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OVER THE STATE.

TWO BASE BALL clubs have been organized in Wahoo.

THE dog poisoner is doing active work at Nebraska City.

At this writing Saunders county has but one prisoner in its jail.

DR. R. H. PALMER has been appointed a pension examining at Orleans.

THE Methodist church at Valentine, costing about \$4,000, has been dedicated free of debt.

THE Nebraska City assessors this year will assess at the rate of 20 per cent less than in 1894.

THE railroads of Nebraska will make reduced rates to the Thomas concerts at Omaha, April 19, 20 and 21.

WORK on the Oxford-Beaver City telephone line is progressing favorably and will be completed soon.

WHILE boring a well for Dr. Hutchinson of Madison, gold-bearing gravel was found at a depth of sixty feet.

OLIVER F. BUTT, one of the best known railroad engineers in the state, died at his home in Nebraska City last week.

There is a lockout of cigar makers in some of the factories of Lincoln, a strike having been ordered on account of wages.

The Bank of Axtell was unable to open up for business last week. No statement of assets or liabilities yet made public.

PHILIP MCKILL, a farmer near Humboldt, while intoxicated, fell from his buggy and received injuries which resulted in his death.

W. C. GRAVES, one of the pioneers of Cass county, recently died at the age of 76. Ten children, seven boys and three girls, survive him.

CHARLES BOSCHULT, a wealthy farmer residing near Nickerson, is minus a thumb from the right hand. The cogs of a corn sheller amputated it for him.

THE saloon business in Beatrice appears to have been unprofitable, and as a result there are but five applications for a license, just half of what has been heretofore.

JOHN F. MONEYHAN, a former business man of Craig, who has been in business in Iowa for the last few years, has returned to Craig to again engage in business.

TRACY KELLER, a young lady of Houston, five miles northeast of York, took a dose of carbolic acid by mistake, dying in twenty minutes thereafter in terrible agony.

ABOUT fifty farmers in the vicinity of Crete have decided to raise one acre of sugar beets this year for the purpose of testing whether it will pay to raise the beets as a crop.

A CHERRY county justice of the peace is charged with charging a fee for making out applications for aid. This is in direct violation of the law and the matter will be investigated.

LEWIS KLOPSCHE of the Christian Herald recently forwarded another \$500 check to the state relief commission, making a total of \$6,025 that has come to Nebraska through his paper.

THE Kearney council has reduced the salaries of the city officials to the following: Mayor, \$150 per year; clerk, \$200; treasurer, \$100; city attorney, \$350; councilmen, \$100; policemen, \$45 per month.

A FEW days ago news reached Ashland of the death of being thrown from a horse, of Robert Vorse at Raymond, Neb. Young Vorse lived with his parents in Ashland most of his life, up to a few months ago.

BILL PARKER of Tilden went out in a boat to fish and was precipitated into the river. He saved his life, but lost his right leg in the water and had to whittle out a new limb before he could hop around as lively as ever.

A CRETE woman, who had been a helpless invalid for years, regained her strength the other day very suddenly and is now engaged in her every day duties in good health. She attributes her recovery to prayer alone.

JOHN FAHAL, a farmer who resided about eight miles southwest of Aurora, committed suicide by hanging. He was found by members of his family hanging in his corn crib. He was about 60 years old and well-to-do.

THE Union Pacific is laying a spur track to the Oberfelder stone quarry at Sidney and will develop that industry. The production of this quarry is said to be a very high grade of building stone, for which there is great demand.

A cow belonging to Nicholas Schriener of Nemaha was attacked by hydrophobia last week and was killed after she had gone into spasms. A mad dog had been loose in the town and it is supposed that the rabid animal had bitten the cow.

THE new Catholic church at Gretna will be dedicated on Wednesday, April 17. The order of exercises will be the meeting of the bishop and clergy at the depot, thence the march in procession to the church, followed by the ceremonies of dedication.

CHARLES SMITH and Homer Call, who pleaded guilty to breaking in a store at Stromsburg, were brought before Judge Wheeler at Osceola to receive their sentence. The judge sentenced Smith to the penitentiary for one year and Call to the industrial school.

