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The state school apportionment for Sherman county this year is a fraction over 67 cents per scholar, or \$2,032.

It is claimed that our E. A. Brown will be the only newspaper man in the lower house of the Nebraska legislature. What a hot time Ed. will have trying to leave the whole bunch. Ed. will have his hands and heart full in representing the press of Nebraska in the house all by his own lonesome. But we'll bank on Ed. being able to do it in good shape if he can but stifle his popocracy the while.

The Omaha Bee reports a bad odor arising from the management of the Kearney State Normal. It is charged that persons in large numbers have been employed there at fat salaries, with little or nothing to do, while many were employed whose names do not appear on the vouchers, but were paid out of what is known as the dormitory fund. The stench is so pronounced that an investigation will likely be ordered. Let there be no whitewashing in any event.

Representative E. A. Brown went down to Lincoln last Friday to pick out his seat in the house for the coming session and secure best hotel accommodations. Bro. Brown, even if belonging to the minority, will have a good chance to make a good record if he will make a handsome fight in favor of retrenchment along some of the lines spoken of by us this week and along other lines it will be our intention to bring to light in these columns, gained from attendance at two sessions of the Nebraska legislature.

Last session of the Nebraska legislature, the Northwestern attacked the constitutionality of allowing the president pro tem of the senate and the speaker of the house \$3 per day each for presiding over those bodies. We kept up the fight till the state auditor submitted the question to Attorney General Brown, who decided such remuneration clearly unconstitutional and thus our fight on that piece of graft, saves to the state about \$400 each session. The member of either house who in the future becomes presiding officer will have to exist on his salary as member, minus that handsome little perquisite of \$3 per day.

As is usual with all incoming legislatures, the talk of retrenchment is loud. Of course the talk relates in a large measure to retrenchment in the matter of employes. And in a sense it is just. For instance, we will take the appointment of proof-readers and copyholders. There are two readers and two copyholders in the house at \$3 per day, when for a fact one proofreader and one copyholder would be a great plenty, and could easily perform the work and then some. We know of what we speak, having been a proofreader in the house at a former session. There are times when the two employes would be obliged to do strenuous work for a number of hours at a stretch, when there was an unusual rush of bills, or when the printers had allowed the number of bills to augment to a large number in their hands before printing, which they have no right to do, but even under these conditions, the proofreader would have ample time to do his work, and with a sufficiency of idle time on his hands. A still better way to do would be to abolish the appointment of proofreaders and copyholders in both houses, and have the printers furnish the bills properly printed and proof read to both houses, as is done in Iowa and other states, even if the printers were paid a little more for doing that work. It now costs the state at least \$18 per day during the session for proofreaders and copyholders in both houses, said appointments in nine cases out of ten going to employes utterly incompetent and having not the remotest idea of the work in hand, but appointed merely to give some members employes for the session. In fact, any competent proofreader, with a good assistant, could easily have time to read all the bills of both house and senate, if the printers would print the bills as fast as they came into their hands. And what we say in regard to this branch of the public service, will also apply in a large measure to the various clerks, gate and door keepers, post-arms, pages, janitors, etc., and everybody who has put in time at a session of the legislature knows the above to be a matter of fact. We call the above to the attention of our representative, E. A. Brown, and call upon him to take action along the above lines. Will he?

### A Private Postoffice System.

W. D. Boyce, the multi-millionaire publisher of Chicago, has made a startling proposition which may be summed up in these brief paragraphs: To turn over the postoffice business to a \$50,000 private corporation under full government regulations.

To reduce by one-half all postal rates, establish rural postal express and apply business methods throughout.

To pay the government rental for postoffice quarters, and charge it regular rates for its postal business.

To place in charge a well-known railroad traffic expert to whom the place has been offered at \$30,000 annually.

To eliminate all sinecures, politics and the deficit.

To pay the government all profits above 7 per cent on capital.

This is startling because it is unique. Running the postoffice department has for all time been the recognized prerogative of the government and it scared folks to think of the postoffice being run in any other way. But there is nothing startling after all in the proposition when a second thought is taken.

For many years it has been the hobby of the Quiz that if the department were placed in the hands of competent private management it could be made a financial success. We are therefore glad to see this proposition come from a man of so much force and prominence, and especially that he proposes to make it pay by immediately cutting the postal rates in two.

We are hoping that the proposition will be accepted, though of course we cannot look for such a thing to be done until the question has been agitated thoroughly.

What a train of evils this transfer of business would do away with.

First, a deficit of a few millions a year.

Second, doing away with a great army of political appointees, many of whom are notoriously incompetent.

Third, the reduction of opportunities for frauds on the government.

Fourth, putting a stop to the frank evil.

That the proposition could be carried out with profit to the government, the public and the company is safe to rely upon.

The fact of the whole system being under strict government control would prevent any injustice being done the public.

We would like to see business methods applied to this great work, which a political government cannot do.—Ord Quiz.

### Goes Bryan One Better.

Charles Nesbit of Washington, goes Bryan one better on his government ownership proposition. Nesbit would not only have the government own the railroads but operate them without charge as to carrying of freight and equitably as to passengers. "Why," asks Mr. Nesbit, "should not the railroads through the countries be as free to every citizen as the streets, or the river, the lake and the country road?" Mr. Nesbit boldly declares that the money to build and operate the railroads as well as the huge profits all came from the people and that they have strength and money enough to finance the plan several times over. Mr. Nesbit's proposition is at least startling enough to make the country sit up and take notice, that he will have to take his place in the Edward Bellamy class of impractical visionaries.—Fremont Tribune.

