

# NEBRASKA NEWS

### Normal Board Decides to Give New School to Chadron.

### SIX TOWNS COMPETE FOR SITE

After Fourteen Ballots Chadron Receives Five Votes and Decision is Then Made Unanimous—Donates Eighty Acres of Land and Academy Building to State—Location Said to Be an Ideal One.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 10.—Chadron gets the new normal school. The normal board in executive session at the Lincoln hotel selected the Dawes county town on the fifteenth ballot.

On different ballots each town received three votes, which was the highest number that town received. The votes were all cast under the Australian ballot system and each town competing for the school on various ballots received some votes. On the fourteenth ballot Chadron received five votes and then the location was made unanimous.

Chadron agreed to donate to the state eighty acres of land adjoining the town and which runs back into the buttes, and according to Treasurer Bryan is an ideal location for the school. In the center of the tract is the Chadron academy, an institution conducted by the Congregational church. This building will be donated to the state, though the board said this was no inducement to the selection of Chadron for the school. Chadron is on the Northwestern railroad and is in the extreme northwestern county of the state. The state appropriated \$35,000 for the school. The faculty will not be chosen until later, probably not until the building is constructed.

The towns which competed for the school were Chadron, Alliance, Crawford, Rushville, Gordon and Alnsworth.

The normal board visited all of the towns asking for the school. At its various meetings the board took no action regarding Principal Crabtree.

### JILTED MAN WANTS \$6,000

### August Schmidt Sues Tilden Girl for Breach of Promise.

Madison, Neb., Jan. 10.—August Schmidt has filed suit in the district court of Madison county against Miss Anna Whitner of Tilden for breach of promise to marry and asks the court for a judgment against his affianced in the sum of \$6,000. Mr. Schmidt says, so states the petition, that on or about Dec. 1, 1909, Miss Whitner promised to marry him and the date was tentatively fixed for Jan. 1, 1910, or within a reasonable time thereafter. Mr. Schmidt further states in his petition that on Jan. 4 he called at the home of Miss Whitner in Tilden and offered to marry her and she refused to do so and still refuses.

Mr. Schmidt says that Miss Whitner's refusal to marry him has injured his social standing and by reason of the shock he has suffered great mortification and mental anguish, besides being deprived of the comforts and enjoyment of Miss Whitner's society, all of which, he alleges in his petition, has caused him to suffer damages in the sum of \$6,000.

### SUES COUNTY FAIR

### Nuckolls County Man Suffers Serious Injury From Wild Horse.

Nelson, Neb., Jan. 10.—A suit for damages against the Nuckolls County Agricultural society for \$2,500 was filed in the district court by Ebenezer H. Foote of Superior, Neb. While attending the county fair held by that association last fall, he claims to have been injured by a wild horse springing upon him with its feet, knocking him unconscious, cutting a deep wound on his leg and otherwise permanently injuring him. This wild horse was a part of a wild west show and while the attempt was being made to ride it at a public exhibition, it broke through the fence with its rider, madly dashing through a dense crowd. It was at this time, it is claimed, the alleged injury was sustained.

### May Woman Hold County Office?

Valentine, Neb., Jan. 10.—E. R. Quible, county treasurer of Cherry county, has refused to turn over the office to Miss Gertrude Jordan, who was elected treasurer at last fall's election, on the grounds that Miss Jordan is not eligible to hold a county office. This case will be carried to the supreme court of the United States at once, this being the first test whether a woman is eligible under the constitution of the state of Nebraska to hold county office.

### Laborer Fatally Burned.

Seward, Neb., Jan. 10.—Krhalm Skukcele, a Greek laborer employed as a member of a construction gang, was probably fatally burned here. He lighted the fire in the stove in the bunk car with kerosene. The can exploded, scattering burning oil over his clothing and the car. His companions rolled him in the snow and extinguished the flames. The car was destroyed.

### Polk County Man Takes Own Life.

Oceola, Neb., Jan. 10.—John Hultgren, living seven miles northwest of Oceola, committed suicide by shooting his head off with a shotgun. No motive can be assigned for his taking his life.

