

NEBRASKA NEWS

THE COMPULSORY EDUCATIONAL LAW TESTED AT BEATRICE.

DEFENDANT WILL OBEY LAW

Labor Commissioner Ryder Well Pleased with the Result of Nebraska's First Test Case.— Other State News.

The case of the state of Nebraska against Frank Kauffman, wherein the defendant was charged with violating the compulsory educational law by keeping his fifteen-year-old daughter, Anna, from school was tried in the county court at Beatrice before Judge H. E. Spafford.

Kauffman reconsidered the matter and did not fight the complaint which was sworn out against him by Dr. Albright, secretary of the local school board and truant officer. Kauffman pleaded guilty and a fine of \$5 and costs was assessed against him. He promised to send his daughter to school.

The school board is pleased at the result in this case. The girl was taken out of the school January 10, 1907, and has not attended since.

Labor Commissioner J. J. Ryder was present at the hearing and said he was well pleased with the outcome of the case. Mr. Ryder states that this is the first case where it has been necessary to appeal to the courts.

In discussing the case, Mr. Ryder stated: "We expect the result in this case to have good effect throughout the state because it is the first case we have had to go into court with and have a parent fined for neglect to send his children to school. While this was not brought specifically as a test case, but merely in the routine of Dr. Albright's work, it can be regarded as a test case in the large sense that it proves that the compulsory school attendance law is good."

TO DECIDE BY VOTE.

Saloon Question a Live Issue in Lincoln This Spring.

At a conference of the anti-saloon forces in Lincoln, Neb., it was decided unanimously to wage a fight for prohibition in Lincoln this spring. This fight will necessitate the calling of a special election. The meeting at which this decision was reached was a large and enthusiastic one. It was called for the purpose of deciding whether a prohibition fight should be waged this spring, or whether it should be deferred to a time when it might be voted upon at a regular election. The church was crowded to the doors with people—and all but few exceptions being men. After an extended discussion the question of a no-license campaign was voted for with a rush and an enthusiasm that indicated the degree of excitement that prevailed.

State Depository Bonds Approved.

Governor Sheldon, Attorney General Thompson and Secretary of State Junkin have approved bonds of five state depository banks, signed by State Auditor Searle's bonding company of Omaha, after having investigated the legality and the advisability of accepting any considerable security from a bonding company that has a paid up capital of \$50,000. At present the total amount which the company in question has indemnified the state is about \$32,000. The approval of the state officers was given after State Auditor Searle had said he had sold his stock in the bonding company. No announcement was made in regard to who now holds the stock owned by Auditor Searle. The company was formed by the officers of the Metropolitan company of Omaha, which was organized to bond saloonkeepers and which is not now soliciting business on account of some judgments against it. The list of officers is the same with the exception that the name of R. J. Clancy has been dropped from the new company's rolls.

Electrical Show for Omaha.

About the first week in April the button will be pressed for the first electrical show ever held in Omaha. It will be held in the auditorium, the electrical decorations will cost \$4,000 and in the opinion of the auditorium association will be the most beautiful scheme ever seen in the great house. An organization of the dealers in electrical supplies, machinery, telephone and other appliances will incorporate this week and intend to make the association permanent. At a meeting held Monday evening, E. J. Sullivan was elected president, George Johnson, vice president; W. L. Burgess secretary and J. R. Lehtner, treasurer. Committees were appointed to confer with Manager Gillan of the auditorium as to the decorations and arrangements of booths.

PRESS ASSOCIATION MEET.

What is on the Program for Newspaper Visitors.

Secretary Maupin of the Nebraska Press Association has sent out the following:

"The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Nebraska press association will be held in Lincoln February 24, 25 and 26. The program is something worth while. It will be sent out in a short time. But let me call your especial attention to some of the promised entertainment:

"On Monday night, February 24, Ed. W. Howe, editor of the Atchison Globe, will deliver his celebrated illustrated lecture, 'Daily Notes of a Trip Around the World.' This lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon views taken by Mr. Howe. The members of the press association will be admitted free to this lecture. This of itself ought to insure a record breaking attendance.

