

FIGHT FOR COMMITTEEMAN

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STATE OFFICIALS ON THEIR VACATIONS

Judge Hamer Seeks Rehearing in Litigation Involving an Island in the Platte River Near Kearney.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The two local factions, known as the machine and the guerrillas, are having a lively time campaigning for the place of state committeeman from Lincoln county. The machine is entitled to two members of the state committee and by common consent one goes to the country districts and the other to the city. For a number of years R. J. Greene, law partner of the chief of the guerrillas, Captain Billingsley, was county committeeman. Two years ago he was turned down. This year, as soon as the state delegation was announced, Mr. Greene began an active campaign for the place. As soon as his opponents heard of this they put forward L. Lindsey, collector of the port. The delegation was named by a committee composed largely of machine men, but it was generous and distributed the favors of being delegates to the convention to a miscellaneous collection of republicans.

Mr. Greene, being first in the field, got some pledges that have made it a little difficult for the Lindsey supporters to feel certain of victory, but both are now claiming it. It looks as though Lindsey has the "guerrillas" cornered, but the fact that some half dozen or more of the delegates are men who belong to neither crowd has made it a mooted question which will win.

As to Hall Insurance.

Up at the state insurance department it is stated that while the hall ballots of the last month have made it impossible for the hall companies to pay all losses in full, it will not necessarily mean that they will be put out of business. These companies are all mutual affairs. At the end of a season the aggregate amount of losses is ascertained and an assessment levied sufficient to pay them and the expenses of operation of the company. For the safety of policyholders liability is limited to 4 or 5 percent of the amount of the policy in any one year. If the losses are more than this assessment will pay, then they will be prorated. This leaves the companies free to do business again the next year. There is thought to be a strong probability that most of the companies will not be able to pay in full.

Mickey Takes Vacation.

Governor Mickey and family will leave tomorrow morning for a vacation in Colorado. They will go first to Denver, where the governor will spend Sunday. Thence they will go to Colorado Springs and out into the mountains to share the hospitality of Colorado friends. They will be absent about ten days and the governor intends to visit his family in the state capital. The Kansas-Colo. Irrigation suit. Lieutenant Governor McGilton will be notified of the absence of the governor.

Executive Private Secretary Allen returned today from a trip of two weeks through the Colorado country. He is secretary of State Marsh is up at Hot Springs, S. D.; Auditor Weston is out at Hay Springs, State Engineer Dobson is fishing in Wisconsin, Deputy Attorney General W. R. Hoes is at Berkeley, Pa., whether he was called by the death of his brother, and will be absent another week; State Superintendent Fowler and Treasurer Mortensen are out in the northwest part of the state looking at proposed locations for the new state normal, Deputy Supreme Clerk Eben W. Nelson and family are somewhere on a farm and the clerical force of almost every state office is running a little shy.

Medical Supplies for Guards.

Adjutant General Culver was holding a conference today with the surgeons of the National Guard, consulting in regard to the medical supplies for the approaching participation in the army maneuvers and the state encampment. The conference was attended by Colonel John H. Collins, surgeon general of the guards; Major C. W. Walden of Beatrice and Major V. C. Talbot of Broken Bow.

Revising the Ritual.

The committee on ritual work of the Royal Neighbors of America, the auxiliary to the Modern Woodmen of America, met at the Lincoln hotel today and finished up the ritual work. The committee consists of Mrs. Agnes E. Bazer, Manitou, Ill.; Mrs. Nellie W. Lincoln, and Mrs. Anna E. Bainter, Portland, Ore. The supreme orator, Mrs. E. D. Watt of Omaha, was present, also the supreme board of managers, which consists of Mrs. Collins, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Mary Fay Hawley, Rock Island, Ill.; Mrs. Hattie M. Lombard, Grand Island, Mich.; Mrs. Mary B. Enright, Kansas City, Kan., and Mrs. Irene E. Bentley, Oelwein, Ia. The meeting adjourned early this afternoon.

More Litigation Over Land.

Judge F. G. Hamer filed this afternoon another motion for a rehearing before the

ABOUT COMPLEXIONS.

Food Makes Them Good or Bad.

Saturate the human body with strong coffee and it will in time show in the complexion of the coffee drinker. The complexion of the coffee drinker is the result of the action of coffee on the liver, thus throwing part of the bile into the blood. Coffee complexions are sallow and muddy and will stay that way until coffee is given up entirely.

The sure way to recover rosy cheeks and red lips is to quit coffee and drink Postum Food Coffee, which makes red blood. "I had been for more than 20 years an inveterate coffee drinker, and it is absolutely true that I had so completely saturated myself with this drug that my complexion toward the last years of my life was yellow and every nerve and fiber in me was affected by the drug in coffee."

