

# News from Over the State

## Entertained Former Governors.

Four former chief executives of the state were guests of Gov. and Mrs. Savage at the executive mansion Saturday afternoon. They were Robert W. Furnas, John M. Thayer, Silas A. Holcomb and William A. Poynter. All former governors were invited, but because of previous engagements or business of a pressing nature all but the four respectfully declined. The event was planned by Mr. and Mrs. Savage, in keeping with the custom inaugurated by Gov. Dietrich a year ago. The suggestion was made at that time that in the future the day of the commemoration of the birth of George Washington be made the occasion for the gathering of all former occupants of the executive chair. The guests sat down to dinner at 1:30 and after the courses had been served several hours were passed in social conversation and discussion of official affairs. Messages of regrets were read from the absentees. Ex-Gov. Dawes is in Cuba and could not leave his business. Lorenzo Crouse started several days ago for Florida. James E. Boyd is in California and Albinus Nance is in Chicago. Senator Dietrich wrote that he was detained at Catskill because of the illness of his daughter. No reply was received from former Gov. Garber and it was concluded that his invitation miscarried. Nearly all state, county and city offices remained closed throughout the day in memory of George Washington.

## Wants Nebraska Protected.

Congressman Stark says he cannot support the irrigation measure now before the house committee on irrigation of arid lands unless Nebraska is protected. He will endeavor to amend the bill so that 25 per cent. of the reclamation fund, so-called, shall be used for the examination and construction of irrigation works for the storage, diversion and development of waters. He goes further than this and insists that the bill should be amended so as to provide that 75 per cent. of the amount raised from each state or territory shall be expended within the borders of the said state or territory. Mr. Stark proposes to put the Platte river under control of congress, making that body arbiter over an interstate stream, which he claims it has the right to be under the constitution, and removing it from the domain of state control.

## Expensive Sanity Charge.

In federal court at Omaha Mrs. Sarah Figg, who sued John B. Manger, Woodson Browning and Bert Donahoe for \$2,000 damages for alleged malicious persecution in having Mrs. Figg taken before the insanity committee, secured a verdict for \$1,500. Mrs. Figg is the head of a religious sect of Gretna, which the defendants claim was responsible for their wives abandoning them. Mrs. Figg, they allege, had secured an influence over many of the women of Gretna which destroyed the domestic peace of their families, and asked the insanity committee to examine into Mrs. Figg's sanity.

## Saunders County Epidemic.

Dr. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, writing of blind staggers, which is carrying off horses in Saunders county, due to their being turned out to feed on cornstalks, says: "There is no remedy of value known to this bureau other than prevention, and the only sure cure means of prevention would appear to be the discontinuance of the custom of turning the stock out into standing corn for fodder. In those sections of the country where the corn is cut when ripe and properly cured and stored, and fodder is then fed from the stack or mow, this disease has entirely disappeared."

## Fighting for a Wife.

Leon C. Bouck, who is charged with maliciously enticing and carrying away Pearl Hooper, a minor, was given a hearing at Emerson. He waived examination and was bound over to the district court under a \$2,000 bond, which he furnished. Bouck eloped a week ago with Pearl Hooper, who is only 15 years old. After the hearing Bouck's attorney served a writ of habeas corpus upon the parents of the girl, commanding them to bring the girl before District Judge Giver, to show whether she was unlawfully restrained of her liberty.

## In Favor of Leasing.

A meeting of the Western Nebraska Stock Growers' association was held at Alliance to consider the proposed lease of western ranges, now pending in congress. A resolution was adopted declaring "that in view of the probable removal of fences on government domain we are in favor of the leasing of the public lands in such manner and under such restrictions as will protect the small stock grower as well as the large owner."

## Good Rates for School Land.

The state land commissioner announces 22,000 acres of school land in Nebraska are now available for lease. This is a large amount of land, but compared with the amount not leased a few years ago it is a mere trifle. Another thing worthy of note is the fact that the state is receiving for this land much larger rentals than the rate proposed in the government land-leasing bill now before congress, and the passage of that bill would mean a considerable loss of revenue to the school fund for no one would give more for state land than for that leased of the general government.—Omaha Bee.

