, Japan, that he is enroute home and expects to arrive in San Francisco about the last of July. His wounds are healing nicely and he is able to hobble around with the aid of a cane. He is delighted with Japan and the progressive spirit of its people. The arrival here of Lieutenant Pratt will be made a scene of joyous welcome, as he is the first of the company of heroes to arrive since being engaged in battle. Captain John McArthur, commanding the regular army, who he is also enroute home, having a four month's leave of absence on account of wounds received in battle. He will no doubt go direct to Fort Snelling, where his family resides. Sergeant Hugh Franklin, Captain E. P. Andrus and Dr. H. S. Nelson are here on awaiting orders to accept commissions into either the regular or volunteer army.

South Dakota Supreme Court.

PIERRE, S. D., July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—In the supreme court this morning an opinion was handed down by Justice Hancy in the case of Martin Sands against Alexander Cruihsank et al, Lawrence county. The motion to dismiss the appeal was denied. An order was granted to show cause September 6 in disbarment proceedings against the Methodist District Judge J. W. Carre, W. J. Todd, Fulton Jack, Ed Inman, John Schoew, W. W. Scott—thirty-three in all.

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