

State Normal Schools of Nebraska

Paper read before the Alliance Woman's Club by Mrs. D. W. Hayes.

(Continued from last week.)

The year 1882 was the most prosperous in the school's history. Social life was not neglected. As a forerunner of the annual banquet, now a fixture in the school. Dr. Curry gave the graduating class and students a reception in his parlors previous to commencement. He encouraged healthful sports and greatly enjoyed seeing the students have a good time. He was not only a man of high ideals, despising everything low in word, thought, or act, but was a devoted Christian. His talks to students in the Tuesday evening prayer meeting were replete with deep religious thought. No doubt his influence has done much to mould the character of many a young man and woman. He was beloved by all. The board granted his every wish in behalf of the school, but feeling that he had done all in his power to widen the influence of the school, he resigned his place to some other, who he thought might be able to give the school a power to mould the educational life of the state to a much larger extent.

The board tried to induce the first president, J. W. McKenzie, to again take the responsibility of the school upon his shoulders, but being unable to do so, elected Supt. George L. Farnam of Council Bluffs, Iowa, to become Dr. Curry's successor. During his first year 217 young women and 122 young men were enrolled. The second year a new wing was added to the building, known as Chapel wing. Prof. Farnam was known in educational circles as the author of the "Sentence Method of Teaching Reading." He assisted in the construction of a large telescope, thus greatly increasing the interest in the study of astronomy. He also purchased instruments for the study of surveying, and gave much practical instruction on the subject.

President Farnam stayed at his post of duty ten years, and did more for his students than any man before him. When he gave up his work he was loved by all, and none could say they were not better for having known him. Miss Eliza Morgan, no relative of Gen. Morgan was preceptress at Peru for twenty-five years, beginning her duties in 1872. She did much in shaping the most refined ideals of the school. In the matter of dress and care of the head, face and hands, she was especially watchful and insistent. Personally, Miss Morgan was a perfect model. She taught more effectively by her appearance and thoroughness than by precept. Her impress was left indelibly on all young women who attended Peru State Normal. They still remember her as a dear friend, a wise counselor, and a competent and thorough instructor.

The last three presidents, with the exception of Mr. Crabtree were Drs. Norton, Beattie, and Clark.

Under Dr. Norton came the first lecture course. Under Dr. Beattie, a new and commodious dormitory was built, the old one having burned. Dr. Clark's administration saw the athletic field dedicated which marked a step in the broader life of the school, and made it possible for the students to come in contact with the other schools. A fine green house was built, which offered a splendid opportunity for the study of plant life during all seasons of the year.

After pulling the school through the hard financial struggles which swept the state in 1904, Dr. Clark resigned.

Mr. J. W. Crabtree was called from his position as state high school inspector to the presidency of Peru Normal in 1904. He was a former graduate of Peru and had become one of the leading educators of the state. His influence as a leader may be estimated by the following statistics:

Enrollment for 1902-3.....	720
" " 1903-4.....	812
" " 1904-5.....	982

1905-6.....1215
1906-7.....1280
1907-8.....1352
1908-9.....1453

During four years of his administration the school has grown from a local normal to a medium-sized university. To keep pace with the growth in attendance, rapid material progress was necessary. The frame library, built in 1889, was doubled in size and brick veneered for use as a science laboratory. The library, which then comprised 5,549 volumes, now contains 20,000, and is housed in a splendid library building.

The graduate of less than a decade ago, on returning, now sees in place of the old \$4,000 heating plant, a fine, new \$25,000 plant. He also finds chapel held, not as a few years ago, in a wing of the main building but in a new chapel building, which also provides a gymnasium.

On the campus may now be seen the historic Normal Hall, the library, Mt. Vernon Hall, the chapel, the science Hall, a \$50,000 administration building which will be completed about January 1, 1911, the dormitory, observatory, stand pipe, green house, and the old and new heating plants.

The beauty of the campus at Peru inspired one of the students, S. R. Barton, now state auditor, to write the following poem:

THE SCHOOL POEM

If I could paint a picture,
And paint it with colors true,
I would spend my time in work sublime,
Painting old Peru.
I would paint those hills and valleys,
Those fields with their golden sheaves,
The little squirrel with his swish and swirl,
Those beautiful autumn leaves,
Those kings of the stately forest,
Monarchs of ages past,
Those rugged hills, those rocks and hills,
— God grant they may always fast.

