

NEBRASKA NEWS

LANCASTER COUNTY FARM HAND
KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

STRUCK DURING A STORM

Death Was Instantaneous—Boy of
Man, Standing Near, Knocked
Down, But Not Seriously
Hurt—Other News.

A heavy storm, accompanied by rainfall amounting almost to a cloudburst, occurred about nine miles due north of Lincoln Friday. Charles Schiltzner, a farm hand, was struck by lightning and killed instantly, and his seven-year-old son was badly burned. The flood swept the Little Salt, changing it into a river and carrying away the Davey bridge, a steel structure which has never before been moved by a flood. A great deal of the corn and other crops are reported to have been washed out of the ground.

The storm is reported to have been bad all over the north end of the county, but heaviest about three miles south of Davey. The electrical storm preceded the downpour.

Schiltzner, the man who was killed, is a stranger in that part of the county, and nothing is known about his home or relatives. He was working for James Clark, who engaged him in Lincoln a week ago. He and his little son were standing near the barn when the storm came on. The father was instantly killed by the bolt which struck him, and the little boy was knocked down and rendered unconscious. Both of his legs and his body were burned and he was badly hurt.

Sues City for Damages.

Elijah Coffman, a laborer residing in the southern part of Nebraska City, has filed a claim against the city for \$5,000 for injuries received by reason of falling from a bridge while going home one night last winter. The claim has been referred to the city attorney who will make his report at the next meeting of the council. It was on February 2 that Mr. Coffman was going home. He claims that the bridge was covered with ice and the railing lower than it should be, and when he slid along one of the planks he plunged over the railing to the bed of the creek some thirty feet below, alighting on the ice, and receiving injuries which have not healed, rendering him unable to work. This claim is filed to comply with the law and if the city fathers do not act within thirty days suits will be brought in the district court.

Boys Confess to Theft.

A complaint was filed in police court at Fremont by Chief of Police Peterson against Henry Kavich and Mrs. Henry Kavich on the charge of receiving brass fittings of the value of \$30, which had been stolen from the Fremont bottling works, knowing them to have been stolen. Mrs. Kavich was arrested, but her husband was out of the city and will be arrested on his return. The officers arrested two boys, Eddie Hansen, aged 15, and Lewis Allen, aged 14, on the charge of stealing some brass from the bottling works. The boys confessed to taking the property and said they disposed of it to Kavich.

'Phone Patrons Kick.

The Fremont patrons of the Bell Telephone company are protesting against a raise of rates of \$1 per month charged those who have 'phones both at their residences and places of business. The company made this increase on the ground that the business rate, where the party also had a 'phone at his house, was a discrimination and contrary to law. A petition remonstrating against it is being quite generally signed by the parties interested.

Looks Into Loaded Revolver.

At Grand Island Elisha Mitchell, aged fifty-three, accidentally shot himself fatally while shooting at rabbits with a revolver. The man and his wife were stopping with friends. Mitchell had bought a revolver of a second hand man—a weapon which had never worked smoothly. The accident occurred at noon and only a few feet from where the others in the house were sitting and chatting.

Child Run Over.

Bessie Karth, the eleven-year-old daughter of Malvin Karth, was run over by a spirited team of horses driven by Nina Tate at the corner of Sixth and Main streets, Beatrice. There were a number of teams passing the corner at the time, and in avoiding one the little girl got in the way of the other.

MISTAKES FRIEND FOR A TRAMP.

George Friezen Shoots H. M. Miener of Henderson in the Leg.

George Friezen, cashier of the bank at Henderson, and several business men, having been notified that suspicious looking tramps were beating their way on the train toward Henderson, organized a posse to find the tramps and drive them out of town. It was reported that the tramps acted like bank robbers and were supposed to carry with them nitroglycerine, fuses, etc., and that their intention was to rob one of the banks at Henderson. The business men went to the stock yards adjoining the railroad track, and in looking for the tramps became separated, and as one part of the crowd came around a crib the other part were coming, around in the opposite direction and Mr. Friezen called upon them to halt, thinking that these were the tramps, immediately fired at them with a 32-calibre revolver. H. M. Miener, was hit and immediately made known who he was. The bullet entered the fleshy part of his leg, and while it appeared at the time quite serious it is now believed that he will only be confined to his bed for two or three weeks. No trace of the tramps was found; they had disappeared.

War on Omaha Automobiles.

