

There are some evidences that there is a God in Israel: Oklahoma has gone prohibition by 30,000 majority, notwithstanding it has gone Democratic by a substantial majority also. Look out for the next turn Nebraska takes at the question. There will be something doing, brethren.

The fraternities and sororities at Lincoln seem to be giving the university faculty no little trouble. The arrogance, insolence, impertinence and snobbishness of the average present-day "frat" or "soror" is an appalling proposition. The state of Nebraska is not budding social freaks. Education is the serious business of the university.

While the matter of graft is everywhere receiving needed attention, Nebraska should not overlook longer that supreme court clerkship graft. The pay in that office in common decency should not exceed that of the judge on the supreme bench—it is now four or five times as much according to common report; besides being a rotten spot on the body politic.

The rank and file of voters—"the great common people"—so far as THE TRIBUNE has heard expressions, favor the primary law, notwithstanding it has admitted defects which require attention at the hands of the next legislature. For example, it should be made much more difficult for our friends, the enemy, to break into our party. The politicians and so-called leaders are still unconverted.

CENSORSHIP IN RUSSIA.

Forging Seals on Letters and Replacing Stamps.

The modus operandi of the political postal censorship, which has for some time past been unusually active in its scrutiny of private correspondence, has not materially changed since the time when the nihilist propaganda first aroused its energies.

The boiling kettle and steam vapor application are still in vogue, except where the intercepted letter bears a wax seal or seals. To open and re-close a sealed letter without leaving any easily noticeable traces of it having been tampered with is a process requiring some little delicacy of manipulation on the part of the inquisitor.

A thin, sharply edged steel blade heated just to the requisite degree to pass under and remove the seal intact is used, but if this is done clumsily, writes the Odessa correspondent of the London Standard, then, unless the letter be appropriated or destroyed, a new seal must be made. This is effected by taking a mold of the seal with a substance whose chief ingredient is gypsum and the elaborate appliances of the cabinet maker quickly furnish from the mold a new seal of the same kind of wax practically indistinguishable from the old one. It is customary in this country to attach the postage on a letter as a wafer instead of a seal—that is, the postage is placed on the reverse side of the envelope, covering the point of the joining flap.

This almost invariable custom renders the application of the steam kettle a comparatively easy matter, and if the postage be occasionally destroyed it is readily replaced by new postage of the same denomination, and the obliterating stamp of the place of origin is again applied. A suspect letter may be opened at the postoffice of its destination, but that is of no consequence, as every branch cabinet now possesses obliterating stamps for every city and town in the empire, and should the intercepted epistle be of foreign origin the expert officials can very rapidly prepare a perfect counterfeit of the obliterating stamp.

A different process, and a very simple one, is employed when the cover of the arrested letter is of stout texture, such as the official stationery commonly used in the diplomatic and other official services, and is sealed. The upper or lower or one of the end folds of the letter is carefully cut with a narrow and extremely sharp paper knife, and the slit fold is rejoined with a special kind of very fine and strongly adhesive cement, which is of various colors to match the particular shade of envelope operated upon. The natural crease in the fold of very thick paper greatly assists the success of this process.

It was first publicly revealed some twenty years ago through a curious blunder on the part of a postal inquisitor in St. Petersburg. A member of the clerical staff at the Quai d'Orsay had written a private letter on official paper to a friend in the French legation in the Russian capital. The envelope bore three seals and was apparently intact when delivered.

On opening the letter the recipient was astonished to find inclosed a Russian translation of the same in pencil script. The postal inquisitor had inadvertently inclosed his Russian transcript. The indignant receiver made a very strong protest in the proper quarter, and six weeks later he was politely informed that the "erring official" had been severely reprimanded and that there would be no repetition of the irregularity.

WEST NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

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But we cannot further follow his thoughts. If you failed to hear the bishop, you missed a great treat.

The services on Saturday were largely routine. Committees reported and connectional causes were represented. Of them we specially note the Omaha Hospital, and the Mother's Jewel Home at York.

The Board of Stewards distributed among the superannuated preachers, and other claimants the sum of \$1,725. Gothenburg was selected as the place where the next session of our conference shall be held.

The following names were admitted into the conference on trial: Charles S. Hawley, William F. Harper, Dan W. Parder, Charles M. McCorkle and George Tabor. William Hagerty and O. E. Richardson were received as candidates from other churches.

