Merchants of South Omaha in School Fight

Resolution Presents Seven Reasons to School Board Why High Appropriation Should Not Be Cut.

Members of the South Omaha Merchants' association have aligned themselves to fight the proposed $125,000 cut in the appropriation for a new South High school.

A resolution to petition the school board to complete the school according to the plans and specifications that were exhibited prior to the election was adopted at a meeting of merchants held January 20.

According to the original plans, the building was to cost $800,000. A saving is to be effected, according to reports, by eliminating the auditorium unit from the building program.

Cites Seven Reasons.

The association registers its protest against the appropriation cut for the following reasons:

First, the bonds were voted by the people, especially by residents of South Omaha because of the representation that the complete unit would be built at South High.

Second, the elimination of the auditorium unit from the building program at the present time would involve an expense of $25,000 extra when the work is finally done.

Auditorium Needed.

Third, the need of an auditorium on the South Side is imperative as the present auditorium in its dilapidated condition does not accommodate the persons who wish to attend school functions.

Fourth, in the 10 years since annexation there has been spent but a small amount of money on South Side territory. Practically none of that has been spent on South High school. At the same time South Omaha tax payers have been taxed to provide for the remodeling of Central High school and for the construction of Technical and North High schools.

Fifth, there woulud be an unjust discrimination if the district in the south of the city were provided with only a partially finished high school while other portions of the city have fully finished and perfectly equipped high schools.

Sixth, the completion of South High school as planned would not interfere with the board's grade school program as this was contemplated at the time that program was announced and was a part of it.

First Plea in 10 Years.

Seventh, the finance for the completion of this high school unit can be completed by deferring work on other high schools that have splendid equipment already, and at least equalizing the equipment of South High with that of other schools before inventing any more in older schools.

"This is the first time that South Omaha has asked for anything of any importance from the school board during the past 10 years," states the association's petition. "We insist that we are entitled to the utmost consideration, not only because of our patience, but because of the fact that the money invested in equipment for larger and better school work on the South Side is money invested where it will produce large results in educational and civic betterment."

Armour Employes Conduct Election

Members Named to Conference Board of Packing Plant.

The midwinter conference board election was held recently at Armour & Co. local plant.

The board is composed of management and employe representative. Its purpose is to promote co-operation between employer and employe.

Election returns follow:

Beef division, Frank Bilek, 254; Tom Scott, 191.

Pork division, Elmer Kelly, 274; Blanche Buras, 162.

Production division, William Warren, 170; William Curran, 73.

Mechanical division, John Eckert, 307; J. B. Brown, 164.

Divisional committee, Precinct No. 1, Anna Cox, 107; Charles Holub, 25.

Divisional committee, Precinct No. 4, James Dickson, 141; Wes Horn, 33.

Divisional committee, Precinct No. 5, Rose Shramek, 35; Mary Strand, 29.

Divisional committee, Precinct No. 8, Joe Novotny, 64; Harry Garner, 34.

Divisional committee, Precinct No. 9, Joseph Henry, 18; W. J. Moran, 18.

Divisional committee, Precinct No. 10, James Begley, 99; J. C. Martin, 90.

Divisional committee, Precinct No. 12, Mike Trummer, 55; Frank Dokull, 22.

Auto Pliers Are Used to Extract Big Splinter

Arnolds Park, Ia., Jan. 24.—Ormabean Kellogg, pupil at the junior high school here, feel while at volley ball practice in the gymnasium Thursday, running a slinter an inch wide and three inches long into her knee.

Supt. Fred E. Gates used an automobile piler to extract the splinter. After carefully dressing the wound, he sent the girl home.

Doane College Notes.

President Dean returned to Crete Thursday. Mrs. Dean will visit with their daughters a short time before coming to make their home in Crete. For the present they will have rooms with Miss Gertrude Brown.

Some new courses have been added for the second semester, including a practical course in radio under Professor Huxford.

A number of new students are expected for the beginning of the second semester.

Doane won its basket ball game with Grand Island last Tuesday on the home court by the score of 15 to 11.

Faculty Men's club dined at the Cosmopolitan hotel Monday evening with Professors Bennett and Taylor hosts. Mr. Bennett spoke on "History of the Development of Education in Nebraska During the Past 40 Years." Mr. Bennett completed 40 years of service in educational work January 7 last. He will go to New York and enter Columbia University Teachers' college for the second semester which begins February 3.