Automobile owners and chauffeurs from Omaha and other places who have habitually violated about all the provisions of the laws regulating "chug wagons" will be brought to time hereafter if the Fremont Automobile club can do it. At a recent meeting it was voted that the members of the club use their efforts to see that the speeding laws and other like provisions be enforced. There have been a great many complaints caused by utter disregard of speed regulations and frightening teams reported. One man in particular has caused trouble and people in that part of the county are very bitter against him.

New Depot for Fremont.

Work has been commenced in Fremont clearing the ground for the new freight depot, the ground for which was condemned last fall. The building will be northwest of the present structure, containing ample room for the transfer and storage of freight and office rooms. Its cost will be \$25,000. The old Turner home, which is to be torn down to make room for it, was at one time the most pretentious residence in the city, but the railroad has been gradually building tracks nearer to it until last fall the property was condemned for depot purposes.

Made Successful Attempt.

William M. Brown, for twenty-seven years a resident of Republic county, Kansas, a mile and a half south of Hardy, Neb., committed suicide by putting a bullet from a revolver through his head, dying immediately. He was a man of about fifty-five years, and had a wife and quite a family of children, mostly grown. He had attempted to take his life once before, some years ago. The motive is not known, although it is supposed his domestic and money matters might have been the cause.

Found Dead in Bed.

Dr. G. W. Bohner, the proprietor of a small patent medicine and drug store at Bradshaw, who lived alone in a room in the rear of his store, was found dead in bed. People desiring to enter the store were unable to awaken him and finally an entrance was effected by prying open a window in the rear. He was lying across the bed dressed. He had been complaining for several days but no one thought he was seriously ill, as he was able to be about his business.

Reducing State Debt.

State Treasurer Brian wiped out \$154,000 of the warrant indebtedness of the state last week, which will leave the outstanding warrants drawing interest to the amount of \$1,030,664.84, or about \$600,000 less than was outstanding January 4, when he went into office. At that time the outstanding warrant indebtedness amounted to \$1,600,000, but of this all was owned by the permanent school fund except about 5 per cent, which is held by private individuals.

Going Back to Sweden.

A party of well-to-do and influential Swedish citizens of near Stromsburg, have left for Sweden to spend the summer among the scenes of early childhood. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. John Colson, A. O. Colson, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Anderson and Lewis Nordgren.

Unveiling Occurs June 9th.

Final arrangements have been made for the unveiling of the firemen's monument in Evergreen cemetery at Beatrice, June 9th. J. C. Cleland of Fremont father of the state association; J. C. Elliott and J. V. Heyer of York and Rev. G. W. Crofts of West Point Neb. will assist in the ceremonies.

CAPITAL CITY CHAT

UNIVERSITY WINS MANDAMUS
CASE IN SUPREME COURT.

RULES AGAINST THE AUDITOR

Official Refuses to Issue Warrants Because of No Funds in the Treasury, But Court Holds He Must Do So.

The supreme court has ordered a writ of mandamus to require State Auditor Searle to issue warrants on the state treasury on the funds derived from the one-mill tax levy for the benefit of the state university. The auditor refused to issue the warrants alleging that the appropriation bill appropriates proceeds derived from the levy and that there were no funds on hand in the treasury as a result of collections, for this fund. The court says that when the auditor of public accounts has audited and allowed a claim payable out of the one mill levy fund, and there is an unexpected balance therein of a sufficient amount it is his duty to draw warrants therefor in favor of the claimant although there may be no money actually in the treasury belonging to such fund.

Saloon Licenses Cancelled.

The state supreme court has reversed the case of Grant Dye against Wesley Raser, appealed from Merrick county, and has ordered cancelled the saloon license issued to Mr. Dye, for the reason that the evidence shows that some of the petitioners for the license were "made to order." Twelve of the petitioners claim to be freeholders by reason of each owning a certain lot, or a part of a lot, in McCormick's addition to the village of Chapman. In May, 1906, upon the petition of thirty-three citizens, the trustees of the village issued a license to Dye. The court holds that under the liquor laws a petition for a license must be signed by bona fide freeholders, and that one who is made a freeholder for the sole purpose of qualifying as a petitioner for a liquor license is not a bona fide freeholder, and the lapse of time alone will not qualify a bad faith freeholder to sign a petition for a liquor license.

Will Secure Equipment.

