

TEACHERS' WILL TEST LAW

State Association Appropriates Money to Defend Free High School Law.

CALLS ON THE SCHOOLS TO CO-OPERATE

Governor Poynter Will Oppose Any Movement to Remove Lang from the Institute for Feeble-Minded Youth.

LINCOLN, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The thirty-fourth annual convention of the Nebraska State Teachers' association was brought to a close here tonight with a general session at the First Presbyterian church.

At the general session this morning John Lenners of Omaha spoke on school attendance, David H. Meyer of the State university spoke on psychology of education and discussions were held by W. K. Fowler of Blair and A. H. Waterhouse of Omaha.

The following resolution touching upon the free high school attendance law was adopted by the association:

Resolved, That the free high school attendance law has been declared unconstitutional by a district judge in Lancaster county, and

Resolved, That the educational council of Nebraska has received word that the State Teachers' association appropriate \$100, or so much thereof as may be needed, to procure competent counsel to defend said law before the supreme court; and,

Resolved, That we recommend that all high school districts in Nebraska sustaining this law assist in a vigorous defense of its validity before said court; and further, be it

Resolved, That the high school districts cooperate in requesting the honorable court to advance the case on the calendar to an immediate hearing.

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Poynter Will Back Lang. Governor Poynter will vigorously oppose any movement to remove Benjamin F. Lang from the office of superintendent of the Institute for Feeble-Minded Youth at Beatrice.

Wants Wife on Payroll. The claim is made by the opponents of the superintendent that he has been trying for several months to get his wife on the payroll of the institution as matron.

Having Trouble Over Poles. Telegraph and Telephone Companies Which Do Not Obey City Ordinances Are Involved.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The Postal Telegraph company, which is building a telegraph line to this city, using the poles of the Independent Telephone company, was stopped by the mayor today.

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HUMOR GERMS EXPULSED BY Cuticura Resolvent Greatest of Blood Purifiers and Humor Cures.

That is to say, it purifies the blood and cures skin diseases, such as eczema, eruptions, the common, white, and red heads, itching, and other ailments of the face, neck, and scalp.

TETTER ON HANDS CURED I had been troubled with tetter for several years. At times my hands would be sore all over, and I could not do my work.

BLOOD POISON CURED One of my children ran a rusty nail into his foot, which was most painful. His blood got out and he was very ill.

EVERLASTING ITCHING I have been troubled with an ever-lasting itching and burning of the skin on my face. It was so bad that I could not sleep at night.

SAVE YOUR SKIN Hands and feet by using CUTICURA SOAP.

perintendent Lang afterward changed the figures to read \$16.66. A voucher for the balance was drawn in favor of Mrs. Lang, but when it was presented at the state house the auditor became suspicious.

Lang's next move was to have his wife appointed superintendent at a salary of \$25 per month. There are no duties attached to the position, it is charged.

Another illustration of the methods employed by Lang is found in the case of Mrs. Conant of Omaha, who has a girl in the Beatrice institution.

In the case of Miss Edith Ross of this city, who was recently discharged from the institution without cause, Lang paid her last month's salary in cash and then forged the name of Miss Ross to a warrant and drew the money from the treasury himself.

State Board Commission. S. P. DeLator of Lewellen and J. H. Quigley of Valentine, members of the State Board and Marks commission, arrived in this city this afternoon to begin the work of checking over the 1,700 applications for brands.

Notarial Commissions Issued Today. The notarial commissions were issued today to J. M. S. Sherrin, Lyman Searl of Omaha and V. S. Rohrer of Hastings.

All the newly elected judges of the district court of Douglas county have filed their oath of office with the secretary of the court.

Governor Poynter has been appointed one of the vice presidents of a mass meeting that will be held in New York City December 31 by the National Irish-American society for the purpose of expressing sympathy with the Boers.

Lyman H. Fitch, a populist of Stockville, has been appointed county treasurer examiner by Auditor Cornell to take the place of J. M. Gilchrist, who has been transferred to an inland office.

The State Board of Transportation this afternoon appointed Patrick Ford of Omaha to the position of state weighmaster, to take the place of C. F. Zeller, promoted to grain inspector.

The Burlington Railroad company this morning compromised by the payment of \$5,000 the three suits instituted to recover damages for the death of James B. Doyle, Luke Boyce and Elmer E. Graham, killed in a wreck at West Lincoln last winter.

