

News from Over the State

Costly to Students.

A student at the state university has figured that the average cost to students for text books and supplies, and text books, so the courts have decided, include all school supplies, is \$20 a year. For 2,500 students this would mean an annual expenditure of \$50,000. At the lowest estimate 25 per cent of this is profit. This would mean \$12,500 per year in profit, most of which goes to two book stores in Lincoln. If the regents would run their own book store, employ men to do the work, rent a room and pay all expenses it would not cost them more than \$2,500, leaving a clear profit of \$10,000 that would be saved to the students and not a cent would it cost the state.

Wesleyan university, near Lincoln, furnishes text books to the students at cost. This is done through the board of directors, of which Gov. Mickey is a member. "We have been doing this for some time," said the governor, "and our object is to save the students as much money as possible and the scheme has proven practicable."

The state normal board has made arrangements to furnish text books at cost to the students of that institution. School districts over the state buy their books at wholesale prices.

Danes Near Sidney.

George D. Melklejohn, former assistant secretary of war, and a party of capitalists are purchasing from the Union Pacific railway large tracts of land on the divide 12 miles north of Sidney. This syndicate proposes to bring 500 families of Danes to settle on these lands and engage extensively in dairying, the cream to be sent to Omaha and Denver. This land lies contiguous to the Burlington and Union Pacific railroads and is considered the finest grazing land in Nebraska.

Swapping Fish With Kansas.

Nebraska will trade ornamental and fancy fish for Kansas black bass. Five thousand Kansas bass will be brought to the state in exchange for the ornamental fish, which are abundant in the Nebraska hatcheries. The Kansas fish are valued at \$30 a thousand, while the fancy Nebraska fish are valued at \$1 a pair. The work of stocking the streams of this state with the Kansas bass will begin immediately.

Revoked Dentist's License.

The action of the state board of health in revoking the license of Dr. S. E. Worster, of Omaha, to prevent him from practicing dentistry, has been upheld by Judge Holmes, of the district court at Lincoln. Dr. Worster was charged with unprofessional practice, such as plugging sound teeth and such like and incidentally it is said the doctor advertised too much.

A Fence 63 Miles Long.

A fence is being constructed entirely around the Lower Brule reservation, near Chamberlain. It will be quite remarkable in the way of fences, being 63 miles in length. It will be composed of four wires, placed on posts set a rod apart. In its construction 252 miles of wire will be used, weighing 76,000 pounds, and there will be 19,000 posts.

Power from the Creek.

Long Pine is to have an electric light and power plant, the power to run which is to come from Long Pine creek. The power calls for 45 cubic feet a second. It will cost to erect the plant, \$3,000 for the dam, \$5,000 for the machinery and \$2,000 for the building.

Carleton Will Stay in Prison.

C. C. Carleton, of Dodge county, who murdered August Gotham in a fight over a woman nearly ten years ago and who for this crime is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary, will continue for the present at present address, for Gov. Mickey has refused to interfere.

Work on Morton Monument.

Work has been begun on the Morton memorial monument in Morton park at Nebraska City. The contractors expect to have the monument ready for unveiling next Arbor day, which is the birthday anniversary of Mr. Morton.

Working the Teachers.

A book agent in Cass county has been working the teachers on a library scheme to the extent that the county superintendent, C. S. Wortman, has sent out a circular letter warning them against the man.

Sold 600 Bushels of Peaches.

Dan Kiser, a wealthy farmer near Murray, says he has sold over 600 bushels of peaches this year, and could have disposed of as many more. Some he sold for \$1.50 per bushel, but the best brought \$2 per bushel.

Dry Sundays for Papillion.

The Law and Order League which was organized in Papillion a few weeks ago for the purpose of compelling the saloons to abide by the Slocumb law, has begun active work. All saloons were closed tight last Sunday.

Weakened at the Eleventh Hour.