### MULLIN IS CAUTIONED

### Judge Admonishes Juror to Speak With Care in Future.

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 8.—The closing incident of the Stout trial occurred when Juror Eg Mullin, who was withdrawn from the box in the middle of the trial on the affidavit of W. F. Thompson, was cited to appear and show cause why he should not be punished for contempt. Mullin appeared, represented by counsel, and it was shown from the court record that he had an opinion, qualifying this, on further examination, by the declaration that he could and he would lay that opinion aside. It was shown that he had not apparently attempted to conceal anything. The juror himself did not recall the exact conversation sworn to by Thompson, in which he is alleged to have said he would like to get on the jury as he would take pleasure in sending Stout to h—, but declared that he had no prejudice against Stout upon entering the box. It was shown that the juror was a man of excellent repute and the court after a severe admonishment discharged him, the juror to pay only the costs.

### AUDITOR RULES ON AGENTS

### State Official Desires to Pass on Insurance Solicitors.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 8.—Hereafter insurance agents will have to make application to the state auditor for licenses to do business. This is a change from the old way of doing business when the insurance companies simply sent in the names of the agents and the licenses were granted on their application.

The agents will be compelled to answer certain questions, among them being one telling of the amount of insurance he has written during the last year and also whether he intends to devote his time exclusively to the insurance business. The auditor is trying to prevent persons taking out licenses simply in order to write their own insurance.

### SEVEN PARDONS FOR YEAR

### Governor Shallenberger Makes Low Record in This Line.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 8.—During the year he has been in office Governor Shallenberger has issued pardons or commutations to seven convicts in the state penitentiary. This is the smallest number of convicts that has been let out in one year by any executive of the state within ten years at least.

The governor has adopted the policy of insisting upon the county attorney and district judge who tried the convict indorsing the application for pardon or commutation, and also that there shall be some new condition arising which would justify executive clemency.

### WOULD RESTRAIN RAILWAYS

### Injunction Asked to Prevent Roads Selling Liquor in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 7.—Attorney General Thompson filed in the supreme court application for an injunction to restrain the Burlington and Union Pacific railroads from serving liquor in dining cars on through trains. The last legislature passed a law prohibiting this, but evidence of violation is so hard to secure that the attorney general adopted this peculiar method of securing an enforcement of the act. The wine lists used on dining cars are submitted in evidence.

### Pork Sausage Causes Death.

Fairbury, Neb., Jan. 10.—Mrs. B. F. Kroeger is dead and nine members of the families of B. F. Kroeger and C. Dake, farmers near here, are ill from trichina poisoning. More than a week ago the two families ate a quantity of raw pork sausage. The illness was supposed to be the grippe. Mrs. Kroeger died and two others, it is said, cannot recover. Physicians say the illness is due to trichina.

### Omaha May Drop Corn Show.

Omaha, Jan. 10.—Omaha may not have another National Corn exposition. The last exposition did not pay out because of unfavorable weather conditions, which greatly impaired the gate receipts. At a meeting of the executive committee it was decided to call in stock subscriptions sufficient to pay all debts and then leave it to the people to decide what was best for the future.

### Kills Self on Twenty-first Birthday.

Beaver City, Neb., Jan. 6.—Edward Brouhard, connected with the bank of Beaver City, of which his father is president, committed suicide by shooting himself with a rifle. He was twenty-one years old and celebrated the event with a birthday party. A physical defect, from which he had suffered all his life, is the only known cause for the act.

### Murder Suspect Is Bound Over.

Alnsworth, Neb., Jan. 6.—George Wilson, charged with the murder of Jacob Davis, a prominent resident of this city, Dec. 27, was held to the district court without bail and is now in the county jail. Helen Leads, who is believed to be an important witness for the state, was given into the custody of the sheriff.

### High Record for Hogs.

Omaha, Jan. 6.—The price of hogs at the South Omaha market reached another high record when \$8.87½ per cwt. was paid for one shipment of seventy-one hogs, averaging 250 lbs. each, from Richfield, Neb.

### Georgia Representative Dies.

Dawson, Ga., Jan. 6.—Representative James M. Griggs of the Second Georgia district died suddenly at his home here of apoplexy.

