

News from Over the State

State Editorial Association.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Nebraska Press association was held at Lincoln last Tuesday and Wednesday. The makers of men and money and trouble and happiness and molders of public opinion and disseminators of good news and bad news and other information were on hand in large number. The address of welcome was delivered by Mayor George Adams and the response by Adam Breede, of the Hastings Tribune. C. J. Bewley handled the gavel and delivered his annual address. Papers were then read by J. W. Barnhart, of Auburn; Frank D. Edgcombe, of Geneva; Chattie Coleman, of Stromsburg; Mrs. C. E. Nevin, of the Laurel Advocate; Dr. George L. Miller, of Omaha; W. H. Stowell, of Auburn; C. E. Byars, of Valley.

On the second day George L. Burr, of the Aurora Register, and C. E. Cornell, of the Hebron Journal, told what they knew about the "Magazine Form of the Country Newspaper and Whether It Is Practical." William H. Wheeler, of the Fairfield Herald, and H. Gordon Cross, of the St. Edward Sun, talked about the "Ready Print Problem from a Printer's Standpoint." Ex-Gov. Furnas, who won the heart of every newspaper man in the state for his generous recognition of the press during the late state fair, talked about the old newspaper days, as did M. A. Brown, of the Kearney Hub. Then C. E. Byars started his round-table. In the afternoon J. H. Casebeer read a paper on "The Labor Problem from a Printer's Standpoint." Edward Howard read a paper entitled "Anything." The association elected A. M. Ladd, of Albion, president and W. G. Purcell secretary and treasurer. A visit to Havelock and a theater party at night concluded the session.

Objects to Courting Methods.

Henry Koegler, of Lincoln, entered such strenuous protest to his mother's remarriage that he was hauled before the bar of justice in police court. The mother charged that the son had borrowed \$80 from the family purse and then proceeded to take aboard a load of intoxicants. The boy tells a different story, alleging that the matrimonial aspirations of his mother caused all the trouble.

Driven Out into the Cold.

Fire of uncertain origin in the McMurtrey block at Eleventh and M streets, at Lincoln, discovered about 11 o'clock at night, drove over 100 people from their rooms in the block, most of them clad in their night clothes and wrapped in blankets. Only the coolness of the firemen and Police Officers Bentley, David and Overton prevented a panic and doubtless saved many from injury.

Restored to Public Domain.

President Roosevelt has signed an executive order restoring to the public domain what is commonly known as the "extension strip" in the north part of Sheridan county, Neb., and located on the boundary line between South Dakota and Nebraska. This strip is ten miles long and five miles wide and adjacent to the Pine Ridge agency in South Dakota.

Norfolk Gains by Delay.

It is beginning to look as though Norfolk will get that asylum after all before the meeting of the next legislature and instead of three cottages and the administration building there will likely be four cottages, owing to the delay in letting the contract until spring and thus saved probably 20 per cent. on the cost of construction.

Andrews Makes Denial.

Chancellor Andrews, of the state university, denied the statements published in the eastern press that he believed as society became more enlightened it would cause to be put to death cripples and weaklings that skilled physicians had decided could not recover and whose lives were wrecks.

Douglas County Pays Up.

Douglas county has paid into the state treasury \$16,563.09, the amount of its unpaid balance of taxes. This makes in all 22 counties that have made settlement with the state treasurer. From now on there will be more money in the treasury for the redemption of warrants instead of a stringency, as during the last two months.

Luncheon to Thompson.

Representative Burkett gave a luncheon in the house restaurant at the national capitol to D. E. Thompson, minister to Brazil. The entire republican delegation from Nebraska in congress was present, Senators Dietrich and Millard holding down the head and foot of the table.

Warm Time Ahead.

Circular letters were scattered among the taxpayers of Sarpy county requesting them to be present at a meeting to be held at the courthouse in Papillion to look into the action of the county board relative to the expenditure of the county funds by them.

A Modern Jean Valjean.

William Nation, a convict in the Nebraska penitentiary, read Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables" from the prison library, and in the solitude of his cell resolved that what Jean Valjean had done he could do. His opportunity came. He gained his liberty under the parole law, and, like Jean Valjean, he broke his parole and disappeared. A month after the penitentiary doors at Lincoln had opened to William Nation, William Ritchie appeared in Grand Island. Ritchie is well dressed, affable, businesslike. He did not make jet beads and ornaments. Being more practical, he opened a restaurant, and so conducted it that it was quite the thing for Grand Island culture and fashion to dine at Ritchie's. Ritchie paid his bills promptly and his word as well as his note was good at the bank. He married a pretty young widow, Mrs. Gustave Ehlers, and his popularity grew. But the Javerts of the Lincoln penitentiary were persistent on the track of William Nation as was the Javert of "Les Miserables" in pursuit of Jean Valjean. And just as Javert found Valjean behind the barricade in the red days of the French commune, just so the Javerts of Lincoln found William Ritchie in his restaurant in Grand Island. And when they found him they placed him under arrest and carried him back to the penitentiary, because he had broken his parole. Mrs. Ritchie, or Mrs. Nation, as she must now be called, accompanied her husband to prison and then went to the state house to intercede with Gov. Mickey.

