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## WEEPS TEARS OF SORROW

The World-Herald is Simply  
Bursting With Anguish  
and Other Things

TRIES TO POINT TO  
AN OBJECT LESSON

Talks of Perniciousness of Political  
Manipulation.

The action of the State Normal board in voting to dispense with the services of President Crabtree of the Peru Normal is seized upon for a terrific outcry by the democratic World-Herald, which sheds great gobs of inky tears over this great wrong for which the cruel partisanship of a republican board is to be blamed. We do not have sufficient knowledge of the merits of the case to pass judgment on the question whether or not it is for the good of the Peru Normal school to have a new head. But we are sufficiently familiar with the habits of our amiable contemporary to detect its lamentations and tears to be of the crocodile variety. When it tries to point an object lesson of the perniciousness of political manipulation of educational institutions, it is merely using good precepts with which all agree, to cover up a conspiracy hatched in the late democratic legislature to annex the Normal schools to the democratic machine, which conspiracy happily failed, but for no fault of the democratic wire pullers.

Nebraska's Normal schools have for years been under control of a State Normal board, made up of seven members, two of them elective state officers and five appointed by the governor, so that one goes out each year. In the natural course of events through appointment by the present democratic governor, the democrats would have secured adequate representation on the board, and if the democrats were continued in power in Nebraska long enough they would secure complete control of the board. But this slow process was not fast enough, and so a bill was introduced and passed legislating out of office altogether the existing Normal board and substituting for it another board similarly constituted, but with five of the seven members to be named anew by the present democratic governor. To get this bill and other partisan bills through, Governor Shallenberger had to make a deal with a republican state senator, the consideration being the appointment of the senator to the board in utter and open defiance of the constitution, which expressly prohibits such appointment.

Only the inability of the democrats to draw a law and enact it in legal

and valid form prevented the successful consummation of this political assault on the Normal schools. It was whispered at Lincoln that if the democrats succeeded in capturing the Normal board, President Crabtree of the Peru Normal was to be retained and the President of the Kearney Normal decapitated and his place and the places in the two new Normal schools were to be given to good democratic claimants. The supreme court knocked out the new Normal board law, and the democrats who were counting on it to help them connect with the pay roll found themselves hoist by their own petard—hence these crocodile tears.—*Omaha Bee.*

THE KIND OF POLICY  
THAT DID NOT PAY.

Catered to Tough Element Too  
Long and Lost State Institution.

The city of Crawford is in sack cloth and ashes, and some of its prominent men are in jail. It is a case where repentance comes at a late day.

For years Crawford took pride in being an "open town." The people thought it brought business—and it did, of a certain kind. There were open gambling houses and a red light district, and a great abundance of saloons per capita. The citizens took a pride in prize fights, and they had Jim Dahlman there to deliver Fourth of July orations.

Crawford wanted the new normal school, and it was certainly located right on the map to get it. But the wide-open policy was a bar to the securing of any good institution. A year ago this paper made such a suggestion, only to be sharply reprimanded by the Crawford press.

When the state normal board went out west to hunt for a place for a school where the young ladies of western Nebraska could go for training, they gave Crawford only a passing glance, and located the school elsewhere.

The lesson was a hard one. The Crawford newspapers now admit that the wide-open policy was the reason, and they are weeping over what Crawford missed. And they are calling for an immediate reform. And in the midst of their contrition and repentance they see officers of the law sweep down upon some of their prominent men and upon some of the city officials for aiding and abetting law-breakers and wide-open policies.

The lesson will be well learned. Jim Dahlman will not be the next celebration orator at Crawford, and the "Ebony Gladiators" and the "Montana Kids," will not hold prize fights in that town for the entertainment of the various denizens who heretofore infested its precincts. The day of awakening will in the long run prove a most profitable day to Crawford.—*State Capital.*

## A MURRAY RECEPTION

Glad Hand and Best Wishes  
Extended to Prominent  
Departing Citizens.

FOUR GOOD FAMILIES  
LEAVE CASS COUNTY.

Reception Tendered Them by  
Members of Church and Neighbors.