Though fighting shy of deficiencies, in the main, it is not likely that the state board of public properties will insist on the crippling of the food commissioner's office by strict adherence to the rule which forbids expenditures in excess of an appropriation. The board Friday last tentatively authorized Food Commissioner Redfern to buy fixtures costing \$215, and a majority of the members took the view that if the department needs apparatus and supplies for carrying on its work they may be purchased on order of the governor, subject only to the approval of the auditor's office in case the total outlay overruns the allowance. Some decided differences of opinion developed over the matter. Secretary Junkin declared he would sanction a deficiency rather than see the new pure food law become a dead letter at the start because of insufficient facilities for making tests. Treasurer Brian and Land Commissioner Eaton, on the other hand, were "dead set" against incurring a deficit. The latter finally said that he would be willing to vote for the fixtures wanted, while Treasurer Brian stood pat in his declination to approve any expenditure exceeding the appropriation.

The meeting concluded without any formal action being taken. It was pointed out that the purchase of the desired material will not result in a deficiency at this time but will merely make one certain before the end of the biennium. That being the case, it is probable that no objection will be interposed to the purchase of the equipment and supplies wanted.

Roads Keeping Still.

The failure of the railroad men in Nebraska to put up a large roar over loss of revenue due to the two cent fare law is now counted the most significant feature of the situation in this part of the west. It is true that under new conditions of eastern ownership and management the men who run the roads in this state are now afraid to talk out loud on any subject, but if the roads were losing money by the new deal they could let it be known without giving offense to the Chicago and New York management. Their failure to say anything about it is generally held to mean that two cents and no passes are about as favorable to the treasury as three cents and a car load of dead heads on every train.

Commission to Inspect Roads.

The State Railway Commission has been called upon to look into the physical condition of a line of the Burlington running from Holdrege to Cheyenne, known as the Highline, on which a wreck occurred recently, caused it is thought, by spreading rails or broken rails. The Holdrege council of the United Commercial Travelers held a meeting the other day and passed a resolution calling upon the State Railway commission to investigate the condition of this road and to compel the railroad company to make it safe for travel. A letter was received from an attorney representing the United Commercial Travelers last week calling attention to the wreck and saying he and others were ready to furnish evidence to show the road was not safe, but was dangerous. The commission will make an investigation as requested.

Cattle Must Have Certificates.

Governor Sheldon has received the following letter relating to the importation into Montana of range cattle from western states, effective May 16: "All strictly range cattle coming from the following named states: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, California, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Kansas and Colorado, will be permitted to enter this state when accompanied by a federal health certificate, and under no circumstances shall cattle be shipped or driven into this state except so accompanied, and on arrival of all range cattle at point of destination in this state such federal health certificate must be immediately mailed to the state surgeon at Helena by the owner, agent or person in charge of such range cattle."

Nebraska Will Be There.

The state of Nebraska will in all probability take a prominent part in shaping proposed national legislation for the control and disposition of public lands. Governor Sheldon has appointed the following delegates to attend the public lands convention to be held at Denver, June 18 to 20: E. J. Burkett, Lincoln; Norris Brown, Kearney; G. W. Norris, McCook; H. M. Eaton, Lincoln; Jos. Burns, Lincoln; M. P. Kinkaid, O'Neill; John W. Bander, Humphrey; C. H. Cornell, Valentine; Harvey J. Ellis, Alliance; J. E. Evans, North Platte; C. A. Randall, Newman Grove; F. A. Marsh, Seward; R. E. Evans, Dakota City.

Looking Into Coal Mines

The State Railway Commission is looking into the figures presented by Senator Sibley relating to the coal rates from Rock Springs, Wyo., to Nebraska points, and the result may be a new rate. According to the figures compiled by the commission there is a flat rate of \$4.50 from the Nebraska line clear across the state regardless of distance, a distance of 800 miles, while from Rock Springs to Cheyenne the rate is \$2.30 for a distance of 293 miles; to Denver, a distance of 400 miles, the rate is \$2.30; while to Archer, a distance of 308 miles, the rate is \$3.75, and to Pine Bluffs, 328 miles, the rate is \$3.75; to Smead, a distance of 344 1/2 miles, the rate is \$4.50, and to Omaha, 809 miles, the rate is \$4.50. Senator Sibley objects seriously to the rate in his county and it is possible a hearing may be given to discuss the matter.

For Monthly Reports.

