

NORMAL CLASS VISITS LINCOLN

Are Shown Through State Capital, Visit Governor Sheldon and Other State Officials, and Also Visit the State Farm.

Superintendent Gamble and the members of the normal training class, who returned Friday evening from their visit to the State farm, report a most enjoyable trip. The party left here on No. 19, arriving at Lincoln at 10:45. On invitation of State Superintendent McBrien they proceeded at once to the state house, where they were received by the state superintendent's office force. Examiner Joseph Sparks showed the party over the office, explained fully the present method of certification of teachers and gave them much valuable information concerning preparation for the examinations, which they are soon to take. Many applicants' papers were examined and the chief defects noted.

Accompanied by Superintendent McBrien, the party next visited the governor's office, where they were introduced by Superintendent Gamble to the chief clerk and the private secretary. They were then invited into the governor's private office, where Governor Sheldon chatted with them and enquired about the normal training work, of which he is an advocate. He said he felt honored by the visit, to which a member of the class replied: "We feel honored to have a Cass county man for governor." Mr. Sheldon enquired about many Plattsmouth people.

The office of secretary of state was next visited, where many old and interesting documents were shown, among which were the original copy of the first constitution of Nebraska, the proclamation which made Nebraska a state, and many other documents of territorial days, some of which bore signatures of Plattsmouth people. The workings of the office were fully explained by Mr. Waite, the obliging deputy.

The office of state treasurer was next visited and Mr. Brian took the party in charge and showed them the documents and interesting things of the office. A novel experience was the handling of almost eight million dollars in boxes, which represents the permanent school fund. Mr. Brian explained the difference between registered and non-registered bonds, the rate of interest, purchase price, income yielded, etc. Of the \$8,000,000 worth of bonds, \$7,000,000 are in Nebraska bonds, the rest being Colorado, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina bonds.

The Nebraska debt in warrants at present is \$1,200,000. This is \$600,000 less than when Mr. Brian took charge, and he says it will be decreased much more this year.

Next the commissioner of public lands and buildings took charge of the party and showed them through his department. The vault of this office is said to be the best in the state, being not only fire proof but dust proof also. The income from school lands, method of keeping the records, etc., were carefully explained and illustrated. The class learned that there are yet two

and one-half millions of acres of school land in Nebraska unsold. There are about 22,000 acres of school land in Cass county and it is bringing in a good income. Commissioner Eaton said that a small tract of school land near Elmwood recently sold for \$125 per acre. In the library department of this office were shown many interesting documents of early days. Much correspondence between Washington and the surveyor general at Plattsmouth was seen. Some of the documents date back to 1856. One of most interest was a letter from President Buchanan to the surveyor general, asking about a certain man who wished to be appointed surveyor. It was in long hand. The reply was attached, stating that the man was a good democrat and worthy of the place. Time prevented further exploration of the state house, so the party repaired to lunch with Mr. McBrien and Mr. Eaton. The latter is an ex-teacher and is much interested in school work.

The state farm was reached shortly after noon. Here principal Davidson took charge of the party and took them through the various class rooms, to the enjoyment of the 500 students, mostly farmer boys. A demonstration of corn judging, swine judging and cattle judging, was given by the heads of the various departments for the benefit of the class and Superintendent Gamble, and several of the girls demonstrated that they knew something of live stock by guessing the weight of the animals. The farm machinery, blacksmith, wood work, manual training, and domestic science departments, the horse, cattle and hog barns were visited and the points of interest explained by the guides. Challenger, the prize winning steer, has been mounted and adorns a class room. This steer weighed 1740 pounds. The chemistry department of the dairy building was visited and demonstrations of milk and cream judging given. So many things of interest were found that they cannot all be mentioned. The silo that is fed the cattle proved of interest. The class remained until milking time to see the four milking machines in operation. These proved very interesting but time prevents description. An imported Ayrshire cow from Scotland proved of great interest, as it is the only one in the state.

An automobile ride about the city planned by Mr. Gamble had to be abandoned as the train refused to wait for the class. Taken altogether it was a day long to be remembered and the knowledge received will certainly make broader students.

Miss Beulah Minor joined the party at Lincoln and accompanied them to the farm. The superintendent and class are grateful to Superintendent McBrien and the other state officers as well as the university farm faculty for the many courtesies extended.

Card of Thanks

We take this method of returning our sincere thanks to those kind friends who so materially assisted at the funeral of our late father, G. E. Fred Kroehler, deceased. And especially to members of the Woodmen of the World, who officiated.

