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## THE STATE MEETING

(By Supt. L. H. Currier.)  
The County and City Superintendents' association held at Lincoln January 26-28, was a great success. Not only was the program a very interesting one full of matters of vital interest to all educational interests of the state but the treatment of the various subjects was able and effective. A large per cent of the county and city superintendents of the state were present and the interest awakened was second to that of no other meeting of the kind ever held in the state. The results of such meeting cannot be over estimated. The only pity is that more of the superintendents, teachers, fathers and mothers of the state could not have attended this valuable and inspiring meeting. The object of the conference was to plan a campaign of promotion for the schools of Nebraska and to advise ways and means of placing them at the head of the column. To arrange a tangible program of action for 1916 which will take into consideration the educational needs of the state in all sections.

Dr. A. E. Winship of the New England Journal of Education, Boston, addressed the conference Wednesday afternoon. He also gave a very interesting and instructive talk at the banquet Thursday evening on the subject, "Greetings from Authors, past and present. Hon. O. H. Benson of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., addressed the conference Thursday afternoon on the subject of Boys' and Girls' club work.

The following subjects were discussed and were opened to general discussion:

1. "Common Defects of the Common Schools and How to Remedy Them." In discussing this subject, there were a general exchange of opinions and a great deal of interest was aroused.
2. Standardization of Rural Schools received much attention. Standards have been established as a tangible ideal or goal for future efforts. The efforts being put forth in a large number of counties of the state to bring their schools up to these standard for results.
3. "The Rural High School." The discussion of this subject covered the organization of rural high schools, the two-room district school, the consolidated school, course of study, equipment, approval, and qualifications of teachers. The discussion brought out the difficulties and possibilities of these schools.
4. "The County Institute." The discussion of this subject dealt with the abuses and opportunities of the institute and what it should mean to the teachers of the county. The advisability of changing the date of holding the institute was also discussed.
5. "Compulsory Education. Its Shortcoming and How to Make it Effective." Last year the attendance based upon the enrollment was but 72 and 9-10 per cent. This shows an enormous waste of both opportunity and means. We are not doing all we could for the youth of our state.
6. "Training Teachers in Service." The discussion of this subject included an improvement in the state reading circle work and covers a definite and progressive work and involves

definite credit for the completion of the course.

7. "The Field Coach for Teachers." The purpose of this coach is to visit teachers who are failing to get results, to assist them with their difficulties and to bring help to individual teachers.

8. "How to Improve Our System of Rural Supervision." The object in connection with this subject is to formulate a workable method of placing the supervision or rural schools on a professional and permanent basis.

9. "Conserving the Interest of the Taxpayers." A great deal of interest was taken in this subject. It is a fact that at least 20 per cent of the money raised by taxation for the support of the schools in non-effective through insufficient funds, lack of co-operation and insufficient instruction. How can we best conserve the interests of the taxpayers and at the same time increase the usefulness of the school? This is a question that all parents and taxpayers should be interested in.

10. "Report of Progress for 1915." County superintendents were requested to bring a written report on this subject of not to exceed two hundred words, the same to be handed to the state superintendents. It is pleasing to note that Sherman county is beginning to be recognized in school matters as being a member of the great state of Nebraska. The progress for 1915 in Sherman county compares very favorably with any county of the state.

Joint Conference With County and City Superintendents.

1. "Normal Training in High Schools." This subject aroused a great deal of interest both with county and city superintendents. The advisability of requiring the normal training pupils to take an additional year of work consisting of a through review of all of the common branches, twelve weeks of methods, twelve weeks of observation work, and twelve weeks of practice work in teaching was favored by many of the county and city superintendents. General rules and regulations governing normal training high schools, course of study, major and minor reviews, observation, practice teaching, the normal training teacher and many other subjects essential to the improvement of the service was discussed.
2. "School Inspection." Its purpose and what it should mean to the city superintendents and to the board of education.
3. "The City Superintendent." His relation to the principal, to the teacher, to the board of education and the school.
4. "The Non-Conventional in Schools." The discussion of this subject brought out the idea that a leader is one who breaks out of the groove or rut and explores new fields with advantageous results. As long as no one attempts new ideals the old remain in vogue. A discussion of the six-three-three plan; the six-six plan modernizing the course; the conservation of the community's resources and arrangement of school work.
5. "Back to the Essentials." It is claimed by those who attended the schools of a generation ago that we

## Like the Groundhog, Pres. Wilson Comes Out to See if He Gets a Shadow



He takes his preparedness program before the country. If there is not serious shadow cast by it he will stay out for another term.

are not teaching the essentials as thoroughly as they were then taught. Is this statement true? Can it be verified? It is well known that a vast majority of the children never receive any training or schooling above the eighth grade. Are we doing all for these children we should? This was one of the real live subjects discussed.

