

THE BEST NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

The Schools of Nebraska.

The sixteenth annual report of the state superintendents of public instruction, compiled by Former Superintendent Jackson, is being printed and will be ready for distribution in a few days. The expenditures of the schools since 1897 have been as follows: Year ended July, 1897, \$3,782,158.28; year ended July, 1898, \$4,385,358.28; year ended July, 1899, \$4,488,653.69; year ended July 1900, \$5,073,147.68.

Following is a complete summary of the statistics for the last school year, which ended July 9, 1900. Resources: Amount on hand at beginning of year, \$662,747.36; from county and township treasurers, \$2,960,849.42; from sale of district bonds, \$425,759.64; from tuition of non-resident pupils, \$31,066.14; from local fines and licenses, \$671,493.76; from all other sources, \$321,231.37; total, \$5,073,147.68. Expenditures: Paid male teachers, \$661,799.71; paid female teachers, \$976,285.29; for buildings and sites, \$455,960.37; for repairs, \$219,772.53; for fuel, \$292,124.99; for reference books, maps, charts and apparatus, \$55,938.91; for text-books and pupils' supplies, \$178,820.05; for furniture, \$52,913.44; for all other purposes, \$599,696.78; amount on hand at close of year, \$669,925.61; total, \$5,073,147.68.

District bonds: Issued during the year, \$128,460.34; canceled within the year, \$136,332.19. District indebtedness: Bonded, \$2,499,824.41; not bonded, \$873,866.60; total, \$3,373,691.01. Value of school district property: Schoolhouses, \$6,736,296.39; sites, \$1,658,231.01; textbooks, \$551,587.76; apparatus, maps, charts, etc., \$324,798.57; other property, \$320,220.90; total, \$9,591,134.63.

Teachers: Number actually necessary, 7,862; number of certificates issued—First grade, 874; second grade, 5,312; third grade, 977; total, 7,163. Number employed—Males, 2,062; females, 7,401; total, 9,463. Aggregate number of days taught—Males, 278,199; females, 1,070,468; total, 1,348,667. Total wages earned—males, \$649,537.26; females, \$1,975,175.64; total, \$2,624,712.90. Average monthly wages—537.26; females, \$1,975,175.65; total, \$2,377.90.

Pupils: Census (children between 5 and 21 years of age), males, 192,262; females, 185,529; total, 377,791; enrollment (pupils between 5 and 21 years of age), males, 147,575; females, 140,652; total, 288,227; pupils over 21 years of age, 229; pupils under five years of age, 794; total, 289,250; aggregate number of days attended by all pupils, males, 14,589,905; females, 15,918,808; total, 29,608,713; average daily attendance, males, 89,927; females, 91,947; total, 181,874; number of blind children, 30; number of deaf and dumb children, 103.

Districts: Number of districts, 6,690; schoolhouses, number and material, frame, 5,760; brick, 312; stone, 42; log, 112; sod, 505; total, 6,733; number built within a year, 175; number furnished with maps, charts, etc., 4,692; number of districts owning textbooks, 5,735; average number of mills school tax levied, 15; number of days school was open, 907,307.

Paid the Maximum Price.

The state board of public lands and buildings closed a bargain for 185 acres of land adjacent to the institute for feeble-minded youth at Beatrice. The legislature appropriated \$15,000 for this purpose, the price not to exceed \$75 per acre. The board paid the maximum price, making a total of \$13,875.

Fire Destroys 13 Houses.

A fire which started at midnight in Plainview destroyed half the business section of the town and damaged several residences. The loss is \$35,000. There being no fire department the citizens formed a bucket brigade. Eleven business places and two residences were burned.

Anderson Will Go to New York.

Dr. J. Cameron Anderson, recently appointed surgeon general of Nebraska by Gov. Deitrich, has resigned that position and that of professor of surgery in the Omaha Medical college, and surgeon on the county hospital staff, giving as his reasons that he is about to locate in New York city.

Push Atkinson & Northern.

A new company has taken hold of the Atkinson & Northern railroad project and promises to push to completion the line between Atkinson and Perry, on the Niobrara river. The old Atkinson & Northern grade will be used, but the new road will be a narrow-gauge.

Wants Nebraska Creameries.

The Continental Creamery company, of Topeka, Kan., which controls 290 creamery plants, is trying to purchase the Lincoln plant, which controls 130 skimming stations in this state. The Lincoln plant has the largest butter-making establishment in the world.

Puzzled for Lack of Funds.