We mix our earthly colors
And call our paintings good,
But the God above, with a heart of love,
Makes colors that no man could.
He has taken the rarest colors,
The gems of heavenly blue,
And painted a picture in nature,
— God bless it, dear old Peru.

THE KEARNEY STATE NORMAL

For some time there has been a feeling through Nebraska that another Normal was needed for the training of our teachers. This need was especially felt in the central and western part of the state. A bill passed the legislature in March, 1903, which appropriated \$50,000 for the establishment of a Normal school west of the ninety-eighth meridian. Several towns were applicants for the new school, Alliance being among them. However, Kearney secured the prize, and the Normal was located on a tract of about twenty-five acres in the western part of the city.

In 1905, the legislature appropriated \$86,200 for the full equipment and opening of the school. The school opened in June, 1905, in the Kearney High school building. The regular year's work began in September in the Normal building, which was not completed. Temporary stairways were put in, muslin was stretched across the windows to keep out the draught, and two large traction engines were attached to the steam pipes to supply heat for the building. In this way the building was kept comfortable until the heating plant was completed in December.

The Kearney Normal has been remarkable in that it has had the most rapid growth of any new school in the United States. It is the plan of the board of education to establish in due time as complete a plant at Kearney as can be found anywhere in the country. To this end they have already planned the campus relative to the location of all future buildings. At present only one building is in use, the main part of which cost \$50,000. One wing has been added and the second one is now being

constructed. Later the third will be built on at the rear. Aside from the main building the plans call for four other buildings. There is also a beautiful dormitory for girls.

The board of education believes that a school's ground should be the pleasantest place in community, next to the home. They acted accordingly and secured a landscape artist, who laid out all the grounds, planning all drives, walks, flower-beds and trees. When the parking is completed the grounds will contain an arboretum, in which may be found every forest tree that grows well in that locality. A fine athletic field is also provided.

Kearney has had but one president, Dr. A. C. Thomas. He is a strong man for the place, and has secured the best men available for members of his faculty, which numbers about thirty. In three years the school turned out 383 graduates. This gives some idea of the great work of the State Normal of the middle west.

Who can measure the vast influence and power of the state normals of Nebraska over our young men and women of today!
MRS. D. W. HAYES.

CORRESPONDENCE

RENO

Good! a little shower for the sand hills last Thursday.

Miss Mina McFall is papering and cleaning house this week.

Lulu Nelson and cousins visited with Mina McFall last Sunday.

Chas. Leistriz moved a half mile of fence for H. Hier last week.

Miss Mats, a cousin of Miss Manche Berry, is visiting at the Berry home.

John Daugherty was doing some work for Henry Hier last Thursday.

Geo. Malish is planting potatoes this week. Charlie Leistriz is helping him.

The surprise party at Rev. Washburn's last Tuesday was well attended and all enjoyed a fine time.

B. E. Betebenner, Henry Hier and E. A. McFall are some of the ranchmen that are planting corn this week.

Rudy McFall took his father's cattle about fifteen miles south of Lakeside to his brother's place for the summer.

Mrs. Hier and Gladys went to Alliance Sunday to stay until after Decoration day. Mrs. Mary Maycock and Johnnie accompanied them home Tuesday for a week's visit.

Mrs. J. C. Berry and daughters spent last week in Alliance taking in the graduation exercises. Also Mrs. Wambaugh, son and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Lea Stergeon went Friday to attend the last part.

There was quite an excitement in Lakeside last Thursday when thirteen or fourteen hobos were arrested for breaking into the Jap's cars at Reno. It proved to be a false report so they were allowed to go on their way rejoicing.

S. M. Mishler, son-in-law of Mrs. H. C. Keeler, arrived in Alliance last Friday from Denver. He was on his way to Edgemont where he goes to work in the shops as boiler maker. His wife will follow in a day or two and will visit with her mother and sisters in Alliance.

CANTON

Mrs. Beck preached at Canton Sunday.

Herbert Brown made a trip to Hemingford Friday.

Mabel Shetler is the guest of Edith Broshar at present.

Miss Agnes Moravek spent the last of the week at Mrs. Hood's.

Frank Caha made a business trip to Alliance one day last week.

Well, Mr. Editor, news is scarce this week so shall have to chop off.

