

Nebraska
STATE STAMP SELLERS MEET
 Nebraska Association of Postmasters Meets at Lincoln This Week.
PROGRAM IS FULL OF PAPERS
 Many interesting topics to be debated during session—Poetical interchange between Wharton and Beecher.

LINCOLN, June 7.—(Special.)—The state convention of the Nebraska Association of Postmasters, to be held in Lincoln this week, promises to be one of the best attended in the history of that organization, if the interest and enthusiasm of the advance payment of membership fees and dues is a fair criterion, according to the local postmaster, who is the treasurer. The few newly appointed Nebraska officials for the department at Washington are responding well, and the general spirit among the old appears to be like that of "Uncle George" Allen, the Clay Center administrator of a "second-class office in a third-class town," who insists that it is the duty of every mother's son of 'em to give even better service at the tail end of the term, because they're going out, and is preparing to set aside a few weeks to help his successor. More members of the association have paid their dues in advance than last year.

President Tower of Sutton and Secretary Eiler of South Omaha with the counsel and advice of the noblest Roman of them all, "Veteran Sizer of Lincoln," have arranged a fine program for the convention.

Plans for the Convention.
 On Tuesday morning, June 10, there will be meetings of the postmasters of the different classes. The association will have its opening meeting at 2 p. m., the business being especially that of the different classes of offices. A theater party will be the feature of the evening. Governor Morehead, on behalf of the state, and Frank Zehring, on behalf of the city, will extend the welcome on the opening day. Both morning and afternoon sessions on Wednesday and Thursday will be devoted to business and discussion of postoffice business affairs covering such topics as "Fenny Postage," "Clerk Hire in Third-Class Offices," "Postal Life Insurance" (by Hon. P. V. De Graaf of Washington), "Parcel Post," "Money Order Fees," "Consolidation of Third and Fourth-Class Matter," "Postal Savings Banks," "Postmaster Visiting Public Schools and Giving Instructions as to Postal Savings Banks," etc., and such able officials as Postmasters Schreck of York, Frazier of Fairmont, Eaton of Lorton, Morse of Friend, Wharton of Omaha, Cook of Blair, Tash of Alliance, Monteban of Firth, Hall of David City, Davis of North Platte, Reynolds of Fremont, Cone of McCook and Miss Little of Geneva are on the list for papers and discussions. Fine musical and literary entertainment will be interspersed and will be furnished by Mrs. George E. Tobey of Lincoln, Mrs. Morrison of University Place, Miss Tower and Miss Martha Michel of Sutton, Miss McAllister of Columbus, Miss Shanafelt and Mr. Thornton of Lincoln.

Wharton as a Poet.
 Omaha don't know it, but their Wharton is a poet. The metropolitan official is so enthusiastic about the association that he remitted his annual dues to Treasurer A. F. Beecher of Grand Island in rhyme:
 Your letter received, Mr. Treasurer,
 And I agree with you on the express.
 So it gives me greatest pleasure
 To comply with your request.

I'll be with you in Lincoln next week
 To hear each valued talk.
 If the train should be bumped in the creek
 I'll come if I have to walk.
 This day is raw and misty,
 'Nuff to give a man the blues;
 Them long comes your welcome letter
 With its mention of my dues.

And I wish me for a corner
 In this grand old world to hide,
 Where no lean and hungry creditor
 Could set his face inside.
 My weary eyes turn to the pavement
 And fasten on a brick—
 I've a longing to enclose it
 As a plain, substantial "kick."

But as I write these naughty words,
 There comes from out the west
 A stream of golden sunshine
 And it gives my soul new zest.
 I scamper to my trusted safe
 And after searching there,
 I find a shining ten spot
 I've just this one to spare.

So take it with my blessing,
 Spend it with a zealous care;
 Look for the next week in Lincoln—
 Beecher's Gists Be
 Rain or shine—I'll meet you there.
 As Treasurer Beecher is not less reckless of the properties or of skrimishing into hitherto untrod literary fields, the Omaha postmaster gets back what he sent, in the following treasurer's receipt:
 Sir Wharton: When I penned that note to you declaring that ten shekels were now due,
 Or if, perchance, you had a "kick" or two,
 You'd please to file 'em.
 'Twas far from me to stir John C. to wrath,
 Or 'an expect his virtue autograph,
 If there were found some "sore ones" in my path,
 I'd reconcile 'em.

But when you come at me with so much verse,
 (Attached thereto a slip in language terse)
 Conveying ten to me—how power'll disburse!
 You have me guessing,
 We've of "no-tate" have often heard it said,
 You've voice enough to raise the ancient dead,
 But that you are a poet as I've led
 You to confessing.