"For days at a time I had been compelled to keep to my bed on account of nervous headache and stomach trouble, and medicines did not give me any relief. I had never consulted a physician in regard to my headaches and terrible complexion, and I only found out the cause of them after I commenced the use of Postum, which became known to me through Grape-Nuts. We all liked the food Grape-Nuts, and it helped us so we thought Postum must certainly have merit and we concluded to try it. We found it so delicious that we continued the use altogether, although I never expected it to help my health."

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Brice against George S. Whittaker and wife, impleaded with William H. Kilgore, involving the ownership of an island situated in the middle of the Platte river about eight miles below Kearney. This island contains about sixty acres of good agricultural land and is worth from \$60 to \$80 per acre. It is part of the old Fort Kearney military reservation, and the act of 1875, in providing for the sale of the land of that reservation, made provision for a survey. For some reason this island was never surveyed, and about six years ago Whittaker settled upon it, built him a house and barn and made application to homestead it. This application was denied by the land office on the ground that the land had never been surveyed.

Thereafter Thomas McBrice, who owns some land on one side of the stream, began suit against Whittaker to quiet title to the island in himself, on the ground that it was an accretion. Later he amended his pleadings to claim the island under the riparian law, by which the man who owns property on the shore of a stream owns to the center of the stream. He impleaded in the suit William H. Kilgore, who owns the land on the other side of the Platte river from him, so that it might be found that he and Kilgore each owned half of it.

The case has run the gauntlet of the courts and by the decision of the supreme court the contention of McBrice has been sustained. In pursuance of the finding of that court Whittaker has been dispossessed of the island, and Judge Hamer, who is still in possession of the island, is still possibly in possession legally. At any rate, the mandate of the supreme court went forward to the district court for the entry of the judgment of the higher court, and the sheriff was put in possession of a writ of ouster. Whittaker's goods were hauled out to the road, and in order to save them he hauled them away.

Raises New Point.

In his motion for a rehearing Judge Hamer contends that under the doctrine of riparian rights the owner of the land on the south side of the Platte could only claim to the middle of the stream that flows on the south side of that island, and the one who owns on the north side can only claim the land to the middle of the stream that flows along its north side. He insists that much of the land of the old reservation was settled before it was surveyed and that the act by which the reservation was thrown open for settlement made provision for that, so that the lack of a survey was an error of the government, for which the homesteader should not be made to suffer. He also shows that the land is in the hands of the state, and that Kilgore, because the island is considerably longer than the possessions of either and extends past the limits of their property on either shore. In fact, the court which ousted Whittaker did not find that the island belonged to the government.

This case was in the federal court recently in a suit whereby Judge Hamer sought to have that court restrain the sheriff from ousting his client, claiming that it would be an interference with the proceedings of the government land office, but the court declined to issue the writ applied for.

Insane Man on Train.

YORK, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Deputy Sheriff Hamer was notified by telegraph by the conductor on No. 2 to be at the depot and arrest a passenger. The stranger was R. E. Bassett of St. Joseph, Mo., who is connected with the New York hospital at St. Joseph. Before arriving here Bassett acted queerly and was considered by the passengers of unsound mind. It is said that he was riding on a freight coming this way and would not stay in the caboose, but stayed on the top of the cars, where he motioned and yelled at passers-by. When searched the officers found from St. Joseph, Mo., to Holdrege, Neb., and on his person was found cocaine and morphine, from which he was supposed to be under the influence. Bassett had several letters from patients asking advice and had \$30 in cash on his person.

Paper Has Libel Suit.

NORFOLK, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The Norfolk Daily News has a libel suit on its hands in the sum of \$6,000, which sum T. J. Shibley of Ponca will attempt to secure for alleged injury to his reputation. The published story which Shibley considers libelous is that he had been killed in a fight with a man named John H. Smith, who was a member of the Norfolk Daily News. The following county ticket was nominated by acclamation: For judge, Charles H. H. Slama; for sheriff, J. R. Webster; for treasurer, John Steen; for clerk, D. W. Edgar; for clerk of the district court, M. E. Gifford; for assessor, Henry C. Schuch; for county superintendent, Arthur Gibbs; for surveyor, W. I. Carlisle; for coroner, Frank Janda; for commissioner of first district, Joseph Mays. W. J. Lehr was elected chairman of the republican county central committee. Delegates were chosen to the state and judicial conventions.

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NELIGH, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—There was a large attendance at the republican county convention held in this city. A full ticket was nominated and delegates selected as follows: State convention, E. C. Millon, Dr. Fletcher, W. H. Avery, C. A. Frost, H. J. Herman, H. J. Knowles, George Fannon, D. C. Weaver, M. C. Bressler, George Coupland, H. J. Hads, H. E. Kryger and Byron B. Barkdoll. Judicial convention, Lorenz Thomsen, George Seymour, George H. McGee, John Malzacher, C. Bowen, E. Sterner, R. C. Johnson, I. M. Spitzer, J. R. Herron, John F. Curtis, N. D. Jackson, Dr. Conwell and George Boyd. Delegates to the state convention were instructed for J. B. Barnes for supreme judge, and to the judicial convention for Judge Boyd for district judge.