John Moravek and daughters were trading in Hemingford Monday.

Louis Barta and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Langford.

Oscar Howard, Mrs. Morson and Walter Bolling were the guests of Mrs. Broshar Sunday.

Frank Ewing and family and sister, Nellie Carter, visited with Bert Langford and family Sunday.

Mrs. Brown and son Orvis went to Hemingford Saturday where they expect to meet their oldest son and brother whom they have not seen for several years.

NINE MILE CANYON

A. Z. Nicola is plowing for corn.

Fred Burn's father is making him a visit.

Miss Sadie Horn was in Minatare Saturday.

Boston Meek is the busiest man in Nine Mile.

Miss Ermina Knight is on the sick list this week.

Dr. Cole was out to see L. D. Hewitt who is very ill.

Will Hewitt and son Marion drilled a well for Earl Wildman.

Land seekers are getting thick around Hope these days.

Pearl and Andy Brown of Good Streak visited at P. P. Wilcox's Sunday.

Miss Nettie Crismond carried the mail between Hope and Minatare Saturday.

Elder Sarber is farming E. O. Kirk's place while Mr. Kirk is busy on the south side of the river.

Mrs. Ed Mowry and son Earl and daughters Rynta and Vernice visited at the G. W. Horn home Wednesday evening.

Walker Wood and Miss Hazel Crismond were united in marriage last Saturday in Gering, Nebraska. The bride is well known in western Nebraska, being the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Crismond, and is an energetic and capable lady with scores of friends in this community. The groom has made his home in this vicinity for several years. He is an industrious and hard working farmer and has hosts of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Wood will make their future home north east of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska. Their many friends extend their heartiest congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

BEREA

Emil Huell was a caller at Alliance last Friday.

J. T. Nabb has been on the sick list the last few days.

Mrs. Jerry Wells was visiting at Snake Creek last week.

Miss Bessie Weaver of Alliance is a visitor in Berea this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterkle are the happy parents of a fine baby boy.

P. J. Knapp shipped a car of spuds to Norfolk one day last week.

Miss Marian Sollenberger closed a nine months school last Friday.

Mrs. A. J. Gaghagen had the misfortune to fall and hurt her arm.

Joe Miller visited from Saturday until Monday with Rev. Nolte of Alliance.

Mr. Essex who was breaking sod near Alliance had to quit on account of dry weather.

Gov. Shallenberger and the graduating class held a picnic at the Barkhurst grove Friday afternoon.

Mr. Barkhurst and grandson, Clarence Gaghagen, intend to leave for Lincoln some time this week.

Amanda Nabb is home for a week's vacation, after which she will return to Alliance to attend the Normal.

The Misses Sylvia Hagaman, Eva Beck and Mrs. Roy Greig of Alliance were at the box social Friday night.

A box social was held at Berea Fri-

day evening. A good program was rendered, after which the boxes were sold for twenty-three dollars and forty cents which went to help with Rev. Nolte's salary.

BONNER

Mrs. Abe Hutcheson was a Bonner visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Sutton and daughter were Alliance visitors one day last week.

Elizabeth Phillips of Alliance was visiting with Mrs. Ralls last week.

R. M. Hampton came down to the ranch Saturday for a few days stay.

George N. Bahas was visiting at Bonner with his cousin, Frank Morris.

Mrs. Frank Boon and family took dinner with her father and mother Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seisco have commenced house keeping on their homestead north of Bonner.

Clyde Fairchild returned home after an absence of a few weeks in the south part of the state.

Carl Babbit came down Sunday from his work on the ditch at Bayard and stopped over between trains.

A number of gardeners are mourning the loss of tomato plants that Jack Frost visited not long ago.

Every one has finished planting in this section and are waiting for summer to come so things will grow.

I. C. Williams arrived at Bonner Saturday with a car of fine horses and cattle for his ranch south of town.

The Bonner Kid was a passenger on 304 to Alliance, returning on 302 Sunday. He reported having a fine time.

Miss Avery Wood has severed her connection with the Bonner store and post office and is staying with home folks again.

Those who were passengers to Alliance last Tuesday were Josephine Pickle, Avery Wood, R. K. Thomas and Claude Vaughan.

