

BRIEF CITY NEWS

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Oberlin Concert Financial Success

The concert given by the Oberlin Glee club in Omaha Thursday evening at the First Congregational church was a success, financially as well as musically and socially, and the Omaha alumni have the sum of \$50 to the good. "Since it was the Omaha people who supported the concert and made it a success," says C. L. Mattson, one of the local Oberlin alumni, "the money left from the entertainment will be used for Omaha. He says that the money probably will be used in aiding an Omaha boy in gaining an education at Oberlin college. The alumni will meet at the University club some day this week to decide the matter.

Will Draw Juries Thursday or Friday

Grand and petit juries for the February term of the district court, which will begin February 5, will be drawn by Abraham L. Sutton, presiding judge of the district court, and Robert Smith, clerk of the district court, Thursday or Friday of next week.

The 1912 Board of County Commissioners will meet and organize Tuesday and as soon thereafter as possible the several commissioners will turn in their lists of men competent to serve as jurors. The names will be placed on tickets and put in the jury drawing can and drawn out "sight unseen," the usual way, by Judge Sutton and Mr. Smith.

Engine Pilot Falls From Cab Into River

MOUNT CARMEL, Ill., Jan. 7.—B. W. Adair, engineer of a Big Four freight train, fell from the cab of his engine today as it was crossing a fifty-foot trestle over the Little Washburn river south of Mt. Carmel. After a struggle in the icy current, Adair was able to drag himself to the bank. He apparently was not injured. The man was taken to a nearby station and then brought to Mt. Carmel on a passenger train. He lives in Mt. Carmel.

Heart Failure Cause of Baibato's Death

An autopsy will be held this morning by Coroner Crosby on the body of Nicholas Baibato, who died suddenly yesterday afternoon after drinking a glass of beer in the Pope saloon, 132 South Twentieth street, although it is most certain now that the man succumbed to heart failure. An inquest into the death will be held tomorrow. Baibato lived at Twenty-first street and Poppleton avenue.

Douglas Pioneers to Meet Thursday

The pioneers of Douglas county will meet Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the city hall to elect officers and make plans for their mid-winter social.

PEDDLES STARCH AS SUGAR AND GETS INTO TROUBLE

When he peddled starch on the streets yesterday afternoon, Nick Petoria, 111 North Twelfth street, was not fooling only the buyers. He himself thought he was selling sugar which he had "found" in Twelfth street, between Dodge street and Capitol avenue. The starch had dropped from a grocer's wagon and the driver, being unable to lift it back, had gone for assistance, when Petoria came along. Petoria was arrested last night after he had tried to sell small sacks of the goods as sugar. The driver of the wagon is being hunted by the police.

COLORED WOMAN HELD ON CHARGE OF CUTTING

Annie Moore, colored, cut Martin Pup, 29 South Ninth street, across the shoulder and hand when he caught her taking \$2 from his pockets at "Wier City," Eleventh and Davenport streets, last midnight. The woman was arrested, charged with cutting, and taken to the police station. Pup was attended by Police Surgeon Peppers and sent home.

JOHN C. WATSON BROUGHT HERE TO HAVE OPERATION

Attorney John C. Watson of Nebraska City, who has been quite ill for some time, was brought to Omaha yesterday, where he was placed in the Presbyterian hospital and as soon as he is strong enough he will undergo a surgical operation. Mr. Watson has been ailing for some time, but of late has been very ill.

SONNENSCHNEN IS SICK IN OMAHA HOSPITAL

Fred Sonnenschnein, former mayor of West Point, Neb., and one of the most widely known men in that part of the state, also enjoying an extensive acquaintance in Omaha, lies seriously sick in an Omaha hospital. Daily his friends in this city are inquiring about him.

What Our School Children Are Doing--XVII.



FOURTH GRADE CHILDREN OF LINCOLN SCHOOL PUT ON A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE WORK

Features of Educational Progress During the Past Year.

TENDENCIES IN SCHOOL LAWS

Limitations on Holidays and Concentration of Weak Schools—Activities of Nearby Institutions.

James C. Boykin, chief of the editorial division of the federal bureau of education in Washington, discusses the educational events of 1911 in an interview in the Boston Transcript. As a whole he considers the year "one of peace, prosperity and unusual freedom from political strife."