"Tuesday evening, February 25, the association will be the guests of the Lincoln commercial club at a banquet spread at the Lindell hotel.

"On Wednesday evening, February 26, the association will be the guests of Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 at a ball and reception. That date is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the typographical union's organization in the city, and it will celebrate the event in royal style. The union is particularly desirous of showing its fellow craftsmen of the Nebraska press and the writers who furnish the copy, a splendid good time.

"The subjects to be discussed during the regular sessions are live ones of particular interest to Nebraska newspapermen, and the indications are that the discussions of some of the papers will be warm and emphatic.

"W. J. Bryan has promised to be with us on the afternoon of the 26th, and give us something about the newspaper business as he saw it in the various countries he has visited. Railroad rates? The same as last year—two cents a mile. The secretary did not ask for a special rate. Neither will he."

THE PAXTON BLOCK FIRE.

Water and Flames Cause a Damage of \$6,000.

Fire was discovered on the fourth floor of the Paxton block, northeast corner Sixteenth and Farnam streets, Omaha by Charles Conner, janitor. The quick action of the janitor and the prompt response of the fire department prevented what might have been a very disastrous fire. The total damage by water and fire to the building and contents is estimated at \$6,500.

Veterinary May Use Title.

At a sitting of the second district, in chambers, Plattsmouth, Judge H. D. Travis handed down a decision in the case of the Nebraska veterinary medical association vs. Anath P. Barnes, president of the Nebraska state veterinary association, where the former sought to prevent Dr. Barnes from using the title of veterinary surgeon without first procuring a permit from the state veterinary examining board.

Collision at Overton.

Union Pacific passenger train No. 11 and an eastbound train of six silk cars running as second section of train No. 4 collided a short distance west of Overton, Neb. The pilot of No. 11's engine was torn off and a mail clerk had his side hurt by the force of the collision. The accident delayed No. 11 over an hour. Engineer Fonda was pulling train No. 11, and Engineer Barnell was on the silk train engine.

Tear Down Smallpox Signs.