Is a distinctive, pulsating shock, I vow!
 Your fellow Omahans will even now
 Discard their "no-tate," or wonder how
 You'll scribble when
 The time of your commission has expired—
 When demo has agreed, and you've retired?
 Enough! I meant to say while thus inspired:
 "I have your 'ten.'"
 Perhaps, too, there is presented a large
 attendance because for many it will be
 the only opportunity for the rendition
 of the swan song.

HUMPHREY MAN IS KILLED BY LIGHTNING
 HUMPHREY, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—Frank Zoucha, the 21-year-old son of George Zoucha, living southwest of Humphrey, was killed by lightning yesterday morning. Mr. Zoucha was at work in the field cultivating corn.

The large sheep barn on Park Place farm owned by Dr. W. M. Condon, just east of the Union Pacific depot, was struck by lightning during the storm this morning and was entirely destroyed. About twenty-five sheep were killed by the lightning and burned with the barn.

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Governor Grants County of Arthur Right to Organize

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
 LINCOLN, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—An increase was made in the Nebraska family this afternoon when Governor Morehead granted the request of the people of the west half of what is now McPherson county for the right to organize as a county under the name of Arthur.

The legislature of 1887 set out one-half of the unorganized territory, bring west of Logan county, comprising what is now Arthur and McPherson counties as McPherson county, leaving the territory now to be organized under the jurisdiction of McPherson county.

The last legislature, by special enactment, house resolution 334, empowers the people of that territory to organize a county.

The temporary officers are John R. Hawkins, pres.; A. Hath and Oshun J. Marshall, com. assessors, and George P. Collins, county clerk. The county seat is located on the southwest corner of section 4, township 19, range 33, and is a piece of bare prairie in the center of the county on which the commissioners will have to erect a building for a court house.

By the provisions of the bill the county commissioners must call an election for the organization of the county, giving thirty days' notice.

Governor Morehead has approved the petition.

Harman Will Issue Permits to Dealers
 (From a Staff Correspondent.)
 LINCOLN, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—Food Commissioner Harman is getting ready to issue permits to all dealers and others who are expected to secure licenses of every nature under the pure food law. The list includes all except dealers in stock foods and commission firms.

Manufacturers of imitation butter will be required to pay a license of \$50; wholesale dealers, \$25 and retail dealers, \$10. Creameries with an output of less than 100,000 pounds of butter per year will pay a license of \$5, with an additional \$1 for each 1,000 pounds. Testers and samplers will pay a license of \$1 each, wholesale ice cream manufacturers and dealers, \$5 each; retail ice cream dealers, \$1; pop manufacturers, \$5, all of which is due before July 1.

Receipts of the pure food and oil inspection department for the month past has been over \$10,000.

UNION LABOR TO INVOKE REFERENDUM UPON LAW
 (From a Staff Correspondent.)
 LINCOLN, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—An effort will be made to secure sufficient signers to invoke the referendum at the next election to repeal senate file No. 151, introduced by Senator Dodge of Omaha, which provides for the employment of convicts in building roads throughout the state and in the erection of state buildings at public institutions.

With the end in view of ascertaining just what would have to be done, Fred Essler and C. J. Crooks, representing the carpenters' union of Lincoln, called on the secretary of state this morning.

They say that work of this kind will come in competition with union labor and that it will give an opportunity for a great deal of graft. Convicts will be hired out at 75 cents per day. The county employing them will be credited with 50 cents for board and lodging and the extra 25 cents can be placed to the credit of the convict in the prison savings fund for the use of his family or for his own use when he leaves the prison.

In order to secure a referendum vote it will be necessary to circulate a petition, which shall receive 10 per cent of the number of votes cast at the last election, which shall be distributed among three-fifths of the counties of the state. This will take about 25,000 names on the petition.

GIVES PRIZE FOR SUFFRAGE DEBATE AT BELLEVUE.



MRS. CAROLINE SANBORN.
 Mrs. Caroline Sanborn of Springfield, Neb., is donor of the Sanborn Suffrage prize which is to be competed for by two teams of young women, representing the Philomathean and Adelphean Literary societies at Bellevue college, Monday evening.

The contest is to be a debate upon woman suffrage and each society will be represented by two members who will compete for the prize money which, together with prize added by members of the faculty to the original fund, aggregate \$30.

asking for absolute divorce from Albert R. Beckwith, to whom she was married in this city six years ago. The defendant is now serving a sentence of from one to two years in the penitentiary for forgery, being sent up from Antelope county last April.

At a meeting at North Loup Wednesday, attended by many people from all over the Loup valley, it was decided to hold the regular annual old settler's picnic at that place on June 25.

Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Capron and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Williams left in automobiles for Fairbault, Minn., to attend the graduating exercises at the military academy. They expect to be gone several weeks and will also tour Illinois before returning.

NEBRASKA CITY WILL BE FRUIT DISTRIBUTING POINT
 NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—There was a meeting of the Fruit Growers' association of southeastern Nebraska in Nebraska City yesterday which was presided over by President M. F. Foller and Secretary Val Keyser of Fairbury. The others present were C. F. Buok of Peru, vice president; G. S. Christie of Johnson, A. M. Shubert of Shubert, H. W. Marshall of Arlington, C. G. Marshall of the State Horticultural society and Prof. Schwenk of the state university. They decided to accept the proposition of the Fruit Growers' Packing company to use its cold storage plant in which to store their fruit and make this a distributing point. The plant is a large one and has a large capacity, and the fruit will be sent here in carload lots and then remarked and shipped to parties who purchase the same.

Arrangements are being made for the holding of a picnic for the fruit growers of this part of the state at Arbor Lodge, the home of the late J. Sterling Morton, just west of the city. Eloquent orators will be heard that day to talk on matters pertaining to fruit growing, and practical demonstrations will be given on packing and handling fruit.

WYMORE OPERA HOUSE CONDEMNED BY COUNCIL
 WYMORE, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—The city council has condemned the opera house building and has ordered that it be kept closed until it had been properly equipped with iron fire escapes. A stairway of wood, on the outside of the building and an inside stairway containing four turns, provides the only exits from the upper floor. A stairway from the stage, at the rear, rotted and fell down a few weeks ago. The building was built about twenty-eight years ago by Judge Livesey, one of the town's first settlers, and has been the town's only opera house in that time, except for a short period, when the Taylor opera house was open. The Taylor opera house burned in 1910, after being open about a year.

Notes from Nebraska City and Otoe County

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—At an adjourned meeting of the city commissioners they took up the matter of the recall petition asking for the recall of Mayor J. D. Houston, which has been deferred for some time. The city attorney held that the general charges in the petition were not specific enough and Mayor Houston refused to vote on the matter of calling the special election on the grounds that he was an interested party. Commissioner R. E. Hawley thought it was putting the city to a useless expense and voted no, while Commissioner James A. Richardson voted yes.

This left the recall a tie as the mayor still insisted on not voting. The petitioners are preparing to take the matter into court on a mandamus to compel the commissioners to issue a call for the special election.

Nebraska City has no dog catcher this year because Mayor Houston has adopted a new tactic and is using the local newspaper to inform the public regarding the ordinance governing the licensing of dogs and the penalty for harboring one without a license. So far he has induced 330 dog owners to come forward and take out licenses, which is double the number taken out in other years by reason of a dog catcher.

The county commissioners have granted the people of Palmyra the right to play base ball on Sunday, in pursuance to a petition they filed with them property signed.

The annual graduation exercises are being held at the Institute for the Blind and will last over several days. The little ones graduated last evening. Tomorrow there will be services in the chapel and there will be a special sermon for the graduates and Tuesday the graduation exercises of the seniors will be held, while Monday will be a musical lasting throughout the afternoon and evening.

The Nebraska City High school alumni held their annual meeting and banquet in the parlors of the Grand hotel. Prof. Edwin Harbour of the state university was the principal speaker of the evening, with Superintendent G. E. Martin. The following officers were elected for the

ensuing year: President, Frank Schwabe; vice president, Miss Erma E. Nelson; secretary, Joy N. Tait; treasurer, Miss Barbara Kennedy.

William Matthews, who was arrested and charged with assaulting Dr. M. L. Keser, secretary of the Board of Health, over some matters pertaining to the enforcement of the health ordinance, was tried by a jury in the county court and found not guilty.

John Y. Gant, one of the leading real estate and insurance agents of this city, was married at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage to Miss Olive Todd. Both have been residents of this city for many years. The groom is the eldest son of the late Dr. T. S. Gant.

The millinery store of Mrs. A. Sandquest and daughter experienced a blaze yesterday morning, in which their entire stock was destroyed. Their store was in the Grand Hotel block and the fire company experienced trouble in preventing

the fire from spreading. Their loss was something over \$5,000 with \$2,000 insurance. The building was owned by Fred Rottmann, whose loss was covered by insurance.

Stock Killed by Lightning.
 SHELTON, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—During a heavy rainstorm early Friday morning lightning struck the wire fence on the farm of Oscar Campbell, a farmer living nine miles north of Shelton and killed two mules and two fine horses belonging to him. Lightning also killed two horses belonging to Frank Simons, another farmer living five miles from town. About three inches of rain fell.

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