At a regular business meeting of the Nebraska Gamma chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, the honorary forensic fraternity Miss Dorothy Kinney, '27, of Elgin, Neb., was elected manager of debates to succeed Miss Dorothy Blatter, '25, of Albion, who graduates at the end of the first semester. At this same session, arrangements for regular meetings with special forensic programs were made

Nature's Grim Caprices Make Long's Peak Hazardous for Winter Climbers; Many Omahans Have Been at Summit

To the blase Alpine climber, ascending mountains in the United States is only for those who read Mother Goose rhymes.

But let him try, if he will, to reach the summit of Long's peak, Colorado, in the dead of winter. This has been accomplished only twice. On January 10, 1922, Jack Moomaw, a forest ranger with sinews of steel and an endurance hardly human, scaled the peak on skis from the south slope.

On January 12, last, Miss Agnes Vaille, secretary of the Denver Chamber of Commerce, and Walter Kiener, a Swiss mountain climber, ascended the abrupt east face of the peak and reached the summit safely. The return trip cost Miss Vaille her life, and that of one of the rescue party. Kiener was half frozen by the terrible wind which whipped him mercilessly, and the blinding blizzard of the gaunt granite passes of the east precipice.

Omahan Owns Cabin There.

W. S. Wolfe, 1110 South Sixtieth street, Omaha, owns a log cabin in Estes park and is familiar with the region, winter and summer. He says he would no more think of climbing the peak in January than of swimming the Atlantic ocean, or crossing the Sahara desert with a half-pint flask of water.

In 1806 Zebulon Pike turned back from a futile attempt to scale the peak which now bears his name. To his comrades he said:

"No man can ever reach the summit of that monstrous mountain."

Editor Doubted Possibility.

Several hundred thousand persons have visited the top of Pikes peak since then, by horse, by carriage, by rail, afoot, by burro and now, wonder of wonders, by automobile.

In August, 1864, William N. Byers, founder of the Denver Rocky Mountain News, made an unsuccessful attempt to climb Long's peak, and on his return to Denver he wrote:

"We have been almost all around the peak and we are quite sure that no living creature, unless it had wings to fly, was ever upon its summit. We believe we run no risk in predicting that no man will ever be, though it is barely possible that the ascent can be made."

Byers ate those words four years later, however, when he reached the top with the first party that ever accomplished the feat.

Other Fatalities.

The Estes Park Trail, a weekly newspaper published in the shadow of Long's peak, contains an account of the six fatalities among the 20,000 persons who have stood upon the summit of the mountain. The first tragedy occurred September 23, 1884, when Miss Carrie Welton, a wealthy young woman of Waterbury, Conn., lost her life following a heroic and successful attempt to reach the top.

On her return she fell exhausted, and her guide, Carlyle Lamb, left her at 9:30 p. m. and went for assistance. The rescue party arived at sunrise, but Miss Welton was dead from over-exertion and exposure, although she was not frozen.

Five years later a boy named Stryker of Tipton, Ia., was in a party of which Lamb was again the guide. He had a revolver in his pocket and on the way down the hammer of the revolver struck a rock and the gun exploded, shooting him in the neck. He died before medical aid could be summoned.

Youth Falls Over Precipice.

On July 20, 1921, Gregory Aubuchon, 18, fell over the 2,800-foot precipice, and the body was so deeply imbedded in the snow at the bottom that it was not found until September 16 of that year by national park rangers. The boy had been camping with his parents who had forbidden him to try to scale the peak.

On August 1, 1922, J. E. Kitts of Greeley, Colo., had reached the summit and was congratulating himself on the feat when a bolt of lightning struck him. Death was instantaneous. Only a year and a half ago a young woman, Miss Ethel Ridenour of Kansas City, Mo., was struck by lightning a mile above Timberline cabin. Fortunately her companion on the trip was a New York doctor, who almost literally brought her back to life. She was badly burned.

Hotel Caretaker Dies.

In addition to Miss Vaille, the other victim of the most recent tragedy was Harry Sortland, 22, caretaker of Long's Peak Inn. With three other men he left to search for Miss Vaille and Wiener when they did not return. At Granite Pass, above timberline, he had to turn back, somewhat frozen. He never reached Timberline cabin, and his body was found several days later.