"Time will not permit of a more complete report of this great educational conference, but I have tried to give in a brief way the object and great need of these educational meetings and the real things for which they are formed.

I wish at this time to call the attention of teachers and school officers of county to the Central Nebraska Teachers' Association which meets at Central City March 29-30-31. We want every teacher in the county to go because it is seldom that the meeting is held at so convenient a place for this county. I hope that every school board will not only permit its teacher to go without loss of time, but that you will urge them to attend. It will be a very enthusiastic and interesting meeting and no teacher in the county can afford to miss it.

### LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Postoffice at Loup City, Nebraska, for the month ending January 31, 1916.

Ladies—Ruby Walker, Mrs. Elizabeth McConnell, Mrs. Hilda Johnson, Mrs. W. C. Connhiser.

Gentlemen—Louis Miller, Harm Hartwell, Frank Critie.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

C. F. BEUSHAUSEN, P. M.

### DAVIS CREEK NEWS

Pete Sekutera shelled corn last Wednesday.

Ed Orent, Albert Sowokinos was in Ashton Friday.

John Pelanowski visited with Tony Orents Friday.

John Pelanowski shelled corn last first of this week.

Charles Peterson shipped hogs to Omaha Tuesday.

John Pelanowski shelled corn the middle of the week.

A number from here attended the Jap Wheatcraft sale Tuesday.

Miss Anna Garvel started to school in District No. 24 last Monday.

John and Anna Garvel visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Pelanowski Sunday.

Miss Ethel Trump is helping Mrs. Jap Wheatcraft with her work this week.

Miss Ruth Watson of Ord, Neb. was visiting on Davis Creek the first of the week.

Ed Manchester has installed a fine piano player in his home. It is a fine instrument.

There was a large attendance at the John Pruss sale and everything went at a high price.

Norman Hulverson and Roy Beleel furnished music for the dance at E. F. Paddock's Saturday night.

Frank Manchester, John Pelanowski, Ed Manchester, Frank Trump and Tony Orent were at Ashton Monday.

Ed Manchester and son, Gerald, drove cattle to North Loup Tuesday of last week and shipped a car load to Omaha.

John Pruce, and family, left for their new home at York, Neb., last Wednesday. We hope good luck will follow this good family.

John Garvel helped John Pelanowski drive his cows home from the John Pruss sale Wednesday, which Mr. Pelanowski purchased at the sale.

Tony Frederick, Pete Sekutera and Lawrence Spotanski, and family, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Palu, and family last Sunday.

Frank Watjalewicz purchased the John Pruss automobile at the sale Tuesday, and now the way that Frank will go, I'll promise you, will not be slow.

As Wednesday was ground-hog day, we hope Mr. Hog did not see his shadow as we do not like the idea of six weeks longer of cold winter weather.

As Broun Orent was on his way to the dance Saturday night, his horse in some manner fell with him and caused him to sprain his ankle. It is very painful at this writing.

Miss Helen Kaminski started to school again last week. She is staying with her sister, Mrs. John Lewandowski. Miss Helen is the pretty

daughter of Mike Kaminski and wife. The Henderson brothers returned from Omaha last Thursday. The boys purchased a new Ford automobile in Omaha and drove the car home instead of coming by rail. Alex Sowokinos accompanied the boys.

The teacher and pupils of District No. 24 are planning on a program and box social some time in February. The exact date has not been set. The receipts of the social will be used in placing a set of encyclopedias in the library.

There was a dance at Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Paddock's Saturday night. Everyone sure had a good time, as they always do at Ern's. Four years ago they gave a Leap Year dance in February, and say, talk about a good time, everybody sure had one then. The house was crowded.

Pete Rueland, who has been bothered for some time with his heart, while attending the John Pruss sale last Tuesday had an attack that rendered him helpless for a while, falling in the door. His father and brothers-in-law were there and gave assistance and he was soon revived. Peter is a fine young man and it so too bad that he is troubled in this manner.