The bishop was requested to appoint as conference evangelists, E. E. Thompson, James Leslie, J. W. Morris. When Dr. Huntington reported that Andrew Carnegie has offered to give \$25,000 to the endowment fund of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, provided the church add to the present productive endowment of \$40,000, making it \$75,000. The message was received with applause. A field agent is to be employed, and we hope to see this work completed soon.

When the committee on Sabbath observance presented their report, Bishop Warren spoke of the Sabbath as the dearest right of the laboring man, and urged that, in the interest of labor, if we had no other reason, we should with utmost endeavor resist all encroachments on the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath.

The present secretary of the conference, Rev. George P. Trites, is about to leave the conference by transfer to the Nebraska conference, and B. F. Eberhart was elected to take the place thus vacated.

On Saturday night there was a forcible presentation of the work of the Crowell Home for the worn out preachers by Rev. Mr. Crews, the superintendent. Then after a magnificent anthem by the choir, Dr. Huntington, chancellor of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, took the floor. His address was a vivid presentation of the claims of Christian education.

The conference was then called to order by Bishop Warren for a brief business session, which closed this part of its work. Nothing now remains to be done but the service of worship, and the ordinations, and the reading of the appointments on Sabbath evening. The business of the evening was merely routine, and not of general interest.

STATISTICS.

Probationers.....	849
Full members.....	10,909
Local preachers.....	35
Total membership.....	11,793
Baptisms—infants.....	208
" adults.....	501
Deaths.....	120
Churches.....	137
" value.....	\$368,200
Parsonages.....	82
" value.....	\$102,100
Sunday schools.....	157
" officers and teacher.....	1,639
" scholars.....	11,668
COLLECTIONS.	
Support of pastors.....	\$70,186
" presiding elders.....	\$4,284
" bishops.....	\$520
" conference claimants.....	\$940
Improving church property.....	\$46,495
Board of education, etc.....	\$906
Nebraska Wesleyan University.....	\$2,384
Expenses general conference.....	\$367
American Bible society.....	\$81
Women's Foreign Missionary.....	\$1,104
" Home Missionary.....	\$376
Home missions and ch. ex.....	\$2,384
Foreign mission.....	\$5,164
Total collection ordered by general conference.....	\$12,350

NEW PASTORS ASSIGNED.

Sunday evening, after the service in the Methodist church, the following assignments by Bishop Warren, were announced:

HOLDREGE DISTRICT.

C. C. Wilson, presiding elder, Holdrege, Neb.
Alma—G. F. Cook.
Arapahoe—B. F. Eberhart.
Atlanta—M. L. Gardner.
Axtell—H. H. Meeker.
Bartley—J. F. Hageman.
Bever City—G. H. Wise.
Benkelman and Max—J. S. Davis.
Bloomington—James Leonard.
Box Elder—Supplied by W. J. Miller.
Cambridge—D. A. Leeper.
Culbertson—C. A. Nolin.
Danbury and Lebanon—Harry Shepherd.

Franklin—W. T. Gately.
Haigler—Supplied by J. A. Kerr.
Hendley and Spring Green—C. S. Hawley.

Holbrook—W. S. Porter.
Holdrege—M. A. Wimberly.
Huntley and Border Chapel—R. N. Throckmorton.
Indianola—A. D. Burress.
Loomis and Pleasant View—W. J. Crago.

Lowell and Newark—C. H. Chader.
McCook—M. E. Carman.
Minden—Byran Howe.
Norman and Campbell—G. M. Burnett.
Oreans—E. E. Crippen.
Oxford—M. S. Satchell.
Ragan—John Madely.
Republican City—E. B. Crippen.
Riverton—A. S. Nelson.
Trenton and Stratton—Joseph Bennett.

Upland—J. L. Murr.

Wilcox and Hildreth—F. E. Kirby.
Wilsonville—C. A. Powers.
KEARNEY DISTRICT.

L. H. Shumate, presiding elder, Kearney, Neb.
Anselmo—H. S. French.
Ansley—Raymond Rush.
Arcadia—A. H. Brink.
Arnold—H. C. Barrett.
Broken Bow—R. H. Thompson.
Burwell—E. H. Kiefer.
Callaway—Supplied by E. Markley.
Cozad—W. H. D. Hornaday.
Elm Creek—J. M. Haskins.
Gibbon—A. J. Clifton.
Gothenburg—J. T. Carson.
Kearney—First—G. W. Abbott.
Kearney—Trinity—W. C. Swartz.
Kearney Circuit—Supplied by Fred Johnson.