An appropriation of only \$75,000 for rebuilding the penitentiary is causing the board of public lands and buildings much grief. After cutting the cells down from 180 to 120 the cost of cells will be \$37,440 and adding \$2,600 for 700 blankets taken from the state militia store house for the use of the convicts, only \$34,960 will be left of the appropriation. The new cells will be placed in the new cell house, but in addition to that expense the board believes it is necessary to tear down and rebuild most of the walls of the old cellhouse and put on a new roof in order to preserve the structure from destruction. How to proceed with such a small appropriation is puzzling the board. If the cost of a good building is at least \$100,000, a large debt must be incurred if the building is erected.

Vote Second Time on Bonds.

The county commissioners of Thayer county have called a special election May 11 for voting on the proposition of issuing \$55,000 in bonds for the erection of a courthouse. The proposition was voted on at the general election last fall and carried. The bonds were issued and purchased by the state treasurer, but the attorney general noticed that they were not legal, on account of the notice of election not having been published the required length of time.

Involved in Mystery.

The preliminary hearing of J. Shafer Shorts was held at Creston. Shorts was charged with assault with attempted robbery on Mrs. Fred Shipley, after having deceived her husband away. County Attorney O'Brien asked that the case be dismissed for want of evidence, which was done. It is claimed that there is something beneath the surface that is not wanted to be known, and that there was no attempted robbery.

Poison in the Flour Barrel.

The family of George Hicks, living in Wymore, met with a misfortune that may yet result in several deaths. The little two-year-old grandson was a guest of his grandparents and upset a box of rough on rats in the flour barrel. Biscuits were made at the Hicks home and the doctor, who is waiting on the family, has little hopes of the recovery of any of the members of the family who partook of the poisoned biscuits.

Does Not Approve of Rewards.

Chief of Police Donahue, of Omaha, expressed the belief that the \$50,000 reward offered for the conviction of the Cudahy kidnapers caused the jury to return a verdict of not guilty in the case of James Callahan, the suspect. He says he heard the expression several times that the Omaha police and various detectives concocted a plot to send an innocent man to prison in hope of getting the \$50,000 reward.

He was Homesick.

Thomas Adams, recently from Kansas, was arrested for attempting to burn the house of his employer, H. S. Keith, a farmer near York. Adams confessed, and said he was homesick and thought if he could burn Mr. Keith out he could go back to Kansas.

Crusade Against Illegal Fishing.

Sportsmen living in southeastern Nebraska have started a crusade against illicit fishing in Nemaha river. The new game law provides a heavy penalty for fishing with nets in Nebraska streams.

Law Relating to Female Employees.

Omaha's police judge has ruled that the statute limiting the number of hours to 60 a week that female employees may work is constitutional.

Serves Notice of Contest.

A. C. Killian (fusionist), who was defeated for mayor of Wahoo by only one vote, will contest the election of Mayor Heaton.

Grand Army Encampment.

The twenty-fifth annual encampment of the Nebraska G. A. R. and W. R. C. will be held at Plattsmouth, May 7, 8 and 9.

Farmers to Try Alfalfa.

Over 9,000 acres of alfalfa will be put out around Elm Creek. A number of farmers are trying it on bluff land.

Adjutant General's Report.

The biennial report of retiring Adjutant General Barry covers 1,479 pages and cost the state \$3,300.

Will Resist Payment of Bonds.

Loup township, Sherman county, will fight the collection of bonds issued for irrigation purposes.

Store Robbed in Daylight.

Gardner Bros' drug store at Edgar was entered about noon and robbed of \$200 worth of jewelry.

TOLD IN FIGURES.

Slow rivers flow at the rate of three to seven miles an hour. Lamps cause 500 fires in a year in London, gas 219, chimneys 179. Sugar exists in the sap of leaves of nearly 200 different kinds of trees. Every day in the year 470,000 tons of cargo are loaded into ships' holds. In 1882 there were only 96,000 persons who could ride a bicycle in England.

The earliest mention of shoes is in an Egyptian papyrus, about 2,200 years before Christ. The average income of physicians in Berlin is about \$2,250 a year. The highest income is \$74,000.

There are 2,900 words which have the same spelling and meaning both in French and English. Twenty per cent. of all horned cattle are killed for food in a year, 40 out of every 100 sheep, and 90 out of every 100 pigs.

The federal department in Washington which has the smallest number of employees is the department of state, the aggregate salaries of its employees being less than \$150,000 a year.

FROM DEATH'S DOOR.

