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OUT OFF THE TALK

MORE "JAIL EPISODES" AT CLEVELAND.

Chadwick in Seclusion—Authorities Decide to Allow No More Visitors to the Woman—She Displayed Anger and Petulance.

Cleveland, O., special says: Mrs. Chadwick will from now until the time of her trial and arraignment in court be fully excluded from all visitors, and her son and nurse will be denied permission to see her except on written orders of United States Marshal Charles J. Barry. On Friday afternoon an order was issued at the jail by Sheriff Barry directing that all people be forbidden from seeing her and he fit once ordered that the nurse, Freda Swanson, who was then in the jail with Mrs. Chadwick, be ordered to leave.

This action was in direct opposition to a request of United States Marshal Charles J. Barry issued Thursday, in which he directed that Emil Hoover, the son of Mrs. Chadwick, and the nurse should be admitted at any time to see Mrs. Chadwick. Sheriff Barry declared that no visitors to Mrs. Chadwick would be permitted to see her except in the regular visiting hours at the jail.

The order of Judge Wing put a period to the episode at the jail, and her attorneys declared Friday evening that there would be no further developments in the legal end of the case until Mrs. Chadwick was brought into the court, either for arraignment or trial.

It was expected that Friday a definite time for the formal arraignment of Mrs. Chadwick would be fixed, but the matter is delayed because of the absence from the city of District Attorney Sullivan.

During Friday forenoon Mrs. Chadwick showed considerable ill humor. She announced that her breakfast did not suit her, and declared that hereafter she would order her meals from a restaurant which supplies an entire and more or less comprehensive repast for 25 cents.

The local attorneys called in the morning, but the prisoner refused to see them.

PREFERS DEATH TO WORK.

Wife of South Dakota Farmer Takes Her Own Life.

Mrs. Emmke, living near the little town of Benclare, in the eastern part of Minnehaha County, South Dakota, committed suicide Friday by shooting herself with a shotgun. Mrs. Emmke lived on a farm with her husband and seven small children. She was a comparatively young woman.

At the time of the tragedy a crew of corn shellers was working at the Emmke place. It is supposed that Mrs. Emmke became despondent over the great amount of work she had to do, and, going up stairs, she procured a shotgun with which she blew out her brains.

HELD FOR MURDER.

Father Believed to Have Killed Man Who Betrayed Daughter.

W. S. Haley was arrested at Ardmore, I. T., charged with the murder of Albert Cook, a prominent young man of Woodville, who was found dead near Soldier Creek, having been shot through the back. At the examination it was shown that Cook had betrayed the 18-year-old daughter of Haley. The girl and her father were held without bail.

The prosecution maintained that Cook was enticed to a lonely place to keep an appointment with Miss Haley that he might be killed.

NUDE MAN SMASHES WINDOWS

Armed with Crowbar He Keeps Half a Dozen Police at Bay.

Perched on top of a snow heap in Fourth Avenue, New York, a completely nude man, armed with a crowbar, kept half a dozen policemen and a crowd of men at bay for half an hour early Friday, after he had smashed nearly a score of big plate glass windows valued at \$200 each. The man was finally captured and taken to a hospital. The hospital attendants said he undoubtedly was insane. His identity is unknown.

SHOT A BANK CASHIER.

Wm. Holden Found Guilty of Assault with Intent to Kill.

At Columbus, Neb., Wm. Holden, who last month, in an attempt to rob the bank of Platte Center, shot and wounded Cashier Schroeder, was found guilty of assault with intent to commit murder. The jury was outless than an hour. Sentence will be passed later.

Testimony was introduced to show that Holden had served time in the penitentiaries of Michigan and Ohio.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$3.25@4.25. Top hogs, \$4.50.

Bar Salvation Lassies.

Proprietors of several well known hotels, restaurants and cafes in Broadway, N. Y., especially in the theater district, have adopted a rule excluding women of the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America who seek contributions.

Soldiers Fight Great Fire.

A news agency's Paris dispatch says a large part of Mustapha, a suburb of Algiers, having a population of about 100,000, was almost wholly destroyed by a fire which broke out on Sunday.

THREE WERE KILLED.

Five Others Injured at Charleston, W. Va.

A Charleston, W. Va., dispatch says: Three persons are known to have been killed and five others seriously injured by the collapse of the suspension bridge across the Elk River, which connects East and West Charleston.

At the time the bridge went down there were six teams and six children on their way to school and a number of other pedestrians on the structure. The bridge went down without warning, but a number of those who were near the ends of the structure managed to reach land.