Lexington—B. F. Gaither.
Lexington circuit—E. S. Fox.
Litchfield—R. R. Fletcher.
Loup City—J. O. Hawk.
Mason City—T. W. Owen.
Merna—D. C. Hopson.
North Loup—Alfred Gilson.
Ord—Morris Bamford.
Ord circuit—To be supplied.
Overton—E. Smith.
Ravenna—C. E. Woodson.
Ringold—To be supplied—A. O. Wright, P. O., Cozad, R. F. D.
Rose Vale—George Tabor.
Sargent—W. E. Matthews.
Shelton—A. L. Umpleby.
Sumner and Miller—M. G. Medlin.
Walnut Grove—(P. O., Cozad), W. E. Hornaday, supplied.

Westerville—Alfred Chamberlain.
Whitman and Mullen—H. H. Miles.
NORTH PLATTE DISTRICT.
Allen Chamberlain, presiding elder, North Platte.
Bayard and Minataire—W. F. Harper.
Bertrand—F. J. Schank.
Big Springs—E. W. McMillen.
Chappell—H. E. MacFarlane.
Curtis—T. H. Ransom.
Elwood—G. B. Mayfield.
Farnam—W. H. Mills.
Gandy—Supplied by D. S. Johnson.
Gering—J. C. Jewell.
Grant—C. M. McCorkle.
Harrisburg and Pine Bluff—Supplied by D. A. Maclean.
Hershey—A. E. Murlless.
Imperial—William Haggerty.
Keystone—O. F. Chesebro.
Kimball and Potter—Supplied by E. J. Hayes.
Lewellen—Supplied by A. S. Jenkins.
Lodge Pole—To be supplied.
Maywood—Supplied by E. Moore.
Mitchell and Morrill—Supplied by F. J. McCaffree.
Moorefield—Supplied by H. L. Case.
North Platte—S. J. Medlin.
Ogalalla—Russell Link.
Pallisade—D. W. Parker.
Scotts Bluff—R. H. Carr.
Sidney—A. W. James.
Smithfield—Supplied by R. H. Chrysler.

Stockville—Supplied by D. E. French.
Sutherland and Paxton—C. E. Housel.
Wallace—Supplied by W. Horner.
Wauwata—J. G. Hurlbut.
E. E. Thompson, J. W. Morris, James Lisle, conference evangelists, members North Platte quarterly conference.
R. E. Gilpin, missionary to Utah.
D. W. Crane, missionary to Honolulu.

A young child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyd of West Dennison street died, last week, of cancer of the stomach.

R. M. Douglass & Co. will give you prompt and efficient service. Phone 68. Office in Bump real estate office, lower Main.

The neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Walters of Lebanon assisted them in an enjoyable celebration of the fifth anniversary of their marriage, Wednesday of this week.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.
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We have made arrangements to secure fresh chocolate cream candy every week, in the future. Barney Hofer, McCook News Depot.

W. H. Applegate, a minister of the Christian church, of Maroa, Ill., is spending a short time in our city. He will continue the meetings at the Christian church, next week.

Sheriff Peterson is covering the coast county with circulars descriptive of the supposed assailant of Mrs. Laura Spaulding, May 22nd, 1907, and for whom \$2,100 reward is offered.

Every boy and girl interested in picture taking should see our line of cameras. We have fourteen different kinds, both plate and film, ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$25. We're always glad to show them.

WOODWORTH & CO., DRUGGISTS.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church will hold their annual Thanks Offering meeting at the parsonage, Thursday afternoon, Oct. 3, at 3 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to friends of the society and church.

Dr. Beach is practicing again. Office at residence, same old place. Telephone 126. Surgeon C., B. & Q. R. R.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

MISS EDITH WAITE is attending school at Crete.

S. DIAMOND has returned from his Chicago trip.

Mrs. J. W. HASTY is in Orleans, this week, on a brief visit.

COY BURNETT is taking the law course at the state university.

REV. M. B. CARMAN is visiting in University Place, this week.

HAROLD SUTTON is also attending the state university, this year.

Mrs. F. M. KIMMELL arrived home, Monday night, from her Lincoln-Aurora visit.

MISS EDNA WAITE returned to her university work at Lincoln, Saturday on No. 12.

