SOLDIERS SOAK AND SHIVER

Grand Army Veterans Pass an Uncomfortable Night in Camp.

COLD RAIN MARS THE REUNION SERIOUSLY

Dreariness of Dawn Succeeded by Bright Sunshine and a Pleasant Day Is Enjoyed by Many Thousands.

LINCOLN, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The people at the reunion grounds passed a disagreeable night, and the camp this morning presented a dreary scene. The cold rain that fell during the night had kept most of them awake. In many cases the tents leaked a little, or the water ran in under the sides, and the campers had to crawl in with their more comfortably fixed neighbors to finish the night. A few of the tents blew down, the Illinois headquarters being one of the number. Those who were thus rudely driven out were housed in other tents until morning. When daylight dawned it was the general belief that the day would be rainy and the streets of the camp too muddy for travel, and a great many of the campers made up their minds to leave for home on the first trains. But the mud soon dried up, and aside from the chilliness, the day was a pleasant one. Not so many went home as at first intended, and the newcomers equaled in numbers those who went away. There were many amusing scenes during the breakfast hour. In lieu of overcoats the campers arrayed themselves in blankets and paraded the grounds like untutored indians, and there were many vigorous imitations of war dances and warwhoops. Many of the older men were so chilled by the sudden drop in the thermometer that they took the first cars to the city, in order to get inside of warm buildings and partake of warm food and drink.

The crowd at the grounds during the day was about the same as on yesterday, and a safe estimate would place it at 10,000 people. The seven bands in attendance did what they could to entertain the crowd, and as usual the numerous fakirs and stands did a good business. Two of the gamblers, who had established regular games on the grounds, had been driven out during the night, but the fortune wheel and slot machines, which had been licensed by the management, were still running, and in several places small boys might be seen playing the wheel for cheap cigars, or trying to tap the tills of the professional cash gambling machines. The steam merry-go-round stood on low ground, and as it was submerged in water a foot deep this morning, business had to be suspended. The show tent of the giant from Australia had collapsed during the night and the giant from the recesses of a smaller tent could be heard bewailing his luck in a rich Irish brogue.

The ex-prisoners of war held their annual meeting in the auditorium this afternoon. J. D. Gage of Lincoln presided and made the opening speech. There were a number of other talks, and they had a very pleasant session.

STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

The Indiana association met during the forenoon and elected the following officials for the coming year: President, Jesse Chappell of Lincoln; secretary, I. H. Odell of Lincoln; treasurer, W. J. Blystone of Lincoln; executive committee, W. N. Gifford of Lewistown, J. G. Wilson of Morris Bluff and D. S. Hasker of Auburn; color sergeant, John Ward of Pawnee City.

The officers elected by the Ohio association are as follows: President, Joe Brooks, University Place; vice president, Myron Richards, Lincoln; secretary, W. F. McLaughlin, Grand Island; treasurer, A. L. Warner, St. Paul; marshal, G. W. Kibler, Leigh; color bearer, V. W. Graves, Leigh; chaplain, S. F. Moore, Omaha; orator, H. N. Spencer, Negunda.

New officers of the Michigan association: President, A. V. Cole, Juniata; vice president, A. H. Bowen, Hastings; secretary, Ezra Brown, Harvard; treasurer, A. Traynor, Omaha; color bearer, Walter Trumbull, Lincoln.

New officers of the Iowa association: President, J. H. Dorrance, Fairmont; vice persident, W. H. Smith, Sutton; treasurer, Jacob Hager, Clay Center; chaplain, W. Miller, Tobias; secretary, J. P. Beal, Crete; color bearer, William Newell, Lincoln.

The Pennsylvania soldiers elected the following: President, J. F. Diener, Syracuse; adjutant, H. S. Shoemaker, Lincoln; quartermaster, J. W. Minnick, Lincoln.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic held a reception at their headquarters last night, and also provided a musical entertainment for their guests.

This afternoon there was a good crowd at the auditorium. H. C. Russell of Lincoln spoke on "The Flag and Its Uses." J. Sterling Morton also made a speech.

The arrangements for the celebration of Lincoln day tomorrow are about completed tonight. The parade will start at 1:30, and will form on Twelfth and K streets. It will go through the city on the streets where the pavements are the most passable, and will close at the state capitol, where the living flag, composed of 2,000 school children dressed in costume, will be displayed. In the evening there will be a band concert in government square, in which seven bands will participate.