## Exposition of the Bible.

Before the Y. M. C. A. state convention at York last week Rev. B. B. Taylor, of Denver, spoke of the Bible as a divine library of 66 volumes, 14 centuries in preparation, and 40 persons more or less employed by its divine author. This library, he said, falls into the following groups: First, law; second, history; third, poetry; fourth, sermons; fifth, biography; sixth, ecclesiastical history; seventh, epistles; eighth, prophecy. He gave the number of books in law as 5; history, 12; poetry, 5; sermons, 17; biography, 4; ecclesiastical history, 1; letters, 21, and prophecy, 1.

## Fight Over a Youth.

Clinton Broderick was arrested at Hastings and taken before Police Judge Reynolds on a charge of assault preferred by his wife, Mrs. Maude Broderick. Broderick and his wife have separated and Mrs. Broderick has possession of their only son, and when she was on the streets with the boy Broderick made an effort to regain possession of the youth by force.

## Schoolhouse of Baled Straw.

In a book soon to be issued from the department of public instruction will be a description of the only baled straw schoolhouse known to have been constructed on Nebraska soil. Such buildings are numerous on the plains of other western states, but so far as known the only one ever built in Nebraska was in Scotts Bluff county, near Minatare.

## John Tschanz' Strange Death.

John Tschanz, a widely-known character in Pierce, was found dead at the Sparr place west of town. He was stopping at the Sparr place, and it appears that he got up during the night and went outdoors. In the morning he was found hanging over a barbed-wire fence, from which it is supposed he fell in an attempt to climb over.

## Gould Gets Seven Years.

A. H. Gould, who, as cashier of the Platte Valley state bank at Bellewode stole \$250,000 by embezzling funds and forging notes, was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary. Gould pleaded guilty and threw himself on the mercy of the court, declaring that if he was released he and his friends would work to pay all defalcations.

## Wants \$5,000 for Wife's Affection.

C. E. Lawrence, of Elkereck, has begun a suit in the district court to recover \$5,000 from J. G. Woolsey, a business man of Hubbell, for alienating his wife's affections. The alleged alienation was in Elkereck four years ago when both of the men were in business there. The then Mrs. Lawrence is now Mrs. Woolsey.

## McKinley and Lincoln Holidays.

A resolution will be introduced in the next department encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic asking the legislature to make January 29 and February 12 of each year legal holidays. The former is the commemoration of the birth of William McKinley and the latter of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

## Former Nebraska Pastor Arrested.

Many Humboldt people were surprised to hear of the arrest of Rev. Amos P. Messler, of Marion, Ind., on a charge of the embezzlement of \$7,000, preferred by his brother, Israel Messler, a farmer living near Huntington, Ind. Rev. Messler formerly resided at Humboldt.

## Railroad Men at a Ball.

Over 2,000 persons attended the annual ball of the Burlington railroad engineers at Lincoln. A delegation of 100 was there from Omaha, and nearly all of the larger towns on the Burlington system were represented.

## New Modern Woodmen Hall.

The Modern Woodmen lodge at Liberty will build a two-story hall to cost \$6,000, the top story to be used for lodge purposes and the lower floor by city officers.

## Drowned Near Mouth of Platte.

A 16-year-old son of C. R. Lee, of Bellevue, was drowned near the mouth of the Platte river while skating with a younger brother.

## A FAR-WESTERN TRAGEDY.

Tale of a Game Old Gambler Who "Went Broke" and Quit the Game of Life Voluntarily.

In 1897 there were flush times in the Sloucan. The overflow of the Roseland boom swished through the silver camps and coated them with gold. The wash struck Sandon the hardest, and for months the town had its Cairo-like streets literally paved with dollars and playing cards. Sandon is built in a gulch between high mountains over which the sun occasionally peeps at the burg. In those days it was a hot locality. All night long the pianos were thumped "below the dead line," while above it the booze factories had no keys, and the clinking of glasses kept time to the rattle of chips, and the cries of "That's good!" "I'm pat!" "Put in with you!" etc. These were the days when it often cost many a plunk to look at your hole card, and chubbers were under the table. Gamblers were thicker than coons at a cake walk, and a flash of sunlight made the lower end of the camp look like a railroad switchyard with all janger signals turned on. The town never closed up; it was one long carnival of wine, women, and cards. When one shift went sleazy another took its place, and Canada's Monte Carlo never blinked an eye, says the New Denver (B. C.) Claim.