EDWARD KROEHLER,
WILLIAM KROEHLER,
FRED KROEHLER,
FRANK KROEHLER,
MRS. WILLIAM KLEITSCH.

Westly Grassman Improving.

Westly Grassman, who has been sick at his home for a number of weeks, is reported as making some substantial improvements, and is now on the road to recover. He has for the past few days been suffering with some rheumatic twinges, which every change in weather complicates and make worse. It is hoped he will soon be able to be up again.

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Returns From Northwest.

Harry J. Likewise returned last evening on a late train from the northwest, where he has been working for some six or eight months. Harry was formerly operator at this place, and accepted a position with the Postal at Chicago a short time previous to the strike, and when the strike occurred, returned and went to the west, where he has been since. Harry will go to work for the Burlington in the near future, having accepted a position from the division superintendent, Mr. Likewise has just ceased working at Pocatello, Idaho, and is pleased with that country, but says times are drawing a trifle close at present, a great many people being out of work.

Taken Suddenly Ill.

Yesterday morning Phillip Treitsch, while attempting to wash was taken with a severe pain in his back, which caused him to fall over and was so acute that it has laid him up for the present. Mrs. Treitsch came to the city this morning for medicine, and says her husband is a little easier, but still unable to get around or move about.

CLIMBS LADDER OF SUCCESS

Former Plattsmouth Boy by Hard Work and Attention to Business Makes Good

A general bulletin issued by the General Superintendent P. H. Hoolihan, and Vice-President Geo. H. Ross, of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroad (Clover Leaf Route) announces, effective January sixth, the appointment of J. F. Clement, as superintendent of that road, with headquarters at Frankfort, Indiana. Mr. Clement is a son of Grandma Clement, of this city, and a brother of R. W. Clement, city treasurer, and operator at the Burlington station here. Mr. J. F. Clement learned the art of operation in this city many years ago, working at various points on the road for a number of years, and by strict attention to business climbed round by round the ladder of success. Some years he was dispatcher for the Hannibal & St. Joseph and St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern, with headquarters at Hannibal, Missouri, at which place he stayed for a number of years. From there he was offered a position as dispatcher at Lincoln, where he worked for some time, and became proficient in the calculating of tonnage, at which he acquired a very good insight on account of the positions held, in which the matter was more or less associated. From there he stepped up another round by accepting the chief dispatchership of another road in the east, and finally transferred to the road for which he now works. Here he worked in the capacity of chief dispatcher for some time, until this order making him the superintendent, giving him a position very similar to the one held by Mr. Bignell of the Burlington, only coupling more with it, which really makes it a position of more importance.

Frankfort, Indiana, papers, regarding the appointment, has the following to say: "J. F. Clement has been promoted to superintendent of the Clover Leaf, the bulletin having just been issued by General Superintendent Hoolihan of the Clover Leaf and Alton railroads. The appointment takes effect immediately, as Superintendent Clement will have his headquarters at Frankfort. Mr. Clement has been chief dispatcher for several years, having his headquarters here, and has made a fine record. The announcement of his successor, as chief dispatcher has not been made."

Syllabus of Telephone Case

The following is the syllabus of the matter of the City of Plattsmouth vs. Nebraska Telephone company, appealed from the Cass county district court, and affirmed by the supreme court, Duffie, commissioner:

1. A city ordinance extending to a telephone company the right to use streets, alleys and public grounds of the city in the construction, operation and maintenance of its plant or system, and which does not in any of its provisions, indicate an attempt to exclude other like corporations or companies from a like privilege, is not the grant of an exclusive right or privilege.

2. The authorities of a city or incorporated town or village may grant to a telephone company the use of the streets, alleys or public grounds of the municipality for constructing and maintaining a telephone system therein, such use of the streets, alleys and public grounds being for a public purpose.

3. When an ordinance of a city invited investments and expenditures, which are made in good faith, and in reliance upon it, the city authorities, if the use be a public one, cannot arbitrarily impose by subsequent regulations, without necessity or the demands of public convenience, additional burdens upon the company which are clearly beyond the exercise of the police power.