There was a seventh disappearance around Long's peak, the solution of which is never been found. H. F. Targett, a wealthy business man of Los Angeles, left Long's Peak inn on June 21, 1921, to go to Chasm lake, a trip of no great difficulty. He never returned, and no trace of him has ever been found. His estate was settled by the courts last year when he was officially proclaimed dead. His bones may be lying in some forgotten gulch or "lost" canyon, but they certainly are not in the vicinity of Chasm lake, for that neighborhood was thoroughly searched at the time he vanished.

Numerous Omaha mountain climbers have been to the summit of Long's peak and have looked down on the awesome gorges, bleak and barren of vegetation, where these lives have been snuffed out by the grim caprices of nature.

Out of the Records

Births and Deaths.

Births.

Filadelfio and Providenza Cormaci, 1303 South Fifth street, girl.
Samuel and Lena Maggie, 1111 Briggs, boy.
August and Katherine Wietzki, 2912 Vinton street, boy.
Michael and Gertrude McNulty, 1210 North 29th street, boy.
Albert and Anna Peterson, 2741 South Eleventh street, girl.
Godfrey and Agnes Vicek, 4525 South Twenty-second street, boy.
Vernon and Grace Moss, 809 North Seventeenth street (twins), girls.
James and Helen Farmer, 4410 South Twentieth street, girl.
Elias Joseph and Camel, 5017 Spaulding street, girl.
Dominic and Carmella Petrass, 3444 South Nineteenth street, boy.
Hugh and Frieda Kerwin, hospital, boy.
Wilughby and Mabel Brothers, 6323 North Thirty-third street, boy.

Deaths.

Jennie L. Jewell, 79 years, 4332 Parker street.
Rose De Cristino, 3 years, 1426 North Eighteenth street.
Siegfried Heyn, 67 years, 112 South Thirty-fifth avenue.
Justine Klossner, 69 years, 2407 South Eleventh street.
Earl Miller, 46 years, hospital.

In Divorce Court.

Petitions.

Bertha Ewing against Ira, cruelty.
R. F. Thompson against Valetta, cruelty.
Mayme Smith against Bennett W., non-support.
Jane D. Young against Clyde, non-support.

Decrees.

Frances Burrell from William, cruelty.
Marie Anderson from Allen J. Anderson, illegal marriage.
Samuel Grevous from Ethel, desertion.
Etta Lloyd from Eugene C., cruelty.
Florence Haines from Fred, cruelty.
Sophia Schimkuvica fro mJoseph, non-support.
Hattie Cooley from Zollie, cruelty.
Florence B. Goff from Royal H., cruelty.
Helen M. Miller from Arthur L., cruelty.
Helen L. Opland from Louis, desertion.
Marnie McAleer from Hugh, cruelty.
Essie Bell Hansen from Wiggs, cruelty.

Building Permits.

Frank E. Kurtz, 4403 Davenport, frame dwelling, $3,500.
Frank E. Kurtz, 4407 Davenport, frame dwelling, $3,500.
John L. Swisher, 5840 Dorcas, frame dwelling, $4,700.

Real Estate Transfers.

John W. Hall and wife to Tukey Mtge. Co., 27th St., 201 ft. s. of Binney St., w. s., 86x136.41	1
Charles Gillan and wife to Tukey Mtge. Co., n. e. cor. 41st and Emile St., 50x130	1
Home Terrace Co. to E. W. Barton and wife, 48th St., 95 ft. s. of Hurt St., e. s., 50x130	6,150
Goldie E. Priest and husband to Edward J. Epsten and wife, n. w. cor. 56th and Jackson Sts., 58.7x125	8,850
Rex Brown to Samuel O. Bundy, Maple St., 84 ft. w. of 42d St., s. s., 42x120	4,950
W. Seavey Hudson to Halsey F. Hicks and wife, Patrick Ave., 162 ft. s. of Military Ave., s. s., 50x82	2,100
G. Turner Haines to P. E. McGovern, 49th St., 120 ft. s. of Sigwart Ave., w. s., 40x126	500
Katie Hynek to Anton T. Tusa and wife, n. w. cor. Blaine and Kavan St., 75x120	600
Edward F. Williams and wife to L. C. Armintrout and wife, Ohio St., 50 ft. w. of 50th St., n. s., 50x130.8	7,500
Charles L. Van Camp to Lee B. Van Camp, n. w. cor. 51st and Frances Sts., 50x128	1
Filippo Pattavina et al. to Pavlo Oddo and wife, 17th St., 200 ft. of Castelar St., w. s., 33⅓x133	2,800
Charles W. Griepentrog and wife to Temple McFayden, s. e. cor. 60th and Ohio Sts., 130x145	1,300
Ella K. Kauffman to Lillian B. Simpson et al., Western Ave., 97 ft. s. of 53d St., n. s., 49½x128	1,900
Stars Beverage and Ice Co. to Gussie Dimarco, 20th St., 25½ ft. s. of Martha St., w. s., 25½x100	300
Gussie Dimarco to Joseph Wolf and wife, 20th St., 25½ ft. s. of Martha St., w. s., 25½x100	800
Edward A. Carlston to Harry E. Wymore and wife, s. e. cor. 42d and Cuming Sts., 45½x76.6	10,000
Harold J. Grove and wife to R. S. Edmunds, s. w. cor. 37th and Pinkney Sts., 80x134	750
N. P. Dodge, jr., and wife to A. D. Strattan, Pine St., 95 ft. e. of 62d St., s. s., 47x132	465
Ida Smith and husband to Albert Koppenhaver, 17th St., 110 ft. n. of Dorcas St., w. s., 40x66	250
Juanita L. Scanlan to Katie Stavneak, Hascall St., 103 ft. n. of 36th St., n. s., 81x124	440