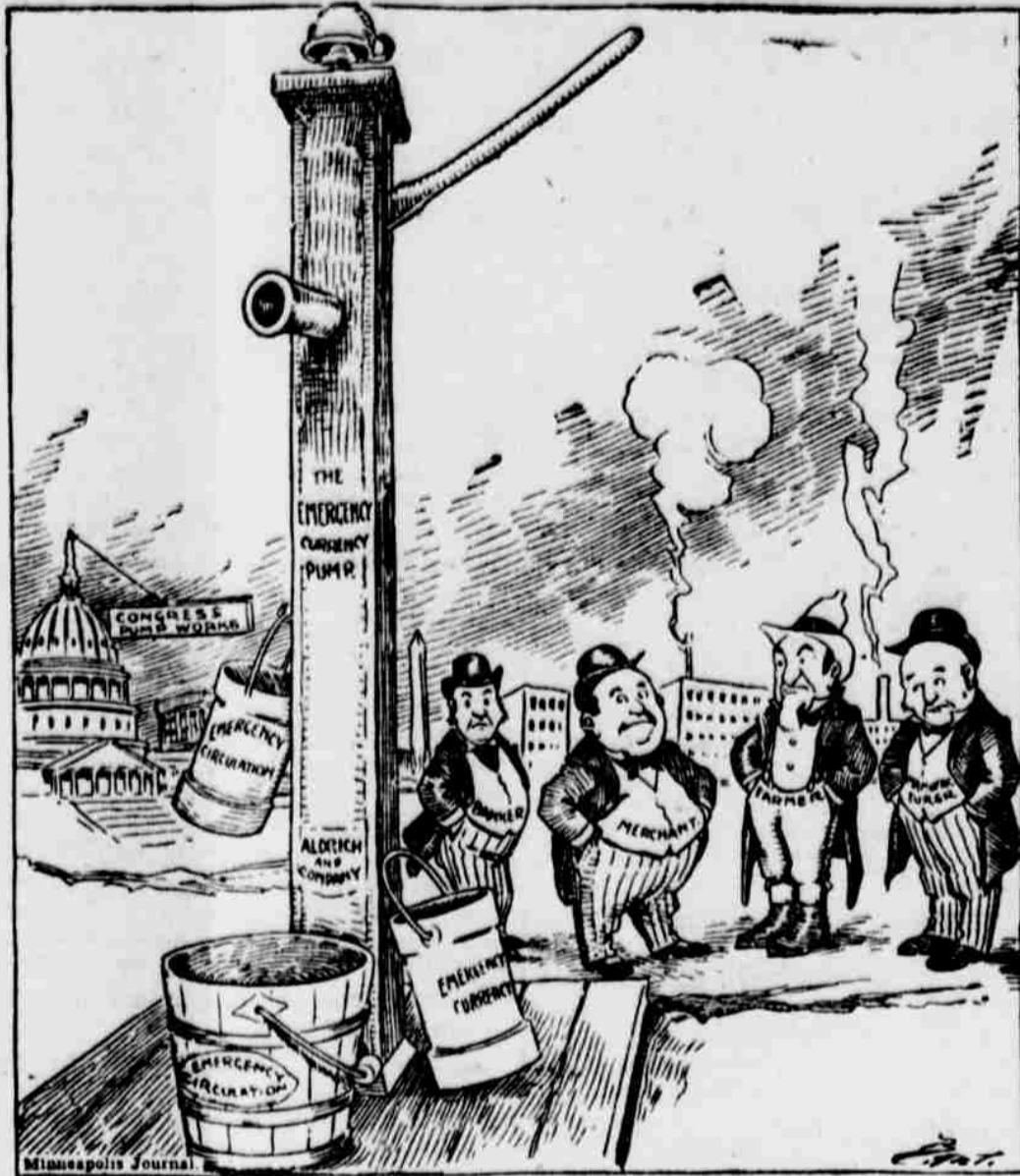
Tearing down of smallpox quarantine cards and a disregard of regulations is reported from Clarks, Dr. Wilson, state health inspector, left recently to investigate the situation. There is no local board of health at Clarks and some citizens are of the opinion that there is no way to enforce quarantine regulations. Dr. Wilson says town councils have such power.

Convicted a Horse Thief.

Sheriff Peterson arrived in McCook from Tennessee with Albert Creger, a young man charged with stealing a horse from J. A. Modrell of McCook some time last year. Creger appeared in district court, pleaded guilty and was given a sentence of two years and a half in the penitentiary at Lincoln, where he was taken the same night to enter upon his sentence. Creger made ineffectual habeas corpus suit in Tennessee.

The following officers and executive committee for 1908 were elected at the last meeting of the Nebraska Independent Telephone Association: C. J. Garlow, Columbus, president; J. N. Lyman, Hastings, vice president; R. E. Mattison, Lincoln, Secretary and treasurer. Executive committee: C. J. Garlow, Columbus; C. E. Baker, Pawnee City; F. H. Woods, Lincoln; C. W. Bartlett, Fairbury; W. H. Camman, Beatrice; W. E. Bell, York; T. H. Pollock, Plattsmouth.

THE HIGH FINANCE PUMP.



The Gentlemen in the Background—That Evidently Is Not Intended for Our Use.

HEIR TO TITLE AND WEALTH

Actual Adventures of Reckless Youth Reads Like a Pipe Dream.

Young Man Succeeds to English Title After a Varied Career in Many Countries.

