

STATE SCHOOL FUND

DISTRIBUTED ON THE BASIS OF SCHOOL POPULATION.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

A total school population of 279,926 children in Nebraska for the years 1913 and 1914 calls for the annual distribution of \$349,013 according to tables announced by the state superintendent. Of the amount the three principal sources from which the funds come are as follows: Bond interest, \$164,931; interest on school and saline lands leased, \$83,061, and interest on school and saline lands sold, \$40,511. Douglas county with 42,223 children of school age draws \$38,787 and registers high place in the state. Lancaster county, second, with about half as many school children, will be paid \$19,399. Banner and Grant counties press each other hard for low place

NEBRASKANS IN THE PUBLIC EYE



RICHARD L. METCALFE
Recent Governor of Panama, who has been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the formal opening of the Panama canal in 1915.

with Banner just a shade in the lead. It has 383 school children and Grant county has 385.

Alfalfa Pays.

Wm. H. Smith of the Seward Independent Democrat is responsible for the following item:

"L. E. Ost, who acts as agent for the Burlington railroad in Seward, and raises a patch of alfalfa on the side, is convinced that no crop grown in Nebraska is more profitable than alfalfa, and that good alfalfa land is dirt cheap at \$150 per acre.

"Mr. Ost has five acres sown to alfalfa, from which four cuttings were made last year, the yield amounting to 21 tons and 680 pounds, and for the crop he has received \$238.20. He hired all the work done in caring for the crop, and this cost him \$51.55, which made the net receipts from the five acres \$186.65, or an income of \$37.33 per acre net, which is equivalent to almost 25 per cent on \$150 land."

Many Horses Named.

Two hundred and nineteen horses have been named for the early closing races of the 1914 Nebraska State Fair, as compared with 174 made last year. All the speed events were filled except the two-year-old pace. Forty-two horses were named for the two-year-old trot, twenty-five for the three-year-old trot, forty-eight for the 2:30 trot and thirty-three for the 2:20 trot, twelve for the three-year-old pace, twenty-eight for the 2:25 pace and thirty for the 2:14 pace.

A. A. Reed, inspector of accredited schools, declares that great benefit has been derived from the free high-school law. Last year more than 5,000 non-resident pupils attended accredited schools, he says. This is a great forward movement in secondary education.

Cost of Road Improvement.

More than one and three-quarters millions of dollars raised by taxation was spent in Nebraska last year for the improvement of roads, according to figures collected by Secretary Seymour of the state board of equalization from the treasurers of the respective counties. A slightly less amount was levied as taxes for the special purpose of building and repairing bridges. Secretary Seymour's returns show an aggregate of \$1,759,044 expended on roads during 1913. This does not include any outlay for paving in cities. The total amount of taxes levied for all purposes in Nebraska was \$22,487,791, so that about 8 per cent of all taxation revenues went to improve highways.

The last state legislature provided by statute for the observance of "Pioneers' Memorial Day" the second Sunday in June each year. This year it comes on June 14 and the officers of the Nebraska Territorial Pioneers' association and of the State Historical society are anxious for its general observance throughout the state.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

A new ice plant has been opened in Auburn.

Sewer bonds carried by a majority of 61 votes at Ravenna.

Heavy rains have put the crops of Jefferson county in excellent condition.

A state officers' camp will be held at the state farm at Lincoln, June 1 to 10.

The state postmasters' association will be in session at Lincoln next week.

The annual state convention of insurance agents will meet in Lincoln, June 9 and 10.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed several buildings in Plattsmouth, causing a small loss.

Willard Swaney, aged 10, was drowned while swimming in the Blue river near Hebron.

The Sunday schools of Nemaha county held their annual convention at Johnson last week.

A class of seventy-two, the largest in the history of the school, graduated at Beatrice last week.

The German Lutheran church near Wausa was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

The cornerstone of the new \$16,000 Swedish Lutheran church seven miles northwest of Swedeburg was laid.

The council of the diocese of Nebraska of the Protestant Episcopal church will meet in Lincoln in 1915.