Consideration for the feelings of Miss Ruth Bryan led the girls of the Delta Gamma society, of which Miss Bryan is a member, to abandon a plan which for audacity could have had inception only in the minds of mediaeval robber barons or romantic school girls. The Delta Gamma girls had plans actually and fully laid for the kidnaping of William Homer Leavitt. They wanted to prevent his marriage to Miss Bryan and hit on this idea to effect it. At the eleventh hour some of the girls weakened. "Think what it would mean to Ruth," one suggested. "That's so," chorused some of the more timid of the conspirators, and a few minutes more of discussion led to the resolve by the girls to let the wedding take its course.

Prompt Payment of Taxes.

The report received at the office of the state treasurer from a majority of the county treasurers of the state are to the effect that fully 90 per cent. of all taxes were paid by the first of June. This is due partially to the prosperous condition of the people and partly to the fact that it is cheaper to borrow money and pay the taxes than it is to pay the penalty. On real property the taxes delinquent draw interest from May 1, and according to the reports received there will be little interest paid in. The fact that 90 per cent. of the taxes have been paid is a wonderful showing, inasmuch as it is not often that 90 per cent. is collected in one year.

Mortensen's Economy Scheme.

State Treasurer Mortensen has devised a scheme whereby he believes the state would save many thousands of dollars annually in the purchase of supplies for state institutions were it to be adopted. His plan is to have the state board of purchase and supplies accept the lowest bid on the several items in the various bids instead of making the contract in bulk.

Object to Any More Churches.

While the ministers of Lincoln have signed no iron-clad agreement to prevent the building of any more churches of denominations not now organized there, such an agreement exists, and a movement toward the organization of any more churches would meet with the opposition of the Ministerial association.

Teachers Must Study Agriculture.

Copies of the new "Elementary Agriculture" have just been received from the printers. The publication was prepared at the request of State Superintendent Fowler because of the law requiring teachers to pass an examination in elementary agriculture. The introductory was written by Mr. Fowler.

Election Proclamation.

Gov. Mickey has issued his proclamation for the election to be held on Tuesday, November 3. The call shows that four representatives are to be elected, three vacancies being occasioned by resignation and one by death; also a judge in each judicial district and several state officers.

Building New Bridges.

Since the Burlington railroad completed the reconstruction of its bridge across the Missouri river at Plattsmouth the company has commenced to replace the old bridge, which spans the Platte between Oreadopolis and LaPlatte, with a new heavy steel one.

Spirit of Mutiny at Pen.

The reports published recently that a spirit of mutiny existed among the inmates of the state penitentiary and that an outbreak was liable to occur at any time because of the lack of cells is verified in the report of Warden Beemer.

Decatur Fears the River.

The Missouri river is making such inroads upon Decatur as to cause the gravest fears. Since the June rise many blocks of valuable town lots have gone into the river, while south of town whole farms have practically been destroyed.

State Treasury Transactions.

State Treasurer Mortensen's report for September shows receipts of \$110,088 for the month and disbursements of \$157,121. The cash on deposit in banks aggregates \$259,678.

Work on Y. M. C. A. Building.

Work has begun on the Young Men's Christian association building at York. The contract has been let for \$15,000, complete, with exception of heating, plumbing and lighting.

Killed by Overexertion.

Burdick Button, 30 years an artisan of Hastings, dropped dead of heart failure as the result of overexertion in making an excavation under his house.

Doctor "Pumped Him Out."

J. Gunnison, a farmer near Albion, took rough on rats in an effort to end his life but a doctor used a stomach pump effectively.

TWELVE PERSONS DROWNED.

A Squall Struck the Steamer J. H. Hackley on Lake Michigan and She Went Down.

Marinette, Wis., Oct. 5.—During a squall Saturday night on Lake Michigan the steamer J. H. Hackley capsized and 12 persons were drowned. The Goodrich line steamer Sheboygan rescued the other nine persons on board the Hackley after they had floated about on pieces of wreckage all night. The Hackley was struck by the squall when seven miles off Green Island. The upper work was blown away before the men could reach a haven. The boat then turned over and went down in deep water. As the boat went to the bottom those who could seized on floating pieces of wreckage, while the women and three or four of the men, failing to find any object to which to cling, sank in the raging sea, so far as is known. The waves were rolling high and several of those who at first saved themselves from immediate death lost strength and sank.