O'Neill, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—At the time approached for holding the judicial conventions in the big fifteenth district, which comprises the counties of Holt, Boyd, Keyapaha, Rock, Brown, Cherry, Sheridan, Dawes, Sioux and Box Butte, the members of the bar, politicians and the people generally are becoming more and more active. They are anxious that the candidates of both parties may be such that whatever the result the district for the coming four years will have able, fearless and just judges. The populists and democrats have called their conventions for the 15th inst. at Valentine. From present indications the two judges now presiding in the district, W. H. Westover of Rushville and J. J. Harrington of O'Neill, will be re-nominated. Those who are in a position to know say that their nominations will practically be by acclamation in the populist and democratic conventions.

It is altogether a different matter to predict who the republican nominees will be. The convention is called for August 25, at Valentine. In all probability each of the counties will have a favorite candidate to present to the convention. The candidates spoken of so far are R. R. Dickson of Holt, W. T. Willis of Boyd, Senator W. C. Brown of Keyapaha, J. J. Douglas of Rock, W. K. Alder of Brown, F. M. Volcott of Cherry, W. Wood of Sheridan, Allen G. Fisher of Dawes and B. F. Gilman of Box Butte. As to which of these will be nominated the most sagacious politicians in the district are unable to predict. The convention will have about fifty-four delegates. Holt county, which polls practically one-third of the votes of the entire district, will have about one-third of the delegates. The next most populous county is Boyd, and it will have nearly enough delegates, if combined with Holt, to nominate. It is hard to tell what combinations will be made at this time, but should the Holt county delegation combine with Boyd, present a candidate and vote solidly for him, with the vote of Sheridan, Dawes, Box Butte or Cherry, could nominate the two candidates.

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to attend. President Clemmons tried to get a special train from South Omaha to bring him up, but on account of the congested condition of traffic on the Union Pacific was unable to do so. In his place Prof. Carson of the school spoke on the subject "As You Like It." A long list of toasts was responded to by the alumni and representatives from each of the classes just graduated and the program was not finished until an early hour this morning. Diplomats were presented this year to 200 graduates.

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BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The republican judicial district convention will be held in this city next Monday afternoon and as the time draws near much interest is centered on the outcome of the contest. The candidates so far mentioned are Judge Babcock of Gage, J. S. Stull of Nemaha, C. P. Reavis of Richardson, J. B. Raper of Dawes and J. L. Letton of Jefferson. Already quite a number of politicians have gathered here to discuss the situation and to remain until after the convention. It is generally conceded that Judge Babcock will be nominated without much trouble, but who the other candidate will be is more conjectured. All the candidates will go into the convention with a strong following, which insures an interesting political fight.

Hard Luck in Oklahoma.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Hon. Washington Robb of this city is in receipt of a letter from Abner Walters, formerly engineer at the pumping station in this city, but who for a year has been living on a farm near Galena, Okla., to the effect that Mr. Walters' house was struck by lightning on the 5th of this month. All the members of the family with the exception of Mrs. Walters were away at the time and Mrs. Walters was terribly shocked and stunned by the strike. It was by the electric force of an 11-year-old son, who had been playing with a toy gun, that the lightning was attracted to the building before it was too late, for the house and its contents were destroyed by fire. The Walters did not save even their clothing.

Compromise Damage Case.

STELLA, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The \$2500 damage suit of Mrs. Cal Vandever against the village of Stella has finally been settled out of court for a consideration of \$125, which has been paid the injured party. Some time ago the board offered to settle by paying \$500, but her lawyers held out for \$400, and finally a compromise was effected.

High School Reunion.

HOLDREGE, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The high school held a pleasant reunion last evening at the home of Miss Hattie Johnson, nine miles north of Holdrege. There are ten members of the class and all were present but one. The party drove out from Holdrege, and coming back were compelled by a sudden storm to take refuge in a granary for more than an hour.

Gage County Hogs Top the Market.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Thomas Zimmerman, a prominent German farmer residing in Hanover township, yesterday sold forty head of hogs at Packer's, this county, which averaged 400 pounds each. The animals brought the highest market price.

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BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The republican judicial district convention will be held in this city next Monday afternoon and as the time draws near much interest is centered on the outcome of the contest. The candidates so far mentioned are Judge Babcock of Gage, J. S. Stull of Nemaha, C. P. Reavis of Richardson, J. B. Raper of Dawes and J. L. Letton of Jefferson. Already quite a number of politicians have gathered here to discuss the situation and to remain until after the convention. It is generally conceded that Judge Babcock will be nominated without much trouble, but who the other candidate will be is more conjectured. All the candidates will go into the convention with a strong following, which insures an interesting political fight.

Hard Luck in Oklahoma.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Hon