Edward Wilken, a farmer living east of Norfolk, was seriously injured when his automobile was struck by a train.

Sixty-three coyote scalps were brought in to the court house at North Platte for the collection of the bounty.

Transfusion of a quart of blood from her husband's arteries may save the life of Mrs. Joseph Bent of Rosemont.

Wolves are getting to be a menace in the neighborhood south of Beatrice, and hunting parties are a favorite pastime.

P. J. Corcoran, an Omaha letter carrier for the past twenty-six years, died Tuesday of tuberculosis, aged 57 years.

From 500 to 700 delegates are expected to attend the meeting of the state P. E. O. at Lincoln, June 18 and 19.

Arthur White, aged 23 years, was instantly killed when he was thrown from his motorcycle near Cozad. His skull was crushed.

J. H. Jones, instructor of science and athletics in the Weeping Water high school, has been elected to a position in the Central City schools.

The building of the Farmers' Co-operative Grain company elevator at Greeley Center has been started and construction is being pushed rapidly.

Frank Ellenberger, instructor in manual training and athletics at the high school at Bancroft, has accepted a similar position with the high school at Red Oak, Ia.

Arthur Wessburg of North Platte, who had just enlisted in the U. S. navy, and was on his way to report at Grand Island, fell from a train and was instantly killed.

Roy Patterson, a well known and prosperous farmer of Scotts Bluff county, was killed by lightning Friday night, as he drove into his yard on his return from town.

Franklin J. Crowell, confessed bigamist, hanged himself in his cell at David City after he had been sentenced to serve from one to four years in the state penitentiary.

Guy Reese of Plattsmouth sustained a broken ankle while riding a motorcycle from Lincoln to his home. He collided with another machine and was thrown some distance.

During a severe electrical and rain storm, lightning struck the steeple of the Congregational church at Weeping Water, causing a fire that threatened to destroy the building.

Miss Goida Mountain and Miss Pearl Lanning were injured when they collided when playing drop the handkerchief at Dawson, Tuesday. Miss Lanning sustained a deep cut above one eye and both were bruised.

Edith Barker and Iva Seid of Nemaha were severely bruised when a buggy in which they were riding tipped over.

A class of fifty-five was confirmed in the Bancroft Catholic church, some coming from Lyons, Pender and Walthill. Bishop Thien of Lincoln was present.

Nebraska will have one more first-class postoffice after July 1. At present there are four such offices: Lincoln, Omaha, Grand Island and Fremont. Beatrice will be admitted into the select circle when the new order of classification is made.

Plans are being perfected at Beatrice for the erection of a \$27,000 theater which will seat about 1,500 and be thoroughly modern.

Rains at Verdigré swelled the creek into a torrent which inundated the town and caused a \$25,000 property loss. Many people were barely awakened in time to flee to safety.

C. D. Robinson of Table Rock has just marketed his first harvest of Osage orange posts from the grove that he planted twenty-three years ago. It consisted of about 40,000 posts, besides a great quantity of fire wood.

The German Lutheran church at Auburn was dedicated Sunday.

After a canvass of the city, Fremont is convinced that the business men want a festival during the summer and a committee is already laying plans for a combined industrial and agricultural show to be held during August. Four counties will be invited to participate in the fair.

Miss Peterson, organizer of boys' and girls' clubs of the University Extension bureau, organized a class of over forty in domestic science at Crawford, with Miss Ruth Forbes as president.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By O. E. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR JUNE 7

COMING OF THE KINGDOM.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 17:20-37.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Lo, the Kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:21.

I. The Kingdom Present, vv. 20, 21. The Pharisees held some peculiar ideas about the coming of the kingdom. Contrary to their ideas there are no special outward signs to herald its coming. The word "observation" v. 20, is an astronomical one and suggests that the kingdom was to come in a bodily shape from the sky, a current expectation on the part of the Pharisees.