New York.—Genille-Cave-Browne-Cave sailed for England Thursday to secure the title and estates awaiting him there. He is the only surviving son of Sir Mylies Cave-Browne-Cave, who died a year ago at the age of 84 years. Ever since the elder baronet's death his solicitors have been searching for his son and heir who was only recently found in America. The baronetcy is a very old one, dating from 1641, when it was created by Charles I. Sir Genille's life has been a romantic one. When a boy his father sent him to sea to cure him of his wildness and on his return home he enlisted in a Highland regiment and was then transferred to a cavalry regiment just leaving for the war in Egypt. He fought in the battle of Tel-El-Kebir under Lord Wolseley and later went to Afghanistan, where he was captured by the hill tribes, but escaped after being held a prisoner for some time. Returning to England, he quarreled with his father and came to America with a small allowance. He then went to Burma with an expedition sent out to kill big game for a museum and afterward served in the South African war. He lived for a time in Hong Kong and Yokohama, worked as a member of the "White Wings" in Kansas City, was a cowboy in the Southwest and in Wyoming, where he was found through inquiries set on foot by the British ambassador at Washington. He says that he will return to America as soon as his business in England is settled and will take up his residence in one of the western states.

James Hargis Shot by His Son.

Jackson, Ky.—Former County Judge James Hargis, for many years member of the state democratic executive committee accused of complicity in many murders and a prominent figure in the feuds which have disrupted Breathitt county for several years was shot and instantly killed in his general store here Thursday afternoon by his son Beach Hargis. The son fired five shots in rapid succession at his father, who fell dead while his clerks were waiting on customers. The exact cause of the murder has not been learned, but it is supposed to have been the result of differences which have existed between father and son for some time.

The "Hoboes" Form Resolutions.

St. Louis, Mo.—As a means of providing for men and women of the country who are out of employment, the national committee of the unemployed, appointed at Tuesday's session of the National convention of the self-styled "hoboes" Wednesday drew up a set of resolutions, demanding of the United States government that it appropriate the \$25,000,000 loaned to banks during the recent financial flurry for that purpose.

Ten Passengers Injured.

Franklinville, N. Y.—Ten of 20 passengers were injured in a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad two miles south of this village Friday. No one was killed.

WAS A GOLD BRICK.

The Government Has Paid \$120,000 for a Useless Cost Ascertaining System for the Public Printer.

Washington, D. C.—Concurring in the recommendation of Acting Public Printer Rossiter, the president Thursday cancelled the contract of the government with the Audit System and ordered its ejection from the government printing office at the end of six days. The Audit System is the corporate name of the cost-ascertaining method which was installed more than a year ago by Public Printer Stillings. Under its operation the government has paid about \$120,000 for the privilege of calculating the cost of government printing and binding. Representative Landis of Indiana, chairman of the joint committee which is investigating the government printing office, says that the Audit System, as it has been installed and operated in Washington, "is a gold brick thinly plated with the genuine stuff."

TOO MUCH WORK.

Officers and Enlisted Men Telling Secretary Taft of Reasons for Discontent in the Army.

New York.—There have been plenty of responses, both from officers and enlisted men, to Secretary Taft's invitation for an expression of reasons of discontent and unrest in the army. The reason given as contributing to disturbing conditions are the practice marches, compulsory exercise in the gymnasiums and inadequacy of the ration and of the cutting off of "extras" in the way of food and the character of extra work. The department has already taken steps to ameliorate some of these conditions.

The ration has been increased and congress has been asked to pass a bill to create a service corps to cost \$400,000, to do extra and non-military work, now required of soldiers.

The monetary value of the increase authorized in the ration is a little more than two cents per ration. There will also be established a haversack ration made of bacon, hard bread, coffee and sugar and, possibly, canned beef, to be used for emergencies.

Oppose the Aldrich Bill.

New York.—The Merchants' association of New York, representing the wholesale and retail commercial interests of the city Thursday announced its decision to oppose the Aldrich financial bill which has been presented in congress. In announcing the decision President Clarence Whitman, said the association has not committed itself to any substitute currency measure. "At present," said Mr. Whitman, "we are more interested in preventing the adoption of some dangerous makeshift measures, of which the Aldrich bill is a fair sample."