Double weddings are not unfrequent in this land of prosperous farmers but a double reception multiplied by two is of more rare occurrence, yet such an event was pulled off by the energetic ladies of the Presbyterian church of Murray on the 9th inst., when in honor of four departing families, all of whom were connected with the church and congregation a grand reception was held. In the evolution of events of the past year, four of the leading farmers of the vicinity of Murray, disposed of their real estate holdings and together with their families will on the coming of spring depart from Cass county and their native state, and try their fortunes in other states. The four gentlemen referred to and in whose honor together with their families, the farewell was held are: Frank M. Young, Jr., Val Gobleman, Lee Harris and J. H. Spangler. There men are all old settlers in this part of the county and for aught we know were born in Cass county, and have become a part of her institutions to the extent that it is hard for us to give them up. It is seldom that a rural community is called on to lose, at one time, four of its most substantial citizens, and these men and their families will be missed from the community in many ways. It was in recognition of their worth to the community that the ladies of the Murray church put their heads together and planned a reception for the departing members.

In the near future Mr. Young who came to Cass county several years before the writer was born, came as a lad with his father and was in the territory when Cass county was organized, will remove to Minnesota. J. H. Spangler, a native of Cass county and who has resided within the confines of Old Cass all his life, will go to South Dakota, and Mr. Harris within the next year will in all probability remove to Oklahoma where he has real estate interests, and Mr. Gobleman will go to South Dakota. While the church and the community is loath to give these estimable people up yet we realize that it is every man's privilege to go where fortune smiles.

Nothing had been left undone by the ladies which would in anyway add to the success of the occasion. The different committees were on hand at the church at an early hour, and a splendid repast was ready to be served at the noon hour. Some little idea, of the preparation required, may be had, when it is understood that 135 persons sat down to the sumptuous spread. Not the least among the number was Colonel Bates, of the Journal, who it is said after the banquet leaned heavily on his cane.

A fine program had been arranged for in the afternoon consisting of music vocal and instrumental, interspersed with readings and speeches. When the hour of parting came, many, many were the expressions of regret felt by the good people of Murray and vicinity at having to bid goodbye to their much esteemed neighbors and friends. The good wishes of the entire community will follow these estimable people where ever they go, and if it should happen that their contemplated change of climate does not prove to be congenial they will find the latch string of the doors in this community always out, and a warm welcome for them within.

## DIAMOND DIDDINGS

Some of the Stuff That is  
Flying Around in the  
Western League.

NEW STATE LEAGUE  
FOR NEBRASKA.

Six Good Towns Get Into the Game  
with Prospects of More to  
Follow.

A piece of good play was pulled off at Grand Island this week when Hastings, Superior, Red Cloud, Fremont, Seward and Grand Island took the first steps for the formation of a Nebraska state league. With two more good towns, say South Omaha and Kearney, the league ought to be a success. An \$800 salary limit ought to be sufficient to get some good material and also keep expenses down to a place where the clubs could come out on the right side of the ledger at the close of the season. It is proposed to have a 100 game schedule.

The announcement of President O'Neill that the annual meeting of the Western league will be held in Chicago on the 16th ought to be met with many peons of joy by base ball managers all over the circuit. It is so all fired nice to have Chicago in the Western League, for it makes it so handy to go there for the meetings. There is however one bad feature of the matter which somehow ought to be remedied. It compels the president to pass through Western league territory in going from his home in California to his office in Chicago.

The sunflower whisky which the dopests of the sporting journals down in Topeka imbibe too freely of is of a very peculiar brand. It gives an enlargement of the "me" nerve and a correspondingly shrinkage of the "you" organ. The man who imbibes too freely is apt to see right opposite of what they think they observe and in consequence the swelled up condition of the dopersinks down there is easily accounted for. With them it is nothing but Topeka, and all other clubs in the Western are as nothing. That is mighty good dope to play before the season opens, but it won't hit the ball after the ump's calls "play" in the gentle springtime Annie dear.

If those Topeka newspapers adjectives think that Lincoln and Omaha will not be in the running in the year A. D. 1910, they are sadly out of plumb. We will bet the best man on either the Lincoln or Omaha team against the poorest one in the Topeka nursery (and that means the whole bunch) that either Lincoln or Omaha wins more games from Topeka than she wins from either of the others. This is no bluff, but a matter of good judgment.

The formation of a new base ball league which will take in towns in Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri, as set forth in the St. Joe News-Press, would probably be a good stunt to pull off if it could be done, but as far as this city is concerned we see nothing which would tend to give any strength to the above assertion. If Plattsmouth should decide to enter any league we would rather see her in a good strong Nebraska State league in preference to any mix-up with other states.