"After accepting of the laws of the State Board of Transportation this afternoon furnished that attorney general with evidence of the violation by the railroads of the order made in 1887, prohibiting the 100-pound rate in live stock shipments and restorin' railroad rates to the normal standard.

The records of the auditor's office form the best evidence of Lang's mismanagement. These records show that in one case he signed the name of an ex-employee to a state warrant and in another case he changed the figure on a voucher so that his wife might draw \$50 from the state for work that was performed by some other person.

These facts were laid before the governor today, but he refused to take any official notice of them, asserting that Lang was without doubt the best superintendent the institution had ever had.

Several of the state officials today expressed themselves as being of the opinion that Lang should be removed at once and it is quite probable that some concerted action will be taken within the next few days.

The reports submitted to the auditor by Superintendent Lang are another evidence of his incompetence for the position he now holds. An attaché of the governor's office has been kept busy for several weeks checking over his accounts and on one or two occasions it was found necessary to send for Lang to explain entries which could not be understood by the experts at the state house.

KILLS MAN AND HORSES. TOO Union Pacific East Mail at Shelton Runs Down a Farmer and His Team.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The Union Pacific eastbound fast mail ran into a team that was crossing the track at Shelton at 11:30 o'clock this morning, killing William Lippincott, the driver, and both horses instantly.

THOMPSON IS DECLARED INSANE. Railway Company Ataches Money Deposited by His Estate Agent.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—H. C. Thompson, the agent of the Missouri Pacific at Talmage, who disappeared from home a few days ago and later was discovered in Omaha, was taken before the Oee county commissioners of insanity here today and adjudged insane.

Pastor Says He Bought Whiskey. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—John C. Schlar of Marley was given a hearing before Police Judge Archer on the charge of illegally selling liquors. Elder E. J. Emmons, pastor of the Christian church in Elmwood, testified that he can-

tered Schlar's place of business with J. B. Lynch and purchased a half pint of whiskey, and produced the bottle containing the same. J. B. Lynch of Lincoln testified that he purchased a half pint of whiskey from Schlar. Schlar was bound over to the next term of the district court.

Two Judges Are Banqueted. HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The Adams County Bar association gave a banquet at Masonic temple last night to B. F. Beall, retiring judge of the Tenth judicial district, and Judge M. Adams, his successor. There were over fifty in attendance.

Injunction Granted. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—General L. W. Colby this afternoon secured a temporary injunction from Judge Still, restraining County Treasurer Maurer from selling his law library, etc., under distress warrant attachment until the case can be heard in the district court, which convenes January 8. In his petition General Colby claims that the tax assessment was illegal and makes the same general averment as in the case now being heard before the Board of Supervisors.

Changes in Gothenburg Firms. GOTHENBURG, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The firm of Strable Bros. dissolved today, Charles A. Strable retiring. John F. Strable assumed the firm, and will continue the year A. L. Davis will purchase one-half the business and the new firm will be known as Strable & Davis.

Inmate Druggist Arrested. RED CLOUD, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Wesley Wilson, a druggist at Inavate, Webster county, was brought here last night charged with selling liquor illegally. He was bound over for trial January 5.

ROBBERS GET WARM GREETING One of Them Shot and Killed—Passenger on Street Car Also Shot.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—In an attempt to hold up a Ballard street car late last night a highwayman was shot and killed. There were eight passengers aboard when two men wearing masks boarded the car—one at the front and the other at the rear.

WINDOW GLASS WORKS OPEN Forty-Four Factories, Idle Since Last June, to Resume for Six Months.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 29.—Tonight at midnight forty-four window glass factories, representing 1,700 pots, capacity of the American Window Glass company, got into operation.

TO BE NO FUSION IN INDIANA People's Party State Central Committee Decides to Go It Alone Next Year.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.—The people's party state central committee met here this afternoon with a good representation from every part of the state.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER Snow in Western, Fair in Eastern Portion Saturday, with Variable Winds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: For Nebraska—Snow in western, fair in eastern portion Saturday; Sunday probably snow; variable winds.

Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU: OMAHA, Dec. 29.—(Omaha record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years.)

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER. Omaha, clear, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, -1, -2, -3, -4, -5, -6, -7, -8, -9, -10, -11, -12.

HERDS ARE GROWING LESS

European Consumers Making Great Inroads on American Live Stock.

PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF THE HIGH PRICES

Poor People of Great Cities Clamor for Reductions of Meat Prices, Which Are Steadily Mounting Higher.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—High prices of meat have reached a serious point in all of the industrial centers and at the present rate of increase will soon become a problem which the government may be called upon to solve.

The extent to which this shrinkage has been going on is well illustrated by the figures of the Bureau of Animal Industry, which are the present figures, not including milk and veal, beginning with 1889 and down to 1899, the latter year being estimated:

Year. Cattle, 'Inc.—Dec. 1889 36,842,024 +1,816,607 1890 37,876,150 +1,034,126 1891 37,861,239 +74,089 1892 35,564,198 -2,297,041 1893 35,256,263 -307,935 1894 34,364,216 -892,047 1895 32,058,409 -2,305,807 1896 30,408,498 -1,649,911 1897 29,264,197 -1,144,291 1898 27,594,225 -1,670,072 1899 26,899,000 -795,225

In round numbers, beef stock has decreased about 30 per cent within a decade against an approximate increase in population of 30 per cent. It is not difficult to see the fresh unless something is done to arrest the present trend.

The Dingley tariff law of 1897 has accentuated the present trend of the domestic cloth of several years ago threw the burden of supplying Europe with beef upon this country. The Boer war has now added to the foreign demand for meats.

Decrease in Hogs and Sheep. In hogs since 1891 there has been a gradual reduction as the following table shows:

Year. Hogs, 'Inc.—Dec. 1890 50,625,106 +777,074 1891 52,368,401 +1,743,295 1892 45,094,807 -7,273,594 1893 45,206,498 +111,691 1894 44,716,719 -489,779 1895 42,346,749 -2,369,970 1896 40,690,276 -1,656,473 1897 39,795,603 -894,673 1898 38,651,531 -1,144,072 1899 35,500,000 -3,151,531

These figures show that in 1890, when our population was 60,000,000, we had over 14,000,000 hogs more than we now have with a population, excluding the colonies, of 79,000,000. The decrease in sheep has been just as pronounced. It is estimated that there are now in the country 38,000,000 sheep as compared with 50,428,000 in 1887. Texas had in 1887 nearly 8,000,000 sheep, whereas it now has only 2,450,000. Texas likewise had on its range 1,767,800 head of beef and stock cattle against 4,100,000 head at the present time.

Ordinarily, the high prices of all live stock would result in an increased production, but the present high prices, which are the result of a removal of the duty the herds of Mexico can be drawn upon for breeding purposes.

The beefs which are marketed now are much better than ten years ago. This has been the result of a lot of armor intended for the Russian battleship Retvisan, now building at the Cramp shipyards, Philadelphia, was tested today at Indian Head proving ground.

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the secretary of war protesting against the action of the military authorities and notifying him that he must decline to obey the order to place himself within the jurisdiction of the military court. He told the secretary that he had been under military arrest for more than a year and he considered the order issued in his case as unreasonable, as would be any requiring him to commit murder or any other crime.

The correspondence in the case has been referred to General Merritt with instructions to order a court-martial with Captain Shufeldt on charges of scandalous conduct and conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman.

NEW YEAR'S AT WHITE HOUSE

Hours at Which the President Will Receive the Visitors of Different Stations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Secretary Porter returned from Connecticut today and gave out the program for the New Year's reception at the White House. It does not differ materially from that in former years, and is as follows:

11:15 a. m.—The chief justices and associate justices of the supreme court of the United States, the judges of the United States court of claims, the judges of the court of appeals, the judges of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, ex-cabinet members and ex-ministers of the United States.

11:45 a. m.—Officers of the army, officers of the navy, officers of the marine corps, commanding general and general staff of militia of the District of Columbia.

12 m.—The regents and secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the commissioners of fisheries, the Civil Service commission, the Interstate Commerce commission, the commissioners of labor, assistant secretaries of departments, assistant postmaster general, the solicitor general, assistant attorneys general, the treasurer of the United States, commissioner of patents, commissioner of customs and emp'tment of the currency, the heads of bureaus in the several departments, the president of the Columbian Institute for the Deaf and Dumb.

12:15 p. m.—The Associated Veterans of the War of 1846-7, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Union Veteran Legion, Spanish war veterans, the members of the Oldest Inhabitants' association of the District of Columbia.