The corn crop for Nebraska this year is 241,383,537 against 243,713,244 in 1905, being a decrease of 2,329,707. This in spite of the fact that there is an increase of acreage this year over last of 368,418 acres. Sherman county has 58,502 acres, averaging 34.5 bushels per acre, giving 2,018,319 as the production, with the value at \$746,778.03. Dakota county led in the yield per acre, which was 40 bushels, while Kimball county was the lowest with 17.5 bushels to the acre. The total acreage for the state was 6,840,905, the average yield 35.28 bushels to the acre, the production 241,383,537 bushels and the value \$489,311,908.68.

The Northwestern has a request for advertising prices from the Burlington railroad company. In the letter which accompanies the request the company states that after Jan. 1st it will extend no transportation to newspaper publishers, but will pay cash for advertising and require cash likewise for railroad tickets. The request for rates on advertising space was promptly and gladly complied with and the new arrangement is most heartily commended.

Of course, Bryan finds fault with President Roosevelt's message. That is the best of evidence that the message is all O. K., because William Jennings has a faculty of always being on the wrong side.

More than 9,000 tons of sugar beets have been moved from Scotts Bluffs since the beet harvest begun.

Hog cholera is raging in Washington and Dodge counties.

### Notice To Bidders.

I, C. F. Beushausen, county clerk of Sherman county, Nebraska, estimate that the following books, blanks and stationery will be required for the use of the county officers for the ensuing year:

LOT ONE.—Three gross lead pencils, best grade; one gross penholders; twelve gross Arnold's writing fluid; twelve gross sized pens; twenty-four gross assorted rubber bands; two reams Crane's Japanese linen legal cap; two reams Columbia legal cap; one gross indelible election pencils; three dozen election ink cones; eight eight-quire record books; two patent flexible back flap opening, best linen paper; 3,000 triplicate tax receipts, blocked; 1,000 tax receipts in triplicate, bound and perforated; 300 in book for county treasurer; to fold for use with carbon paper; thirteen sets of poll books, envelopes and ballot sacks; seven chattel mortgage files, 30 in file.

LOT TWO.—1,000 1/8 sheet blanks; 5,000 1/4 sheet blanks; 1,000 1/2 sheet blanks; 1,000 full sheet blanks, all blanks to be of good heavy paper; 3,000 note heads; 6,000 roster heads; note heads and letter heads to be of good heavy paper; 4,000 6 1/2 inch xxx envelopes; 2,000 10-inch xxx envelopes.

LOT THREE.—Court dockets, one case to page, indexed, with list of jurors, court officers and resident attorneys on that cap paper, in lots of forty; 8,000 election ballots.

Sealed bids for each or any of the above three lots of supplies must be filed with the county clerk at his office in Loup City, Nebraska, on or before the first day of January, 1907.

Bids will be received and must be filed in the county clerk's office on or before January 1st, 1907, for publishing delinquent tax list, county treasurer's financial statement, road and bridge notices and other notices required by the county.

The county board reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1906.

C. F. BEUSHAUSEN,  
County Clerk.  
(Last pub. Dec. 27.)

### Omaha Elevator Co.

will buy hogs at Austin elevator, on Monday and Tuesday of each week. Highest price paid.

### Big Bargain Week.

During the week of December 21st to 28th inclusive, The Nebraska State Journal will accept \$3 from mail subscribers for the whole year of 1907, without Sunday, or \$4 with Sunday the regular price is \$4 and \$5. This cut price is only good during this Bargain week, and all you have to do is to mail your remittance to the Nebraska State Journal, Lincoln, Neb., during that time, and you will receive the paper the whole year of 1907. Such a cut price is possible on account of large savings made by taking solicitors off the road. Instead of paying out railroad fare, hotel bills and other expenses, these savings are given to our subscribers direct by this big bargain offer. The coming session of the legislature will be the most interesting one ever held in the history of the state, and no matter what your politics are you should read the State Journal during this time. Reforms will be made in our present laws, reforms that interest you in dollars and cents. No matter what other papers you are taking during such a session of the legislature you should be a Journal reader. Write a postal asking for a sample copy. The Journal sends for all that is best for Nebraskans and wants you to feel that whatever is for the public good is for its good. There is a new deal in Nebraska governmental affairs, and you should be watching every move. Farmers and all the other producers of the state are vitally interested in what will be done at Lincoln this winter. Remember the Bargain Week December 21st to 28th. The Journal is the paper for you.

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### Road Notice.

(Tracy Road)

To all to whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed to view and locate a road commencing at the center of section twenty-six (26), sixteen (16) fifteen (15) and running thence west on half-section line between the northwest quarter and southwest quarter of section twenty-six (26), sixteen (16) fifteen (15), about 80 rods and terminating at road No. 206 as shown on road plat, has reported in favor of the establishment thereof, and all objections and claims for damages must be filed in the office of the county clerk of Sherman county on or before February 1st, 1907, or said road will be established without reference thereto.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1906.

C. F. BEUSHAUSEN,  
County Clerk.

### Road Notice.

(Fisher Road)

To all to whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed to view and locate a road commencing at the section corner stake at corner of sections twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27), thirty-four (34) and thirty-five, Township sixteen (16), Range fourteen (14) said county, and running thence north two miles between sections twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27), and sections twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23) in said town and range and terminating at the section corner of section fourteen (14), fifteen (15), twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23) in said town and range has reported in favor of the establishment thereof and all objections or claims for damages must be filed in the office of the county clerk of Sherman county on or before February 1st, 1907, or said road will be established without reference thereto.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1906.

C. F. BEUSHAUSEN,  
County Clerk.

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