Hillsdale, Ill., April 29th.—Much interest has been aroused here over the case of William Marks, who has been in a dying condition for several months with an apparently incurable Kidney Disease.

The leading physicians of this place had pronounced his case a hopeless one, and others from Port Byron, Geneseo, and Davenport, Ia., had attended him, and in a consultation decided that he could not live.

In desperation, his nephew inquired of Mr. L. F. Giles, a local druggist, as to a last resort. Mr. Giles suggested Dodd's Kidney Pills, a remedy which had just been introduced here.

The results were marvelous. Mr. Marks immediately began to improve, and within a few weeks was able to be up and about, completely cured.

His cure is the talk of the neighborhood, and is considered nothing short of a miracle.

There appears to be no doubt that this new remedy, Dodd's Kidney Pills, will cure any case of Kidney Disease, for the more malignant forms, such as Bright's Disease, Diabetes, and Dropsy, yield readily to its remarkable influence. These forms of Chronic Kidney Disease have hitherto been considered incurable, and have baffled all medical skill, and yet, this new remedy has cured every single case in which it has been used, in this neighborhood. The doctors themselves are amazed at the wonderful work Dodd's Kidney Pills are accomplishing in Rock Island County.

England's Army and Navy.

It was recently stated that England's army and navy is inadequate to properly defend herself from a sudden onslaught. England is, in this instance, like the individual who allows disease to creep into his system through a stomach too weak to properly digest the food taken into it. To strengthen the stomach there is nothing better than Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It cures dyspepsia, constipation, indigestion, liver and kidney trouble, and as a tonic, is incomparable.

Josh's Conjecture.

Aunt Betsy—Josh, how is it the weather man here can only tell what it's going to do for 24 hours, while the weather man in Washington can tell for 48 hours, or even a week?

Uncle Josh—I guess the Washington chap has more sensitive corns.—Philadelphia Record.

There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 15c as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c. and 25c. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Charged.—"Dear," said Mrs. Spendlotz, by way of preliminary, "would you consider an opal unlucky?" "I would if I got a bill for one and had to pay it," replied her husband, sternly. "Ah! I'm so glad I ordered a diamond ring instead."—Philadelphia Press.

Are You Going Abroad?

If you are going abroad be sure to select the Lackawanna Railroad as your route East. The terminus of that line is within two blocks of the docks of the ocean liners operated by the Cunard, Hamburg-American, White Star, North German Lloyd, Netherlands American, American, Red Star and French Lines. To the traveler, often encumbered with luggage and accompanied by his family, the advantage of landing so near his point of embarkation is at once apparent. Not only is the Lackawanna Railroad the most convenient line to the piers of the great Trans-Atlantic Steamers, but the comfort of its patrons is the special care of a Steamship Agent who will be found on the docks of all the principal lines. From Chicago three through trains are run daily in connection with the Nickel Plate offering a service unsurpassed in luxury and convenience. From St. Louis there is also a through daily service in connection with the Wabash Railroad.

Mrs. Peak—"Oh, dear, I'm so tired! I've been house hunting all day." Mrs. Greene—"Why, you're not going to move, are you?" Mrs. Peak—"Mercy, no! Mrs. Preyer and I have only been around seeing how folks who moved out left their houses."—Boston Transcript.

The Grand Trunk Railway System. The picturesque route to the Pan-American Exposition, will mail on receipt of 2 cents in stamps, sent to its City Passenger and Ticket Agent, 249 Clark Street, Chicago, the handsome descriptive folder of the Pan-American Exposition yet issued.

The man who boasts that he never speaks ill of an enemy must have been whipped about every other day when he was a school-boy.—Indianapolis News.

We face a great many of our troubles bravely, because the real fact is that we are so situated that we can't run away.—Atchison Globe.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Prose and the Poetry.

The young bride who reads with a proud thrill "she swept up the aisle on her father's arm" never thinks of the after days when she will sweep up the kitchen and dining-room floors and not get even a mention in the society columns.—Kansas City Editor.

Career and Character of Abraham Lincoln.

An address by Joseph Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, on the career and character of Abraham Lincoln—his early life—his early struggles with the world—his character as developed in the later years of his life and his administration, which placed his name so high on the world's roll of honor and fame, has been published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and may be had by sending six (6) cents in postage to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Some skeptics are like the near-sighted man who skates right up to the danger sign to see what it says.—Detroit Journal.

How My Throat Hurts! Why don't you use Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar? Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

Many a poor tune is played on a good horn.—Chicago Daily News.

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