There was great excitement on Lower Davis Creek one evening last week. Some fellows gathered at a young man's home and pulled him out of bed made him settle a few things that had happened by him. People should always tend to their own business then nothing will ever happen to anyone. We do not care to mention any names.

### MOVES FURTHER WEST.

George W. Benschoter announced in the last issue of his monthly magazine that he had decided to try a new field for his magazine and job printing business. The equipment was packed and loaded into a car this week, but because of sickness, Mr. Benschoter and family have not yet departed for their new home. The following announcement tells the story:

"Since going to press with the last pages of The Nebraska Record for this issue we have decided to change our field of operation and having fully considered the matter, have chosen a live western Nebraska town, Hay Springs for our future location, where we expect to be located and ready for business by March 1st. Hay Springs is located on the Northwestern railroad, in Sheridan county, Nebraska, and in a country rich in agriculture and stock raising. The Record will be changed from a monthly to a weekly publication and while it will give all the local news of that section it will still continue to produce old time stories and give history of a large portion of western Nebraska. We shall continue this publication as a neat, newsy, and interesting weekly paper. We know there are many stories from that part of Nebraska that will interest you all. Not only the stories of the past, but of the present thrift, and future prospects.

"Now what we want to say is that we have enjoyed all the patronage here that we could have expected under the circumstances, yet it has not been enough to warrant us in continuing in this field of operation, hence the change. We wish also to say that we do not regret having spent a year with our old friends in our home town."

## EVENTS AT LITCHFIELD

Mrs. Mat Robertson, who was visiting here, left on No. 40 for her home on Wednesday.

Miss Jessie Friend came in on No. 40, Wednesday, with Clyde McCormick, looking well.

Mrs. Halbeison is down with pneumonia. She is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George De Bruers.

Dr. C. E. Paul was a passenger to Kansas City on No. 44 Tuesday night. He expects to purchase some Louisiana lands.

Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel left for their home in Iowa on Wednesday morning, where Mr. Wetzel has a farm, with the best wishes of the community.

Johnnie Burt informs me that there were 40,366 pieces of mail handled on the rural routes out of Litchfield during the month of January.

The stork is around again. He left a baby girl with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCormick Wednesday. They are staying with Mrs. McCormick's father, George Kenyon.

Henry Harry, an auctioneer, of Grand Island, came up on No. 41 Thursday night (as that train stopped for Dr. Raney, of Lincoln, who came up to operate on Mrs. George Dickerson, to cry C. A. Arnett's sale on Wednesday.

Clyde McCormick informs me that his mother, who was taken to Columbus for an operation on a supposed case of cancer, is doing well under treatment there. That she is up and dressed and will soon be home. His father is sick in bed with what is said to be la grippe, or two much or too little of something.

George Dickerson has just informed me that the operation on his wife for tumor, by Dr. Raney, of Lincoln, seemed to be entirely successful. She had not entirely recovered from

the influence of the anesthetic. The case is said to have been a bad one.

J. W. Gowdown had the misfortune to be burned out of his home last Wednesday, and to be burned out of his home this cold weather is no joke. Their neighbor, William Jones, gave them shelter until they could move into the Homer Hockett house on his farm, where they now are. The fire started from the kitchen stove pipe. They lost all of their furniture and bedding upstairs, but saved the downstairs furniture, except the cook stove and organ.

We talk about oldtimers who came here in the early '70s, but how is this for high? Dr. C. E. Paul went to Ponca, Neb., to his his old aunt last week and returned on Saturday. He had not seen this aunt since he was six years old, and the following is a brief history of her and her husband's life and travels. Raised in North Carolina, they moved to Virginia, then to the David Crockett country in Kentucky; from there to Keokuk, Iowa; while there her husband fought in the Black Hawk war in Illinois, under General Jeff Davis, and Colonel Abe Lincoln. She saw Abe Lincoln often. In 1839, two years afterwards, they traveled to the great Northwest with the Hudson Bay company, all of which was then known as Oregon. They moved back to Iowa about '49 and again joined the rush to California. Moved back again to Iowa about '59 and from there her husband joined the army of the North in the great Rebellion in the '60s. After the war they stayed in Iowa about twenty-nine years and then moved to her present home at Ponca, where Dr. Paul visited last week. He says she is hale and hearty, reads without glasses and is full of life. As the doctor describes it, "she is a regular sport."

