

# News from Over the State

## Reciting Pieces in School.

"Have teachers of Nebraska legal authority to compel pupils to recite literary selections in the public schools?" This question has been submitted to Superintendent Fowler by Harry Wilson, of Doniphan, who says that a 14-year-old boy has been expelled from school in that place because of his refusal to finish speaking a piece, which he had about half completed. On the subject Mr. Fowler says: "The supreme court has decided that a school board has power to adopt and enforce reasonable rules and to prescribe the course of study and text-books for the use of the schools. The parent or guardian, however, has a right to make a reasonable selection from the prescribed courses of study for his child to pursue and this selection must be respected by the trustees, as the right of the parent in this regard is superior to that of the trustees and the teacher. A rule which requires pupils to take part in recitations seems to be a reasonable one and could be enforced by the board, unless the parent or guardian could show that taking part in such exercises was a detriment to the child. To be sure, a reasonable rule may be made very unreasonable by the manner in which it is enforced. If the boy under the rule in question did his best in the preparation for his declamation and then failed when he came before the school because of that embarrassment which has been the terror of more than one school boy, he should not have been expelled nor even chastised, but encouraged and entreated in the proper spirit until he could command sufficient resolution to try again. But if he failed through lack of preparation and due effort on his part and refused to make a second attempt because of sheer stubbornness, he deserved expulsion."

## Ex-State Treasurer Indicted.

John B. Meserve, former treasurer of the state of Nebraska, has been indicted by the grand jury in Douglas county on the charge of embezzlement of money belonging to the state school fund. Evidence was adduced to indicate that Meserve as state treasurer had on deposit at the Union Stock Yards national bank about \$60,000 belonging to the state school fund on which he had been paid interest which had not been credited up to the school fund. Mr. Meserve has been frequently mentioned as one of the leading candidates for the fusion nomination for governor this year.

## Wants a Permanent Home.

The Nebraska Board of Agriculture, in annual session at Lincoln, elected J. R. Dinsmore, of Sutton, president and Robert W. Furnas, of Brownville, secretary. Preliminaries for the next fair were also arranged. A resolution was passed asking the legislature to make an appropriation for a permanent home for its headquarters. Resolutions were also adopted thanking State School Superintendent Fowler for his efforts in his behalf of the promotion of agricultural education in the Nebraska public schools.

## Order Affects 200 Banks.

Under a ruling by Attorney General Prout Nebraska state banks are required to file articles of incorporation, both with the secretary of state and the secretary of the state banking board. Heretofore the banks have been filing their articles only in the banking department. It is believed that 200 banking institutions in the state will be affected by the order of the attorney general, for all of them must now file articles with the secretary of state.

## Meeting of Swine-Breeders.

Two hundred swine-breeders and stockmen from all over the state met in annual convention at Lincoln last week. One speaker dwelt at some length on alfalfa and declared that some one had told him that alfalfa roots had been known to penetrate the ground over 130 feet. He concluded, of course, that this was only a yarn, but he recognized the importance of this clover when it comes to growing swine.

## Nebraska Manufacturers.

The census office issued a bulletin concerning the manufactures of Nebraska for 1900. It shows the number of establishments, 5,414; capital, \$71,982,127; salaries, \$2,325,038; wage earners, 24,461.

## Green to Succeed Johnson.

W. A. Green, of Lincoln, was recommended by Senators Dietrich and Millard for register of the Lincoln land office, to succeed Joe Johnson.

## Prominent Contractor of York.

W. L. Morgan, who is dead at York, built many of the large business blocks, public buildings and modern homes in York.

## Want Forest Reserves.

A letter was circulated among the Nebraska congressmen addressed to the president, recommending the establishment of three forest reserves in as many localities in the sandhill districts of Nebraska. These reserves as contemplated include an aggregate of 558,720 acres, with but one per cent. held under private claims. It is designed to make the experiment of raising timber in these forest reserves, should the president follow the suggestions of the Nebraska delegation. It is sought to include the so-called Niobrara district, which lies largely in Cherry county, and in the vicinity of the Niobrara river; Dismal reserve, which is situated in Blaine and Loup counties, and the North Platte reserve. It is thought by those who have the matter in charge that the delegation will be a unit in having the land set aside.