Home Builders Are Prosperous.

The report of the condition of the building and loan associations of the state compiled by Secretary Royce, of the state banking board, shows that while the number of associations reporting is the same as last year—58—there has been a steady growth both in business and membership. The increase in assets at the close of business June 30, 1903, over the previous year was \$585,135.61; loans, \$614,259.44; number of shares in force, 153,424. There are now 20,446 persons in the state owning shares in the various associations and 153,424 shares of stock in force, representing a par value of \$23,153,076.30. The number of loans in force on June 30, 1903, was 7,480, of which only 208 were subject to foreclosure and but 48 in actual process of foreclosure. The average rate of interest charged borrowers is eight per cent. and the average rate of dividends paid by the associations on amounts paid in was 8 1-6 per cent.

New Hunting Licenses Ready.

Deputy Game Warden Carter has received from the printers his license blanks to be issued to hunters and fishers. The license is printed on a small card that can be carried in an ordinary card case and is a neat piece of work. On the back is printed the open season for game and the number of birds a person may have in his possession at one time, as follows: Geese and ducks, September 1 to 15; chickens and grouse, October 1 to November 30; quail, from November 1 to 30. A person may kill 25 birds in one day and may have in his possession 10 geese, 50 ducks and 50 other birds at one time. An invoice of what one has should be placed on the outside of the hunting bag when the game is taken on the train.

Stops Warrant Speculation.

Treasurer Mortenson has closed his warrant contract with his current fund and there is plenty of school money now on hand to take up all the warrants that may be presented. Mr. Mortenson has stopped speculation in warrants by bankers and others and has by so doing saved much money in interest to the state.

Quick Trip by Carrier.

Frank Hallgren, carrier on rural route No. 1, out of Holdrege, made a record which will be hard to beat. He made his trip of 27 miles in two hours and 40 minutes with a single horse and buggy. He served 100 boxes, delivering 200 pieces of mail and collecting 10.

Spinnery Wants Quick Action.

E. C. Spinnery, president of the Bankers' Union of the World, a fraternal insurance company which is now temporarily enjoined from doing business, wants to get action on the case in the supreme court at the earliest possible moment.

Open New Union Depot.

The new union depot at Fremont, built by the Union Pacific and Northwestern railroads, was formally opened Monday.

Goes to State Normal School.

Miss Bertha Dreiner, of Tecumseh, has accepted the position of private secretary to Dr. Clark, president of the state normal school at Peru.

Dedicate Congregational Church.

At David City a \$6,500 Congregational church was dedicated free of debt.

Praises the Cottonwood.

Science lovers of Lincoln held the second annual session of the Academy of Sciences Saturday morning at the university. About 30 persons were present. Prof. E. G. Condra, of the university, read a paper on the rock beds of northeastern Nebraska and was followed by Prof. C. E. Bessey, who read a paper on the "Fuel Value of Cottonwood." He said: "It is true that a given bulk of cottonwood will give only one-half as much heat as an equal bulk of hickory, but if equal weights of the two are taken the amount of heat produced by the cottonwood is the greater. And the growth of the cottonwood is enormously more rapid. In ten years' growth the cottonwood will produce 17 times as much as black oak. Taking into account the relative fuel value, we find that in ten years the amount of heat 'grown' by hickory is only one-ninth that produced by cottonwood; by black oak only one-sixteenth. In other words, a cottonwood grove will produce from 5 to 10 or 15 times as much heat as any other hardwood tree commonly grown for fuel, and making all allowances for drying of trees, the number which can be grown on a given area, etc., the advantage still remains with the cottonwood. The usual opinion of the inferiority of cottonwood is due to the fact that we sell wood by bulk, not weight." Prof. Hartley, in discussing the paper, expressed the opinion that willow would be found even more valuable than cottonwood.

"Date Mark" in History.