Cotner College Notes.

Barton L. Kline, '27, Alliance, was awarded first place in the annual local oratorical contest. His subject was "Our Educational Integrity." Miss Ruby Newberry, Bethany, speaking on "Individual, Not Group, Education," won second place. Canuto S. Udasco, Laoag, P. I., and Lawrence Baron, Atlantic, Ia., were the other contestants.

Prof. K. Shellenberger went to Mound City, Mo., Friday to conduct the funeral of an uncle, Joseph Shellenberger.

Miss Elda Dodrill, Stockton, Kan., has won the first sweater awarded to a girl in Cotner. The women's athletic association, affiliated with the national organization, establishes the standards, which are 1,000 points, for this high honor. The following, having won 500 points, were awarded "C" letters: Rhoona Crane, Bethany; Vena Clark, Logan, Ia.; Minnie Berger, Rosedale, Kan.; Mary Dodrill, Stockton, Kan., and Alfreda Smith, Fairbury. The presentation of sweaters and letters was made, on behalf of the school, by Dean J. F. Duncan at chapel Wednesday.

Grant K. Lewis, '98, home missionary secretary of the United Christian Missionary society, attended the annual meeting of the national home missions council at Atlantic City, N. J., January 12 to 16.

The "C" club, consisting of men who have won letters in athletics, elected William Borgaard, Minden, president, and Joseph Kennedy, Jewell, Kan., secretary and treasurer.

Miss Kennetha Thomas of Bethany won the first prize for poetry in the Omaha Women's Press club contest. She is teaching at Prague this year.

Nebraska News Nubbins

Broken Bow.—The Grange Mutual Insurance company elected its officers as follows: Frank Jenkins, president; John H. Stewart, vice president; Jules Haumont, secretary-treasurer. Directors for three years are Alvin Daily, Anselmo; Albert Powell, Weissert; J. B. Walker, Broken Bow.

Table Rock.—Mr. Oscar Moler, a well known resident of Pawnee county for many years, died Wednesday in his 51st year. Funeral services were held at the Chistian church in Pawnee City.

Superior.—Mrs. Henry Heisermann, resident of Oak, just north of here, for many years, suffered a paralytic stroke at her home Wednesday and is in a serious condition. This is her second stroke.

Brroken Bow.—At the annual meeting of the Co-Operative company, the following officers were elected: R. F. Burnett, president; C. T. Wright, vice president; R. L. Briggs, secretary-treasurer. Ralph Johnson and D. R. Rockwell were elected directors.

Beatrice.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Liberty Telephone company held at the Bank of Liberty. Reports submitted that the institution is in a prosperous condition. Officers and directors were elected.

Pawnee City.—Mrs. Henry Johnson, pioneer resident of Pewnee City, died Wednesday. She is survived by her husband, Henry Johnson, and two children, Mrs. J. F. Herries of Pawnee City and Dr. Ellis Johnson of Helena, Mont.

Beatrice.—Announcement has been received here of the death of Miss Irma Calman, 16, formerly of this city, at her home at Huntington, Neb., after a brief illness. She was a granddaughter of George Vasey, old resident of the Blue Springs vicinity.