Senator Millard is opposed to setting apart three forest reserves in Nebraska, as contemplated by the department of agriculture. He has refused to join the members of the Nebraska delegation in recommending the action proposed by the department upon the ground that the sand hills of Nebraska are fitted only for grazing purposes. He is, however, in favor of setting apart 30,000 to 50,000 acres for the purpose of demonstrating whether small trees can be grown on the sand dunes which are now sought to be isolated in the forest reserves.

## "No More Fusion," Says Hitchcock.

"I do not believe there is any hope for fusion again between the democratic and populist parties in Nebraska," said G. M. Hitchcock, editor of the Omaha World-Herald at Kansas City the other day. "The democrats and populists are not prevented from fusion by state election laws as in Kansas. The parties are drifting so far apart that it will be a difficult task to get them together. Mr. Bryan may be able to effect a reconciliation, but it rests with him alone. The quarrel began when the national ticket was nominated. The populists say their identity was lost when the national democratic ticket was placed in the field. The democrats say they did not get their share of state officers."

## County Claims Marriage Fees.

The Lancaster county board of commissioners has notified County Judge Waters that he must report to them all fees received for performing marriage services during the year past. This order means that the county judge will also be required to turn marriage service fees into the county treasury. Heretofore fees received from this source have formed one of the emoluments of the county judge's office.

## Agriculture in the Schools.

Dean Charles E. Bessy and Prof. Lawrence Bruner, both of the state university, are preparing a text-book on elementary agriculture to be used in the schools of Nebraska. Prof. Bassett says Nebraska is the first state to enact a law requiring public school teachers to have a knowledge of agriculture, an act making this provision, to become effective in July, 1903, having passed the last legislature.

## Offer Electric Power.

The Lincoln Traction company will operate its street cars with electric power furnished by the Columbus Power company. The Columbus company will complete its plant on the Loup river at a point near Columbus, where a drop of 80 feet can be secured.

## Sensational Arrest at Columbus.

Mrs. Florence Hake, who was visiting friends at Columbus, her old home, was arrested there on a telegram from Denver, Col., charging her with theft.

## Youngers Will Try for Congress.

Peter Youngers, of Geneva, is a candidate for congress from the Fourth district. He has been president of the state horticultural society for years.

## Young Child Scalded to Death.

Injuries received from an accidental plunge into a bathtub of scalding water caused the death of the infant son of C. C. Cone, of Lincoln.

## State Poultry Association.

Over 1,500 fowls representing 125 fanciers in Nebraska were exhibited at the Nebraska Poultry association at Lincoln last week.

## Those Omaha Gamblers.

The recent grand jury in Douglas county returned over 1,000 indictments, a great majority of them being against Omaha gamblers.

## Scorched Swedish Lutheran College.

Fire from a defective flue partially destroyed the Swedish Lutheran academy in Wahoo. Most of the furniture was saved.

## RECIPROCIITY CONVENTION.

Over a Hundred Delegates in Attendance—Officers Elected—The Purpose of the Organization.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 23.—The reciprocity convention called at the suggestion of Gov. Stanley held its initial session here yesterday. Over 100 delegates were in attendance, including two or three each from a half-dozen or more western states besides Kansas.

Officers were elected yesterday as follows: President, Gov. W. E. Stanley, of Kansas; vice president, James Deering, of Chicago; secretary, A. B. Hulitt, of Topeka; treasurer, P. I. Bonebrake, of Topeka. Resolutions were adopted asking congress to provide for reciprocal relations with Cuba. The headquarters of the league will be in Topeka and the purpose of its organization will be to aid in establishing better trade relations with Mexico, Cuba and other countries such as the interests of the west should demand.