About this time Morris Butterman bailed the camp. Morris had no yellow in him, and packed more than 60 years on his broad back. He had been a gambler for nearly half a century. He had faced the tigers in Montana, shot craps in New Orleans, dealt stud on the old Mississippi, and peeped from behind furs in many a draw game. So when he hit the camp he was not afraid of anything in sight. He dealt faro in the Bucket of Blood saloon, and kept his shirt bosom ever white. For a long time his meal ticket had figures on it, and then the splits came. The crash in silver, and then the strike, soon made Sandon look like a dirty deuce in a new deck, and the old gambler went up the hill to cook for awhile, but he did not suit, and wandered back to town again, broke, but sad, silent, and proud. Several of the boys noticed that he did not eat regularly and proffered him aid, but he shook his head and stood pat. One day, about five in the afternoon, he passed through the Bucket of Blood at the rear on the way to his room. As he mounted the steps he turned and took a long look at the bar and Handsome Jack. Late the next afternoon Jack went upstairs to the old man's room, and found him dead. He had put on his best clothes, got under the blankets, took a swallow of poison, and cashed in.

And thus old Morris quit the game—a philosopher. Old, broke, and nothing behind the deal, he preferred to pass up rather than burden his friends. Just a dash of tragedy in the fever of mining-camp life.

## Deficiency of Practical Knowledge.

A Hamburg school-teacher recently undertook to find out what his pupils knew about common things. Out of the 120 children between 10 and 16 years of age, 58 had never seen a flock of sheep, 70 had never seen a violet growing, 90 had never heard a night-gale, 89 had never seen the sun rise, and 39 had not seen it set, 49 had never seen a man plow. He asserts that while city children may know about theaters and concerts, exhibitions, museums and stores, hundreds of the simplest things in life are mere words to them that convey no coherent idea.—N. Y. Sun.

## THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Kansas City, Feb. 25.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	44 80 @ 5 95
Native stockers	3 50 @ 4 75
Western steers	2 35 @ 4 80
HOGS	4 00 @ 6 25
SHEEP	4 15 @ 6 20
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	82 @ 83
No. 2 red	82 @ 83
CORN—No. 2 mixed	58 @ 58 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed	43 1/2 @ 43 3/4
RYE—No. 2	60 @ 60
FLOUR—Hard wh't patents	3 35 @ 3 35
Soft wheat patents	3 35 @ 4 10
HAY—Timothy	11 00 @ 13 50
Prairie	7 00 @ 13 00
BRAN—Sacked	92 @ 93
BUTTER—Choice to fancy	17 1/2 @ 20
CHEESE—Full cream	10 1/2 @ 10 1/2
EGGS	17 1/2 @ 17 1/2
POTATOES	80 @ 90
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	4 50 @ 6 25
Texas steers	3 00 @ 5 00
HOGS—Butchers	6 10 @ 6 45
SHEEP—Naives	4 00 @ 5 50
FLOUR—Spring patents	3 20 @ 3 70
WHEAT—No. 2	83 @ 81
CORN—No. 2	57 1/2 @ 57
OATS—No. 2	42 @ 42 1/2
RYE—February	60 @ 60 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery	23 @ 30 1/2
DRY SALT MEATS	8 75 @ 8 75 1/2
BACON	9 37 1/2 @ 9 62 1/2
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Steers	4 00 @ 7 00
HOGS—Mixed and butchers	5 90 @ 6 40
SHEEP—Western	4 50 @ 5 00
FLOUR—Spring patents	3 20 @ 3 70
WHEAT—No. 2	83 @ 81
CORN—No. 2	57 1/2 @ 57
OATS—No. 2	42 @ 42 1/2
RYE—February	60 @ 60 1/2
LARD—February	9 17 1/2 @ 9 20
PORK—February	15 30 @ 15 30
NEW YORK.	
CATTLE—Steers	5 20 @ 6 40
HOGS	6 40 @ 6 40
SHEEP	3 75 @ 5 50
WHEAT—No. 2	89 1/2 @ 88 1/2
CORN—No. 2	69 1/2 @ 67
OATS—No. 2	50 @ 50

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