### CLEAR CREEK SAND

Ella Reed has the tonsillitis. Sammy Hill is on the sick list. Bulah Brookshier has the grip. Florence Richmond has the grip. Cold weather in this neck of the woods.

Miss Retta Gasteyer has been sick with the grip.

Ed Harper's new house is ready for the plasterers.

Richard Hickman is not in school on account of sickness.

Otis Eby is doing chores for his sister, Mrs. W. H. Hill.

Henry Reed has a very painful earache, caused by the grip.

Tom Parsley came back from his visit to David City, Monday.

Ralph Teters made a business trip to the county seat, Wednesday.

A. D. Jones shipped one of his fancy hogs to Mr. Brand, of Cairo, Neb., Monday.

Dorr Spencer is chore boy for Mrs. Clark, while O. A. is visiting his folks in Indiana.

Mrs. Frank Boroff went to Donophan, Neb., to attend the burial of her grandfather.

Lloyd Rainforth has been suffering with a severe earache and has been out of school.

Kufus Hill came home from Broken Bow, where he has been visiting for the past week.

Mrs. Kuhn's niece and her husband, of Mason, visited with the Kuhn family a few days.

One of the fine black driving horses owned by Will Black had its leg broke from a kick by another horse.

Sam Eastabrook and family and Miss Retta Gasteyer took Sunday dinner at the F. T. Richmond home.

Walter Shetler, G. A. Richmond and F. T. Richmond hauled corn from

the Litchfield elevator, Tuesday.

Mrs. Tom Parsley came back Saturday from Columbus, where she had been visiting for the past three weeks.

Paul Hickman, Fred Brookshire and Fred Richmond, Jr., attended the meeting of the Brotherhood, Monday evening.

Wes Miller and wife are visiting friends on Clear Creek. They visited Ernest Garret and wife and Frank Kuhn and wife.

Boyd Hill came home from Broken Bow, Wednesday. He has been confined to his bed with rheumatism since coming home, but is a little better at this writing.

Charlie Elinge is doing chores for George Curry since he has been sick. Mr. Curry was much better Friday and we hope he will be able to be brought back home soon.

A. D. Jones' hog sale was held in Litchfield, Friday. His fancy stock brought fancy prices and Mr. Jones was more than pleased with the returns of his first venture in thoroughbred Hampshire bred sow sale.

FOR SALE.

Five and one-half acres of land, also another tract of four and one-half acres; six lots fenced chicken tight, half in cherry and plum trees. A team of four and six year old dark brown mares, weight 2,500 pounds. Also a bran new two seated spring wagon, set of double harness and a sow with five pigs.—Alfred Anderson.

FOR SALE.

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**James Bartunek**  
Hardware and Harness

### PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will sell at public auction, at the old Frank Dymek farm, 4 miles north of Rockville, 7 miles southwest of Ashton and 3 1/2 miles northeast of Austin, on Wednesday, February 9, The following property. In case of storm sale will be postponed one week.

Ten head of good work horses and mares and young colts.

Seventeen head of cattle consisting of some good milk cows, one bull and several calves.

Also a lot of farm machinery in good condition and a lot of household articles. A free luncheon will be served at noon. The usual terms will be given purchasers.

Hans Smith is the auctioneer and E. Dwehus will act as clerk.

EMORY M'COY, Owner.

### Farmers' Company Incorporates.

The Farmers' Union Co-Operative Association filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk Monday of this week. The authorized capital stock of the association is \$15,000.00 of which \$1,500.00 is fully paid up.

The affairs of this association will be conducted by a board of nine directors to be elected annually. The officers are elected from the board of directors and are as follows: William Hancock, president; Hans Johnson, secretary and treasurer. The other directors are John Howe, L. M. Bly, R. E. Hartzell, John Peterson, C. L. Burt, F. E. Pinckney and D. L. Jacoby.

The business of the association is the buying and selling of seed, grain, live stock and all products of the farm, and the buying and selling of all kinds of merchandise. The purchase of any real estate needed for the carrying on of the business is authorized by the articles of incorporation.

In addition to the signatures of the board of directors, the articles of incorporation also contain the signatures of more than fifty other representative and progressive farmers of the county.

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