Pawnee City.—Mrs. F. C. Calhoun has been chosen by the Pawnee City board of education to teach chorus work in the senior high school during the semester which began the first of the week. The junior high school will present the operetta, "The Toreadors," under direction of Miss Merwin, principal.

Reynolds—Frank F. Seifert, farm hand, suffered probably fatal injuries when thrown from a wagon in a runaway here, the horses having been frightened by a train.

Bridgeport—At a meeting of the Mitchell Community club Wednesday, it was unanimously voted to endorse the demands of the Beet Growers' association for a better contract with the Great Western Sugar company for 1925.

Bridgeport—William Barnes, 67, a resident of the Mitchell country for 15 years before leaving for Florida a short time ago for the benefit of his health, died at his new home in Lake Wales, Fla., Wednesday.

Table Rock—The Pawnee County Mutual Insurance company held its annual business meeting here this week. The following officers were elected: President, J. R. McNair; secretary, D. W. Osborne; directors, L. B. Sharp, James Chittick, J. Mort and A. L. Jacke.

Table Rock—Funeral services for Mrs. Millie Frieze, who died at her home in Wyoming a few days ago, were held here Thursday. Members of the Rebekah lodge attended the services in a body.

Broken Bow—The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church entertained at a dinner for Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Pinckney, who recently returned from India. Dr. and Mrs. Pinckney appeared in Hindu costume and each gave an address.

The Johnstown chapter of the Issac Walton league held a dinner for its members and about 75 guests attended. The officers elected are John B. Stoll, president; K. O'Hare, vice president, and Oscar C. Honnen, secretary and treasurer. The chapter passed resolutions in favor of the federal migratory bird refuge and federal shooting-grounds bill.

Sidney—J. C. Dunn of the Dalton country held a big sale at his farm and disposed of a large part of his livestock and equipment preparatory to moving to Randolph, Neb. He traded his three-section farm and ranch to Jacob Vogler, who comes here from Randolph.

Ord—The Ord chapter of Eastern Star held its installation Friday night. The officers are: Mrs. W. E. Wolters, matron; Mrs. R. C. Bailey, assistant matron; A. M. Daniels, patron; Mrs. Emil Chotena, secretary and Mrs. Ed Bannister, treasurer.

Broken Bow—The Community club of Anselmo is planning its fourth annual community fair, which will be on a larger scale this year than ever before. The proceeds go to pay off the building debt.

Ord—The officers of Ord camp, Modern Woodmen, were installed Wednesday evening. The newly elected officers are S. Watson, Fred Kemp, A. M. Daniels, W. A. Anderson, L. W. Kemp, and C. F. Kemp.

Broken Bow—New officers of Broken Bow Rebekah lodge, No. 110, have been installed. They are: Edna Ely, noble grand; Hattie Marsh, vice grand; Essie Holcomb, secretary; Josephine Bass, treasurer. The appointive officers are Margaret Holcomb, Cora Hickman, Almyra Wantz, Ethel Klump, Nora Siever, Victoria Uhlman, Frances Taylor, Mabel McArthur, Julia Harley and Elizabeth Leonard.

Johnstown—The Johnstown chapter of the Isaac Walton league, and members and about 75 guests. The officers elected are John B. Stoll, president; K. O'Hare, vice president, and Oscar C. Honnen, secretady and treasurer. The chapter passed resolutions in favor of the federal migratory bird refuge and federal shooting grounds bill.

York—Elks lodge No. 1024 of York, had a visit Wednesday evening from the district deputy, R. R. Reed of Omaha. Past exalted rulers of the York lodge gave a banquet to Mr. Reed at Hotel McCloud.

Columbus—Columbus will be one of the places where the Nebraska Dairy Development society will hold a special demonstration meeting within the next few weeks. The society has chartered a special car for the demonstration work and is carrying exhibits along.

Bloomfield—A basket ball team has been organized under the auspices of the local American Legion post and games with teams from surrounding towns will be arranged.

THIEVES STEAL 14 STEAM RADIATORS

R. M. Buggy, a plumber living at 2812 Leavenworth street, appealed to police last night for aid in locating 14 steam radiators which disappeared from the back yard of his home.

The radiators, Buggy said, were in place Thursday night when he retired but were not there when he searched for them late Friday afternoon.

Grand Island C. of C. Elects New Officers

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 24.—The directors of the Chamber of Commerce, have elected a board of governors with Ed Wolbach as president, A. C. Denman as vice president and Frank Cleary as treasurer. The board re-elected D. J. Traill and Ed Ryan as commissioner and head of the traffic bureau.