There was no overshadowing interest to distract popular attention; the time was ripe; able men were ready for the work; and the results are apparent upon the statute books as the high-water mark of legislative achievement in behalf of education.

In 1911 forty-three legislatures were in session, and in all of them, practically without exception, an attitude of marked friendliness was shown to the cause of public education. One not often emphasized reason why it was possible to make excellent progress was the fact that the public school system no longer occupied a place of minor importance in legislatures.

Mr. Boykin notes signs of reaction throughout the country in relation to the matter of school holidays. The summer vacation, the Saturday holiday, short recesses, sundry legal holidays and days of special observance have so lessened the actual school time that as a rule scarcely more than half of the days in the year are given to regular school work.

To counteract this tendency several states have passed laws. California, for example, reduces the number of holidays to Saturday, Sunday, January 1, May 30, July 4, December 25 and Thanksgiving day. All other legal holidays must be observed by appropriate exercises, but not by closing the schools.

The salaries of school teachers have been raised in a number of states, among them New York, Indiana and Wisconsin. Not only is the teacher's salary showing a tendency to rise, but her prospects of retirement upon a living annuity when her usefulness is past are growing steadily brighter.

For some time the practice has been growing, especially in rural communities, of consolidating a large number of weak schools in a given district into a smaller number of strong ones. Mr. Boykin notes that a number of state legislatures have passed laws in 1911 which directly facilitate this practice. Thus, additional provision was made during the year for the free transportation of pupils living at a distance from the consolidated school. South Dakota voted to pay a child's own parents for bringing him to school, the amount of this compensation varying from ten cents to forty-five cents per day of actual attendance. In Minnesota the school board of a consolidated district was authorized to pay a reasonable amount for board and lodging in lieu of transportation.

Other states granting transportation aid include Iowa, California, Kansas, Missouri, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.

With the centralization of the school district has come a corresponding centralization of school management, as was evidenced by a law passed in Oklahoma, creating one state education board to take the place of no less than fourteen other bodies then existing. In line with the same tendency, the proportion of school expense borne by the state tends steadily to increase, and the authority is gradually being transferred from the local authorities to those appointed by the state. As another indication of the growing movement to centralize both education centers and their management, Mr. Boykin notes that "the former inclination to multiply the number of state normal schools has waned perceptibly" only two new ones being established in 1911, namely, one in Maine and one in California.

BOYLES COLLEGE, OMAHA. Prize Medal for Proficiency in Typewriting. A great incentive for ambitious young men and women to make rapid progress in typewriting is offered by the Remington Typewriter company to the students of Boyles college, the prize offered being a beautiful solid gold medal, which is very handsomely designed and bears the inscription, "For proficiency on the Remington typewriter." This medal is to be awarded to the pupil having in the greatest number of perfect typewriting lessons during the months of January and February, 1912. In addition to the honor of winning this medal, its beauty and intrinsic worth will arouse much interest among the students during the continuance of the contest. Only those are eligible for the contest who have had no instruction or typewriter experience prior to January 1, 1912.

In order that Boyles college pupils may be spared the necessity of going out in the cold, snowy or rainy days to make up a hot luncheon between 12 and 1 o'clock, the school has adopted the cafeteria plan that has proven so popular in the high schools of large cities as well as those established by the Young Men's Christian associations and Young Women's Christian associations throughout the country. The school luncheon room is located in the gymnasium. As is the case with the above mentioned institutions, the cafeteria or luncheon room is operated on the non-profit principle. Everything is furnished to the students at cost.

IRISH TELL OF BIG WIND TAXICAB RATES ARE REDUCED

Good Fellowship Club Holds Session to Delve Into History.

JOSEPH BUTLER WAS ON GROUND

Greater Portion of Ireland Devastated by the Blow, but Father of the City Clerk Slept Through It All.

The night of the big wind in Ireland, January 6, 1839, was fittingly commemorated Saturday by the Irish Good Fellowship club in their rooms in the Arlington block, Sixteenth and Dodge streets.

It was indeed a big wind that swept Erin's Isle just seventy-three years ago last night. It justly deserved commemoration. So unusual was its strength and so wonderful the things it wrought that it gave to those who talked at the meeting last night impressions which enabled them to describe graphically and minutely the details. It was a wind, which, as one speaker said, was the father of all cyclones and about the only thing it did not blow away was the Irish flag.