Rufus Thomas has turned his attention to gardening these days and we are wondering who the cook will be. Look your best, girls.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the District Court Box Butte County, Nebraska.
In the matter of the application of B. F. Gilman, guardian of the person and estate of W. Marie Ball, Edith G. Ball and Helen C. Ball, minors, praying for license to sell their interest in northwest quarter section 13 township 25 north Range 48 west in Box Butte County, Nebraska, or a sufficient amount of the same for the education maintenance and support of said minors, and it appearing from said petition that said estate of said minors, is an undivided interest, in said lands and unimproved wild prairie land, and no income is obtained therefrom. It is therefore ordered that all persons interested in said estate appear before me at chambers at my office in Rushville, Sheridan County, Nebraska, on the 15th day of June, 1910, to show cause why a license should not be granted to said B. F. Gilman to sell said real estate at public sale for the purposes mentioned, and that a copy of this order be published for three successive weeks in the Alliance Herald, a weekly newspaper published at Alliance, Nebraska.

Dated this 17th day of May, 1910.
W. H. WESTOVER,
Judge of the District Court.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the County Court of Box Butte County, Nebraska.
In the matter of the Order for hearing on estate of Robert J. Marier, deceased.
Now on this 15th day of May, 1910, came E. A. Keeler, administrator with will annexed of said estate, and prays for leave to render account as stated in Exhibit. It is therefore ordered that the said day of hearing, at 10 o'clock a. m., at my office in Alliance, in said county be fixed as the time and place for examining and allowing said account. And the clerk of said court, and all persons interested in said estate, be required to appear at said time and place to show cause why said account should not be allowed. It is further ordered, that notice be given to all persons interested in said estate by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Alliance Herald, a newspaper published in said county, three successive issues, prior to the day set for said hearing.

L. A. BERRY,
County Judge.

NOTICE OF SALE

In the District Court of Box Butte County, Nebraska.
In the matter of the application of A. S. Reed, administrator of the estate of Morris Kellough, deceased, for license to sell real estate.
Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of

an order of the Hon. W. H. Westover, Judge of the District Court of Box Butte County, Nebraska, made on the 8th day of April, 1910, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, or one-half cash, balance on not more than two years time, at 7 per cent interest, secured by mortgage on the land, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Alliance, in said county, on the 23rd day of June, 1910, at two o'clock p. m., the following described premises, to-wit: The North half of the North West Quarter, Section 24, Township 25, Range 48, North half of the South West Quarter of Section One, Township 28 Range 47 Box Butte county. Said sale will remain open one hour.
Sp May 19-10
A. S. REED, Administrator.

NOTICE OF SALE

In the District Court of Box Butte county Nebraska.
In the matter of the application of Sarah A. Gillman, guardian of the persons and estate of Mary Frances Gillman, Francis Gillman, and Leo Gillman, for license to sell real estate.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the Hon. W. H. Westover, Judge of the District Court of Box Butte county, Nebraska, made on the 17th day of May, 1910, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for the purchase price except one thousand dollars, cash, the balance of one thousand dollars may be at the option of the purchaser to be not to exceed two years time, at 7 per cent interest, secured by note and mortgage on the land, at the front door of the Court House in the city of Alliance, in said county, on the 23rd day of June, 1910, at 2 o'clock p. m., the following described premises, to-wit: The North-west Quarter of Section 24, Town 25, Range 48 (N.W. 1/4 Sec. 24, Town 25, R. 48) in Box Butte county, Nebraska. Said sale will remain open one hour.
5-19-10
SARAH A. GILLMAN, Guardian.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

State of Nebraska } ss
Box Butte County }

In the matter of the estate of Annie McCarthy, deceased.
I, L. A. Berry, County Judge of Box Butte county, Nebraska, hereby notify all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Annie McCarthy that I have set and appointed the 17 day of October, 1910, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the County Court room in Alliance, for the examination of all claims against the estate of said decedent with a view to their allowance and payment. All persons interested as creditors of the said estate will present their claims to me at said time, or show cause for not so doing, and in case any claims are not so presented by said time they shall be forever barred.
This notice shall be served by publication thereof for four consecutive weeks in the Alliance Herald, a newspaper published in Alliance, prior to the day of hearing.
Given under my hand and the seal of said court this 17 day of May, 1910.
L. A. BERRY, County Judge.

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L. A. BERRY, County Judge.

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