The board of directors after a discussion of the community chest system, decided to abandon the project for this year.

W. C. T. U. TO HEAR ELMER THOMAS

The South Side W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday at the home of Mrs. J. K. Hyde, 2310 G street.

Luncheon will be served at 1. Elmer E. Thomas, prohibition director, will speak on law enforcement.

A report on union work at the Fort Crook hospital will also be heard.

Sentences Postponed Again.

Sentences of Pat Burkery, convicted on charge of conspiracy in the sale of dope, and Frank O'Neil convicted on sale of dope, were postponed until Wednesday at 2 p. m., by Federal Judge Woodrough.

Richard Dix has been engaged by William de Mille to play a featured role in his next production, "Men and Women."

Your Health How to Guard It

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Preventive Medicine as a Commercial Asset.

By BURTON W. CHRISTIE, M. D.

We can remember when a patient consulting a physician did not believe he was getting his money's worth if he did not receive some sort of prescription written in Latin. At the present time, when a patient consults a physician he is not satisfied without a thorough painstaking examination accompanied in many instances by careful laboratory work, that is, blood, urine and other tests. He is satisfied when this is properly done and accompanied by sound advice.

Human life, from birth to death, is a biological conflict between the leucocytes of the body and the microbes of disease.

During our earlier years, when no organic changes have taken place, we may possibly take risks with comparative impunity for the time being; such results are impossible later on in life. At the same time, there may ensue some weakening structural change, which is not observable at the time. For example, consider teeth that carry a pus-pocket. One may carry such a danger zone without observable ill results, but eventually the absorption of pus overcomes that natural resistence, and then comes disaster. The short-lived athlete, overtraining his organs, is a glaring example of this abuse. Why not conserve our health and go through life contented and happy? Never neglect a chance to determine the conditions of your health with a check-up once a year.

Diphtheria Conquered.

To realize the value of prevention, let us consider its bearings from childhood to old age. In childhood, rickets, a disease of malnutrition, can be prevented by proper hygiene and food. A so-called medicine, cod-liver oil, may be needed, but it is rather a food. Diphtheria, a disease that our forbears properly feared, is now checked. The father of the writer was a practitioner from 1865 to 1909 and during the earlier period of practice, lost many cases of diphtheria. I remember going to one family with him, when I was a child, where four children eventually died. Through antitoxin, the mortality rate has been so greatly reduced that such a happening would not be considered possible. Farther advance has been made by toxin-antitoxin as a diphtheria preventive.

Smallpox still causes fear because of our knowledge of history, but the cases we see nowadays have been so mitigated by early vaccination that it is no longer the "black scourge."

During the Spanish Amercan war, my company of volunteers was stationed at Chickamauga Park, Ga., for six months. Every man in my company, with the exception of the captain and first sergeant, had typhoid fever. The first sergeant had recently had typhoid and the captain lived in Chattanooga practically all the time. This holocaust could have been avoided then and would be prevented nowadays by proper hygienic measures and and by vaccination against typhoid infection.

A white person who lives permanently in the orient learns early that those three great scourges of the east, bubonic plague, amoebic dysentery and syphilis, can be prevented by proper hygienic precautions. When one of the world fliers' planes was stranded in an Indian lagoon, one of the members of the party drank some unboiled water while waiting for help. As a consequence, he suffered severely with dysentery for a week. He had been properly warned.

Prevention Is Best.

A check upon a person past 30 years old very often shows a trace of sugar in the urine. Diabetes can be prevented by proper dieting.

Chronic interstitial nephritis, or Bright's disease, and hardening of the arteries come on usually in individuals past 40 or 50 years of age, and, in their incipiency, can be greatly modified, or arrested, by proper dieting and care.

We could write volumes on venereal prophylaxis. A great toll upon the efficiency of our troops existed during the war from venereal diseases. This can all be prevented.

Books could be written concerning cancer, and there is no disease which, with early recognition, can better be prevented from taking its terrible toll of pain and death.

We have only touched the high places, but if there is any way that the business world could realize the benefits that preventive medicine promises, we have not written in vain. Tuberculosis will be, in not many years, largely a thing of the past as is smallpox now.

The cost of human life in dollars and cents is appalling and if economy and thrift are the handmaidens of commercial success, it certainly behooves the business world to respond to the continual prodding of the medical profession, and back up the prevention of disease by personal care and by public propaganda.