Those who went down with the wreckage fell a distance of forty feet into the ice covered waters of the Elk River. The depth of the river at this point is variously estimated at from ten to twenty feet, and when the iron and lumber wreckage struck the ice it broke into fragments and those killed and several of the injured were thrown into the water or swept under the ice farther down the stream.

The news of the accident caused great excitement, and crowds gathered on both banks of the river.

The steamer Baxter broke the ice to allow small boats to reach the scene, and the rescue work began immediately.

The injured were first assisted to the shore, and later a search was made of the river for dead bodies. The bodies of Mamie Jigginbotham, Ollie Gibbs and Annie Humphreys were taken out and the search continued until nightfall, but no others were found.

The accident was caused by two cables on the north side slipping from their moorings. When that side dropped another cable on the other side snapped, the floor tilted and turned completely over.

The news of the accident spread rapidly and the banks were soon lined with frantic people, who feared friends or relatives had gone down with the bridge to their deaths.

The work of rescue was pushed vigorously. United States engineers being appealed to for help, while river men were among the earliest helpers.

During the civil war the cable of this bridge was cut by Gen. Wise when he evacuated Charleston, the bridge at the same time being partly burned. The same cable was afterward spliced, and has been in use ever since.

QUARTER OF A MILLION SHORT

A Missing Indiana Treasurer is a Big Defaulter.

Elder Frank Obenchain, treasurer of Cass County, Ind., has been declared a defaulter. His thirty-six bondsmen have assumed charge of the office and placed one of their number, Joseph Guthrie, in charge of the books and funds. It is said his defalcation may amount to \$250,000.

Obenchain himself has disappeared. He was at first thought to be in Chicago and his relatives went to the home of Frank Rimpler, a Chicago musician, in the hope that Miss Tillie Rimpler, of Logansport, Ind., who was visiting her brother, could throw some light on Obenchain's absence and his financial entanglements. Miss Rimpler convinced them she knew nothing. She has returned to Logansport to clear herself of suspicion. She had left Logansport a week ago, having been employed in the treasurer's office.

SAFE SAVES CASH.

Robbers Unable to Get Into a Bank's Strong Box.

An attempt was made Wednesday night to burgle the Bank of Wakonda, at Wakonda, S. D. The building was entered by prying open the door. The doors of the vault were blown open with nitroglycerin, but the robbers were unable to open the safe, and left without getting anything but a few valuables stored in the vault. There was about \$5,000 in the safe at the time. Three hundred dollars' worth of postage stamps belonging to the postoffice were not touched. All the damage is fully covered by insurance.

The work was apparently done by novices, who escaped on a handcar.

WEALTHY MEN LOSE HEAVILY

Two Drop \$68,000 in a Gambling House in New York.

According to a story given out, Police Inspector McClosky, chief of the New York detective bureau, has received a report that two men, one from Cleveland and the other from Chicago, both wealthy, lost \$68,000 a few nights ago in a New York gambling house. Of this amount \$44,000, which had been given in checks, was recovered, but \$24,000, the cash loss, was not refunded.

The story says the men were taken into the house by a person representing himself as an old friend of the Cleveland man.

Fast Mail Train Wrecked.

A fast mail train, eastbound, on the Burlington Railroad, was wrecked early Thursday near Bristol, Ill. Oscar Johnson, the fireman, was killed, and Engineer John Cowden probably fatally injured. The train carried no passengers.

Patti Sings for Red Cross.

Mme. Adeline Patti gave a concert in St. Petersburg Wednesday for the benefit of the Red Cross Society under the auspices of the Grand Duchess Maria Pavlovna. The concert was a brilliant success, netting \$37,000.

Four Men Killed.

Four men were killed and two probably fatally injured at Philadelphia Thursday by the blowing out of a manhole in the engine room on the battleship Massachusetts at the League Island navy yard.

For Two New States.

The senate committee on territories authorized a favorable report of the measure admitting Arizona and New Mexico as one state and Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state.

MISSING CHADWICK.

Cleveland Crowd Hoot, Jeer and Taunt Her.

Five times indicted by the United States grand jury at the exact minute that her train rolled into the station Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick went home to Cleveland, O., Wednesday afternoon.

She was greeted with jeers, hoots and hisses by the crowds that gathered in the depot when her train arrived, and howled at by hundreds gathered in front of the federal building. The last sound that reached her from the outside world as she passed into the stuffy, ill-smelling office of Sheriff Barry in the county jail was the hoots of derision from the people massed in front of the doorways.