It is now settled that First Baseman Jimmie Kane will return to Omaha, Boston having released him to that club this week. This will put Omaha in the winning class and will mean that the other clubs will have to play ball when they go up against Rourke's darlings.

The sale of Jack Pendry to Spokane Washington by Omaha, takes from

the Western a mighty fine little player. Pendry's good stick when a hit was needed has won many a game from Omaha, and his acquisition by Spokane will strengthen that club immensely. As a pinch hitter Jack has demonstrated his worth many a time.

President O'Neill will pass through the Western league territory in a few days. Please note that we say "pass through."

Pop Fyler wants to come back to the Western. There was a time when such an announcement would have set half a dozen managers to work keeping the wires hot in an effort to sign the old man before some one else got in his work. But Pop is not as young as he used to be. Twenty years ago, when he was in his prime he was quite young, but now the shades of winter are getting in their work, and unless the old man has come into his second childhood, it is doubtful whether he would be able to hold them on the bases as of yore. Pop should remember that the Western is about fifty per cent faster than it was when he left it, and while there are thousands of fans who would be glad to see the old man come back and make good, the chances are that he would not be able to keep up with the present pace or the pace of the coming season which is destined to be swifter than ever before.

That man Ducky Holmes is a pretty cute old chap, but he can't quite cut the pancake when he tries to put one over on Don Despain of the Antelopes. Ducky wanted that new catcher Clarke which Lincoln purchased of Toledo before Ducky was signed up as the manager of the latter club, and so he quietly slips down to Lincoln and tells some of the boys that Clarke is a has been, knowing full well that someone would advise Despain to let Clarke go. Then when the Lincoln manager had been told of the frightful error he had made in signing Clarke, Ducky slipped over to base ball headquarters and tried to buy the catcher's release. It didn't work. Ducky is now at home trying to think up a new one to pull off on the Lincoln management.

THE PROBATE COURT  
HAS A BUSY DAY.

Thos. Murtey Appointed Administrator  
Wilson Easterday  
Estate.

Judge Beeson was kept busy today in probate matters, his attention in the early part of the day being taken up with the hearing of the petition of Eliza J. Keckler, of Manley, asking the appointment of Thomas Murtey, the well known Weeping Water banker as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Keckler's uncle, Wilson Easterday.

The deceased was never married and left as his heirs, three brothers, three nephews and three nieces. One of the nephews is a citizen of Maidstone, Saskatchewan, Canada, and under the Nebraska law as interpreted by the attorney for the estate cannot inherit. The brothers except William of Benson, and one and one niece, Mrs. Kecker and the nephew, save the one in Canada are all residents of Ohio, nearly all of them residing near Wooster.

Mr. Murtey was appointed administrator and will proceed to wind up the estate.

The court then called up the William H. Edgerton estate and adjusted the final report of H. M. Soennichsen, administrator. The sole heir to the estate is an only daughter, Leona M. Edgerton, of whom O. C. Dovey is guardian. The property of the deceased will now pass to the heir and be managed by her guardian.

"Here's Hoping."

Any one who reads the Plattsmouth newspapers cannot but feel that the newspaper men of the old town are a live bunch and are burning midnight oil in their endeavor to build up the town. It requires a whole lot of elixir of life for some of the dead ones down there, and the Courier hopes to see the boys succeed in their undertaking to "See Plattsmouth Succeed."—*Louisville Courier.*

## CRABTREE WILL FIGHT

Does Not Propose to be Set  
Down on by the State  
Normal Board.

FORMER CASS CO.  
MAN A SCRAPPER.

Students Go on a Two Days Strike  
to Show their Loyalty to Principal.

News of the action of the state board of education in its meeting at Nebraska City last night, when it adopted a resolution requesting the resignation of President Crabtree, of the Peru normal school, caused no great surprise as the action was in a measure anticipated. The students, in order to show their loyalty to the president, adopted something of an innovation, which might be termed a two days strike. Today all remained from their classes, and tomorrow the same course will be followed, but the plan is to resume work as usual Friday.

That President Crabtree will not voluntarily resign at the close of the term, as requested by the board, is nearly a foregone conclusion. The fight is only begun.—President Crabtree is quoted as saying today.

In County Court.

In the county court today the matter of the final settlement of the estate of Lydia Todd, deceased, was down for hearing, but owing to the absence of the attorney for the estate D. O. Dwyer, the matter was continued until his return from Michigan, where he was called by the death of his aged father.

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