## ASTOUNDING SHORTAGE.

Treasurer of a Cincinnati Packinghouse Said to Have Stolen Nearly \$400,000 from His Employers.

Cincinnati, Jan. 23.—It is alleged that Theodore Braemer, secretary-treasurer of the Schroth Packing company, of this city, is short in his accounts from \$100,000 to \$400,000. Braemer and his wife have turned all their estate over to the Schroths and the shortage will be fully covered without prosecution. Until recently Braemer received \$25 per week as bookkeeper. His salary never exceeded \$40 per week and he has been with the firm 25 years. He has transferred one of the finest residences in the city and other valuable property and over \$72,000 in stocks and bonds to his former employers. His employers always believed his statements about his fortunate speculations and investments and never examined his books.

## PUT IN BLACK HOLES.

Nine Convicts Confined in Two Small Dungeons, Six by Eight Feet, Without Any Bedding and Little to Eat.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 23.—Ten of the 11 convicts who escaped from McNeil's island penitentiary Sunday and were recaptured without bloodshed are now confined in two small dungeons, six by eight feet, five men in each. One man, Carroll, is too sick to be placed in a dungeon. The convicts who were captured Tuesday morning and who were then almost famished, were not fed until Tuesday night, when they each received one slice of bread and a sup of water. They got nothing else to eat until last night and will be kept in the dungeons for at least 15 days. The black holes contain no bedding and are but six feet high.

## WERE SOCIAL FAVORITES.

Ulysses G. Blair and Wife, Under Arrest at San Francisco, Passed \$600 of Counterfeit Coin a Month.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Ulysses G. Blair and wife have been arrested for passing counterfeit coin. Blair admits his guilt and says his wife assisted him in passing the coin, getting rid of about \$600 a month. The counterfeits are the most perfect that have been seen in this part of the country. His method of disposing of the spurious coin was by placing it in small amounts with the bookmakers at the Oakland race track. Blair posed as a capitalist and has been popular socially.

## UNION TICKET ILLEGAL.

Attorney General of Kansas Renders a Decision Which Will Defeat Any Efforts at Fusion in Politics.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 23.—If the attorney general construes the election law correctly the populists of Kansas will be compelled to accept the invitation and join the democratic party. In answer to questions submitted by J. H. Curran, secretary of the populist state committee, he rendered an opinion to the effect that under the provisions of the law two parties cannot meet in joint convention and nominate a "fusion ticket" or a "union ticket," and have it placed on the official ballot.

## Ex-President Cleveland Off on a Hunt.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 23.—Ex-President Cleveland left Princeton last night for the south, where he will remain several days, hunting with Col. B. C. Benedict, Rear Admiral Evans, Gen. Anson G. McCook and Herman May. The party will go to Georgetown, S. C., and shortly after arriving there will go to the home of Col. Alexander, who lives on an island 18 miles from that city.

## The Santa Fe's Gigantic Plans.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 23.—Orders have been issued by the Santa Fe road for 5,000 box cars and 150 locomotives, which will be paid for out of the new \$20,000,000 issue of bonds. All the passenger equipment is to be renewed. About \$12,000,000 of the issue will give the company over 800 miles of new line free of debt.

## TO BUY TELEGRAPH LINES.

Belief in Washington That the President Is Having a Bill Drawn for Government Ownership.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The report that the administration bill for the acquisition of all telegraph lines in the country is now being prepared by a subcommittee of the senate post office committee and will be introduced at an early date, is generally accredited here. Interests closely identified with both the Western Union and Postal companies admit the question has been submitted to them and has been considered in a general way. It is authoritatively stated here that the Postal stockholders and the Gould interests in the Western Union are willing to sell and will not oppose the measure. Wall street and other authorities say that by taking over the telegraph lines the government could reduce tolls from 10 to 20 per cent, use three per cent. of the earnings to form a sinking fund with which the bonds can be redeemed, and thus pay for the property out of the earnings.