She made no attempt to give bail, and after a brief stop in the office of the clerk of the United States court was taken to jail. She is held in cell 14, in the woman's department of the jail, and her palatial residence in Euclid Avenue, which the furnishings alone are valued at \$200,000, is occupied by her maid. Her courage held to the last, but her body failed her, and when she had mounted the flights of stairs leading to the tier of cells where she is to remain she collapsed utterly and fell in a dead faint.

But for the aid of Deputy United States Marshals Kumb and Kelker, who held her up and almost carried her along as she mounted the stairs, she never would have been able to reach her cell. Breathless, pale and staggering, she was barely able to reach her chair as the steel door of the woman's corridor swung open to receive her. She sank into a chair, her head fell backward, and but for the marshals she would have rolled to the floor. Water was quickly brought to her and in a few seconds she revived and was again a woman of business.

Her first request was that her lawyer, Sheldon O. Kersch, be sent for, and she was soon engaged in a conference with him concerning her defense.

There is small chance that she will be able to leave the jail before her trial. There are now seven indictments against her, five additional charges having been laid against her in the federal court on Wednesday. It would require security to the amount of at least \$100,000 to give her freedom, and there is nobody in Cleveland who will furnish that amount.

AMES GOES FREE

Indictments Against Alleged Bootlegger are Dismissed.

All the indictments against former Mayor Ames, at Minneapolis, have been dismissed. He is now a free man, and never again will be tried under the indictments returned as a result of the "grafting" during his administration as chief executive of that city. Ames has been tried five times.

Ex-Mayor Ames was indicted for bribery three years ago, but the Minnesota supreme court quashed the indictment on the ground of faulty evidence. Ames has been mayor of Minneapolis four times.

His trials brought out a shocking condition of affairs in Minneapolis. Abandoned women testified that they had paid money to prevent arrest. Ames was convicted on the charge, but was released on appeal on account of a technicality.

Big Fire at Buffalo.

At 4 o'clock Wednesday morning the immense coal traffic of the Buffalo Creek Railroad within the southern city limits of Buffalo, N. Y., was discovered to be on fire. Word was sent to the city and an engine and truck were sent to the scene. It was impossible to reach the fire with the engine hose. The trestles were destroyed.

Big Rockefeller Gift.

The University of Chicago is the recipient of another gift from John D. Rockefeller, according to a member of the advisory committee of the Baptist theological union. Between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 is said to be the amount of the endowment. The money, it is said, is to be used for the creation of a school of engineering.

People Urged to Hoard Water.

A Columbus, O., special says: The drought has lowered the Scioto River to a very low stage. The river, from which Columbus secures its water supply, is frozen nearly solid. The situation has alarmed the water works officials, and the superintendent Wednesday issued a warning to people to hoard their water supply, for if the river is completely frozen the supply will be cut off.

New Hope for Rudolph.

At Jefferson City, Mo., Division No. 2 of the supreme court Wednesday granted a motion to transfer the case of William Rudolph, condemned to hang, to the supreme court for a rehearing. Rudolph was convicted of the murder of Detective Schumacher, who attempted to arrest him for participation in the Union, Mo., robbery.

For World's Fair Building.

The board of directors of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis has approved the contract with a Chicago wrecking company for the removal of the exposition buildings. The exposition company is to receive \$450,000.

Grand Army Encampment.

The next annual encampment of the G. A. R. will be held in Denver, Colo., beginning Sept. 5, 1905. It will continue for five days. The railroads have granted a rate of 1 cent a mile. This announcement was made by the executive committee of the G. A. R., which has been in session at the Brown Palace hotel.

St. Joseph the Healthiest.

A report upon the public health, just compiled by the census bureau at Washington, D. C., shows St. Joseph, Mo., to be the healthiest city in the United States. The annual death rate there is only 9.1 to 1,000.

Fire at Stamford.

The Grand Opera House building, containing a theater, a number of offices, two stores and the Odd Fellows' hall burned at Stamford, Conn., Wednesday. The loss is \$75,000.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Crackmen Blow Open Safe—Early Morning Burglary at Martinsburg—Team Used by the Men Found Near South Sioux City.

Sheriff Andy Maskell, of Cedar County, Neb., was in Sioux City Sunday hot on the trail of crackmen who early Sunday morning blew open the safe in Martin's general store at Martinsburg, Neb., a small town near Ponca. Nitro glycerin was used in opening the safe and between \$50 and \$60 and some checks secured. After getting the booty the "box openers" went to the barn of Floyd Fagley, stole a team and buggy, and drove to the barn of Pat Cory and secured a harness. With this rig they escaped.