There was another large crowd at the reunion tonight. At the campfire Church Howe, W. C. Henry and others made speeches. Church Howe talked politics throughout his speech, telling the old soldiers that the republican party represented the principles for which they fought during the war and they should all stay in line now. Mrs. Shepherd of Grand Island, who went to the front as a nurse, made a talk, telling of her army experiences.

Church Howe's speech stirred up great enthusiasm among the veterans and upon his bidding goodbye to them, preparatory to his four years' absence in Italy, they crowded around him for a last handshake.

MERCURY TAKES A SUDDEN DROP.

Stiff Wind from the North Brings a Heavy Fall of Rain.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—About 11 o'clock last evening the temperature suddenly fell about 40 degrees in thirty minutes, bringing a stiff cold wind from the north and this morning overcoats were in demand. Yesterday and last evening had been exceedingly warm and sultry. A frost is looked for tonight, but it is thought that it can do but little damage to vegetation, except, perhaps, a few cases of very late corn.

BLUE SPRINGS, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—A heavy rain last night marked the close of the most intensely heated term ever known here in September. About two inches of water fell between 9 and 10 o'clock. Today the mercury is about 30 degrees lower than yesterday. The farmers will now be able to sow their winter wheat.

EXETER, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—After about two weeks of almost torrid heat, and wind and dust, with only an occasional light shower to break the monotony, one of the finest rains of the year fell last night. It was the first shower of any importance since June. About 11 o'clock last night it began raining and continued until near morning, sometimes falling in torrents. Two and three-eighths inches fell. Those farmers who put in their fall wheat regardless of the dry weather are feeling jubilant today. There is quite a large acreage sown already and hundreds of acres more ready to put in. The next two weeks will be busy ones with the farmers.

WEST POINT, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The temperature dropped 20 degrees last evening, to the great relief of sweltering humanity. A heavy wind blew all last night, but no rain fell.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—A heavy rain fell here Monday evening. Tuesday was extremely warm. This morning is cold and a hard north wind. There was just a touch of frost last night. Corn is out of the way and the hay nearly all put up for this season.

EDGAR, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—A heavy rain fell here last night. The storm began about 10 o'clock and the rain fell heavily for nearly two hours, accompanied by a twenty-mile wind and a brilliant electrical display. The precipitation was about one and one-half inches. The weather has continued nearly as hot during September as it was during August. This morning, however, the thermometer has fallen to 50 degrees, which is a fall of forty degrees since 4 o'clock yesterday. Corn is now almost fully matured and will undoubtedly be the heaviest crop of that cereal ever harvested in this part of Nebraska.

NOMINATE A STRONG TICKET.

Custer County Republicans Enter the Fray with a Solid Front.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The republican county convention convened in this city yesterday. It was organized by electing A. R. Humphrey temporary chairman. George B. Meir, editor of the Calloway Courier; Tom Wright, editor of the Ansley Chronicle, and D. M. Amsberry, editor of the Broken Bow Republican, were elected secretaries. Chairman Humphrey spoke for thirty minutes, contrasting present conditions with the conditions of a year ago. While waiting for the report of committees Judge H. M. Sincart of Kearney made a ringing speech. John E. Cavanee of Georgetown was elected permanent chairman and Tom Wright secretary, with Meir and Amsberry assistants. J. A. Armour, an attorney of Ansley, was nominated for county judge; Walt George, sheriff; W. C. Nixon, clerk; Colonel E. P. Savage, treasurer; George O. Waters, recorder; Oliver H. Moody, superintendent; E. N. Bishop, surveyor; Dr. T. B. Anderson, coroner. The ticket is regarded as a strong one. All the nominees are clean and highly respected citizens. Joe Armour of Ansley was elected chairman of the county central committee. The nominees were all placed in nomination under their protest. The party is in excellent shape in the county and it will make a determined effort to wipe out the populist majority, which last year was 1,600.