Mrs. C. W. BRITT will entertain chapter X, P. E. O., September 28th, at two o'clock.

C. A. RODGERS, deputy clerk of the district court, was a Lincoln visitor, fore part of the week.

C. D. RITCHIE returned Tuesday morning from a brief visit to Lincoln and North Bend.

Mrs. G. W. ROAHR of Ellinwood, Kansas, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clark.

CHARLES F. BUSH has been visiting in the city, this week, and attending to some business matters.

Mrs. C. H. STENNETT arrived home, Monday night, from spending some time with Holdrege relatives.

MR. AND MRS. W. H. COOPER are visiting their son Warren and wife in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

DAVID S. FARNHAM of Newton Center, Mass., is here looking after some interests in this part of the west.

J. C. ACHESON and family and J. S. Cranor and family departed, Tuesday, for their new home near Sparta, Mo.

Mrs. IRA CONVERSE arrived home from her Hendley visit, Tuesday, accompanied by his sister Miss Ada Converse.

WILLIAM HIERSEKORN and family are over from Lebanon, taking in the races and log rolling, and visiting Charles Knosp.

Mrs. A. BACKSTROM and children will remain in Lincoln during this fall and winter instead of returning to McCook as contemplated.

PROF. IRELAND, who has been in charge of the singing at the revival service at the Christian church, left, last night for Denver.

MISS LILLIAN ROMAN, well known to McCook society, was united in marriage with Charles O. Hanson of Lincoln, Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. C. W. KIMBALL of Greeley, Colorado, is visiting with her sisters-in-law, Mrs. J. H. Stephens and Mrs. Jas. Doyle. Her husband will join her soon and they will spend some time visiting relatives and friends in this community.

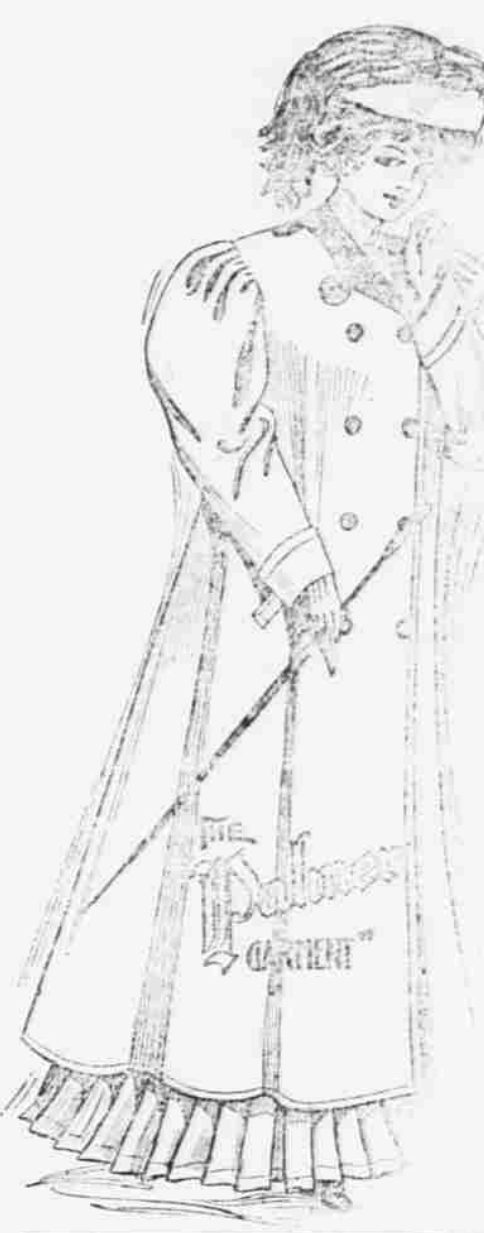
HOLTON LONGNECKER, since his return to Rollinsville, Colo., from his recent visit here and at his home near Red Willow, has been in bed with a threatened attack of typhoid fever, which it is hoped to "break up" and to avoid the usual run of the fever.

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Comic Automobile Parade—TUESDAY NIGHT, OCT. 1.
Grand Electrical Parade—WEDNESDAY NIGHT, OCT. 2.
Ladies Float Parade—THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 3.
Coronation and Grand Ball—FRIDAY NIGHT, OCT. 4.

AK-SAR-BEN CARNIVAL DAYS AT OMAHA