The robbery was discovered when Floyd Fagley went to his barn and found the horses gone. He notified the officers, and then it was learned the store had been entered. Sheriff Maskell, Mr. Fagley and Sheriff Hanson, of Dakota county, took up the trail. The men were tracked to South Sioux City and the abandoned team found in Hogan's corn field near that place. The horses had considerably been unhitched and turned loose to forage. In the buggy was the empty money drawer, which was missing from the safe, a coat, a pair of overalls, a necktie and one overshoe, which corresponds to one the officers picked up on the road between Dakota City and South Sioux City.

Sheriff Maskell said the robbery occurred about 1 o'clock, and it was 11 o'clock when they found the team in the corn field, the horses giving evidence of having been hard driven. The men entered the store by forcing open a front door, and, undisturbed, it was easy for them to blow the safe, which was a small one such as is in general use in country stores. The force of the explosion tore off the door. The cash drawer, which contained the receipts of Saturday's business, was extracted. In addition to the money were a number of checks and some notes. The notes were left behind, and Mr. Martin does not at this time know what the amount of the checks will total. It was Sheriff Maskell's opinion the men had the store spotted, and believed they would make a big haul.

The Nebraska officers were in Sioux City Sunday night working in conjunction with the police on the theory that the robbers crossed the bridge after leaving the rig and went to Sioux City.

ROBBERY AT MEADOW GROVE

Thief with Plunder in His Wagon Talks to Railroad Operator.

The mercantile store of W. McDonald at Meadow Grove, was entered and robbed of goods to the value of about \$1,000. The robber, after having made the haul, was met on the street at 3 a. m. by the Northwestern railroad operator.

"Isn't it late for you to be out?" asked the trainman of the robber.

"Oh, yes," said the burglar. "We'll be home soon. Won't you have a drink?" and he pushed forward a bottle, which was refused.

At that time it was not known the store had been robbed.

The burglar, driving through Battle Creek in a wagon with a bundle of goods covered, was seen at daybreak. A reward of \$100 has been offered for the capture of the fellow.

DEATH MESSAGE THE FIRST.

Promoter of Dixon Phone Line Dies as it is Completed.

A Dixon special says: The first message sent out over the new rural telephone line to Dixon was the death of J. B. Lisle, who for sixteen years has been a resident of Dixon County. The rural telephone line was completed Wednesday afternoon and at 5 o'clock word flashed over the wire that Mr. Lisle had been found dead in the barn at his country home. The cause of his death is supposed to be heart failure.

Mr. Lisle was one of the main promoters of the new telephone and a member of the company's board of directors. His death was a shock to the community, as he was one of its most honored citizens.

FARMER RECOVERS MONEY.

Kills Calf Which Swallowed Bills and Finds Them in Stomach.

Adam Kopetsky, a farmer living west of Dunbar, in Merrick County, lost \$60 in currency Sunday evening. He had the bills in a tobacco sack and he felt sure that he had dropped it while feeding his stock. He also had a strong suspicion that a calf had eaten it, sack and all. He slept one night over the matter and then slaughtered the animal. The money was found in one of the stomachs—some of it partly digested, but in such a shape that he had no difficulty in having it redeemed at the bank. The bills will be sent to Washington. The calf was one which Mr. Kopetsky wished to keep, but concluded he wasn't worth \$60.

Alleged Bank Robber on Trial.

A jury was secured at Columbus Tuesday afternoon in the district court and the trial of William Holden, who is charged with attempted murder, was begun. Holden, it is alleged, tried to rob the bank at Platte Center on Nov. 21 and shot Cashier Schroeder. The state has sixty-nine witnesses and the defense ten.

Only One Convicted.

The district court, which has been in session at North Platte for the past two weeks, has adjourned. Only one criminal was convicted. Fritz Kestner, who was charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm to Rosa Zinger, his housekeeper.

Maniacs Eat Grouse.

The inmates of the hospital for the insane and the Tabitha home at Lincoln ate grouse for dinner Sunday. A trunk full of the birds was confiscated in Omaha Saturday by the game warden and brought to Lincoln. They had been shipped in from the west end of the state.

Grain Waiting for Cars.

Several thousand bushels of corn at Pender is awaiting shipment. The railroad company is unable to furnish the cars. The capacity of the four elevators at Pender is overrun.