HARRISON, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican county convention met here today and placed in nomination a strong county ticket. The following is the ticket: Clerk, W. H. Davis; treasurer, Borkey; sheriff, D. Bartlett; superintendent, W. H. Smoke; judge, G. W. Hester; surveyor, A. R. Dew; commissioner, True Miller.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The republican county convention met here Wednesday and nominated a full county ticket. Chairman Jamison called the convention to order and R. S. Grinstead was chosen chairman and J. R. Cain, jr., secretary. The chairman appointed Messrs. Hedges, Samuelson and McGowan as a committee on credentials, and C. F. Reavis, A. E. Tucker and F. W. Samuelson as a committee on resolutions. Following is the ticket nominated: Treasurer, O. L. Bantz. Humboldt; clerk, L. C. Davenport, Shubert; sheriff, Joe McGinnis of Nemaha; county judge, A. R. Keim, Falls City township; superintendent, J. A. Kuhlman; coroner, Martin Ryan; surveyor, Robert Grinstead. The hottest fight was on sheriff, there being seven names presented, and Mr. McGinnis was nominated on the seventh ballot.

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The republicans held their county convention here yesterday and nominated A. A. Hathway for county clerk; A. Aiken, superintendent; P. Houtz, surveyor; J. G. Smith, sheriff; Dr. E. Spencer, coroner.

CAPTURE ROBBERS AFTER A FIGHT

Two Men Who Stole Stamps and Merchandise Are Arrested.

CRAWFORD, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—On the night of August 27 the postoffice and store at Belmont was entered by burglars and $40 worth of stamps and $30 worth of merchandise stolen. This afternoon City Marshal Spearman received information that two men with some of the plunder were in the neighborhood of Crawford and immediately started with Deputy Marshal Joe Hand. The officers met the men sooner than they expected on the main street in the business center of the town. The suspects, upon seeing the officers approaching, drew their guns. Hand quickly got his gun in action and took one of the men prisoner. The other suspect, however, engaged the marshal and a lively fusillade of shots was exchanged. The marshal stood his ground and brought down his man at the third shot with bullet wounds in his shoulder and through the jaw and mouth. Dr. Anna M. Cross, through whose office a bullet crashed, was immediately called. She dressed the wounds, which she thinks are not serious.

No damage was done by the flying bullets beyond the wounding of a horse.

The prisoners are young men and refuse to talk or give their names. It is learned, however, that the wounded man's name is Dan Lewis and the other Dick Austin. They have been working for a couple of months for Jim Mason in his wood camp, where they were looked upon as desperate men and were always heavily armed night and day. The officers have recovered some of the stolen property and burglar tools.

BANNER STOCK RAISING COUNTY.

Chase County Farmers Discover Wealth at Their Doors.

IMPERIAL, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The reputation of Chase county is rapidly reaching all over the west as one of the best adapted counties for stock-raising in the west. It has an abundance of pure water, magnificent prairies of unlimited grass, a healthy atmosphere, and mild winters. Yesterday J. D. Shahan of Champion shipped a train load of cattle into this county. There were about 300 head in the bunch. A careful estimate of the cattle of this county shows their total value to be about $250,000. The grass in this county is as fine as it was ever known and many farmers are now making and putting up their winter hay on the ranges. The stockmen say that they will not have to feed their stock anything this winter unless there is unusually deep snow. There have been quite a number of inquiries from the eastern part of the state from men who wanted to bring stock here to winter. Several men of this county have gone or will go in a very short time after sheep to bring here. Mr. Levi Heater brings 2,000 head and Mr. Prall will add to his flock not less than 2,500 more, and quite a number of other persons will bring smaller flocks. A splendid rain here yesterday and last night has livened up everything and gives the county a bright appearance.

Family Thrown from a Wagon.

CHAPPELL, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—As Charles Pickering was coming to town this morning with his family to see the circus his team became frightened and ran away. Every one was thrown out and the wagon demolished. Mr. Pickering was severely hurt and one little girl received some bad bruises.

WEST POINT, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Lawrence Seaman, a young farmer living nine miles northeast of town, was badly injured in a runaway this morning. He was thrown out of the wagon, which passed over his head, breaking his jaw in a frightful manner. He was brought to town by a neighbor for treatment.

Give a Delsarte Drill.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Theater goers of this city enjoyed a treat last evening at the opera house, the attraction being a delsarte entertainment by home talent, consisting of sixteen young women, assisted and directed by Harriet Fay Tanner, from Genevieve Stebbens' school, New York. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity and the affair was a grand success. The drills and tableaux were especially fine and reflected great credit both to the class and the director. The entertainment closed with a comic farce entitled "The New Woman."