SPILLED LOTS OF BEER.

In a Burlington Railroad Wreck Near Utica, Mo., Engines Were Reduced to Scrap Iron and Cars Smashed.

Utica, Mo., Oct. 5.—A head-end collision, with disastrous results, occurred on the Burlington one mile west of Utica yesterday morning. Engines 624 and 668 as a double-header were pulling an extra west and collided with engine 638, pulling No. 66 east. The trains met on a curve and engineers and firemen jumped, escaping with only slight bruises, but the three locomotives were totally wrecked, being reduced to piles of scrap iron. Only three cars were smashed, one being loaded with beer, which flowed freely for a while. Four tramps in a car of wheat were badly shaken up, but not hurt.

IMMENSE COOKER EXPLODED.

Awful Catastrophe in the Canning Distillery at Peoria, Several Employees Being Killed and Maimed.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 4.—An awful catastrophe occurred at the plant of the Corning Distilling company in the extreme south end of the city at nine o'clock Saturday morning when one of the immense cookers in the main building exploded with a deafening report, killing several of the employes, maiming more, and completely wrecking that portion of the distillery.

Good Report from Kansas Banks.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 4.—A consolidated report of the condition of the 502 state and private and the 146 national banks in Kansas at the close of business September 9 has been made public by the state bank commissioner. The deposits in the banks at that time aggregated \$98,663,785.14 or \$66.31 per capita, and they were rapidly increasing. The per capita has increased \$3.11 since the last report was made three months ago.

Will Get \$1,500 a Trip.

Washington, Oct. 4.—A reduction of ten days in the time for mails from Seattle, Wash., to Tanana, on the Yukon river, Alaska, is expected to be effected by a contract for service on a new route from Valdez to Tanana, 620 miles distant. James Fish, of Valdez, was given the contract at \$1,500 a round trip, which is to be made twice a month between December 1 next and April 30, 1904.

Mormon Excitement at Aurora, Mo.

Aurora, Mo., Oct. 5.—Popular indignation has been aroused here over the fact that a band of Mormons from Utah arrived here last Wednesday and have been holding nightly street meetings and making house-to-house canvass during the day, distributing tracts and looking for converts to embrace the Mormon religion.

A Stock Barn Burned by Incendiarists.

Maysville, Ky., Oct. 5.—Col. W. W. Baldwin's stock barn was burned yesterday by incendiarists. All the 30 thoroughbred horses were saved except six. Baldwin rushed into the building to save a fine stallion and fell prostrated from heat and smoke. He was rescued. Loss, \$10,000.

No Negro Teaching for Her.

Arkansas City, Kan., Oct. 4.—Miss Georgia Grimes, of Paris, Ky., arrived here to accept a position as teacher in the city schools. Her father accompanied her and when they found that the school did not provide for a separation of the races her father forbade her teaching.

Opposed to "Unionizing" Negroes.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 4.—The Bridge and Structural Iron Workers oppose unionizing the negro. "If we must combat with the negro we will handle him as a non-union workman rather than give him the chance to dominate in the north," said a New York delegate.

Bryan's "Substantial Settlement."

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 4.—W. J. Bryan made a substantial settlement upon his daughter, Ruth, who was married Saturday evening to William H. Leavitt. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. Bryan left for Europe, accompanied by his son, William.

A BIG NEGRO ENTERPRISE.

An Association Proposes to Raise \$300,000,000 to Start Factories, Etc., for the Benefit of the Black Race.