One Railroad Orders Rails.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The Pennsylvania Railroad company Thursday placed orders with steel manufacturers for 55,000 tons left over from 1907, will give ing 1908. These, in addition to 30,000 tons left over from 1907, will give the company 85,000 tons for use this year.

A German Banker Also.

Berlin.—Siegfried Friedbury, a private banker and owner of the financial newspaper, The Investors' Advisor, has disappeared. It is said that he has liabilities amounting to \$400,000.

THAW GOES TO MATTEWAN

Acquitted of Stanford White's Murder on Ground of Insanity.

The Jury After 25 Hours' Deliberation Refused to Hold Him for Murder of Stanford White.

New York.—Acquitted Saturday of the murder of Stanford White on the ground that he was insane, from the commission of homicide, Harry K. Thaw was ordered by Justice Dowling to be committed to the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane until such time as he can convince the state lunacy commission that his being at large will not endanger the public safety.

The law provides that once a defendant is found guilty, even with the insanity clause attached, he may not again have his life placed in jeopardy. So soon as Thaw can convince a commission, especially appointed for his examination, or the state board of lunacy, as may be the case, that he is sane and no longer to be regarded as a menace to the public safety, he will be given his liberty.

It is said District Attorney Jerome would personally oppose any move for the liberation of Thaw, either at the present time or at any time in the future.

Mattewan, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Harry K. Thaw began Sunday the routine of a simple life which the authorities at the state hospital for the criminal insane say will make his long stay in the Tombs prison in New York City seem like the height of gaiety in comparison. The new patient in the observation ward slept soundly Saturday night, the presence of the 50 other men in the dormitory not giving him the slightest concern. It was after the usual retiring hour when Thaw reached the hospital and he immediately went to bed. He had enjoyed the trip from New York with his counsel, as well as the dinner at the Hotel in Fishkill landing with his counsel and one or two newspaper friends. Although the two deputies who accompanied him were guests at the dinner there was no suggestion of prison or asylum restriction during the repast and Thaw found the occasion much to his liking. He arose Sunday morning at 6 o'clock and ate a hearty breakfast at the "Knife and Fork table."

Only 54 men out of the more than 700 in the institution are allowed this privilege, the others being restricted to spoons. Thaw seemed much refreshed from his sound sleep and declared that he needed the rest after the trying hours of Friday night and Saturday while the jury was out and seemingly unable to agree upon a verdict.

During his stay in the observation ward prior to being assigned to some particular division or to private quarters, Thaw will be under the immediate supervision of Dr. A. T. Baker, one of the medical assistants to Superintendent Lamb. Dr. Baker said Sunday he would not allow Thaw to have liquor and tobacco unless his condition seemed to demand them for a time in medical moderation.

At 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Dr. Britton D. Evans, of Morris Plains, N. J., and Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe, of New York, alienists, arrived at the hospital. They were employed by the defense in both trials of Harry Thaw, and while both evaded questions regarding their presence here, it is said they came at the instigation of Mrs. William Thaw, to examine her son and be prepared with evidence when habeas corpus proceedings are begun to liberate him.

"We just had a Sunday off," said Dr. Evans, who declared at the first trial that Thaw had a "brain storm," "so we came up to see Harry."

New York, Feb. 4.—Relatives and counsel of Harry K. Thaw held a conference Monday at the state asylum for criminal insane at Matteawan to decide whether or not to begin at once proceedings looking toward Thaw's discharge from custody on the ground that he is not now insane.

Chicago Workmen Riot.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—A serious riot occurred Monday at the plant of the Illinois Steel Company in South Chicago. A crowd of 1,000 men gathered outside the plant to await the opening of the plate mills which have been closed several weeks. Policeman Edward Roach tried to prevent the crowd from blocking the sidewalk, when a number of the men attacked him and beat him until he was unconscious. Officer William Stupec, who went to the assistance of Roach, was also badly injured. Stupec managed however, to turn in a riot alarm and a heavy detail of policemen dispersed the crowd after a severe fight in which a number of men were severely clubbed. Four of the leaders in the attack upon Roach were arrested.