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Year Opens with a Greatly Increased Attendance.

MANY NEW STUDENTS REGISTER FOR WORK

Assignment of Studies and Classes Being Rapidly Arranged—Several Additions to the Corps of Instructors Are Noted.

LINCOLN, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The registration department of the University of Nebraska in the armory building presents a busy scene this week. The incoming students are presenting their credentials, selecting their studies and making other arrangements for the university term, which opens next week. Last evening 10 per cent more students had paid their matriculation fees than was the case at the same period of registration week last year, and 15 per cent more students were here for registration. Of the new students it is noted that there are a large number of experienced teachers, principals and superintendents from the schools of the state, who are seeking the advantages of a university education in graduate work or special branches. The number from this class is larger than ever before. In the increased attendance of the university a great gain in numbers will be observed in the freshman class.

The law department has advanced the standard of admission so that the student must be a graduate of a high school or have an equivalent education. In spite of this raise in the standard there is no falling off in the number of admissions to the law department.

During the opening week the Young Men's Christian association is finding boarding places and accommodations for the students, furnishing information and locating places of employment for those who desire to work their way through. It is thought to be indicative of the prevailing good times that more places of employment have been found than has ever before been the case. The information bureau has been furnished table space in the same room with the registration department, and is proving a great help to the faculty and officers of the university, as well as to the individual students.

A number of improvements in the buildings and grounds are especially noted by the visitor, adding much to general appearances. The mechanic arts building has been veneered with chip-faced brick and presents a much more handsome and substantial look. The main building has been painted on the outside and the campus has been thoroughly trimmed up. Work will soon begin on the erection of the new building for the college of Mechanic Arts, the cost for which the last legislature appropriated $30,000. It will be located at the northeast corner of the campus between Nebraska hall and the Engineering building.

SOME NEW INSTRUCTORS.

In the matter of instructors the university will start out stronger than ever. There are four new heads of departments, and a number of new assistants, who come from some of the greatest educational institutions of the United States, and will add new life and new blood to the already able force. Among the department professors is Dr. Hill, who took the degree of bacnelor of arts at Dalhousie college, Nova Scotia, and graduated with the highest honors of his class. He also took the governor general's prize in philosophy. He then took the three-years' course and graduated from Cornell university and took finishing courses in several German universities. Prof. Seth, the great professor of philosophy in the Glasgow university, recommends Dr. Hill as the most brilliant undergraduate student he has ever known. Dr. Hill takes Dr. Wolfe's place as professor of psychology.

Prof. W. W. Hastings, the new director of physical culture and professor of physiology and hygiene, graduated at a Tennessee college and later took the degree of Ph.D. at Swathmore, Pa., where he was an instructor. He took a course at Union seminary, New York, and prepared for his present work in the School of Physical Culture at Springfield, Mass.

Prof. R. E. Chandler, who will have charge of the department of mechanical drawing and machine design, is a Virginian. He graduated from Stevens' institute of Hoboken, N. J., and took a postgraduate course at Cornell university. He has been lately a professor in the State college at Bozeman, Mont., and comes to Nebraska recommended as a very able instructor.

Among the new assistants might be mentioned Mrs. E. L. Hinman, assistant in the department of philosophy. Mrs. Hinman is a doctor of philosophy from Cornell, and comes here from a professorship in Mt. Holyoke college.

Prof. C. F. Ansley, assistant in the professorship of English literature, is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and is a very successful instructor.

Mr. Franklin, assistant instructor in American history, is a graduate of the University of Kansas, and comes here from the University of Chicago.

Dr. Guernsey Jones, assistant instructor in European and American history, is a Nebraskan. He graduated at the University of California and took his Ph. D. at Heidelberg, Germany.

Dr. A. W. Whitney, assistant instructor in mathematics, is a graduate of Beloit college and is a Ph. D. of the University of Chicago.

Lieutenant Alfred B. Jackson, who will have charge of the cadets, is a graduate of West Point and holds a commission as lieutenant in the Ninth cavalry, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Robinson.

James Griffin, John Williams and Will Forbes, who were arrested for picking pockets out at the reunion Tuesday, had a hearing this morning and each drew a ten days' meal ticket at the county jail. One of the men had about $30 when arrested, but his lawyer now has the greater part of it.