In answer to the boastful Pharisees (v. 20) Jesus plainly told them that he himself is the kingdom, and that that kingdom was in their midst or "among you," see (v. 21) margin. Their question was a flippant one, one of unbelief, and to it Jesus makes a characteristically brief, but clear reply, that partook of the nature of a rebuke. The kingdom would not come with trumpets and drum. They could not say, "Lo here! lo there!" Its coming was not to be spectacular, arresting the attention of some who in turn brought it to the attention of others. The authorized rendering "within you" does not imply that the kingdom already existed in the individual lives of his questioners. Subsequent teaching of Jesus shows that he here refers to another and a final coming of the kingdom, at the time of the final coming of the son of man.

What he desired to teach these Pharisees was that the kingdom of which they spoke had already appeared due to the fact of his presence in their midst. The carping Pharisees withdrew and Jesus speaks openly to his disciples of the days that will come, a time of persecution when they will long for comfort.

Prophecy Fulfilled.

II. The Visible Son of Man, vv. 22-24. The kingdom in its outward form was rejected by the Jews, John 1:26, 27. In its spiritual form it is now in the hearts of believers (Rom. 14:17), but he who was rejected with contempt will one day be sought after, though in vain, Matt. 23:37-39. During the time of his absence many shall claim to be Christ (v. 23), but we are not to believe such claims. History has abundantly proved and fulfilled this prophecy. When he really comes there will be a sudden publicity (v. 24), that shall flash from one corner to the other of the heavens, Matt. 24:27; then "every eye shall behold him." "So shall the son of man be in his day." This instruction Jesus gives to his disciples. Men shall search for him, a time when he shall not be present as he then was. After the false ones will come a day of revelation when the whole heavens will reveal him and all will know it.

Finality of Events.

III. The Day of the Son of Man, vv. 25-27. Before that day comes, however, he must suffer and be rejected, but following that rejection men will marry, carry on merchandising and merriment as in the days of Noah and those of Lot. In the days of Noah and of Lot there came a sudden halt in these activities and a judgment of flood and fire, even so "after the same manner shall it be in the day that the son of man is revealed," v. 30. This refers to the finality of events when the kingdom of God comes by way of judgment. Here Jesus sets his seal upon the truthfulness of these two events which preceded his first advent. If they be not true then he is a false teacher. Like as men discredit those events they likewise would set aside his teaching about his second advent. Many claim that verse 31 refers to the destruction of Jerusalem; the context to us clearly disproves any such interpretation. Verses 32 and 33 must be taken together.

Summary. Quite emphatically this passage is a teaching on the subject of the coming of the kingdom of God. That kingdom came when Christ came in grace. It will come when he comes in judgment. It is coming constantly between the two advents. Remember his reading of Isaiah's prophecy, Luke 4:18, 19; cf. Isa. 61:1-9. In his first advent he did come to preach the acceptable year, the year of grace. That day is still with us. In his second advent he will proclaim the day of the vengeance of God. He will establish the kingdom, will build the waste places and raise desolations. Today the kingdom of God is among us in power through the presence of Christ by the spirit in the living church.

To the Pharisees he said: "Neither shall they say, lo here! lo there! for the kingdom is in your midst." To his disciples he said: "They shall say lo here! lo here! go not away nor follow them." We cannot localize the kingdom. On an ancient Syrian fragment the words of Luke 1:33 read, "and to his kingdom there shall be no frontier." On the lips of the Pharisees, kingdom meant a political organization and empire. With Jesus it means a spiritual realm universal in extent, a rule of righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. When he appears all will know.

"Hard Luck" Story.
A Washington clubman is firmly convinced that the fates are against him, especially with reference to his golf playing.
"It's no use," he said to a friend, "I can't lift the hoodoo." Nine times out of ten I miss the ball when driving off from the first tee at the Country club. And every one of those nine times I look around and find the veranda lined with people, all staring at me with eyes the size of porcelain plaques on a plate rail. The tenth time, however, I hit the ball; I knock it to a speck. Then I turn proudly around, my chest swelling with pride. And there's not a single soul on the veranda. Everybody has just gone in."

SCALP ITCHED AND BURNED

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