Orders No. 3 and No. 4 by the state railway commission will soon be issued, the former calling for monthly reports from railroad station agents on the freight tonnage handled and passenger ticket sales at each town in Nebraska, the latter for information as to the cars on each railroad division for a twenty-four hour period every week. The first car reports are to be required for June 5 and the first station reports for the month of June.

The commission will authorize the railroads themselves to collect the returns under these two orders, but in the case of the data from station it is provided that the roads shall file the reports as originally made and signed by the agents. Company material shipped over the lines is not to be included. The reports must be on file by the 10th of each month.

Telegraph Rates.

The Western Union Telegraph company has offered to file a schedule of their rates with the state railway commission, but the form in which the schedule was offered was not as clear as the railway commission desired and it is understood the company will arrange a different form for filing.

Will Comply With Order.

The railway commission has received word from Attorney Ben White that the Northwestern railroad will comply with the request of the commission and file a report showing the names of all persons who have received transportation free from that company and also a list of attorneys and physicians who have received transportation in return for services.

HER LIFE AT AN END

DEATH AT CANTON HOME OF
MRS. WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

SHE WAS LONG A SUFFERER

Relief Comes to Widow of Martyr
President—Once Longed for Summons—Prayed for End After
Assassination of Husband.

A Canton, O., May 26 dispatch says: Mrs. William McKinley, widow of the late president, died at her home here at 1:05 o'clock this afternoon.

For many years Mrs. McKinley has been an invalid. She rallied from the shock of her husband's tragic death, but it left its mark, and when it was known that she had suffered a stroke of paralysis little hope was felt that she could survive. The end came peacefully—almost imperceptibly. Mrs. McKinley never knew of the efforts made for days to prolong her life, nor of the solicitations of her sister and other relatives and friends for her recovery. At the McKinley home when death came were present Secretary Cortelyou, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barber, Mrs. Sarah Duncan, Mrs. Luther Day, Justice and Mrs. William R. Day, Doctors Portman and Rixey and the nurses.

The funeral arrangements so far as made are that Dr. Buxton, of the First Methodist Episcopal church, will have charge of the services, which are to be simple. They will be held at the McKinley home at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Secretary Cortelyou is directing the arrangements, and will remain here until after the funeral. Dr. Rixey left here at 5:33 this evening for Washington. He will join President Roosevelt and go with him on his trip to Indianapolis and Lansing this week. It was announced tonight that President Roosevelt and Secretary Loeb will arrive in Canton Wednesday morning to attend the funeral services.

Mrs. McKinley's life of almost sixty years has been made familiar to the nation by the fact that more than half of it was a period of invalidism. Through all this, however, she showed a firm and unwavering belief in the career of her husband and by her cheering words, in spite of personal afflictions, encouraged him when there was darkness at hand. She believed that his star of destiny would never set until he had become president of this land, and for more than a quarter of a century cherished that belief until her hopes were realized.

Ida Saxton McKinley was born in Canton, June 8, 1847. James A. Saxton, her father, was an intellectual and progressive business man and banker, his wife a woman of extraordinary culture and refinement. Ida Saxton was reared in a home of comfort and ease. After attending Canton schools she was a pupil at a private school at Delhi, N. Y. Later she went to a Cleveland academy and finished her education at Brookhall seminary, Media, Pa., where she spent three years.

While she taught Sunday school in the Presbyterian church the young lawyer, William McKinley, was superintendent of the First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school. Among many admirers and suitors the handsome young soldier, who had been with Grant and Sheridan and won distinction in the Shenandoah valley, was the favored one.

On January 25, 1871, William McKinley and Ida Saxton were united in marriage. The wedding was the first performed in the then new Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Buckingham of that congregation and Rev. Dr. Endicott of the First Methodist church officiating. After an eastern trip, including Washington and a short time of boarding, the McKinleys purchased the home on North Market street which in later years became famous as the McKinley cottage.

Tear Down American Flag.

An unhappy incident marred the Victoria holiday in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Friday. For the first time in many years the union jack floated at the American consulate. Dr. Jones, the recently appointed vice consul, paying this compliment to the Canadian people. Seeing the British flag flying beneath the stars and stripes, two men said to be recent arrivals from England, tore down "old glory." The incident has created much indignation here.

Visitors to Naval School.

The personnel of the board of visitors to the United States naval academy at Annapolis for the year 1907 has been announced by Secretary Metcalf. It includes F. W. Kenshaw, San Francisco; William Owen Jones, Lincoln, Neb., and Representatives H. Shaw of Nebraska and Dawson of Iowa.