THE Bank of Bladen was closed last week by Bank Examiner Cline. Assets comprise bills receivable to the amount of \$13,911 and cash and sight exchange to the amount of \$2,754. The liabilities are: Due depositors, \$10,024; due to other banks, \$956. There is some prospect of depositors being paid, but it will take time.

W. H. DAVIDSON of Sarpy county is putting out a thirty-six-acre orchard this spring on his farm in Plattford precinct. He has wisely come to the conclusion that it pays to raise fruit in this state and accordingly will have one of the largest apple orchards in the county.

Six of the men arrested in Burt county for the murder of Squatter Phillips have been discharged upon the motion of the county attorney at Tekamah. There are five men still to be tried for the crime, and it is understood that the men discharged will be used as witnesses for the state when the cases come on, April 29.

Bills Approved by the Governor.

Governor Holcomb approved thirty-two bills on the 10th, including the age of consent bill, state banking act, Omaha canal bill, the modified oleomargarine measure which permits manufacture of oleo for export, the blanket ballot bill relating to the marking of ballots containing constitutional amendments, for free attendance at public high schools, establishing a branch soldiers' home at Milford, and house roll No. 612, one of the miscellaneous claim bills. The list of bills signed by the governor is as follows:

House roll No. 412—Making appropriation for the payment of miscellaneous items of indebtedness owing by the state of Nebraska.

House roll No. 550—Prescribing the manner in which two or more proposed amendments to the constitution are to be submitted to a vote of the people.

House roll No. 413—Providing for the attendance of children of school age at a school in a nearer district than their own.

House roll No. 355—To provide for the method of purchasing supplies for the legislature and to regulate the use and care of the same.

House roll No. 110—Providing for the preservation of the second class having over 7,000 inhabitants.

House roll No. 346—To authorize cities of the second class and incorporated villages to borrow money or issue bonds for the purpose of enlarging or improving water works systems.

House roll No. 382—Providing for the formation of new school districts and defining the boundaries of existing districts.

House roll No. 243—To provide for free attendance at public high schools.

House roll No. 392—To prevent the introduction of contagious diseases and to make quarantine laws for that purpose.

House roll No. 414—Providing for the appointment of officers in villages.

House roll No. 519—To appropriate the sum of \$200 for additional shelving and vault for the state treasury.

House roll No. 320—To provide for the relief of Dakota county, Nebraska.

House roll No. 501—To allow the board of supervisors of Clay county, Nebraska, to compromise the tax sales, the unpaid tax for the year 1874 on certain lands in said county.

House roll No. 492—Appropriating \$300 for a card catalogue for the state university.

House roll No. 87—To punish cattle stealing and to punish persons receiving or harboring or concealing thieves.

House roll No. 642—Providing for the manufacture of imitation butter for exportation outside the limits of the state.

House roll No. 365—To appropriate the matriculation fees of the Nebraska state normal school for a library fund for the use of said school.

House roll No. 254—Appropriating \$86.40 for the relief of Mrs. Welles.

House roll No. 591—Authorizing the state treasurer to transfer \$981.76 from the saline land fund to permanent school land.

House roll No. 445—Fixing the boundary line of Arthur county.

House roll No. 457—Defining the boundaries of Deuel county.

House roll No. 248—To compel institutions transacting a banking business to keep a full and correct record of the inspection of creditors of the institutions.

House roll No. 447—Defining the boundaries of Grant county.

House roll No. 174—To provide for the appointment of fines, penalties and license money in cities and villages having a part of all of two or more school districts within their corporate limits.

House roll No. 101—To establish a state banking board, define and designate state banks and regulate said banks, whether commercial or savings banks.

House roll No. 19—Legalizing orders, judgments, decrees and findings under the decedent law of 1887, and amending the repeal of that law.

House roll No. 448—The age of consent act.

House roll No. 445—Providing for the levy of a county tax for a special fund for the erection of court house and other county buildings.

House roll No. 284—Establishing branch soldiers' homes at Milford.

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BY THE LEGISLATURE.

BRIEF RESUME OF THE WORK THAT BODY DID.