But like many and many another wind, it did not fail to blow somebody good. To John Powers it gave a dining table, twenty-two feet long and four feet wide—a dining table made from one tree, which was uprooted some place in the north of Ireland and carried to his father's estate.

It blew fish from the River Shannon and scattered them along the valley of the river from source to mouth. The fish quickly died on the land and their bones so fertilized the land that Ireland for many years after enjoyed wonderful crops.

Hearty Gives the Facts. These were stories told by speakers who had been told them by their parents. What was probably the only authentic recital of details was read from a newspaper, dated January 11, 1839, by P. C. Healy. The big wind, according to report, caused a fire in Dublin, which resulted in the property loss of \$60,000. There were also seven persons. The recital also was told in the newspaper story.

The crowd, as is their custom, were rooting high in the trees when the big wind swept from Tyrone in the north to Wexford in the south. Consequently Ireland was swept clean of them.

Jerry Beardon of South Omaha was one of the speakers. Mr. Beardon was introduced to the audience as having been born on the night of the big wind. He could tell no details of it.

Joseph Butler, father of Dan Butler, city clerk, was the first speaker on the program. Mr. Butler is 83 years old and remembered the night of the big wind. He told how he was sent out from home for the evening of the big wind to summon a doctor, because a younger brother had spilled some hot gravy upon himself at the evening meal. He returned home before the wind came up and was in bed when it wrought havoc throughout the community. He knew nothing of it, however, until he awoke the next morning, he said, and saw the slight damage it had done. John Byder repeated some things he had heard about the big wind. The speakers were interpolated by songs sung in Gaelic by T. M. Doud of South Omaha and Patrick Coffey and Irish airs and popular songs by Edward Lynch.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

ME and Mrs. W. W. Long have as their home Mrs. M. J. Long, formerly Miss Nellie Long of Omaha.

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Rev. H. Allen, President of the Lutheran Ladies' Seminary College for Girls.

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REV. H. ALLEN, President.

McVANN OPTIMIST FOR 1912

Predicts Good Things for Year in Current Traffic World.

POLITICS WILL HURT LITTLE

Gives Long List of Railroad Improvements Planned for Omaha Territory in Course of Year.

In a symposium in the current Traffic World of the opinions of leading traffic experts of the country, Manager E. J. McVann of the traffic bureau of the Omaha Commercial club, regarding the outlook in Omaha's territory for 1912, says: "We are optimistic about our outlook for 1912. The 1911 crop is yet to be moved and it is bringing good prices. Other farm products are reasonably high in price and as this is largely an agricultural territory, these things justify our optimism for the coming year. Of course there is the notion that always prevails, that a presidential year is a bad year for business. My impression is that that notion has less force at this time than it has ever had in the past and that the presidential campaign will have less effect on general business in the west than it usually has."

Railroads Plan Much Work.

Mr. McVann follows this in answer to a question as to contemplated railroad work in 1912, with a long string of extensions and improvements in Nebraska, Wyoming and Iowa, including Wyoming, a Burlington line from Overney, Neb., to the Big Horn basin, several short freight terminals in Omaha by the Rock Island.

McBride Pays His Political Debts

George McBride, county surveyor, paid a political debt when he treated five of his South Omaha friends to an old fashioned "possum" dinner at Worth's restaurant Friday night. Mr. McBride was not to be outdone when his friends reminded him that he owed them an old southern meal and, though he did not have any "possum" up his sleeve, he had his collection of possums in the jungles of Illinois contained a very fat animal and by some hook or crook he got to that tree, or had it got to and landed Mitah "Possum." He had the sweet potatoes and all the other trimmings and made good his bet to the satisfaction of his friends, who were: Lew Etter, postmaster of South Omaha; George Brewer, Jim Chizek, Charles Searr, and Lew Adams.

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The sale of the new tonic has increased so rapidly that the specialists who are here introducing the medicine have not been able to get an adequate supply. In speaking of this one of the specialists said: "We are sorry to disappoint the people, as we were forced to go part of last week, but we could not get the medicine here fast enough. The demand is just as great in other cities as in Omaha, and the manufacturing department has been swamped with orders. We received a big shipment yesterday and we will not be without the medicine again during our stay."

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