ECLIPSE CAUSE OF HIGHER TIDES

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 24.—The eclipse of the sun today exerted an unusually influence on tides in the Pacific ocean. The Presidio tide station reported this morning a tide of 6.2 feet, approximately two feet above normal. The extreme low tide tonight will be 1.8 feet below normal, marking a difference of eight feet between low and high tides.

The magnetic influences exerted on the tides by the moon are greatly increased during the period of an eclipse, according to the United States coast and geodetic survey office here.

30,000 Pounds of Fish Taken From Iowa Lake

Arnolds Park, Ia., Jan. 24.—Harry Tennant of the local dragnet crew, loaded an express car Thursday with 30,000 pounds of "soft" fish, billed to New York City. These fish were taken from East Okoboji lake. The fish are being taken from these lakes to make room for the millions of game fish hatched every spring at the state fish hatchery at Orleans

Rediscovering OMAHA

By T. W. M'CULLOUGH.

Law came to Nebraska early. Territorial government was formed in 1854 by the location of the captial at Omaha. The first session of the legislature was assembled in the winter of that year. The first session of court was held in the spring of 1855, less than a year after the government had been organized. On June 29, 1854, President Pierce commissioned Fenner Ferguson to be chief of the new territory, and it was under him that the business of settling differences by peaceful methods was set under way.

And "there were giants in those days." No one can read the list of men who composed the bar of Omaha and Douglas county from the first without realizing how well bestowed was the compliment paid by Associate Justice Miller of the supreme court of the United States, who presided over the Eighth circuit in the early 70s. He said that nowhere in the eight states composing the circuit was there an abler bar than in Omaha.

It would be difficult indeed to overmatch anywhere such lawyers as Experience Estabrook, John I. Redick, James M. Woolworth, Andrew J. Poppleton, Clinton Briggs, George W. Doane, John D. Howe, Charles H. Brown, Silas A. Strickland and Albert Swartzlander. They were the leaders when Nebraska was admitted to statehood in 1867. Eleazar Wakeley, who came from Wisconsin in 1857 to be judge here, had returned to the old state, but was back in Omaha in 1868, to end his days in this city, the veritable Nestor of the bar. After the war came other able and brilliant men. Among these was Charles F. Manderson, who served Nebraska 12 years in the United States senate. John Lee Webster, still active and energetic as a lawyer. John M. Thurston, whose gifts as an orator led him to high honor. William J. Connell, a most successful practitioner. John C. Cowin, genial, debonnaire, and dangerous in a lawsuit. Elmer Scipio Dundy, who was so long judge of the United States district court. The list grows too long.

Thirty-five years ago a group of young attorneys was attracting attention. Some of these are still with us. William F. Gurley, more sedate, but just as affable. Albert W. Jefferis, "Big Jeff," a member of congress. Edgar S. Bradley, a success. Henry D Estabrook, who went both far and high. Herbert J. Davis, who became district judge, and whose untimely demise cut short a brilliant career. Arthur N. Ferguson, son of the first chief justice, who also became judge. Ralph W. Breckenride, who was killed by his own car at Des Moines. Howard M. Baldrige, who has prospered. William A. (Billy) deBord, a brilliant man, whose sudden demise shocked a wide circle of friends. James P. (Jimmy) English, also destined to be a judge of the district court. Richard Abraham Lincoln Dick who was a picturesque figure in local politics. Richard Dean Arden Wade, later a real light of the Cook county bar at Chicago, and Robert E. Lee Herdmen provided the three-decker names of those days. And there were others, as the lawyers themselves would say, too numerous to mentoin.

One of the picturesque figures, who will be recalled by the old timers most fondly, was Simeon Bloom. Few who saw this little man, slight and bent, picking his way along the street, ever dreamed that he fought his way through the civil war as a member of an artillery company. But he did, and was made lieutenant on the field for gallantry in action.

Probably no man of the profession was more generally respected or genuinely loved during his lifetime than Eleazar Wakely. This was because of his uniform, unfailing kindness and consideration for all with whom he came in contact. He could be, and sometimes was, stern as fate itself, but his natural bent, on the bench or before the bar, was to be helpful, even to his adversaries. His humor was proverbial. One of the best specimens preserved had to do with a little passage between Judge Wakeley and Judge George W. Ambrose. It was over a book the former had borrowed. Judge Ambrose wrote to Judge Wakeley:

"Dear Judge: I hold your receipt for Abbott's Third National Digest, which was taken by you some four months ago. If you have no further use for the book, I should like it. I often wish to consult it, but still, if you are not through reading it, I can get along without it."