S. D. Meyer has returned from a two months' trip to Europe. He visited London, Paris and Rome, besides a great many short stops in all the countries of southern Europe.

DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

Dora Huehnecke Recovers a Small Sum from Gus Koehler.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The case of Dora Huehnecke against Gus Koehler for breach of promise, which has been attracting considerable attention in the district court, was decided by the jury this morning, the plaintiff being awarded $200 damages. She sued for $10,000. The plaintiff was formerly a domestic in the household of the defendant, and alleged that after the death of the latter's wife he repeatedly promised to marry her. It is the second breach of promise case tried in this county and is the first for fifteen years. The defendant is a prominent citizen, being the proprietor of the Koehler hotel.

Harvest Home Picnic at Wymore.

WYMORE, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—About 2,000 people attended the Harvest Home picnic here today. The weather was threatening in the morning, keeping a great many at home. Governor Holcomb spoke and was followed by Senator Murphy. After the speaking dinner was served, consisting of roast ox, etc. The fire department was out in uniform and assisted to celebrate the day. Music was furnished by the Blue Valley, Wilber and Martial bands. The fine department gave a grand ball in the evening.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS ELECTED.

Nebraska Methodists Transact Business and Discuss Papers.

YORK, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—At the roll call of the Methodist conference this morning 125 delegates were present. The total membership of the Nebraska conference is 171 and the proportion present at the York meeting is regarded as a very good showing. The Nebraska conference includes that portion of the state south of the Platte river and east of the west line of Adams county. In it are 147 pastoral charges.

At the conference session yesterday the following officers were elected: A. A. Randall, secretary; O. W. Fifer and F. A. Stuff, assistants; G. A. Hobson, recorder; D. C. Phillips, statistical secretary; F. M. Estabrook, treasurer; A. E. Chadwick, conference postmaster. D. B. Lake was announced for transference to this conference from the Missouri conference and L. Jean from the Illinois conference.

The reports of H. T. Davis and D. W. C. Huntington, presiding elders of the Lincoln and Beatrice districts, respectively, were given. The general tone of both reports was very encouraging. There has been a material and spiritual growth that is gratifying. At a statistical session held in the afternoon reports were given from all the charges that indicated most encouraging progress over the district. Among other matters of business transacted the conference voted to have 2,000 copies of the minutes printed.

Dr. A. B. Leonard of New York, corresponding secretary of the General Missionary society, spoke on the missionary debt of the church. He reported that last year about half of the ministers took the missionary collection and raised $80,000. This money came largely from the weaker charges. He reported the progress that has been made during the past year, and congratulated the Nebraska conference on the grand crops of the state and the prospects for better times. The speaker paid a glowing tribute to the Baptist missionary society for having paid off its debt, and recommended a plan whereby the Methodist society could do the same.

The various committees are named and assigned to their respective duties. There are a large number of these committees and every branch of the work is carefully looked after. The organization is systematic and thorough and the affairs of the conference are progressing in a very business-like manner.

The missionary sermon yesterday afternoon was preached by Rev. C. H. Dalrymple of Western. His subject was: "The Crown for Them that Love His Appearing." The leading thought of the address was the scriptural conception of the coming of Christ that was interpreted in the specific coming as foretold by Christ and his apostles. The speaker found in the revolutions of that day, which saw the final destruction of the old economy and the freedom of the way to the new, the interpretation of the terms of His coming for all time.

A pentecostal prayer service was held at 7:30 in the evening. Following this was the missionary anniversary. Dr. Leonard was the speaker of the occasion. He delivered a strong address on foreign missions and their importance as laid down in the old and new testaments. "The Christ of the Bible" was his subject. He discussed at considerable length the relation which the old testament bears to the new, and made a strong defense of the former against the attacks of the critics. "We cannot believe one part of the bible and not believe the other,' said the speaker. "We must either believe it all or reject it all. The Old and New Testaments stand together, linked by 497 passages of scripture found in the New Testament that have had their origin, directly or indirectly, in the Old Testament."

The doctor told of the necessity of foreign missions and the scope of the field. In speaking of the common disregard of the need of such missions, he said that no man can be a Christian and not believe in foreign missions. Dr. Leonard closed his address with a stirring condemnation of the liquor traffic. He roundly arraigned the saloon and the man who keeps it.

Today's sessions began with a devotional service at 8:30. It was well attended and participated in by many.