## NIXON FOR SHIP SUBSIDY.

New Leader of Tammany Will Try to Get Democratic Congressmen to Vote Contrary to Their Platform.

New York, Jan. 23.—Lewis Nixon favors the ship subsidy bill, and the first great test of his power as acting leader of Tammany will come when the bill reaches a vote in the house of representatives. Mr. Nixon will use whatever power of the organization that he can control to force the Tammany congressmen to vote for it. The national platform of the democratic party contains a plank denouncing the principle of subsidies to ships, and the representatives of the party in congress, with few exceptions, will work and vote against the measure when it is reported out by the committee in charge.

## Railroad Facilities for World's Fair.

St. Louis, Jan. 23.—The construction of over a mile of double steam railway track into the site of the Louisiana Purchase exposition, to give facilities for the handling of building material and later on exhibits, was yesterday afternoon authorized by Director of Works Taylor. The proposed route skirts the site of the big exhibit building, the construction of which will begin soon. Spur tracks and switches for subsequent additions are provided for.

## Nominations Made by the President.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The president yesterday named L. S. Crum for marshal of the Kansas district; William Warner attorney for the Western Missouri district and John J. Boles register of the land office at Guthrie, Ok.

## Will Get the Danish West Indies.

Copenhagen, Jan. 23.—It has been definitely decided that the treaty with the United States providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies is to be signed at Washington this week. All the formalities here are completed.

## Mobile's 200 Years.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 23.—The first day of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the selection of a site by the French on Mobile river and the founding of Port Louis de la Mobile by Jean Baptiste Lemoyne and Sieur de Bienville was very successful.

## A Big Capitalization.

New York, Jan. 23.—The Western Telephone and Telegraph company, capital stock of \$32,000,000, was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., yesterday. The objects are to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines in all parts of the world.

## Kruger to Be Invited to Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—At a mass meeting of Boer sympathizers held here last night it was resolved to send President Kruger an invitation, signed by 500,000 people, to visit Chicago on June 26, the date of the coronation of Edward VII.

## December Internal Revenue Collections.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue show that during December, 1901, the total receipts were \$22,812,915, a decrease as compared with the corresponding month in 1900 of \$2,399,231.

## Department Commander Norton Suspended.

Abilene, Kan., Jan. 23.—Department Commander Norton, of the G. A. R., has been suspended by Commander-in-Chief Torrence and an investigation of the charges brought by Abilene post will be held here.

## Joseph Jefferson Gave \$100.

Canton, O., Jan. 23.—President Day, of the McKinley National Memorial association, has received from Joseph Jefferson, the actor, a check for \$100, to be added to the memorial fund.

## Philippines to Have an Exhibit.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The secretary of war announces that the Philippine commission will appropriate \$250,000 for a display of Philippine resources at the St. Louis world's fair.

## Gold Counterfeiting.

The gold used in color printing and on mirror and picture frames is only an imitation. It is made from bronze and spelter, and not from the pure gold leaf. There is another article also very much imitated, and that is Hoettler's Stomach Bitters, the celebrated family remedy for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, and liver and kidney troubles. Beware of counterfeits when buying. The genuine must have our Private Stamp over the neck of the bottle.

A great many men have managed to attain fame by hanging to the tail gate of a crisis.—Washington Post.

## Miles of Potatoes.

Everybody knows that the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., are the largest seed potato growers in the world, so when their President, Henry A. Salzer, recently purchased 21,000 acres more of ideal potato land, all wondered what for. Well, it is for potatoes—miles and miles of potatoes.

There is no education like adversity.—Disraeli.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

In the human race the butcher holds the steaks.—Los Angeles Herald.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

Reputation is a bubble hard to blow out, but easily burst.—Chicago Daily News.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES color silk, wool or cotton perfectly at one boiling.

## MRS. HULDA JAKEMAN

Wife of President Jakeman of Elders of the Mormon Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, Recommends Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound For Women's Periodic Pains.

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