Horses Had Too Much Oats

Last Saturday Sheriff Quinton had business calling him into the country near Manley. Eaching the place as nearly as possible by train, he secured a lively team. The team proved to be a little foxy as to driving, but the sheriff being somewhat of a horseman, thought he could look out for himself and the team, and so proceeded on his journey. He had not gone far until it was evident that he had to keep an eye on the team, for at every little rattle of the leaves or grass by the roadside, the horses were right up on the bits. They took fright at something and before the sheriff could stop them, away they went, throwing him out and overturning the buggy, getting entirely away. Some parties passing saw Carroll in a nearby field, trying to corner the team. No serious damage resulted other than to the rig.

John Neumeister Dead

John Neumeister, living east of Weeping Water, died last Saturday evening at about sixty-eight years of age. He has been sick for some time and his death was not unexpected by his immediate friends. Herman Ott and son, Fred, passed through here this afternoon from Ft. Madison, Iowa, to attend the funeral. The former is a brother of Mrs. Neumeister.

PLATTE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

A Splendid Showing for One of Our Local Insurance Companies

At the annual meeting of the Platte Mutual Insurance company, Saturday the following officers were re-elected: W. J. White, president; H. M. Soennichsen, vice president; H. J. Helps, treasurer; Henry R. Gering, secretary; board of directors, W. J. White, H. J. Helps, H. M. Soennichsen, D. O. Dwyer, T. E. Parmele, C. A. Marshall, Henry R. Gering. The company has been in business for the past nine years and during that time has saved the policy-holders 450 per cent on their insurance. At the first of the year there was \$444,385.34 worth of insurance in force, with 551 policy-holders, while less than five hundred dollars of loss occurred during the year, and they have in the treasury \$3,223.65, of which \$2,000 is loaned out drawing interest, and the balance being in the local banks. This is a good showing for the company and places in good position to furnish, which it does, good insurance at a very low cost.

Give Friend Surprise Party.

Last Saturday evening in honor of their friend who has just returned from a trip to the south, a number of the friends of Miss Mollie Godwin gathered at her parents' home on South Seventh street, and made the evening hours fly with songs, games and other devices of an entertaining nature. There were musical numbers rendered by Misses Ella Anderson, Muriel Mullis and Mollie Godwin, while the boys' quartette gave some very laughable comic songs, which were a very decided hit of the evening. At a late hour dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. E. M. Godwin and Mrs. A. C. Godwin. Those present to help make the hours merry were, Misses Ella Anderson, Grace Dalton, Muriel Mullis, Drussy Thomas, Ada Porter and Mollie Godwin. Messrs. Elmer Hartman, Ralph Mullis, Jesse Brady, Ed. Reynolds, James Rishel and Monty Franks.

PRECINCT ASSESSORS APPOINTED

And They Compose Some of the Most Competent Men in the County.

County Assessor H. M. Soennichsen has handed the list of his appointments to the board of county commissioners, who have ratified the same and the list has been forwarded to the county clerk, for the filling out of the bonds for them. The list as appointed is an especially good selection, each man thereon is one whose ability and integrity is unquestioned, and one who will render the county and the individual the best of service possible. The ones selected are: Henry Snook, Tipton; L. B. Apperman, Greenwood; Walter Palling, Salt Creek; W. O. Schewe, Elmwood; C. T. Richards, South Bend; Detrick Koester, Weeping Water precinct; James M. Carper, Center; John Group, Louisville; James Zimmerer, Avoca; Wm. H. Puls, Mt. Pleasant; G. P. Meisinger, Eight Mile Grove; John Wunderlich, Nehawka; James T. Reynolds, Liberty; James Chalfant, Rock Bluffs; W. C. Bartlett, Stove Creek; Henry Hirz, Plattsmouth precinct; John I. Corley, Weeping Water; P. E. Ruffner, Plattsmouth.

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REDUCTION OF BURLINGTON FORCES

Efforts to Keep Expenses Down to Lower Level Causes Many to be Laid Off All Along Line.

On Saturday another lot of employees were laid off at the local Burlington shops in this city. It is said that more than one hundred have been laid off in the past two weeks. The laying off of men by the Burlington not only effects Plattsmouth but also other shop points, where, perhaps more are laid off than here. In fact the reduction occurs everywhere.

Reductions have been made in the supply and store department because with practically no construction very little shop work and no new building in progress the company makes less demand on the store department and a smaller number of men are able to do the work.

It is said that the road now has a great deal more equipment than it can use. New engines that have never been used are housed, and shop buildings, coated with white lead to keep them from rusting. Business is tight. The passenger business has not reached the low level that merchandise tonnage has reached. The grain movement and the movement of stock furnishes about all the railroads are asked to handle these days.