FOUR CLOUD PLEADS GUILTY

Sentenced by Judge Carland to Ten Years at Hard Labor.

With a record, according to those acquainted with the Winnebago reservation in Thurston County and its history, of having brutally murdered five women, in as many years, George Four Cloud, a full-blooded Winnebago Indian, stood before Judge Carland in federal court at Omaha Tuesday afternoon and pleaded guilty to having killed Cora Elk, the last of his victims. He was allowed to enter a plea of guilty to the crime of manslaughter, for which the maximum punishment is imprisonment for ten years at hard labor. To this punishment he was promptly sentenced by Judge Carland.

Four Cloud is a young man, apparently not more than 25 years of age, stock and heavy set, with a full moon face, high cheek bones and ebony black hair. He cannot speak a word of English and had to enter his plea through an interpreter. He was as stolid and indifferent during the ordeal and when the terms of the sentence were made known to him as he has been uniformly since he was brought down to Omaha, a prisoner, charged with a peculiarly atrocious and revolting crime.

Cora Elk, like Four Cloud, was a full-blooded Winnebago. Four Cloud killed her as she lay in bed, with her 11-year-old daughter in the room a spectator of the crime. The man was in a drunken frenzy at the time and literally beat the life out of his victim, stamping upon her body with his heavily booted feet and striking her repeatedly with a club.

HAS PROVED A FLAT FAILURE

Beet Sugar Production in Eastern Nebraska.

A Norfolk special says: The sugar beet industry and the manufacture of beet sugar in eastern Nebraska, after a continuous test of thirteen years, has proved a flat failure.

That is the conclusion of the American Beet Sugar Company, who, having operated their Norfolk plant for more than a dozen years, have become satisfied that success can never be attained from the proposition, and are now dismantling the engines and wheels and chutes and centrifugals of the factory, loading the machinery on freight cars and hauling it out to Lamar, Colo., for installation in a new factory to be erected by the Oxnard Construction Company at that place. With the close of the sugar campaign in Norfolk on Saturday night the wheels and belts became forever still, so far as Norfolk is concerned, 300 men went out of employment, and nine expert scientists, who had been measuring up the bolts and spokes, began directing the tearing down of the plant.

The people of Norfolk donated \$150,000 in cash toward the factory thirteen years ago to induce it to locate there. Many of those same people are poverty-stricken today as a result; the sugar business has been unsuccessful, and now the machinery towards which they gave their all is moving to Colorado.

ATTEMPTED SAFE BLOWING

Effort to Rob Bank at Randolph Frustrated.

Robbers drilled holes in the vault door of the bank at Randolph Friday night, but were scared away before they could open the safe. William Rogers discovered two men in a carpenter shop at Randolph and fired several shots at them. The robbers leaped into a buggy and drove away. Later it was found the tools at the bank were from the Rogers shop and it is presumed the bank robbers had returned to the carpenter shop for more tools, when scared away. The stolen buggy was found near Randolph Saturday morning. Nebraska bloodhounds were put on the trail near Randolph.

HOLDUP STORY IS A FAKE.

Lexington Operator Confesses that He Took the Cash.

The hold-up of the night operator at the Union Pacific depot at Lexington on Sunday night proves to be a fake. Detective Vizzard arrived Monday and probed the matter. The story of the operator, whose name is Columbus May, was so fishy that he was put in a sweat box, with the result that he confessed that he took the money himself. Detective Vizzard departed with the young man for Omaha Tuesday morning. It is said he had an accomplice, as a chum of his suddenly left the city.

Girl Has Remarkable Nerve.

Miss Lena Spetzgen, the 15-year-old Grand Island miss who was run down by a Union Pacific train at a crossing Wednesday, is reported to be resting well and to show signs of no other injury. Physicians attending her state that they never saw a more nerve, gritty patient. The young woman's arm appeared to have fallen lengthwise on the rail and from a little above the wrist to a few inches below the elbow was crushed into a thousand pieces. And yet the young girl never whimpered from the time she was picked up until she reached the hospital and was placed under the influence of chloroform.

Twelve Years for Robbery.

Frank V. Woods was found guilty by the jury at Chadron, of the robbery of \$3,000 from the person of Mae Johnson, alias Mary Pease, on the night of Aug. 19, 1904, and sentenced by Judge Westover to twelve years in the penitentiary. A motion for a new trial was submitted without argument and overruled.

Work of an Incendiary.