A Total of 129 Measures Passed, Exceeding the Number of Any Previous Legislature for Many Sessions—The Constitutional Amendments to Be Submitted at the Next Presidential Election—The Appropriations for State Institutions.

The legislature just adjourned passed a total of 129 bills, exceeding the number of any previous legislature for many sessions. The total passed in the 1891 session was seventy, in the 1892 session seventy-seven, and in the 1893 session eighty-four. A few of the more important are mentioned:

Local improvement to Lincoln are house roll No. 434, appropriating \$3,000 for the new Lincoln hospital, house roll No. 435, creating another district judge to Lancaster county, the only increase made in the state. The bill providing for the sale of oleomargarine and butters is house roll No. 7, one that effects Nebraskans as closely as any bill that was passed.

The legislature also reduced the interest on state warrants from 7 per cent to 5, which will make a very material saving to the state.

The Australian ballot law was amended by senate file No. 231, so that hereafter no one can run as a republican or democrat or any other party name except the regular nominees, unless the voter "by petition" follow on the ballot. This is to prevent misleading by the use of such designations as "straight democrat," "independent republican" and similar designations. It also allows voters to sign nomination petitions for officers for whom they can vote at the election.

The age of consent bill, house roll No. 348, makes more liberal provisions for protecting girls, and places Nebraska among the very few states, less than a half dozen in all, making the age so high as eighteen years.

The bill providing for the sale of oleomargarine and butters, house roll No. 7, has been fully discussed in the press and is well understood. Already communications are being received by state officers from the various counties, and other states, looking to the further establishment of factories under this law.

Very important irrigation bills were passed, house roll No. 347, creating a great every feature of irrigation as existing in Colorado, California and other states.

Important bills relating to township organization were passed, house roll Nos. 66 and 77, allowing more nearly a fair representation to inhabitants of towns, by allowing a supervisor to every 1,500 inhabitants, unless the town is divided, and making other important changes.

The state banking bill, house roll No. 101, is the bill of interest to the banking interests of the state, creating a series of regulations of state and private banks and creates many safeguards for those who are the patrons and depositors of such banks.

By the provision of the law, the registration of voters is no longer necessary in towns of less than 7,000 inhabitants, and the number of days of registration is made half of what it has been, being three days in the fall and but one day for revision before the spring or special elections. This will make a saving to Lincoln of about \$1,500 a year.

A list of stockholders in private and state banks is required by house roll No. 2, to be kept for information of the public at all times.

Insurance legislation resulted in two bills, senate file 132 and house roll 246. These allow the formation of assessment and local premium life insurance companies, and the mutual fire insurance companies to extend their operations to all property instead of being confined to farm property alone, as at present.

It is also provided that Nebraska life insurance companies are any way discriminated against by other states that the insurance department shall impose the same reductions on such companies and borrow the money for such purposes.

The age in many estates settled under the law of 1887 relating to estates of deceased persons, which was declared by the supreme court to be unconstitutional, and by senate file No. 70 all court proceedings under that act are validated and declared null and void.

House roll No. 60 makes it unlawful to sell to minors cigarettes or cigarette material and to advertise the same.

There has been a flourishing industry in Nebraska of late years in daylight burglary, because if caught and convicted the highest penalty is a fine of \$100 and a term in the county jail, with free board at the county's expense. Lincoln has had a dozen of such burglaries in the last year, and the penalty, punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary from one to seven years, and the honor of professionals who have been convicted of such crimes, is being lost.

Another law, house roll No. 87, is of protection to the farmers. Hog stealing, like daylight burglary, has been increasing in Nebraska, and it is a very misdeed because the value of the property taken was \$35, but the law now provides for a fine of \$100 and a term in the county jail, with free board at the county's expense.

The supreme court commission was continued for another term of three years, by senate file No. 9 and by senate file No. 8, bills which are also under consideration.

By exception courts or bodies exercising judicial functions. It applies to pending as well as to future cases and is of great interest to litigants in attachment proceedings.

It has been necessary under the decision of the supreme court that county boards should advertise and let separately each bridge bid. Senate file No. 347 provides that the board may advertise and let by the line foot all bridges to be built for a year.

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