When the names of the ministers of the Hastings district were called off this morning at the conference session for the purpose of ascertaining their characters as effective elders the name of Rev. A. M. Perry of Nelson did not pass. A statement was made that he had had charges preferred against him during the year for conduct unbecoming his position as a minister of the gospel. He was recently exonerated at a church trial held at Nelson of charges in which he was implicated as being unduly intimate with a young woman member of his choir. The pretext on which the character of Perry is challenged at this conference is based on a minor specification of the charge. A warm discussion was held an the matter this morning and the subject was finally referred to a committee of thirteen for investigation. It is not thought that any charge will be sustained by the conference.

W. B. Alexander's report as presiding elder of the Hastings district showed that the churches for Hastings district were in a greatly improved condition materially and spiritually. The report of Rev. P. Van Fleet, presiding elder of Nebraska City district, is also of an encouraging tone.

For the purpose of raising funds for printing the conference minutes subscriptions were taken this morning amounting to $136.

Miss Ella Watson of Lincoln presided at the anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary society this afternoon. Bishop Ninde was the principal speaker. He related his experience when traveling in the Orient and told of the progress foreign missions were making in China and Japan. Rev. G. W. Isham of Hastings also talked, touching on the needs of work in the home field. A collection was lifted amounting to $20.12.

ATTACK THE PARTY NOMINEES.

Populists of Custer County Are Divided Against Themselves.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The present county judge, Rhodes, has filed complaint with the county board, now in session, charging Shinn, the populist nominee for county judge, with embezzling funds of the county when in office four years ago. He brings in two counts. In one count he charges that he failed to account for $789.75 in fees collected; in the other he says that he failed to turn over to his successor $263 of moneys belonging to certain estates. The fusion committee is now investigating the charges.

Other members of the party are opposing other nominees and the party is in bad shape to open a campaign.

Senator Osborne Resigns.

LINCOLN, Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—State Senator John Osborne, from the First district, has sent in his resignation, for the reason that he has been nominated for county treasurer by the fusion party of Pawnee county.

Running sores, indolent ulcers and similar troubles, even though of many years' standing, may be cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It soothes, strengthens and heals. It is the great pile cure.

HOLCOMB'S REPLY TO DOANE

Governor Gives His Version of the Trustees' Meeting in Omaha.

STANDS UP FOR GILLESPIE'S REMOVAL

Puts His Own Interpretation on the Circumstances and Justifies His Action in Naming Dawes as Superintendent.

LINCOLN, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Governor Holcomb today gave out for publication the following statement:

"The reported interview with Judge Doane in The Omaha Bee of yesterday, relative to Prof. Gillespie's nonretention as superintendent of the deaf school, is entirely misleading. Whether this is occasioned by the desire which seems to have recently developed on the part of The Bee to do me injustice and misrepresent me on all possible occasions, or a misunderstanding of the matter by Judge Doane, I am unable to say.

"I never called the meeting of the trustees in extra session, as reported, and knew nothing of the meeting until the day previous to the time it was held. I went up to Omaha at the time to confer with the board, and not with Judge Doane, as the article seems to imply. I met and conferred with the board, and not with the judge personally, about the matter. I stated explicitly not only that Prof. Gillespie would have to explain the shortage reported by the committee within a few days, but also that I should be compelled to determine upon the appointment before September 1, then only a few days off, so that the school might be properly organized for the coming school year. I did not intentionally state that I had a copy of the findings of the investigating committee. I did not then have and never have had any 'findings' or report filed in this office. I made no promise to have a copy of the committee's report furnished Prof. Gillespie or to bring the committee and Prof. Gillespie together to jointly go over the report, and had no occasion to make such promise and was conversing with no one to whom such a promise would be proper. I had no power or authority to require such a proceeding. We discussed at the board meeting the subject quite fully and it was suggested by myself, I think, that I might be able to get the committee and the professor together at once and let them take up the several items which make up the shortage and ascertain whether the differences could be adjusted, as this seemed to be the only course by which the matter could be adjusted, if at all, within the limited time allowed.

DOANE OPPOSED HIM.