12:35 p. m.—Reception of citizens, which will terminate at 1:30 p. m. The program for the president's New Year's reception, issued today, is accepted as settling all questions of precedence at official receptions of the three branches of the military service, the army, the navy and the marine corps. According to the program, the departments rank in the order named, thus adhering to the custom established many years ago of placing them in line according to order of organizing.

Although the order in this year's program is the same as it was in the programs of last year and previous years, the program differs from all its predecessors in that it specifies in order officers of the army, officers of the navy, officers of the marine corps, etc., whereas in all previous programs the same order was maintained under the general statement of "officers of the army, navy and marine corps."

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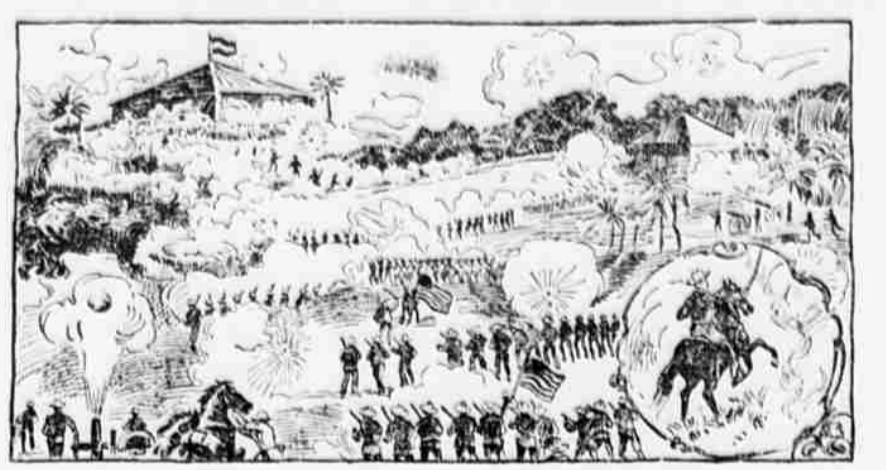
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GEN. JOE WHEELER PRAISES PERUNA, The Great Catarrh Cure.



JOE WHEELER'S CHARGE AT SAN JUAN HILL.

Major General Joseph Wheeler, commanding the cavalry forces in front of Santiago, and the author of "The Santiago Campaign," in speaking of the great catarrh remedy, Per-una, says: "I join with Senators Sullivan, Roach and McHenry in their good opinion of Per-una. It is recommended to me by those who have used it as an excellent tonic, and particularly effective as a cure for catarrh."

United States Senator Roach. "Persuaded by a friend I have used Per-una as a tonic, and am glad to testify that it has greatly helped me in strength, vigor and appetite. I have been advised by friends that it is remarkably efficacious as a cure for the almost universal complaint of catarrh—W. N. Roach, Larimore, North Dakota."

United States Senator McHenry. Hon. S. D. McHenry, United States senator from Louisiana, says the following in regard to Per-una: "Per-una is an excellent tonic. I have used it sufficiently to say that I believe it to be all that you claim for it. S. D. McHenry, New Orleans, Louisiana."

Ask your druggist for a free Per-una Almanac for the year 1900.



"The Overland Limited" Faster Than Ever Leaves Omaha at 8:50 a. m. Daily Arrives San Francisco 5:15 p. m. Portland 6:45 p. m. Afternoon of Third Day. ONLY TWO NIGHTS ON THE ROAD.

FOUR THOUSAND IN ONE DAY How the Lawton Relief Fund is Growing—W. K. Vanderbilt Gives a Thousand.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Adutant General Curtis today told the congressional committee on the Lawton relief fund to date amount to \$39,525.10, being an increase of about \$4,000 since the last previous report Thursday. Following is a list of the subscriptions of \$100 or more received since yesterday:

Carl Philadelphia, \$100; Chicago subscribers through Alex H. Revell, \$1,122; William K. Vanderbilt, \$1,000; John E. Parsons, New York, \$100; E. C. Converse, New York, \$100; James McMillen, \$100; W. L. Etkins, Philadelphia, \$500; daughter of Mr. Einstein of the New York Press, \$100; Mrs. Eleanor Martin, New York, \$100; Timothy O. Woodruff, New York, \$100.

Previously acknowledged December 28, \$26,792.10. Many smaller subscriptions have been received.

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