# ZELAYA'S DEFENSE

### Publishes Plea of Cannon and Groce as Proof of Guilt.

### REPLIES TO PRESIDENT MADRIZ

### Deposed Nicaraguan Dictator Exhibits Telegrams From the Two Americans, in Which They Confessed Guilt and Threw Themselves on His Mercy—Both Alleged to Have Made Promise of Support for Clemency.

Mexico City, Jan. 10.—As justification of his refusal to pardon Cannon and Groce, and in support of a denial which he made of irregularity in the manner of their condemnations and executions, Jose Santos Zelaya exhibited for the first time telegrams which he claimed to have received from the American victims of Nicaragua's martial law.

Zelaya gave his denial in reply to charges made by President Madriz of Nicaragua that the executions of Groce and Cannon were illegal and that the United States government was justified in its resentment over this action.

### Text of Cannon Plea.

The telegrams were as follows: "El Castillo, Nov. 14, 1909.—Commander in Chief J. Santos Zelaya, Campo de Marte: The confessions made by me in my trial are sufficient proof of my voluntary guilt, therefore I do not attempt to maintain before you the innocence which does not exist, and I limit myself to asking that your recognized magnanimity be extended to me, saving my life and imprisoning me instead for the number of years you may designate, promising you on my word of honor never again to mix in the political affairs of the country, and, furthermore, to serve the government over which you preside in all that may be necessary for the peace of the republic which General Juan J. Estrada, with my humble collaboration, given in an unfortunate moment of excitement and madness, has disturbed. My salvation, after being condemned by the law and conscience to die, can only be the work of big hearts like yours, to which I appeal, and in which I put my trust, for the love of my good mother, who will be made happy by your noble action. LE ROY CANNON."

### Groce Makes Two Appeals.

"Senor General Don J. Santos Zelaya, Campo de Marte: As you have always been magnanimous towards all, I pray you in the name of God to grant me clemency now that I am in distress. I will remain your grateful servant for life. For God's sake have pity on me. Your servant and brother Mason, L. W. GROCE." "El Castillo, Nov. 14, 1909.—Senor General Don J. Santos Zelaya, Campo de Marte: I reiterate my plea, Mr. President. I am guilty, as I have confessed, but I promise you, General, never again to mix in the political affairs of this country, which I love as my own because my adored wife is a Nicaraguan. She and my four children will be happy through your magnanimity. Your servant, fraternally, "LEONARDO W. GROCE."

### WOMAN IN BALLOON TRIP

### Aeronaut Party Ascends From Pasadena, Cal.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 10.—The balloon New York ascended from this city, having as its passengers its owner, Clifford B. Harmon of New York, Miss Jean French and Mrs. Alvin French of Pasadena, George Harris of Los Angeles and George Deussler, an expert aeronaut. There was little wind at the start, and the great gas bag shot almost straight upward to a height of 1,000 feet, moving northward toward the mountains.

### MURDERER OF PETROSINI

### New York Police Think They Have Located Him.

New York, Jan. 10.—A clue to the identity of the man who murdered Lieutenant Harry Petrosini in Palermo, Sicily, last year, is in the hands of the central office here, and a police officer said the department has hopes of making an arrest soon. The man wanted is said to be working in the mines at Carbondale, Pa. He followed Petrosini to Sicily.

### DIES FROM FOOTBALL INJURY

### Lewiston Boy Develops Baffling Disease From Broken Collarbone.

Lewiston, Me., Jan. 10.—A disease, the result of an injury received while playing football nearly a year ago, which has puzzled physicians for some time, caused the death of Frederick A. Randall, sixteen years old. During a football game he injured the collarbone. Following an operation, tuberculosis of the bone developed.

### Steamer Helpless at Sea.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 10.—The Norwegian steamer Hruudo is tossing helplessly in the north Atlantic with a broken shaft, according to a wireless message received here from Cape Race. The steamer registers 1,343 tons. It left St. Johns, N. F., on Jan. 1 for Halifax to load for Cuba. Steamers are being dispatched to the aid of the disabled vessel.

### Explosion Kills Eight.

The Dallas, Ore., Jan. 10.—The accidental explosion of some dynamite on the line of the Oregon Trunk railway killed eight laborers and injured several others.

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