"The other two members of the board were firmly of the opinion that it would be injurious to the institution to appoint Prof. Gillespie in the face of the committee's findings. In this view I fully concurred. Judge Doane seemed to take the other view. The conference ended leaving the subject substantially as above narrated. I returned home and found that Senator Mutz and Mr. Silver were at Norfolk and that it was highly improbable that they and Prof. Gillespie could take up the matter within the time mentioned. I learned also that Prof. Gillespie had all the information needful to acquaint him with the items which go to make up the shortage, which had been given him directly after the committee had completed its work. He had also the books of the institution from which the report had been made.

"In response to a letter from me he advised me that it would take from four to six weeks before he would be able to give his version of the amount alleged to be due the state. Under such a condition of things there was for me but one of two alternatives: Appoint Prof. Gillespie notwithstanding the committee's report, and this I would not have done even if the position remained vacant; the other was to appoint a competent, well equipped and qualified man to take the position. This I did.

"The gist of the whole matter, so far as Judge Doane is concerned, is that he was not in harmony with the other members of the board or myself as to the best course to pursue in the management of this institution. It is due to him to say that from the time of his appointment he has warmly advocated Prof. Gillespie's cause.

EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS.

"In accepting his resignation I replied as follows, which expresses my views of the matter:

"LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 9, 1897.—Hon. George W. Doane, Omaha: Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 6th instant tendering your resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Blind and Deaf institutions of Nebraska, which is hereby accepted. Permit me to respectfully, yet firmly, say that you are entirely mistaken in your conception of the policy sought to be inaugurated in the administration of these institutions, which you seem to fear will be detrimental to their interests.

"If to insist on economy and honesty in the administration of the affairs of the institution; to have them conducted in the interest of the children of the state for whose benefit they are maintained rather than for the benefit of the officers; to strive to improve the character of education of the inmates so as to make it more substantial and useful; in short, if to endeavor to bring about a useful, economic and faithful administration of the affairs of these institutions according to the spirit and intent of the law for the benefit of the unfortunate children attending them and in the interest of the people who support them, is detrimental, then the policy I seek to inaugurate may be wrong, otherwise not.

"I beg also to say that the views of yourself and the other members of the board on this subject are at variance, and that their views are entitled to respectful consideration. I am quite sure they are working for what they believe to be the best interest of the institution. I did not take this action without mature deliberation and after obtaining the views of many others well informed and interested in the institution's welfare, and am more than ever convinced that the action was proper and for the good of the school. Very respectfully,

"SILAS A. HOLCOMB."

DEFENDS PROF. DAWES.

"As to the attempt to belittle Prof. Dawes, than whom none have been more highly recommended to me by educators and people of all classes, I quote from a letter filed with me from Prof. Jones of the Institution for the Blind, written in Prof. Dawes' behalf, when he was an applicant for another position, and bearing date of November 30, 1896:

"I have been associated with Mr. Dawes since the 1st of March last. I believe him to be in many respects peculiarily adapted to the place named. He has executive ability, is a competent instrucior, is prompt and faithful in the discharge of every duty and is a man of upright character and moral force.

"The above I think covers the whole ground."

RESENT GILLESPIE'S REMOVAL.

Parents of Deaf and Dumb Children Express Great Disappointment.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Grand Island parents who have children in attendance at the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Omaha are greatly dissatisfied over the discharge of Superintendent Gillespie and the appointment of the present incumbent. There are three residents of this city who have children in the institution, Mr. Seaman, Mr. Thayer and Mr. Beegle, and all of them are disappointed since their return from Omaha yesterday they having accompanied their children back to the institution. These men are not of the same political belief, but they are all of the opinion that a great error has been made in the removal of Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Beegle, who is a prominent shoe dealer in this city with business interests in other Nebraska cities, states that it was pitiful to see the children come to the institution and scarcely be able to make themselves understood with the man who is to be their instructor. Mr. Gillespie's successor will, in the opinion of Mr. Beegle, undoubtedly do everything in his power to keep the institution up to its present standing, but he has his very serious doubts as to his ability to do so.

During his visit at the institution, Mr. Beegle states, he met at least fifty people from all parts of the state who had children in the institution and all of them were dissatisfied with the change.

CLOSE OF BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Sunday School Teachers Are Urged to Prepare Their Lessons.

FREMONT, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The closing session of the Omaha Baptist association was held yesterday evening. At the close of the meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society C. A. Manville of Fremont read a carefully prepared paper on Sunday school teachers' meetings. He emphasized the necessity for thorough preparation for the work of instructing the pupils of the Sunday schools. The co-operation of the teachers and their interchange of ideas and experiences he regarded as mutually profitable and for the benefit of the school.