Nebraska is arranging to have a celebration on May 30, 1904, the fiftieth anniversary of the day on which President Pierce placed his signature to the act which organized the territories of Nebraska and Kansas. That day in 1854 was a great date mark in the history of the country. The act which organized those two territories, and which at the same time repealed the Missouri anti-slavery compromise of 1820, was responsible for a good many very important things that came afterward. It killed the whig party, created the republican party, precipitated civil war in Kansas, split the democratic party in the Charleston convention of 1860, made Lincoln's election certain in that year, and sent 11 states into secession and war against the government, all of which brought emancipation and several other things of consequence to the country.

Test Right to Attend School.

Mrs. Sarah Dimmick has filed a petition in the district court at Fremont for a writ of mandamus, making the school board, Superintendent Laird and Miss Mary Strickland defendants, to compel them to admit her niece, Iva Dimmick, to the city schools. The board claim that the girl is not a bona fide resident of this city and refused to admit her unless she paid the usual tuition. It is alleged in the petition that she was enumerated in the school census and is an actual resident of Fremont. The case has created considerable interest on account of the girl's name appearing in the school census.

Enemies Help Each Other Out.

A rather unusual event happened in the district court at Fremont. The case of Henry Hasseman against J. H. Meyer and Charles Lucking was on trial. The parties are near neighbors, but have not been on good terms for years. Both Hasseman and Lucking are Germans and wanted to take out final citizenship papers, but each was short one witness. Finally on the suggestion of a mutual friend each agreed to become a witness for the other, so each swore to the good qualities of his neighbor in spite of their differences.

Limit of Human Depravity.

Jamie Larrabee, a nine-year-old lad of Norfolk, fell from his pony during one of the bitterly cold days early in the week and lay stunned upon the roadway for half an hour with the temperature at 18 below zero. As he lay there, helpless and unconscious, approaching death at every instant, some one came along and deliberately stole his mittens and saddle from his pony, making no effort whatever to save the little fellow's life.

Six Get Certificates.

The committee which had charge of the examination for state teachers' certificates, which was held December 28, reported to State Superintendent Fowler that six had passed. They are: Principal G. H. Graham, of Papillion; L. P. Grundy, of Valley; Mrs. F. Bertha Hosford, of Garrison; J. C. Jensen, of Beaver City; S. L. Johnson, of Leavitt; Thomas J. Jones, of Lawrence. Several applicants failed to pass the examination.

Unwelcome Visitors.

The family of Harry Pettit, of Fremont, set a trap in the cellar of their home to catch animals supposed to be rats and which had been making annoying noises around the place. Long before morning Pettit found that his visitors were polecats. The one caught was shot, but as the noises still continued he evidently had company. It was found necessary to open up the entire house and thoroughly disinfect it.

Proof Positive.

Husband (reading)—I'm surprised to learn that a married man writes the fashion notes for the woman's page in this paper.
Wife—But, dear, how do you know that such is the case?
"Listen to this item: 'There will be no change in pocketbooks this season.' Now, only a married man could have penned that."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

FRAUDS IN A BALE OF HAY

Frauds in Watch Cases.
According to an article in the Cincinnati Commercial, a fifty-one pound stone was recently found in that city secreted in a bale of hay of eighty pounds.
This is not as bad as finding a lump of lead of nearly one-half the weight of the solid gold watch case secreted in the center of the case.

Gold watch cases are sold by weight, and no one can see where this lead is secreted until the springs of the case are taken out and the lead will be found secreted behind them.
These cases are made by companies who profess to be honest but furnish the means to the dishonest to rob the public. It is not pleasant for anyone to find that he has lugged a lump of lead in his watch case.

Another trick the makers of spurious solid gold watch cases is to stamp the case "U. S. Assay." The United States does not stamp any article made out of gold and silver except coin, and the faker, by using this stamp, wants to make the public believe that the government had something to do with the stamping or guaranteeing the fineness of watch cases.
Another trick of the watch faker is to advertise a watch described as a solid gold filled watch with a twenty or twenty-five year guarantee. These watches are generally sent C. O. D., and if the purchaser has paid for the watch, he finds that the Company which guaranteed the watch to wear is not in existence.

The Dueser-Hampden Watch Company of Canton, Ohio, who are constantly exposing these frauds, will furnish the names of the manufacturers who are in this questionable business.

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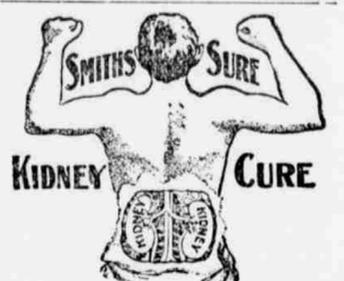
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