To this Judge Wakeley made this delicious reply:

"Dear Ambrose: I herewith comply, under protest, with your untimely request that I should return your book.

"You remark that you have held my receipt for it for some four months. This is probably true. But if you will read the statute of limitation in Nebraska, you will observe that it does not bar a claim, under any written instrument, until the lapse of five years, leaving you about four years and eight months still to reclaim your book? Why, then this undue precipitancy?

"Will you permit me, as a searcher after legal knowledge, respectfully to inquire if you can refer me to any respectable legal authority requiring the borrower of a law book to return it within four months? I have read a large number of cases in my time, and I do not remember one in which such a proposition is advanced, although there may be an occasional dictum to the effect that the borrower is under a moral obligation to return the book as soon as he becomes able to buy one for himself.

"Considered upon principle and without reference to authority, how would the proposition stand? Is it reasonable to suppose that a man engaged in a somewhat active practice can find time in four months to read through all the books he borrows, besides perusing the daily papers, answering dunning letters, and keeping up with the Beecher-Tilton literature. That case, you will remember, was going on for some two months after I got your volume.

"You remark that you often wish to consult the book. I highly comment that resolution. You would certainly find it beneficial to occasionally read some law, and, if you should become accustomed to it, you would find it comparatively easy; only, don't over do it at first.

"The only thing I object to in that paragraph is an implication that I would not allow you to consult the book in my office. This is unjust. I have never refused the owner of a book that privilege, even when it has occasioned inconvenience to myself.

"In conclusion, permit me to suggest that, if you really can not afford to keep law books for other practitioners to use, it would be a philanthropic thing for you to sell them to some one who can."

A story of Henry D. Estabrook was told me 25 years ago by Earl B. Coe, then of Denver, but since deceased. Estabrook and Coe formed a partnership on leaving school to practice law in Omaha. The going was anything but good. A ray of light struck the firm when Estabrook was asked to make the Fourth of July oration at Blair. He appared what he regarded as a masterpiece for the occasion. It was to launch the new firm on the road to success. Instead of that, it was dud. Fell flat on the ears of the Washington county people who listened to the young man. Estabrook came home discouraged, and very soon afterward the firm was dissolved. Along in the middle 90s Estabrook was invited to address the Union League club at Chicago, it being Lincoln's birthday. He exhumed his old Washington county speech, blew the dust off it, and delivered it to the delighted audience at the banquet table. Newspapers all over the land reproduced the address, and Estabrook returned to Omaha with a nation-wide reputation as an orator. On such little things fame sometimes turns.

This is not all of the annals of the bar in Omaha. One of these days I will tell how John C. Cowin hornswoggled Timothy J. Mahoney in the famous Libby Beechler trial. Maybe, of the time Julius Smith Cooley played Hamlet. In fact, the "judge" deserves a chapter to himself. It is a fertile field.

Bonds Are Issued.

Columbus, Neb., Jan. 24.—The city council at its meetting Thursday passed the ordinance carrying into effect the decree of the voters at the recent special election that the city should issue $60,000 of bonds to buy the three sanitary sewer systems. The council has already accepted the offer of the Omaha Trust company and James T. Wachob & Co. of Omaha for the bonds.

Doctors Elect.

York, Neb., Jan. 24.—Dr. D. D. King of York was elected president of York County Medical society for the coming year. Dr. George Morrison of Bradshaw was elected vice president; Dr. E. S. Wegner of York is secretary treasurer, and Dr. J. S. Bell of York, censor. Dr. S. O. Harris of Gresham was chosen as delegate to the State Medical association meeting.

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Shenandoah, Ia., Jan. 24.—Disbarment proceedings brought against Carl Wenstrand, Shenandoah attorney who, with his father and two brothers, is involved in a number of state and federal charges in regard to the banking and loan business here, will be heard before Judge Earl Peters, March 4.

Several instances of alleged unprofessional conduct have been cited in a report by William Orr, L. H. Mattox and D. L. Wilson, attorneys.

Appropriation Sought.

York, Neb., Jan. 24.—The state reformatory for women, located here, will petition the legislature at this term for an appropriation for a new building. At present the institution is too crowded to permit of separating young girls from older hardened criminals.

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