The subject of the evening session was Christian stewardship and the principal address was by Rev. C. B. Antisdel of Omaha. I. W. Carpenter spoke upon "Systematic Beneficence," after which the association closed with a consecration meeting, led by Rev. S. C. Green of Blair. The meeting of the association is considered by the delegates and clergymen present to have been a very profitable one, and, though the attendance has not been large, the meetings have been replete with interest.

INVITED TO SEND DELEGATES.

Nebraska Asked to Attend the Sanitary Commissioners' Meeting.

LINCOLN, Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The governor has received a message inviting the state of Nebraska to send representation to the meeting of sanitary commissioners, which is to be held at Fort Worth, Tex., on September 27. The principal subject to be considered at the meeting is the quarantine regulations affecting the shipment of cattle, and also as to whether sheep should be dipped en route, or after reaching their destination. All the western and southern states are expected to take part in the meeting.

The Western Wheelman's Security society of Lincoln has made a showing to the state auditor and convinced him that it has been acting in good faith. The auditor will allow the society to continue business providing it organizes under section 40, chapter xliii, of the statutes. The officers of the society supposed that they were legally incorporated, but will now reorganize as suggested by the auditor.

Buy Cattle by Hundreds.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—A bunch of nearly 800 cattle attracted some attention at the Union Pacific stock yards this morning and reminded some of the old days of the "round-up." They were feeders shipped in here to be fed and were taken across the river to where they will be kept this winter. James Fraizer had 416 head and W. T. Rickley 380 head. J. E. Sallach, a prominent feeder of Monroe township, shipped in 409 head a few days ago and many others have been getting from sixty to 200 head to feed this winter.

Confusion in the Silver Ranks.

IMPERIAL, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The three silver parties will hold their county conventions in Imperial next Saturday. There is a disposition on the part of the middle-of-the-road populists to put up a straight ticket. The democrats insist on the clerkship and the free silver republicans, who can almost be counted on the fingers of one hand, are demanding the treasurer's office.

Fair Will Last One More Day.

SYRACUSE, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Otoe county fair will be continued until tomorrow, owing to the heavy rain of last night, which reached a depth of 1.63 inches. A large delegation is expected from Nebraska City tomorrow.

On Saturday of this week the republican county convention convenes at this place for the purpose of nominating county officers.

Entertains Club Members.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Miss Stella Stretch entertained the members of the H. T. C. at a 5 o'clock tea. It was a pretty affair and the house was beautifully decorated. The tea was given in honor of the Misses Dorrington and Miss Custer, three members of the club, who left Thursday for Lincoln, where they will enter the State university.

Coincides with Judge Cox.

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—In the federal court today Judge Jenkins sustained Postmaster Gordon in his removal of Superintendent Carr of the Englewood branch of the postoffice known as Station O, and dissolved the injunction secured by Carr. Judge Jenkins took a similar position to that of Judge Cox of the District of Columbia in the Wood case, which was decided a day or two ago.

Three Lodged in Jail.

Louis Price and John Brown are in jail on a charge of assault and battery. Last evening the two men were passing near Twelfth and Chicago streets, when they spied a mule which had been turned out to graze. They put a halter on the animal and were about to lead it away when the owner, D. Blumenthal, discovered the ruse to deprive him of his property. He immediately donned his war paint. Other neighbors came to his assistance and for a time war prevailed. Blumenthall was also taken to the station for disturbing the peace, and it is possible that a charge of trespass may be lodged against the mule.

Gets a Heavy Sentence.

Yesterday afternoon Police Judge Gordon fined William Browley $50 and costs and sentenced him to thirty days' imprisonment in the county jail on the charge of indecent exposure of his person. The severe penalty was meted out to the prisoner for the reason that he has once before been convicted of the same charge.

Gasoline Causes a Small Fire.

The ignition of gasoline yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock caused a small blaze in the residence of a family named Roden at 1919 Clark street during the absence of all the family except a little girl. The latter was badly frightened, but was not hurt. About $10 damage was done to the premises.

Arrested for Assault.

Eugene Anderson was arrested last night for cutting his wife with a razor. The woman received a large gash upon one of her legs. The trouble arose over jealousy upon the part of the husband. The couple reside in the lower portion of the city.

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