Some person set fire to hay stacks belonging to ex-County Commissioner W. J. Ryan, near Chadron, and seventy tons were burned. Mr. Ryan has strong suspicions as to who set the fire and has offered \$100 reward for evidence that will convict.

Reappointed Deputy Auditor.

Ben E. Pender, of Omaha, was Thursday reappointed deputy insurance auditor by Auditor-elect Searle.

Was Posing William Tell.

At Lincoln, in an effort to imitate the feat of William Tell, Ernest Linn, 16 years old, Wednesday evening shot off the top of the head of Sylvan Belote, aged 9. The target was a tin can on the child's head. He died instantly.

Fatal Elevator Accident.

James Yarrow, the man who was injured at the Nye-Schneider-Fowler Company's elevator at Fremont, died Wednesday evening from the effects of his injuries. He was 38 years old and leaves a wife and two small children.



FOOD COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDS

Food Commissioner W. F. Thompson, in his biennial report to the governor, recommends that the payment of fees to his department be abolished and the commission be supported by a direct appropriation; that the scope of his department be extended to all foods and condiments and all articles used for food or drink by man. At present the department has jurisdiction only over dairy products, vinegar and cider. Commissioner Thompson calls attention to the fact that the legislature in passing the present law saw fit to restrict the scope of the department to the limited articles of food found in section 4. These are: Butter, cheese, imitation butter, imitation cheese, milk and cream, vinegar, cider and all laws concerning dairy products. He says: "A careful observation of the analyses of the one item of vinegar will show conclusively the necessity of a food law covering all foods and condiments which shall include all articles used for food or drink by man, whether simple or compound. Since May 8, 1893, the members of this commission have turned down upward of 950 barrels of grain vinegar colored to look like and sold as cider or malt vinegar, and anyone familiar with the costs of vinegar can tell you that on this item alone the commission has either saved the retailer a large sum of money or compelled the jobbers and wholesalers to furnish pure goods, which the retailers were supposed to have been buying."

GEORGE D. BENNETT WILL BE REAPPOINTED

Secretary of the state board of equalization and Ed Royce will hold on to his place as secretary of the state banking board. Neither of these appointments has been officially made. But there is no doubt but that they will be announced in due time. A majority of the members of the state board of equalization have expressed their preference for Mr. Bennett, believing that he deserves another term, because it was due largely to his work and his understanding of the law, that the late board got along as well as it did in starting out under the new order of things. The salary attached to this office is \$1,600 a year, and as the responsibilities are a great deal more and the work a great deal heavier than that of a deputy, it is very probable an effort will be made to get the next legislature to increase the salary.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT-ELECT J. L. MCBRIEN ANNOUNCED

Saturday the appointment of Ed C. Bishop, of Lincoln, as deputy state superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Bishop is 34 years old. He was reared on the farm. His early education was obtained in the rural schools of Iowa and at the Rockford, La., high school. For five years he was a student in the Lincoln Normal University and graduated from that institution in 1897. He holds a professional license. For three years he was principal of the Bradshaw schools. He served four years as county superintendent of York County. During the last two years he has been at the head of the English department of the Lincoln Business College and at the same time taking graduate work in the University of Nebraska.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT FOWLER HAS CERTIFIED TO STATE AUDITOR WESTON HIS APPOINTMENT

of school money, amounting to \$272,257.06, certified to him by Treasurer Mortenson Dec. 5. The whole number of school children in the districts of the state is 377,419, and the money will be distributed \$0.721235 per pupil. Douglas County will get the largest amount, \$30,988.40, having the largest number of school children, topping the counties with 42,958. Lancaster comes next with 22,285 pupils and will get \$16,675.06.

UNLESS ALL SIGNS FAIL, ADDISON WAIT WILL BE THE NEXT CHIEF CLERK IN THE OFFICE OF THE BANKING BOARD.

It was said Wednesday that A. N. Dodson, the present chief clerk, would not be an applicant for his old position, and that the board members were favorable to the candidacy of Mr. Wait. The latter is at present bookkeeper in the office of the secretary of state and was before the last Republican state convention a candidate for secretary of state.

IN A DECISION WRITTEN BY CHIEF JUSTICE HOLCOMB IN THE CASE OF THE CITY OF BEATRICE AGAINST WRIGHT, COUNTY TREASURER OF GAGE COUNTY, THE MICKLEY-AGER TAX LAW IS DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY THE SUPREME COURT.

County Treasurer Wright sought to enforce the law against certain city property in Beatrice, and the city resisted and attacked the constitutionality of the law. Its constitutionality was upheld, Judge Sedgew