New York, Oct. 3.—The Commercial American Negro national convention, which opened on Thursday in Brooklyn, closed last night. It was decided to name the new organization which had been effected the American Negro Co-Operative and Industrial association. The convention decided to raise a fund of \$200,000,000 to aid negroes in this country. On the suggestion of the committee it was declared that 10,000,000 negroes in the United States might be taxed 41 cents a month, which would create a fund of \$50,000,000 in one year, or \$200,000,000 in four years. The interest on this sum at four per cent., \$8,000,000 a year, could be used for the establishment of factories, banking institutions, the purchase of valuable stocks and the organization of other business enterprises for the benefit of the race. A national board of supervisors, one to be chosen from each state and to have control and distribution of the fund, was advised.

Youth Confesses to Crime.

Guthrie, Ok., Oct. 3.—Half buried in weeds by the roadside, her throat cut from ear to ear, the blood-stained body of Mary Prokosh, a Bohemian girl, 13 years old, was discovered 400 yards from her home in northern Payne county, south of the post office of Day. Izey E. Rogers, a 17-year-old white boy, has made full confession to assaulting the girl and afterward to helping murder her because she declared to the last that she would reveal to her parents the story of the assault.

A Rooster as a "Watch Dog."

Joplin, Mo., Oct. 3.—The four-year-old son of Fred Richay, of this city, is thought to have been fatally injured by a big Leghorn rooster that knocked the boy down and buried its talons in his back. The lad's parents will not allow the rooster to be killed, because he is kept about the house as a "watch dog." They say he would not have harmed the boy had the boy walked instead of ran. The fowl, they say, thought he had stolen a bag which he carried.

Woman Accused of \$50,000 Theft.

New York, Oct. 3.—Marie Layton Johnson, aged 29 years, the wife of Albert M. Johnson, a dentist of Larchmont, N. Y., with an office in this city, was arrested last night on a warrant specifically charging her with the grand larceny of \$2,900. The total amount of her defalcation, however, may, it is said, amount to \$50,000. The complainants are officers of the United States Playing Card company, of Cincinnati and New York.

A High Diver Injured.

Stillwater, Ok., Oct. 3.—The Stillwater street fair and carnival has been in progress all this week. Many fine exhibits have been made and some valuable prizes won. Kid Mangles, member of a carnival company, who has been making dives from an 80-foot ladder into a tank of water, was injured, perhaps seriously, yesterday afternoon.

Bryan to Go to Europe.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 3.—Announcement was made last night that W. J. Bryan will leave here for the east Sunday and will not return until after he has completed his European trip. Mr. Bryan will be accompanied by his son William. Mr. Bryan will stop in Ohio en route east and make a number of speeches.

Mexico Will Admit Chinese.

San Francisco, Oct. 3.—The China Commercial Steamship company has won its fight for the right to land Chinese coolie laborers in Mexico. The news of the intention of the Mexican government to permit Chinese to land on its soil has just been received by steamship officials in this city.

Many Are Delinquent.

St. Louis, Oct. 3.—A meeting of the directors of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company and of officers and directors of the banks and trust companies of the city was held last night to stimulate collections from delinquent subscribers to the capital stock of the exposition company.

Disastrous Wreck in Nevada.

Beowawe, Nev., Oct. 3.—A disastrous head-end collision occurred Thursday night on the Salt Lake division of the Southern Pacific at this station. The first section of the Atlantic express from San Francisco collided with a freight train. One passenger was killed and 20 injured.

Labor Riot at St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 3.—In a labor riot yesterday at the St. Joseph & Grand Island bridge, which is being rebuilt by an eastern company, John Mokus received a wound in the head which is very serious and probably fatal.

A Frisco Train Derailed.

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 3.—The engine and baggage car of Frisco train No. 305 were derailed and piled up yesterday afternoon one mile east of Beaumont. Engineer Dale, of Neodesha, and his fireman are reported badly hurt.

SOLICITED BRIBE MONEY.

Two Jurymen at Bloomington, Ill., Are in Jail for Trying to Betray Their Fellow-Townsmen.

Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 3.—A sensation was created here by the arrest of two jurymen who had been hearing the evidence in an important civil suit for \$6,000 damages growing out of board of trade transactions. Oscar Green sued John T. Jades, a grain broker of Saybrook, for the sum stated, claiming that his sons had lost the amount on the Chicago board of trade dealing with the Saybrook firm. William O'Neil, of Bloomington, and W. A. Booth, of Glenavon, who were drawn on the jury, are alleged to have approached the lawyers for the defense soliciting bribe money. The lawyers notified Judge D. C. Myers and after a rigid examination of the two men, he directed their arrest and both were placed in jail. The offense is punishable by penitentiary.

Boys Drank Father's Whisky.

Eureka Springs, Ark., Oct. 3.—Frace Lynch, of Green Forest, purchased a gallon jug of whisky to be used by his family as a precaution against measles. After he reached home his two sons, aged 9 and 11, stole the jug, got drunk and then quarreled, whereupon the elder boy seized a shotgun and fired point blank at his brother, tearing away the little fellow's jaw and filling his neck with shot. The victim will probably die.

Washington Enters a Denial.

Paris, Oct. 3.—Booker T. Washington said yesterday there was absolutely no foundation for the report that he was in Europe in the interest of a scheme for the emigration of the American negro. He said: "I believe the best place for the negro is America. My belief is based on the fact that he has there better industrial opportunities and is better off than people in the same walk of life in Europe."

Miles to Live in Texas?

Austin, Tex., Oct. 3.—It is said that Gen. Nelson A. Miles is to become a resident of Texas and that he is to take an active part in democratic political affairs. It is stated that he is to be the special protegee of former Gov. J. S. Hogg, who promises to make him governor of Texas and possibly United States senator at some future day.

Game Warden Seized 2,000 Ducks.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 3.—Chief Game Warden Fullerton yesterday confiscated 2,000 ducks killed in the southern Minnesota marshes by pot hunters in the employ of Chicago firms. The seizure is the largest the state has ever made. The ducks were in transit overland in three immense wagons, which were making for the Iowa line.

Tammany Named Two Republicans.

New York, Oct. 3.—Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, carried through his programme at the democratic city convention held at Carnegie hall last night. The democrats named George B. McClellan for mayor, Edward M. Grout for comptroller and Charles V. Forbes for president of the board of aldermen.

Heart Gave Way Under Strain.

Salina, Kan., Oct. 3.—Excessive bicycle riding and violent physical exercise is given as the cause of the sudden death of Mamie Ridings, aged 16, a daughter of James Ridings, here yesterday afternoon. The girl had always been an active athlete and her heart gave way under the nervous strain.

Illinois Lands Flooded.

Burlington, Ia., Oct. 3.—A rise of six inches in the river has placed the stage at 11 feet 2½ inches above the low water mark of 1864. The present stage has caused the river to spread out over the Illinois crop land until it is nearly eight miles wide at this point.

\$20,000,000 for Rural Delivery.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Congress will appropriate \$20,000,000 at the coming session for the maintenance and extension of rural free delivery. This, at least, is the expectation of the postal officials immediately in charge of the delivery service.

Bailey's Estimate of Kansas' Corn Crop.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 3.—Gov. Bailey says that Kansas will have about 70 per cent. of a full corn crop. He bases this opinion upon what he has seen and heard of it as he has been traveling over the state.

100,000 Firemen Want More Pay.

Chicago, Oct. 3.—Every railroad system in the United States, Canada and Mexico is to be presented with demands for increased wages and better conditions of employment for 100,000 locomotive firemen.

Cowles to Command the Missouri.

Washington, Oct. 3.—The official trial of the battleship Missouri will take place on the 21st inst. Capt. Cowles, President Roosevelt's brother-in-law, will be the first commander of the Missouri.

Jockey Killed in a Race.

St. Louis, Oct. 3.—Jockey William Shea, who was injured in an accident at Delmar track, died at the Missouri Baptist sanitarium. Death resulted from concussion of the brain.