At Havelock.

A special from Havelock under date of January 11, says: "As a confirmation of the rumor that has been persistent in Havelock for the past week, half the men in the storehouse were laid off yesterday, until Monday, with prospects of a still longer period of idleness if conditions do not better. The order affects about fifty men. It is said that further reductions in the force are to be made by the company, but no confirmation as to the intentions of the officials can be secured.

Monday will be pay day, and there will probably be the smallest amount on the payroll that the town has seen for several years, on account of the ten days vacation that was given the men during the holidays. Business men of the town have already felt the effects of the lessened earnings of the month, and the fear of the shopmen that there will be a general cutting down of the force. Some are of the opinion that the same will not last long, while a more pessimistic view is taken by others. The town will feel any reduction in the number on the payroll

at the big shops, for the business interests depend, to a great extent, on the money the Burlington brings in the thirteenth of every month."

Situation at Alliance.

A special from Alliance under date of January 11, says: "The Burlington has been doing some heavy cutting in their forces in Alliance the past two weeks and it is estimated that about 200 employes have been thrown out of work by the slump of business. Early in the fall the company had about 25 freight crews running out of Alliance and it was all they could do to move the business. Since that time crew after crew has been pulled off until now there are only eleven, with a chance of a further reduction. The first of the week all the flagmen were laid off and their places have been taken by extra freight conductors who have been thrown back to braking on account of slack business. Yesterday the forces at the round house, which has been reduced gradually the past two weeks, was further reduced by laying off nine of the fifteen men still working. The machine shops have also been greatly reduced, as well as the forces in the headquarters here. Many of those who have been laid off are without funds and those with families will have a hard time getting through the winter. As Alliance depends mostly on the employes of the railroad for its trade the reduction of forces has cut a big hole in the receipts of the merchants."

What Holdredge Says.

General Manager Holdredge announced in Omaha Saturday that a large number of Burlington employes in all departments will be laid off at once on account of the great falling off in business following the recent financial flurry. Said he:

"Business on our line is from 15 to 20 per cent less than it was a year ago at this time.

"We are compelled to lay off a large number of men, but what the number will be I cannot state, as I have not the figures at hand. A cut will be made in all departments in which the business is less and naturally the first men to be affected will be in the track departments, the machinists and the train and engine men."

Farmers' Mutual Elect Officers

Saturday at the annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire and Live Stock Insurance company of Cass county elected officers for the coming year. The ones chosen were for the most part the ones who have been serving, as follows: Jacob Treitsch, president; John Becker, vice-president; J. P. Falter, secretary; M. L. Friedrich, treasurer; board of directors, J. M. Meisinger, Adam Hild, Henry Horn, Phillip Schaefer, John Treitsch, August Ost and John Albert.

Will Undergo Operation

Mrs. Jerry Vance, a sister of Mrs. L. M. Kuhney, being sick, Mrs. Kuhney went to Omaha to care for her, and while there was taken with appendicitis, and has been in a very serious condition, being so badly off as to have to be packed in ice. Her condition is somewhat improved, and she will undergo an operation tomorrow, should her condition continue to improve.

In the County Court

This morning before Judge Beeson in the county court the case of the petition for appointment of guardian for Wm. Albin was continued until the 23d of the present month, on motion of the petitioners.

Stiftnugs-Fest.

The member of the Ladies Aid Society of the St. Paul's Episcopal church celebrate. Last Saturday afternoon being the fifteenth anniversary of the Frauen Verein of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, they celebrated the occasion by a meeting with one of their members, Mrs. Wm. Schmidtman, where they spent a very delightful afternoon. The business of the meeting soon disposed of, the remainder of the afternoon was given over to the enjoyment of the occasion. The best of music was furnished by Mrs. W. C. Tippens, which was interspersed with social conversation and a few reminiscences of the earlier days of the organization. A delicious four course luncheon was served, which was one of the enjoyable features of the afternoon. Taking the meeting all together, a very pleasant afternoon was spent, and on departing was the unanimous opinion that Mrs. Schmidtman was far excellence an entertainer.

Injured Hand in Windmill

Yesterday while trying to throw the windmill out of working gear, at his home south of the city, Asa McCulloch caught his hand between the lever and the framework of the tower, bruising it quite badly. The skin and considerable flesh was torn from the back of the hand. It had to be dressed and is so severely injured that he cannot use it for awhile.